



Weather

Fair to partly cloudy and windy through Friday. Low tonight in the mid 50s; high

Wednesday's high temperature	79
Wednesday's low temperature	55
Average high	77
Average low	47
Record high	96 in 1948
Record low	30 in 1932
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Normal for Month	1.58
Year to date	00.41
Normal for year	32.24

Funding likely for RSVP program

Big Spring's Retired Seniors Volunteer Program should get renewed funding.

"This program was given favorable comment by the board of directors," said Jerry Tschauner of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission.

"Now that the board has recommended to fund this program, the recommendation has been sent to Action, the funding agency," he said.

"When a program like this, that has been in operation for several years, there are no problems," said Tschauner.

Kindergartners schedule rodeo

Kindergarten students at the Coahoma Elementary School will perform in their annual Kindergarten Rodeo Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the elementary school gym.

Special guests will be Miss Rodeo Texas, Lana Grubb, trick roper Bryce Chapman from Howard College and rodeo clown Rick Chatman of Tyler.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is free.

Car dealership out of business

Elmore Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep in Big Spring has been closed, a Chrysler Corp. official said today. The dealership's management could not be reached for comment.

Tom Terry, a Chrysler official, was taking inventory at the dealership earlier today. Terry said the dealership was no longer in business, but refused comment on reasons for the closing.

Elmore's employees received no advance notice of the closing, and most were filing for unemployment benefits at the Texas Employment Commission, said former Elmore mechanic Gary Mathews, who's last day on the job was Tuesday.

"They said we may be called back, we may not, don't count on it," he said.

"It really wasn't a big surprise. He just didn't have the stability of some of the other places in town," said former Elmore salesman Jim Thurman. Thurman left the Elmore dealership about a month ago for another dealership. "I could see the handwriting on the wall," he said.

The closing comes on the heels of legal problems for the dealership. In February, a state court jury awarded a \$28,300 judgment against Elmore for deceptive trade practices, and three other suits are pending against owner J.B. Elmore.

Elmore was unavailable for immediate comment on the

U.S. military will protect fleeing Kurds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is asserting military control in northern Iraq by warning it will destroy any Iraqi aircraft that threatens Kurdish refugees or the mercy flights dispatched to help them.

By coordinating its fleet of AWACs surveillance planes and the 24-hour combat air patrols that have been hovering over Iraq since the end of hostilities, a protective cordon has been drawn around the tens of thousands of refugees fleeing Saddam Hussein's troops, officials say.

Flying out of bases in Turkey or Saudi Arabia, the airborne radar planes are able to survey the border area, pick up movement of any fixed-wing or combat helicopters and scramble jets to shoot down any targets, one intelligence source said Wednesday. "It would not be hard at all" to counter any Iraqi threat, should one appear, said the source, who

spoke on condition of anonymity.

So far, the Iraqis appear to have abided by the U.S. warning and allowed the 145 tons of food, water, tents, blankets and other supplies to have been dropped since Sunday, a senior Pentagon official said.

Since the refugees are in a defined region and the U.S. forces know where humanitarian flights are taking place, a protective air cordon over the area isn't difficult to maintain, a military officer said.

"If we have to, we can even track planes when they're taxiing on runways," the officer said. Helicopters are "even more visible" with the specialized radars carried on the AWACs surveillance aircraft, he added.

"If it moves, we'll go after it," the officer said.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the United States had told Baghdad not to use

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Federal grants, loans available

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

County commissioners on Tuesday learned details of federal grants and loans which might be available to the county for economic development.

Roy Ramirez, of the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration in Austin, met with the Commissioners Court and members of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. to explain what is available under an Overall Economic Development Plan that commissioners have been working on for a year.

Howard County was declared an economic disaster area by the Department of Commerce due to a high unemployment rate over two years and as a result is eligible for federal help.

Grants to pay for 50 to 80 percent of water, sewer and utility construction for new or expanding businesses and revolving loan funds between \$500,000 to \$1.5 million is available, said County Judge Ben Lockhart. "They will consider any type (of business) that will create jobs," he said.

Ramirez suggested that they work on bringing businesses into the McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park and concentrate on industry that pertains to the area, such as oil and agriculture. "He said it's very rough to get a (type of) business that's not here," Lockhart said.

Another recommendation was to work closely with city officials, the Moore board and the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, Lockhart said.

"The next step, as far as we're concerned," said Precinct 3 Commissioner Bill Crocker, "is having those funds available to the Moore Development board."

Those at the meeting Tuesday spent several hours touring the air park, prisons, hospitals and the Fina Oil & Chemical Co. plant, Lockhart said.

A 100-page plan approved by Commissioners Court in September listed 25 strengths for potential area development and seven weaknesses.

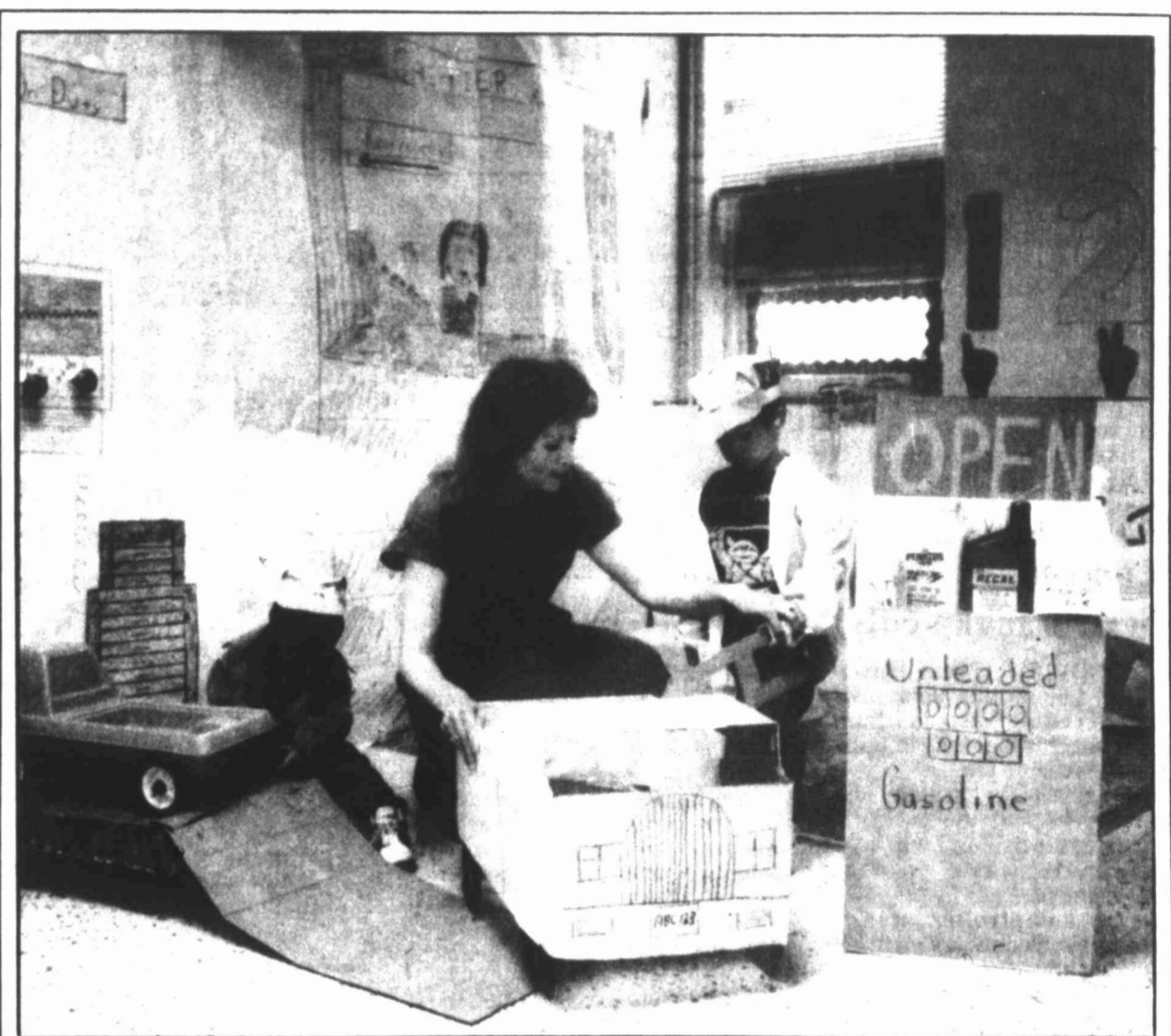
Strengths include adequate low-cost facilities, utilities and abundant labor. Weaknesses include a lack of quality facilities, quality water and a lack of skilled labor.

The plan, using information from a survey of more than 50 county citizens on an OEDP Committee formed last year, covers the area's history of development efforts, the present economic situation, potential developments and strategies.



Almost there

Jerry Baeza, 10, son of Jerry and Maria Baeza, jumps for the chin-up bar on a piece of playground equipment at College Heights Elementary School Wednesday afternoon. Despite the effort, the third grader missed on his attempt and got on by climbing on from the other side.



Mary Lou Gutierrez's classroom became the gas station in Lakeville this week, catering to the needs of "automobiles" brought into the shop. Nicholas Rivera, 4, son of Mike and Sarah Rivera, works on the wheel of a car while

teacher Gutierrez shows Luis Carlos Bravo, 4, son of Guillermo and Argentina Bravo, how to use a gas pump. Additional photos are on page 10-A.

Students design a community

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Welcome to Lakeville!

Visitors entering the Lakeview Head Start Center will be greeted by street lamps and a sign telling them they have entered Lakeville, the "little community" teachers and students designed and constructed this week, Inez Molina, a Head Start teacher said today.

Teachers and students turned each classroom into a different community facility, and students are pretending to be police officers, doctors and nurses, X-ray technicians, and department store clerks. The students participate in the morning by creating their own "road" through the town, and stop at the different places.

She said the 230 students in the program are taught different "units" each week, such as dinosaurs, insects and flowers, spring and circus animals. "This week is community helpers, and where community helpers are. This gives them an opportunity to go from center to center to see the different things we have in the community," Molina said.

Molina said her room is the hospital, and the students pretend to have a broken arm, and



This week, the Lakeview Headstart school has become the community of Lakeville, population 264.

another student will put a splint or bandage on the injury. Her room also has a laboratory, where the students use colored water to mix in the test tubes. There's also a nursery, and little nurses take care of newborn babies, complete with baby powder, diapers and lotion, she said.

A friend at a local hospital loaned the children some scrub suits, she said, so the game can be as authentic as possible. The police officers also have home made

uniforms, badges and guns, she said.

The post office offers the students an opportunity to mail their own letters. At the department store, clerks will offer customer assistance for locating clothing, shoes or knick-knacks, and there is a cash register and sacks for bagging the merchandise purchased, she said.

The dentist's office is filled with children who have pretend toothaches, there is a cardboard fireman sliding down a fireman's pole, and the center's administrative offices are the Chamber of Commerce, the mayor and the judge. Children may also visit the car wash, the zoo, the bank, the flower shop, the jail, and the grocery store, Molina said.

"The gymnasium has become the park, with a swimming pool and picnic area," she said.

Molina said this program is organized for the Head Start children every year, and she's been teaching for the past 11 years. "Some of these children might have never been to the post office or the police station or the fire station. It shows the boys and girls the different places in the city, and how they can be community helpers themselves," she said.

Fraser backs latest school finance plan

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

The latest compromise school finance reform plan, passed unanimously by a House-Senate committee Wednesday, is the best and fairest so far, said Rep. Troy Fraser, R-Big Spring.

It would set school property tax rates at \$1 per \$100 valuation by 1995, with the state recapturing funds from rich school districts for redistribution to poor districts. Half of the 10 districts in a five-county area would be forced to raise their tax rates. Four could lower their rates but increase their spending levels due to state help.

Fraser, the only Republican on the committee, said he will support the plan when it comes up for consideration on the House floor this afternoon. He said 21 of 22 school superintendents in his representative district approve of the plan. The superintendent from Crane Independent School District opposed it.

"I don't like it. I don't like what the courts have forced us to do. But this is by far the best proposal that we had," Fraser said.

The present school finance system has twice been ruled unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court. A hearing on a new

Latest finance plan at a glance

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are highlights of the new school finance reform plan developed by negotiators, according to a Senate analysis:

- Shifts local property tax revenue among school districts within new education taxing regions drawn largely along county lines. The redistribution applies only to the minimum local property tax rate.

- Minimum local property tax rate starts at 72 cents per \$100 valuation, rises to \$1 in four years. School districts get a basic allotment of \$2,200, rising to \$2,800.

- School districts can tax another 45 cents to enrich programs and for construction, with each school district guaranteed \$21.50 per penny, rising to \$28 in four years.

- School districts would not share local property tax revenue over the minimum rate. Instead, the state would make up the difference if poor school districts could not raise the guaranteed level through local taxes alone.

- School districts can tax another 5 cents on top of that, but there is no state money available at that level.

- If revenues per student, in school districts including 2 percent of Texas students, exceed by more than 10 percent what other school districts can raise at a tax level of \$1.25, their tax revenue is capped.

- The cap does not include debt service.

- The school year increases five days, to 180 days, replacing five days scheduled for teacher training.

system is set for Monday in district court in Austin. State funding to schools could be cut off if an acceptable plan is not passed. The next

checks are due April 25. Also, the court could devise their own finance plan.

Fraser said the recent plan in-

cludes a proposal to stop the state recapture of local school property taxes after \$1 per \$100 valuation, allowing districts to use money raised above that amount for local enrichment. He opposed a plan defeated 87-63 in the House two weeks ago which set that level at \$1.15 plus an additional 20 cents for building improvements.

Fraser said the new proposal is as fair as it can be and still meet the court mandates. "It's almost the lesser of two evils," he said. It is important to avoid a court rejection of a legislative plan, Fraser said, because a court plan may consolidate school districts, resulting in a loss of local community control.

Five school districts that would gain funds under the proposed plan are the Big Spring ISD, Coahoma ISD, Stanton ISD, Colorado City ISD and Loraine ISD. All but Colorado City could lower their tax rates and still gain state funds.

Forced to raise rates above a \$1 tax level to maintain spending levels, would be Forsan ISD, Grady ISD, Borden County ISD, Westbrook ISD and Glasscock ISD. Borden County ISD would have the highest tax level at \$1.15. Their effective tax rate now, according to the state Property Tax Board, is 49 cents.

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Nation

Procrastinators face tax deadline

WASHINGTON (AP) — One-third of all Americans have yet to file their 1990 federal tax returns — and the day of reckoning is at hand.

The Internal Revenue Service forecasts a record 113 million returns to be filed this year, but several million couples and individuals are expected to miss the midnight Monday deadline.

Through last Friday, with just 10 days to go before the deadline, the IRS had received 66.7 million returns, less than 60 percent of the total. But procrastination is nothing new to federal taxpayers: at the same time last year about 338,000 fewer had filed.

The agency expects about 27

million returns to arrive at its 10 regional processing centers next week. Five million or more taxpayers are likely to take an automatic four-month extension by filing Form 4868, but that application must be accompanied by a check for the estimated taxes owed.

In an effort to help last-minute filers, the IRS announced Wednesday that its toll-free telephone lines will be open for tax information at least part of the day Saturday. All sites will be open at least from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. local time.

Many sites accepting taxpayer calls to the number — 800-829-1040 — also will stay open Monday.

Iraqi diplomats to remain in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Iraqi government, which broke relations with the United States two months ago, is expected to maintain a diplomatic presence here under an arrangement with the Algerian Embassy, U.S. officials say.

According to the officials, Iraqi diplomats will open an office, known in diplomatic parlance as an interests section, that is technically an extension of the Algerian Embassy.

But, consistent with other interests sections operating here and elsewhere, the Iraqis will be operating out of the same embassy they have occupied for years.

The Bush administration has not indicated an interest in main-

taining a diplomatic presence in Baghdad. U.S. Embassy personnel there vacated the city shortly before the Persian Gulf War began on Jan. 17.

Iraq informed the United States of the break in relations about three weeks later. The two countries, after an extended break, had restored relations in 1983 as part of a Reagan administration attempt to build a relationship with President Saddam Hussein.

Since the break in February, the Iraqis have maintained a skeleton staff here headed by Khalid J. Shewayish, who reportedly has been negotiating with the Algerians.

Neither Algerian nor Iraqi diplomats could be reached for comment.

Lead singer accepts plea bargain



DONNIE WAHLBERG

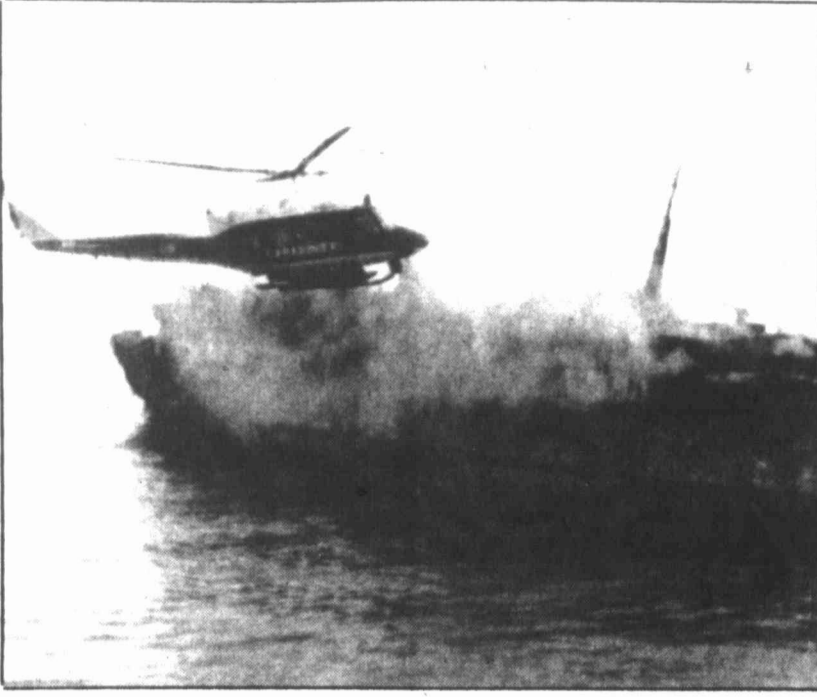
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Donnie Wahlberg, lead singer and "bad boy" of New Kids on the Block, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge in a hotel fire and must make public-service announcements on such topics as fire safety and drugs.

Under a plea bargain struck Wednesday, the 21-year-old singer pleaded guilty to criminal mischief.

Wahlberg originally was charged with arson and risked up to 20 years in jail. He was arrested March 27 after a hallway fire in the historic Seelbach Hotel, where he was staying. There were no injuries.

District Judge James M. Green lectured Wahlberg on the seriousness of the crime and of his responsibility to his fans.

As part of the agreement, Wahlberg "accepted responsibility" for the blaze.



Associated Press photo

LEGHORN, Italy — A police helicopter flies close to the Italian ferry Moby Prince, still burning Thursday morning after colliding with Italian tanker AGIP Abruzzo off Leghorn, late Wednesday. Some 140 people aboard the ferry were burned to death.

Survivor watches sea turn to sheet of flame

LEGHORN, Italy (AP) — The only known survivor from a ferry that crashed into an oil tanker said today he clung to a raft for two hours because the water below was covered by a huge sheet of flame. At least 139 people were missing and feared dead in the disaster.

"I heard screams from the passengers and other crew members, but there was nothing I could do," said the survivor, cabin boy Alessio Bertrand.

"Flames erupted and smoke was everywhere, we couldn't see anything," Bertrand, 23, said by telephone hours after the disaster Wednesday night.

He said he and two other men fought their way to a door in the dark and got outside "but we couldn't jump off because oil was burning in the sea." He said the other two men died from the smoke that quickly covered the ferry.

"I hung on. I don't know how, for about two hours. Then the coast guard came and told me to jump off. I don't know why I'm here and the others are all dead, it's a miracle," he said from his hospital bed.

The ferry hit the back of the tanker on its right side in thick nighttime fog, opening a wide hole and spilling crude oil into the Ligurian Sea off northwestern Italy.

Authorities held out little hope of finding more survivors.

By midday today, two bodies had

been recovered, search teams said.

The tanker, at anchor 2½ miles offshore, also caught fire after the 10:30 p.m. collision but all 28 of its crew members were reported safe.

Port officials said the tanker's crew jumped into lifeboats after fighting the flames without success.

Civil Defense and port authorities said 72 passengers and 67 crew members of the 6,187-ton Moby Prince ferry were missing.

All were believed to be Italian.

The ferry had been bound for Olbia, Sardinia, when it hit the tanker, the AGIP Abruzzo, port authority chief Sergio Albanese told state-run RAI-TV. The tanker is owned by the Italian oil company AGIP.

While about 100 relatives of passengers kept up a vigil outside shipping offices, the charred shell of the ferry was towed through the main harbor and then back out for fear it would sink. The wreck was still smoking.

As dawn broke and helicopters were sent up, rescue workers reported that the fire aboard the tanker was dying out, but the ferry was destroyed and there was no sign of life in the water.

Alessandro Pierangeli, a local government official, said the tanker carried about 550,000 barrels of crude but that only 16,000 barrels had leaked out and much of that burned off or evaporated.

World

Syria to consider peace proposal

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III brought Israel's proposal for a regional peace conference to Syria today after drawing a positive response from Egypt.

Baker arrived here this afternoon and headed directly to a meeting with Tunisian Foreign Minister Al-habib Ben Yahia before a scheduled session with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Baker briefed the Saudi foreign minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal, on the proposal in a meeting at a downtown Cairo hotel that lasted 2½-hours, an hour longer than scheduled.

"Fine" was the only comment an unsmiling Baker would make as he left the early morning meeting for Cairo International

Airport to fly to Damascus.

"Any instrument that can lead us to a peaceful solution I'm sure Egypt is willing to support," Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid said Wednesday night after Baker outlined the Israeli plan.

Baker will wind up his pulse-taking among Arab nations Friday in Geneva when he sees Jordanian Foreign Minister Taher al-Masri.

The Israeli proposal calls for a regional meeting of Arabs, Israelis and Palestinians under U.S. auspices.

Baker immediately called for Soviet co-sponsorship, provided Moscow establishes full diplomatic relations with Israel after a 24-year break.

Israel honors Holocaust victims

JERUSALEM (AP) — Cars came to a halt, pedestrians stopped on sidewalks and workers stood in silence as sirens sounded for two minutes today in memory of the 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust.

The annual observance began with a torch-lighting ceremony Wednesday night at Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to Holocaust victims.

Scheduled today were a memorial service at Yad Vashem and the reading of thousands of victims' names at the Knesset, or Parliament, and in Israeli schools.

The official name of the holiday is Holocaust and Ghetto Uprising

Remembrance Day. The date was chosen to fall midway between the start of the uprising in the Warsaw ghetto in 1943 and Israel's memorial day to its fallen soldiers, which this year will be marked on Wednesday.

This year, the siren also reminded people of the missile attacks Israel endured during the Persian Gulf War.

Sirens warned people to don gas masks and enter sealed rooms to protect themselves from the 39 missiles fired by Iraq between Jan. 18 and Feb. 25.

"The siren sounds even worse after nearly 40 real air raids we went through," said Arieh Golan, an Israeli radio reporter.

Hero's name used to boost profits



YURI GAGARIN

MOSCOW (AP) — When the Soviets strapped 26-year-old Yuri Gagarin into a rocket 30 years ago and made him the first human in space, they created a national hero and won a coveted Cold War trophy.

Today, the beleaguered government is invoking the Gagarin name.

The government is using Friday's anniversary of his flight to try to boost its emerging commercial space program.

President Mikhail S. Gorbachev set the tone on Wednesday at an opening ceremony for the anniversary in the ornate Hall of Columns near the Kremlin.

"Our space science and technology as never before is widely open for international cooperation," Gorbachev said.

Byelorussian workers' strike spreads

MINSK, U.S.S.R. (AP) — A strike by an estimated 200,000 Byelorussian workers reportedly spread to three more cities today, and organizers said the protest would continue until the government agrees to negotiate.

About 15,000 workers again gathered in Minsk's main Lenin Square this morning to demand action on their economic and political demands, including the resignation of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Byelorussia, a western republic traditionally loyal to the Kremlin, was seething with anger at unfulfilled promises and plummeting purchasing power.

Workers ignored threats of lost pay and walked off the job on Wednesday. They emptied a bicycle factory, a thermal plastics plant, a yarn factory, a television plant and an electronic instruments plant.

Employees at enterprises in the Byelorussian towns of Baranovich, Mogilev and Gomel joined the strike today, the independent Interfax news agency said.

The republic's KGB chief,



COMMUNIST PARTY SIGN CROSSED OUT BY PROTESTER

Eduard Sherkovsky, said on radio this morning that 32 enterprises were on strike, but independent news agencies said at least 50 plants and factories were not working.

Together with a strike by miners across the country, the walkout in Byelorussia reflects bitter disappointment with Gorbachev, whose promises of free-market reforms and greater democratization are meeting with increasing

skepticism.

Anger and disillusionment are running so high — especially after last week's price increases imposed nationwide by the central government — that it appears the Kremlin can no longer take any republic's support for granted.

Between 200,000 and 300,000 are on strike at coalfields across the country, and the official Tass news agency today said the 5-week-old protest showed no signs of ending.

"Miners show no signs of compromise," Tass said. "In addition to economic demands, they keep insisting that the president and prime minister of the country resign."

Strike leaders in Byelorussia said Wednesday night their walkout would continue indefinitely.

"For 73 years, we were living and singing this cheerful song, 'How cheerful it is to live in the land of the Soviets,'" Sergei Hangevich said earlier as he joined strikers heading for Lenin Square from the Minsk Gear Factory. "And we have ended up with nothing."

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Opinion

"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire

Views of other Texas papers Publicizing lawsuit abuse

Rio Grande Valley lawyers are objecting. Billboards along Valley roads proclaiming "Lawsuit Abuse Costs Us Jobs" are irrelevant, immaterial and prejudicial, they claim.

But the ones behind the billboards say that's just evidence their campaign is working, and they don't intend to let up. More power to them.

The billboards, and accompanying television spots complaining of the damage done by multi-million-dollar awards against business defendants, are financed by Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, an offshoot of the Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce. It's part of a \$20,000-a-month advertising campaign designed to heighten public awareness of the fact that high-award damage suits can indeed cost jobs, by forcing businesses to close or lay off workers in order to cover losses.

Trial lawyers say the billboards and the ads amount to "jury tampering." That's a hard one to swallow. What it amounts to is an effort to get across to the public the simple fact that the proliferation of litigation is a drag on the economy, that in the end everyone pays for out-of-line awards.

Maybe what the state needs is a little billboard proliferation instead.

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

Court control unacceptable

State District Judge Scott McCown's decision to give state lawmakers until April 15 to come up with a constitutionally suitable school finance system was a humane one.

If the Legislature cannot do the job, then McCown will use a plan drafted by deputy state education commissioner Lynn Moak. Then, heaven forbid, the courts will control our schools just as they control our state prisons and our welfare system.

The crisis centers on a school finance system the courts have ruled unconstitutional. It depends too heavily on property taxes, and thus creates a huge disparity between the money spent on students living in property tax-rich districts and those in poor districts.

Lawmakers now must devise a plan that spreads the wealth more evenly.

They should not rob from the rich districts to pay more money to the poor districts. To do that would have the effects of "dumbing down" the state education system, to reduce the common denominator we use to gauge how much money should go toward public schools. It is time, therefore, to recast the entire state tax system.

Time is running out for the Legislature to retake control of our state's schools. The alternative — to let the courts finance them — is unacceptable.

Beaumont Enterprise

Dixon's sentence too light

Five years for defrauding federal regulators, illegally spending depositors' money and engaging in a host of other misdeeds? By giving former savings-and-loan kingpin Don R. Dixon a slap on the wrist, federal District Judge A. Joe Fish has given the public a slap in the face.

Conceivably, Mr. Dixon could be eligible for parole as early as next year. Considering the damage he did to the savings industry and its customers, that's a terribly small price to pay.

The judge, in remarks before the sentencing, said the prison term should not be based on the public's hostility toward Mr. Dixon. That's true. Justice should never be meted out according to the roar of the crowd. But what's also important to remember is that prison sentences should be substantial enough to deter similar wrongdoing in the future. Mr. Dixon faced as much as 120 years behind bars; he ended up with a mere five. What message does that send?

Judge Fish also said he tried to take into account the euphoria that swept the savings industry in the early '80s, explaining that he didn't think it was fair to judge the participants in those heady events by today's standards. But why not? As one prosecutor noted afterward, "Lying and stealing has always been wrong." The fact that Don Dixon was foolish enough to get caught up in the euphoria of the times is no excuse for what he did — or at least it shouldn't have been.

Dallas Morning News

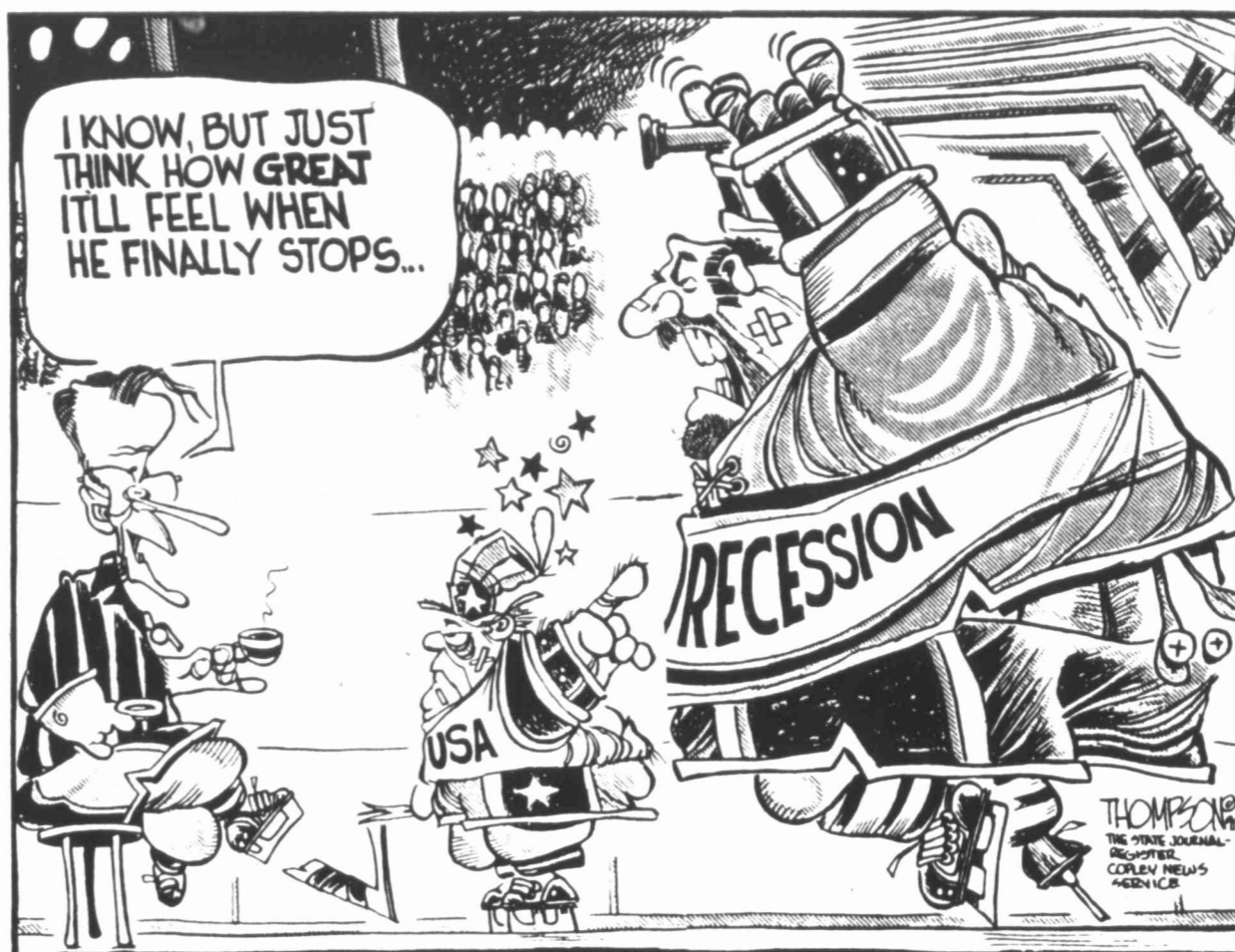
Making wise investment

First it was the savings and loan scandal, followed by a rash of bank failures. Now the Justice Department has formed a task force to investigate the insurance industry for what it suspects may be massive fraud and financial losses.

Insurance industry officials are correct when they point out that most insurance companies are honest, well-capitalized and financially sound. But the Justice Department is also correct to crank up its investigation of problem companies now, before more firms collapse, records and suspects disappear and policyholders and taxpayers have to foot another giant bill.

In 1989-90, 28 Texas insurance firms failed, and a State Board of Insurance official says fraud played a role in many of these failures. The board has asked the Legislature's approval to set up an anti-fraud unit. Given Texas' large contribution to the \$500 billion S&L debacle, a small state unit to root out insurance fraud might prove well worth the cost.

Houston Chronicle



Used-car salesmen at work

The government is having an impossible time offloading its failed S&Ls, so it is holding GOING OUT OF BUSINESS sales at ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.

To speed up the process, it has hired used-car salesmen to do the selling.

That's how I met Smiley who was standing outside Crazy Sam's Savings and Loan Lot in Rockville.

"Can I help you?" Smiley asked. "We have some unbelievable buys on 1987 and 1989 savings and loans. Here's a sporty little thrift model. It's hardly been used because the owner is doing 10 years in San Quentin. You can open up for business tomorrow morning."

"I'm just looking," I told him. "Come over here. This is a steal. It comes equipped with six teller cages and has an Italian marble floor and Lalique chandeliers. You're never going to find one like this."

"Will you take my old S&L on a trade-in?"

"It depends. How much do you owe on yours?"

"I'm in the red for \$330 million, but I expect to be bailed out by the government at any moment."

The salesman looked in his blue book. "I think that we can give you \$450 for your bank. The taxpayers will pick up the rest. Come over here, I want to show you an S&L drive-in model. It was only used by a little old lady on Sundays."

"The safe is empty."

"The previous owner took that with him when he moved to Brazil. We'll install another safe from one of our other S&Ls. Do you see that savings and loan over there in the lot? We inherited that from a very close relative of the president of the United States. It's in tiptop condition, and we're selling it for \$50 and a handshake."

"It appears to be in good shape," I admitted, "but there must be a catch if you're only asking \$50 for it."

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"The one with the colonial facade looks nice."

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"Are these S&Ls guaranteed?" I asked.

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"Three thousand dollars is an awful lot of money to pay for a busted bank."

"Okay, give me \$2,000 and we'll throw in Charlie Keating's desk for nothing."

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Six-legged pests race for glory

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

Random thoughts while adjusting to life without a VCR:

Here are some items that could be filed under "News to Use or Sometimes Abuse" — or as my brother says, "News of the Weird."

Our first stop today is in West Lafayette, Ind., where Purdue University just held its annual Bug Bowl.

Bug Bowl '91, for the morbidly curious, pitted some of this country's fastest six-legged pests in a race for ... what? Glory? Fame? Wealth? Table scraps?

Anyway, the Bug Bowl is the brainchild of Purdue entomology professor F. Thomas Turpin, who told The Associated Press he designed the project to keep his students interested.

So, cockroaches going by monikers such as Hot to Trot II, Mold Biscuit and Base Board competed in the Giganteus Stakes at lovely Cockroach Downs. I don't know how they finished, and frankly, Scarlett, I really don't care.

Bug Bowl '91 consisted of several races, depending on the critters' respective breeds. The Giganteus Stakes were for those monster cockroaches — you know, the kind

Beyond the realm



that move the furniture around at night — and was run at a distance of two "furloops" or less.

In case you don't know what a furloop is — and there's no reason why you should — it is about a meter. The name comes from furlong, the measuring distance used in horse races.

The first race of the day was the Hessian Breeders Cup. Hessian cockroaches, which came to this country with the German mercenaries during the Revolutionary War, are known for speed more than stamina, so the race was only one furloop long.

I thought you might want to know that.

One of the longest races of the day was the three-furloop All American Trot, which was restricted to members of the hardy American species. Crumb Bum was considered one of the pre-race favorites.

I thought you might want to know that, also.

Why, I have no idea.

The News to Use and Sometimes Abuse-mobile makes its last stop today in Syracuse, N.Y., where a woman just settled a lawsuit that I'm going to have the hardest time describing without snickering.

The woman, who shall remain nameless for obvious reasons, claimed in her suit that her doctor duped her into having sex by saying it was the best way to administer a secret vaccine.

I swear, folks, I'm not making this stuff up.

It seems the woman was referred to Dr. Julio Soto after she contracted a minor urinary infection. Soto later admitted in court that he lied to the woman by telling her she had herpes and that he had a secret vaccine that was best administered through sexual intercourse.

I could make several observations concerning the obvious lack of good judgment on both persons' part, but this is a family newspaper after all.

About all I will say, then I will quickly bow out for this week is: With real-life news like this, who the heck needs soap operas? Stay tuned.

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Quotes

"We are simply saying that we do not expect the humanitarian efforts to be interrupted or thwarted by Iraqi military, period." White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater as food, tents and other supplies were dropped to Kurdish refugees.

"Any instrument that can lead us to a peaceful solution I'm sure Egypt is willing to support." Egypt's Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid

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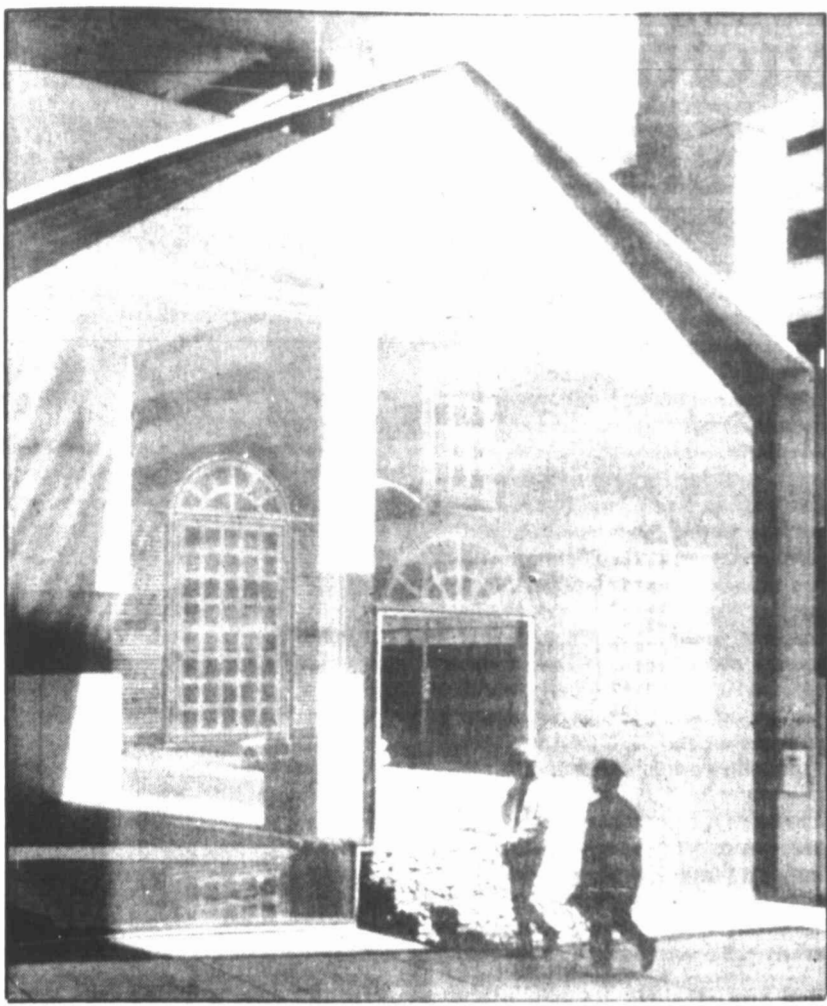
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HARTFORD, Conn. — Pedestrians in downtown Hartford walk past the likeness of Connecticut's first black church, which has reappeared as a reminder of the city's abolitionist past, says the artist who erected the temporary, environmental sculpture.

Ghost of black church reappears

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The ghost of Connecticut's first black church has reappeared in downtown Hartford, a reminder of the city's abolitionist past.

A mesh screen in the exact shape and size of the Talcott Street Congregation's original facade is suspended between two pillars at the entrance to the office building now on the site.

"I think of it as a floating blueprint," said Mel Chin, a New York artist who erected the environmental sculpture, titled "Ghost," in February. "It's an idea of the church, rather than a representation of it."

Steps molded from the rubble of recently demolished downtown buildings allow visitors to walk through the church's front door. But those who venture through find themselves in the atrium of 1 Talcott Plaza, not the New England meeting house that occupied the site from 1826 until 1906.

"The steps pass over into another world and are a reminder of what the past was," Chin said. "They are the rubble beneath our feet and represent the fragility of our human physical constructions."

Real Art Ways, an avant-garde art gallery, commissioned Chin last year to do a temporary outdoor artwork to be erected anywhere he chose. He decided to tackle something that would capture the city's past.

He spent months poring through city land records and talking to local historians. He finally decided on the Talcott Street church as a fitting symbol of Hartford's past. The city was the home of Harriet

Beecher Stowe, whose book "Uncle Tom's Cabin" galvanized the anti-slavery movement.

Chin said he was also drawn to the church because its congregation has endured long after its first building was razed. Its members now worship at the Faith Congregational Church.

The Talcott Street church was erected by a group of black Hartford residents who were tired of sitting in the back of the city's white churches, according to Aaron Cox, the congregation's unofficial historian.

It was the third free black church in the nation. The simple brick building was a typical New England meeting house, with a pitched roof and tall, arched windows on both sides of the front door.

The church had close ties with an underground railroad stop in the city and served as a sanctuary for fugitive slaves.

Its first full-time minister, the Rev. James W.C. Pennington, escaped from Maryland in 1838, and arrived in Hartford via the underground railroad.

Years later, Harriet Beecher Stowe's family paid \$150 to buy his freedom from his former owners.

The congregation raised money to help defend 19 slaves who overthrew the crew of the Amistad, a Spanish schooner that sailed into New Haven harbor in 1839. The slaves were all eventually set free.

Frederick Douglass and William Lloyd Garrison were among the abolitionists who spoke against slavery at the church. Church members formed the American Missionary School and sent teachers to Africa.

Teamster official steps aside

WASHINGTON (AP) — The No. 2 official at the Teamsters union has withdrawn his candidacy for re-election in this year's government-supervised elections, clearing a spot on the slate headed by presidential front-runner R.V. Durham.

Weldon Mathis, the Teamsters' secretary-treasurer, said he decided to step aside so he could retire.

"I do not feel that I can make the full-time commitment that this job will require in the years ahead," Mathis said in an announcement late Tuesday, noting that he had been a member of the Teamsters for nearly 50 years.

Last fall, Teamsters President William McCarthy announced that he would retire when his term expires at the end of this year. McCarthy endorsed a slate of Durham for president and Mathis for the No. 2 job.

The new officers will be selected in December in the first direct, secret ballot elections in Teamsters history, the union agreed to as part of the settlement of a civil racketeering suit brought by the Justice Department three years ago.

Durham, an international vice president from North Carolina, is considered the front runner in the race to succeed McCarthy. His main opponents are Ron Carey, a reformist who heads a Teamsters local in New York City, and Walter Shea, a former top aide to McCarthy who was fired in November.

Parents want suit reopened

BOSTON (AP) — Black parents have filed a motion to reopen the Boston school desegregation suit, saying the school system has not met a goal for black teachers and is spending less on building maintenance than ordered.

U.S. District Judge W. Arthur Garrity Jr. issued final orders last May in the class-action suit brought by black parents in March 1972.

In those orders, Garrity established a goal of 25 percent black teachers and administrators in the city's public school system, through annual increases of 0.5 percent.

And, he ordered the city to spend \$13.5 million during this fiscal year and in subsequent years to update buildings.

The parents filed a motion Thursday asking the court to reopen hearings, saying the goal for black teachers had not been reached and that the city and School Department proposed spending only \$11.7 million on maintenance this year.

Acting School Superintendent Joseph McDonough said Tuesday that School Department lawyers were studying the motion to reopen the case and would respond when appropriate.

The plaintiffs said that during the year since March 1990, the percentage of black teachers increased by .08 percent, not the 0.5 percent required by the court order. The percentage in March 1991 was 23.34, according to attorney Robert Pressman, who is representing the parents.

The Boston Teachers Union is planning to appeal court rulings that upheld affirmative action for teacher hiring in Boston.

Ford Motor announces electric car

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford Motor Co. said Wednesday it would build up to 100 electricity-powered vehicles by 1993 for U.S. and European testing as pilot production models before going into mass production.

Earlier this year, General Motors Corp. said it would build its Impact electricity-powered car at a Lansing assembly plant. Officials haven't said when production would begin, but there has been speculation that it could begin as early as 1993.

Chrysler Corp. has put fleets of alternative-fuel vehicles on the road, but the No. 3 automaker hasn't announced any production plans for an electricity-powered vehicle.

Each of the automakers is racing against a 1998 California deadline to produce vehicles with no emissions. California law requires that by that time, 10 percent of an automaker's sales in the state must be zero-emission vehicles, essentially mandating electric vehicles.

Ford's announcement Wednesday said the company planned to produce electric vehicles in the second half of the decade.

"What we're announcing today is that we're in the electric vehicle business, we're in it on an international basis and we're going to do our homework carefully before embarking on any large-scale production," said John P. McTague, Ford vice president for technical affairs.

The company said the pilot vehicles, based on the Ford Ecolite van, will use a sodium-sulfur battery, which Ford invented in 1965. GM's Impact will be powered initially by conventional lead-acid batteries.

The Big Three are members of the United States Advanced Battery Consortium, a joint research project to develop new battery technology for use in production vehicles.



In training

The Howard College Emergency Medical Transport-Paramedic Department held a training day recently for its students. The students were taught ways to properly handle those injured in motor vehicle accidents. The Big Spring

and Howard County fire departments helped teach some rescue techniques, and students acted as injured motorists in the training exercise.

Herald photo by Perry Hall

Farmers angered at diet hints

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Farmers and their spokesmen are bristling at a recommendation that Americans put far less meat and dairy products on their plates.

In a region synonymous with beef, suggestions by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine have not been well received, said Doyle Rahjes, president of the Kansas Farm Bureau.

"I've had several calls by people saying, 'What in the world is going on?' One said, 'Are those people nuts?'" said Rahjes, whose organization has about 50,000 members in Kansas, the nation's leading meatpacking state.

The physicians committee in Washington suggested Monday

that people eat meat as a garnish or flavoring, not as the centerpiece of a meal.

"If everyone in this country were to follow that advice, it would be devastating to the meat industry, no question," said Rahjes, who added that he doesn't think it makes nutritional sense.

"I would encourage people to find out what's emotional and what is rational. Search out the rational," he said Tuesday.

The doctors' group wants the Agriculture Department to change the food groups it recommends that people eat daily from the current meat, dairy, fruits and vegetables, and bread and cereals. They want

the groups to be whole grains, vegetables, legumes and fruit.

They say the traditional food groups have led to over-consumption of protein and fat, causing cancer, heart disease and other ailments.

"These kinds of reports are tough to sell in this part of the country," said Mike Kraemer, public affairs spokesman for the Missouri Department of Agriculture in Jefferson City.

"Some of the best livestock in the world is produced in the Midwest, all the way down into Texas, and some of the finest animal research to bring out lean livestock is done in our universities," he said.

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Cotton intertwined with history

By JOHN BARRAT
Smithsonian
News Service

In 1793, just 17 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, an unknown Connecticut engineer named Eli Whitney invented a device that separated cotton fibers from seeds. Made of little more than wire hooks on a revolving cylinder, the cotton gin sparked an enduring agricultural revolution.

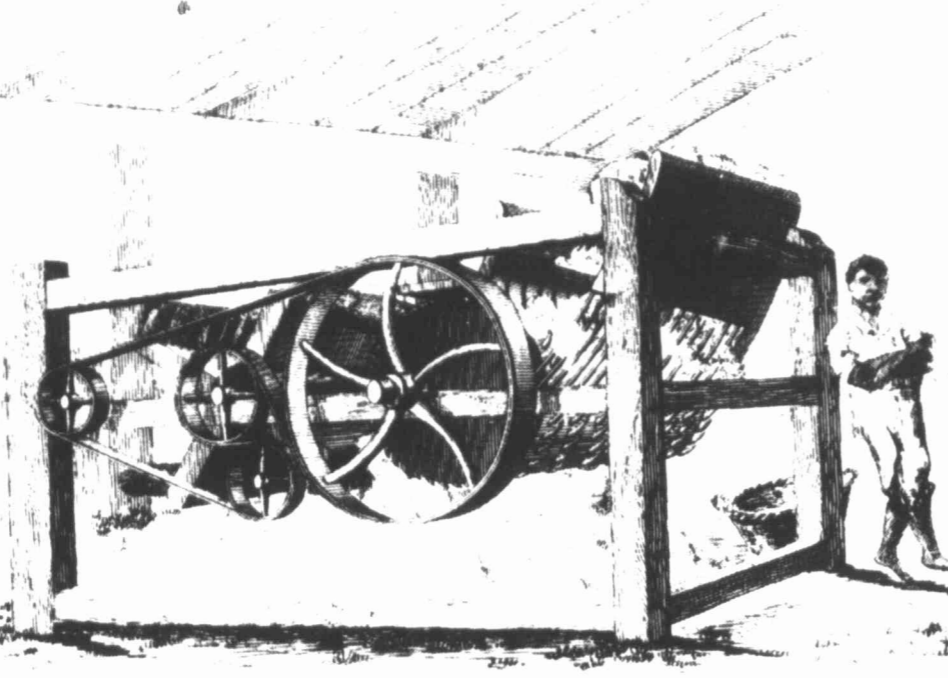
Today, the United States ranks third in the world's production of raw cotton, behind China and the Soviet Union. Nearly 7.5 billion pounds of cotton were harvested in 1990 in the United States. In 1989, the net worth of America's cotton crop totaled \$4.5 billion — making it the country's fourth most valuable crop. Winding up with the shirt or blouse you may now be wearing, the story of cotton is richly spun through America's past.

"Cotton culture and the fledgling United States grew up together," says Pete Daniel, curator of agriculture at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. "It was the chief export of our new nation. Cotton fueled America's economic growth and westward expansion across Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. An entire civilization blossomed in the South, centered on the life cycle of the cotton plant." But the blossom had a monumental flaw — slavery — which divided the nation and became a major factor in the onset of the Civil War.

Today, cotton's impact on American history is largely overlooked, Daniel contends. "Few people appreciate this critical and distinctive era of America's past. It's a story that crosses many often-controversial issues still relevant today, such as race relations, religion, mechanization, the environment, government policy, even music."

To mark the 200th anniversary of the invention of Whitney's cotton gin, Daniel plans to tell the story of cotton's impact on America in an exhibition scheduled for the American History Museum in the mid-1990s. Using photographs, videos, music, letters, picking sacks, plows, vintage cotton gins, clothing, tractors and other objects from the museum's collection, Daniel will trace the rich yet often tragic legacy of the cotton culture from pre-Civil War days to the present.

"People have asked 'Why cotton?' Daniel says. "Why not an exhibition on wheat or corn or tobacco? But like no other crop, cotton grabs people's attention. It is strongly linked with slavery and racism in the American consciousness, making it a source of tension. Where there is tension, people pay attention."



In 1793, Eli Whitney invented a simple machine to separate the fibers of the cotton plant from its seeds. Demand for cotton soared and, in turn, settlers moved west searching for new land to plant this crop. By 1860, cotton was king in the south.

"Cotton has played too important a role in American history to be overlooked. It is not always a pretty story, but it is one of America's most interesting."

Curator Pete Daniel

Daniel plans to examine slavery and racism in the exhibition by contrasting the daily work and social routines of slaves and masters on Southern plantations. Using letters written by plantation owners during the emancipation, for example, the exhibition will illustrate the despair plantation owners felt when their slaves were freed by the government.

"Many had a hard time accepting that their slaves — some of whom had been in bondage their entire lives — actually left of their own volition," Daniel says. "Some actually believed their slaves loved them and would never leave."

Other records reveal the jubilation and trepidation experienced by freed slaves. Daniel will use correspondence and files from the Freedmen's Bureau, a federal office established during Reconstruction to assist freed slaves, to illustrate the condition of African Americans after the war. Pension records of blacks who fought for the Union is another important source of information, as are the narratives of former slaves recorded in the 1930s by the Works Projects Administration.

In the study of relations between blacks and whites, the period after the Civil War is just as important as the years before, Daniel explains. "Black Southerners rejoiced in emancipation, but the battle for equal rights had just begun."

Soon after the war, King Cotton regained its dominance on Southern farms under a labor system that substituted black and white sharecroppers for slaves.

Land ownership became concentrated in the hands of merchants, landlords, banks, and loan and life insurance companies. Former slaves and increasing numbers of poor whites worked the fields in exchange for housing, food and fuel. All but the most frugal farmers quickly fell into a downward spiral of debt.

Sharecropping "is a curse of the Negro," black educator Booker T. Washington declared in 1888. It "binds him, robs him of independence, allures him and winds him deeper and deeper in its meshes each year till he is lost and bewildered."

Instead of encouraging racial harmony, Southern state legislatures, in the years after the war, established a legal system of segregation and political disenfranchisement. Strict labor laws helped landlords force sharecroppers to stay on the land and work off their debts.

With little or no material wealth, sharecroppers came to cherish family and community as harbors against waves of depression and want. Spirituals, gospel, country music and blues all grew out of the hopelessness and depression of this era. Disenfranchised farmers began mass movements, such as the Grange and the Farmer's Alliance, in order to protect unfair treatment.

From an environmental standpoint, Daniel points out, cotton's impact on the Southern landscape has been dramatic. Between 1793 and 1861, the cotton culture expanded from the Atlantic Seaboard across the Mississippi River. Plantation owners and pioneers chopped down vast expanses of woodland in the lower South to plant their cotton crops.

During World War II, the pace of migration from the Cotton Belt to the factories of the North increased, forever changing the demography of the South, Daniel says. People flocked to defense plants and to the armed forces. With their ties to the land broken, many more moved away.

Leukemia victim fights for life; boy's family short of money

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

A family in Rankin, 55 miles south of Midland, remains about \$70,000 short of the funds needed to save the life of their 6-year-old son.

Trace Gipson, diagnosed with leukemia last June, is in Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, awaiting a bone marrow transplant to halt the course of the disease that threatens his life.

Trace's father, Randy Gipson, said from the hospital room, "This is the last hope we have. They (the hospital) went ahead and scheduled the transplant, because this is our last hope." Surgery could not be scheduled until the money was available, but due to the seriousness of the boy's condition, the hospital has planned the surgery for April 29.

The bone-marrow transplant, considered experimental by the family's medical insurance and the Medicaid program in Texas, will cost in excess of \$300,000. Neither Gipson's private insurance nor Medicaid will cover the transplant, and a cancer fund will only help with expenses after the initial \$100,000

is raised.

Rankin is providing support through bingo games, car washes, bake sales, benefit dinners and dances. A fund-raising event is scheduled, including a rodeo, barbecue, a volleyball tournament and a dance for April 13.

A committee member of A Hand Up For Rankin, a non-profit organization of the local churches, said Rankin has raised \$13,000 toward the cost of the transplant. Additional fund-raising includes a video tape of Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and a benefit concert by Dan Seals.

Gipson said his son was in remission for a short time, but then the cancer returned "with a vengeance." He said Trace is currently fighting lymph node infections that have swollen his jaw and face.

Before the surgery can be performed, Trace must undergo nine days of intensive chemotherapy to "kill off everything," his father said, and then a six-week recovery before the doctors will know if the procedure was successful.

Trace's two sisters, Tori, 11, and Trista, 3, are both compati-

ble donors for the bone marrow.

While the family is in Fort Worth, Trista has remained in Rankin with friends, attending school. Gipson is the pastor of the First Assembly of God Church in Rankin.

He said his family has been staying at the Ronald McDonald House but must move to a another location for the duration of the treatment, which may take up to six months or longer. He said the family's finances are solvent, but the transplant funds are out of reach.

"I don't make that kind of money. I can take care of the rest, if I can get the \$100,000 for the transplant," Gipson said.

"I appreciate everything anybody can do. Even if they can send \$5, that would be awesome to me. This is the hardest thing I've ever been through. I went through this with my mother, but this just doesn't compare."

A trust fund has been established at the First State Bank in Rankin, P.O. Box 118, Rankin, Texas, 79778, or contact Dean Nicholson, president of A Hand Up For Rankin, at 915 693-2730.

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- During the first 9 weeks of the Herald's 10 week contest, the Herald will publish at least 2 telephone numbers as chosen by random draw from all entries received in the advertisements of at least 2 participating merchants on the Telephone Numbers Sweepstakes page each day from Tuesday to Sunday. The value of each of the numbers published from Tuesday thru Sunday will be \$10. Each Monday of the first 9 weeks of the contest, the Herald will also publish at least 2 telephone numbers, also chosen by draw from all entries received. These numbers will appear in at least 2 of the merchant's ads on the contest page. The value of the numbers, published each Monday during the first 9 weeks of the contest, will be \$25.
- The 10th and final week of the contest will be known as Grand Prize Week. From Monday to Thursday of this week (May 6-9), telephone numbers, as drawn from all entries, will be published in the advertisements of 2 participating merchants. The value of each of these numbers will be \$50. On Friday, May 10, one number, as drawn from all entries received, will be published in the ad of one of the participating merchants. The value of this number will be \$250. On Sunday, May 12, the final day of the contest, one telephone number drawn from all entries received will be published in the advertisement of one of the participating merchants, chosen by drawing. The value of this number, known as the Grand Prize Number, will be \$500.
- All entries drawn during the contest up to and including May 10, will be returned to the draw drum the day following the publication of the telephone number.
- The holder of a telephone number published in the Herald's Telephone Number Sweepstakes Contest from March 4 to May 12, must call the Big Spring Herald at 263-7331, by no later than 5:30 p.m. on the 28th business day following the publishing of the winning number. Contest Department hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. The contest office is not open on Saturdays, Sundays or Statutory holidays. Upon reporting a winning telephone number, the holder of the number will be advised of the steps to follow to claim the prize. Published telephone numbers reported to the Herald following the close of the contest department on the 28th business day following publication of the number, will not be accepted and will not be eligible to claim a prize.
- The holder of the Grand Prize telephone number, as published on May 12, the final day of the contest, must call the contest department of the Herald at 263-7331 no later than 5:30 p.m. on May 23, 9th business day, following publication of the winning number. Business hours are shown in rule number 5. If the Grand Prize, relating to the telephone number published in the Herald on May 12, has not been claimed by the close of the contest department office on the 9th business day following publication, a 2nd Grand Prize number will be published on the 10th business day following the publication of the initial Grand Prize number. This process will be repeated, until the Grand Prize has been claimed.
- If a successful winner receives 6-day home delivery of the Big Spring Herald, by carrier, motor route delivery, or mail, this person will receive an additional cash amount equivalent to their prize. The winner must be receiving home delivery the day the winning number appears in the Herald.
- It is not necessary to purchase the Herald to participate in the contest. Lost telephone numbers will be posted in the main business office of the Herald, 710 Scurry St., and copies of the Herald are available for inspection during regular business hours.
- Published telephone numbers will not be given out over the telephone.
- By playing Herald Telephone Number Sweepstakes contest, contestants agree to accept these rules, and to allow publication of their names and address, and/or picture within the Herald. The decision of the judges, appointed by the Herald will be final and binding.
- Anyone 18 years or older can play the Herald Telephone Number Sweepstakes contest, except employees and their immediate families of the Big Spring Herald and Thomson Newspapers Corporation.
- Any person without a telephone number can submit their address for contest participation.
- Photo identification is required to collect your prize.

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Next Generation



Sixth grade students from Goliad Middle School display the ribbons won in UIL District Academic Competition in Snider April 5. Coaches were Pat Rhoton, Guy Griffith and Bobbie Moore.

Students win in UIL

Students win in UIL.
By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

More than 60 students from Goliad Middle School and Runnels Junior High School traveled to Snyder for the University Interscholastic League District Academic Competition, April 5. Big Spring claimed six first place and nine second place awards. The sixth grade winners are: Dictionary skills, third, Stephanie Talbot. Oral reading, third, Shana Dickens; sixth, Amanda Hale. Ready writing, fourth, Tyler Murphy; sixth, Jerod Helms. Spelling, fifth, Mary Lou Wilson. Life science, second, Matthew Hiss; fifth, Melissa Mouton. Number sense, fifth, Gabe Rubio. Calculator, first, Josna dosumuli; third, Jeff Moss; fourth, Blake Wright. Seventh grade winners are: Dictionary skills, second, Jennifer Green; third, Mindy Mason; fourth, Damian Puentes. Oral

reading, second, Stacy Slaten; fourth, Michael Galaviz. Impromptu speaking, fourth, Colby Wegman; fifth, Rodney Knous; sixth, Conor McCarty. Spelling, first, Ami Vasawala; second, Kendall Davis; fourth, Sarah Rowan; sixth, Jeffery Suggs. Numbers sense, first, Shana Donica; fourth, Jacob Quisenberry; fifth, Suman Reddy. Calculator, first, Claire Miller; second, Kassi Shockey; fourth, Matt Adams.

Eighth grade winners are: Dictionary skills, first, Anne Marie Scott; third, Kari Blausser; fourth, Karyl Davis. Oral reading, second, Stephanie Moss. Ready writing, third, Chris Haddad; fifth, Ryan Williams; sixth, Rudi Haddad. Spelling, second, Cheryl Edmondson. Earth science, first place, Montana Howell; second place, Jenny Pierce. Numbers sense, second, Dale Corley. Calculator, sixth, Elvia Yanez.



These seventh grade students from Runnels Junior High School won awards at the UIL District Academic Competition in Snider April 5. Coaches were Jan Whitehead, Zandra Basham and Bobbie Moore.

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has filed two separate applications with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to introduce two new optional directory services. One service is Directory Assistance Call Completion (DACC) and the other service is Multiple List Directory Assistance (MLDA).

DACC is an optional service that provides customers the option of having their Directory Assistance call completed to the requested number (when they call Directory Assistance for a number) by either the Directory Assistance operator or a mechanized audio response system.

The proposed rates* for fully-automated DACC calls are: \$1.30 if the call is sent paid or billed to a calling card, \$1.00 if the call is collect or billed to a third number and \$.25 from a coin telephone.

The proposed rates* for semi-automated (operator assisted) DACC calls are: \$.85 for calls that are sent paid or billed to a calling card, \$1.20 if the call is collect or billed to a third number and \$2.60 for a person-to-person call.

Multiple List Directory Assistance (MLDA) allows the customer to request more than two listing requests per call to Directory Assistance. Customers can either call on "demand" and receive up to 10 listings, or schedule an "appointment" and receive the assistance of a Directory Assistance operator for as long as required. The rates for "demand" MLDA are \$.30 per listing request (after applicable allowances), with a maximum of 10 listing requests per call. The rates for "appointment" MLDA are \$1.00 per minute, with a 15-minute minimum.

The optional services DACC and MLDA are intended for use by both residence and business customers. Those persons who qualify for exemption of Directory Assistance charges because of visual or physical handicaps will be able to use DACC and "demand" MLDA free of charge. If approved by the commission, DACC and MLDA will be available beginning May 13, 1991. First-year projected revenues for DACC are approximately \$9.6 million. First year projected revenues for MLDA are approximately \$1.7 million.

Persons who wish to comment on these applications should notify the commission by May 3, 1991. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.



*The charges for DACC are in addition to the charge for the Directory Assistance listing (if applicable) and/or any local or intra-ATA toll charges that would apply to the completed call.

Students to attend environmental seminar

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Students from Goliad Middle School will attend an environmental awareness and education seminar April 17-19 at Prude Ranch in Fort Davis, Texas. Pat Rhoton, UIL sponsor, said she and three other sponsors and teachers will travel with 40 students to attend the workshop, which will focus on every area of education as it relates to the environment.

This is a pilot project, recently approved by the Texas Education Agency, and the students are paying their expenses for the trip, \$140 each. Once the project grows, additional funding through the schools may result in more students taking advantage of the opportunity, Rhoton said.

Caroline Nyugen, Runnels Junior High eighth-grader, placed third in the Regional Spelling Bee in Lubbock April 6.

Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater recently released its honor rolls for the winter term. The President's Honor Roll requires a 4.0 grade point average, the Dean of Instructor's Honor Roll requires a 3.5 or better G.P.A.

From Big Spring, Danny Armstrong, Howard Buce, Bobby Platte, Daniel Roberts and Victor Tijerina have achieved the President's Honor Roll. Terry Jenkins was named to the Dean's List.

From Coahoma, James Parrish was named to the President's Roll. From Lenorah, Jason Rivas was named to the President's List, and Kristina Mereness, from Forsan, was named to the President's List.

McMurray University in Abilene announced Stephanie Mauch, Sand Springs, and Michael Powell, Big Spring, will receive the President's Scholarship for the upcoming year. To receive the scholarship, students must graduate in the top one-fourth of his or her class.

Stephanie will graduate from Coahoma High School this year. She is the daughter of Robert and Jacquelyn Mauch of Sand Springs. Michael is the son of Weldon and

Report Card



Bonnie Powell of Big Spring. He will graduate from Big Spring High School this year.

South Plains College in Levelland will offer the Nelson Denny Reading Test on May 6 and May 22. This test is required for entrance into the summer's police academy. A \$25 registration fee is required before taking the test, and the police academy is scheduled for May 28 through Aug. 15. Successfully completing the academy provides a student with the eligibility to take the state of Texas licensure examination to be a peace officer.

Cost for the academy is \$445, including a non-refundable application fee of \$25. Final date to apply to the academy is May 15. For more information, call the college at 806-894-9611, extension 342 or 346.

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Morrow and the H-E-B Grocery Store chain is urging students to become involved in the environmental issue by offering \$5,000 in prizes to schools whose students develop projects that address the problems.

Participation is open to students in grades kindergarten through 12, public or private, and the issues can include any environmental topic including recycling, pollution, global warming, or any other natural science topic.

Applications must be postmarked by April 26. Mail to Jane Velasquez, Texas General Land Office, 4204 Woodcock Dr., Suite 240, San Antonio, Texas, 78228-1324. Judging will be shortly after the deadline, and prizes will be awarded May 13. For more information, contact Velasquez at 512-736-5247.

A & M University at Galveston is offering a summer Sea Camp for students 10-12, 14-16, and 13-16. The

camp will include field trips on research vessels, exploring an oyster reef and touring the Kemp's ridley sea turtle hatchery, cookouts and sand sculpting, and a workshop on dolphins, among other things. The program will also include the use of oceanographic equipment and laboratory facilities.

The camp for 14-16 year-olds is an advanced program for students with some experience in the marine environment, and will be June 30-July 6. The camps for teenagers, 13-16, are scheduled for June 2-8, July 14-20, and July 28-Aug. 3. The camps for younger children, 10-12, are scheduled for June 9-15, July 7-13 and July 21-27.

The cost for the camps are \$500, which includes tuition, room and board on Pelican Island, and enter-

tainment fees. For more information, contact Sea Camps at 409-740-4525, or write Sea Camp TAMUG, P.O. Box 1675, Galveston, Texas, 77553-1675.

Four workshops for minority high school journalism students are scheduled for this summer. One workshop will be in Houston, write the *Houston Chronicle*, 801 Texas St., Houston, Texas, 77002, or call 713-220-7171. Another workshop will be in San Antonio College, Journalism Department, P.O. Box 3800, San Antonio, Texas, 78212-4299, or call 512-733-2870. Another workshop will be at Texas Woman's University, P.O. Box 23866, Denton, Texas 76204, or call 817-898-2181, and one will be at the University of Texas, Austin, Department of Journalism, Austin, Texas, 78712, 512-471-6938.



Principal of the day

Kristina Lane, right, was named first principal of the day at Elbow Elementary School after earning 93 points in the school's Horizon Accelerated Reading Program. The program was started in January by Chuck Clarke, fourth-grade teacher, and Elbow's librarian, Joan Rock, coordinates the computer-generated tests students take after reading a book on the selected list. At left are Elaine East, school secretary and Principal Richard Light.

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First Baptist Church has anniversary

Dear Abby



Take the time to buckle up

DEAR ABBY: I've been reading your column for many years, for information as well as entertainment. I've read many worthwhile articles submitted by your readers, but never has anything startled me as much as the enclosed article from the Adirondack Advertiser in northern New York. Please print it, Abby — it may save a life. It certainly opened my eyes. — FRANCIS BOURASSA, LATHAM, N.Y.

DEAR MR. BOURASSA: It opened my eyes, too. But first a disclaimer to my readers: This is a very graphic description of what happens when an automobile going 55 miles an hour hits a solid object. **BUCKLE YOUR SEAT BELTS** by the Georgia Paramedics Against Drunk Drivers (submitted by Lucille Groat)

Do you know what happens in the first fatal second after a car going 55 miles per hour hits a solid object?

1. In the first 10th of a second, the front bumper and grill collapse.
2. The second 10th finds the hood crumbling, rising and striking the windshield as the spinning rear wheels lift from the ground. Simultaneously, fenders begin wrapping themselves around the solid object. Although the car's frame has been halted, the rest of the car IS STILL GOING 55 MILES PER HOUR. Instinct causes the driver to stiffen his legs against the crash, and they snap at the knee joint.
3. During the third 10th of the second, the steering wheel starts to disintegrate and the steering column aims for the driver's chest.
4. The fourth 10th of the second finds two feet of the car's front end wrecked, while the rear end still moves at 35 miles per hour. The driver's body is still traveling at 55 miles per hour.
5. In the fifth 10th of a second, the driver is impaled on the steering column, and blood rushes into his lungs.
6. The sixth 10th of a second, the impact has built up to the point that the driver's feet are ripped out of tightly laced shoes. The brake pedal breaks off. The car frame buckles in the middle. The driver's head smashes into the windshield as the rear wheels, still spinning, fall back to earth.
7. In the seventh 10th of the second, hinges rip loose, doors fly open and the seats break free, striking the driver from behind.
8. The seat striking the driver does not bother him because HE IS ALREADY DEAD. The last three 10ths of the second mean NOTHING to the driver.

P.S. Readers: I suggest that you make several copies of this grisly piece, and the next time you ask a passenger to please buckle his or her seat belt and said passenger replies, "Oh, we're less than 10 minutes from where we're going," counter with, "I'm not moving until you buckle your seat belt." Then hand the passenger this piece.

Readers can write to Abby at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069.

Coahoma
By Clara Justice
394-4562



Members and friends of the First Baptist Church will meet Sunday to commemorate the day in 1891 when 16 people met in the home of C. J. Robinson to organize what they called the Central Baptist Church.

The 100th Anniversary celebration finds the congregation in vastly different circumstances. One hundred years ago, the tiny band of Baptists met in the homes of C. J. Robinson and F. T. Murray. Today they meet in their new auditorium that was dedicated on May 17, 1987.

Getting a church started in 1891 was hard going. The first revival meeting was held in the shade of a grove of trees at Hackberry Draw. Members came to the meeting in wagons pulled by teams of horses or oxen. Everyone enjoyed the day listening to the sermons, singing and having dinner on the grounds.

The congregation met regularly and in 1907, the name was changed to the Coahoma Baptist Church. That same year, a building was erected on the south side of Coahoma. In 1915, the congregation moved the building to the north

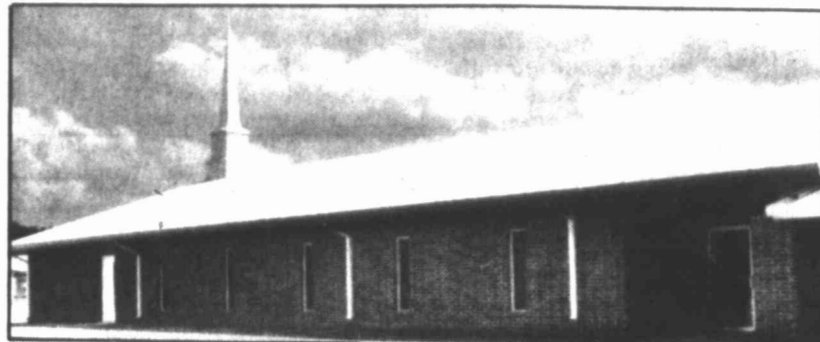
part of Coahoma, locating it where the Shive Gin is now situated. During that year, the church acquired its first piano, and also added electric lights.

The decision to build a new church was made in 1937. When the old church was being torn down, members met for a time in a local store building. The first services held in the new church building were on July 31, 1938.

Membership has grown from the original 16 to 325 members. The Sunday school enrollment is 216. In 1941 the church decided to set aside monies for the cooperative program and raised the donation from \$5 to \$8 per week. In 1943 the annual budget was set at \$30.35 a week. Today, the budget is \$95,000. Ten percent of undesignated monies from that figure goes to the cooperative fund for distribution to world causes.

In 1960, a new educational unit was added to the church and a new parsonage was built next door. In March 1991, the remodeling of the old auditorium was finished, and the resulting fellowship hall has a new kitchen, and room for wedding receptions. Most of the remodeling work was done by congregation members who spent many hours in a labor of love so the hall could be used for the 100th anniversary celebration.

In recent years, many young people have surrendered to special



Everything old is new again at the First Baptist Church. The photo on the left is the old front of the church. Above you can see the recently completed new addition.

Morris, and Guy White, Jr. The Sunday School superintendent is Bill Milliken, the choir director is Dwayne Clawson, and Velma Ruthe Wood is pianist. The Church has an active Brotherhood and Richard Gilmore is the current president. The church clerk position is held by Kathy Richters. Young members of the congregation are active in R.A.'s and G.A.'s. The R.A.'s are led by Dean Richters and Dennis Ward, leaders of the G.A.'s are Linda Coates and Shirley Ward. Among the list of oldest members are Tollie Hale, Annie Hale Phinney, and A.D. Stoker.

The anniversary program will include Sunday morning services by Darrell Robinson, evangelist, and music under the direction of Mike Holster. There will be a catered barbecue in the newly remodeled fellowship hall following Sunday morning worship, a corn dog supper for grades K-6 on Tuesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. and a pizza feast for Jr. and Sr. High on Wednesday, beginning at 6 p.m. Mrs. Vera Sandlin, a granddaughter of C. J. Robinson will present the church a plaque commemorating the 100th anniversary, the plaque is inscribed with the names of the 16 charter members, and was purchased for the celebration by several of C. J.'s grandchildren.

The University of Texas Permian Basin, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He, his wife Dianah, son Joshua and daughter, Sara, live in the parsonage. Before moving to Coahoma, he pastored the Northside Baptist Church in Abernathy.

Church officials are Deacons, Bill Milliken, Dwayne Clawson, Billy Jack Darden, Tommy Wyrick, Stanley Blackwell, Price

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Names in the news

Basinger gets key BRASELTON, Ga. (AP) — Kim Basinger finally picked up the key to this town, which she bought two years ago for \$20 million.



COSTNER BASINGER

Costner booked up LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kevin Costner, fresh off his "Dances With Wolves" Oscar sweep, isn't taking much time off to savor his success.

Costner stars in "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves," set for a June release, and is in Dallas filming "JFK." In that Oliver Stone-directed movie, Costner plays a district attorney who investigated President Kennedy's assassination.

In the fall, Costner will play opposite singer Whitney Houston in a film called "Bodyguard."

And next year he's been lined up to star in "The Mick," about the life of Irish patriot Michael Collins.

and a concert hall. But on Wednesday she said nothing about development plans. "I just dropped by to say hi," she said. Braselton, 50 miles northeast of Atlanta, has about 300 residents.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1991

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: It is time to broaden your horizons. Increased contact with the outside world will benefit both your career and finances.

profits to rise. A community project takes up valuable time but will bring deep fulfillment. An older person decides to give romance a helping hand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Seek professional counsel before finalizing an agreement. Trust your instincts regarding a personal matter; remember that you are part of a team effort. Platonic relationships flourish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your hope and confidence return. Promising news is part of the picture. Big changes are in the works! Financial considerations influence a difficult choice. Romance blossoms anew.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Educational pursuits are favored. Your loved ones are supportive. Long-term business prospects are excellent. Better rapport develops when you tune in to your mate's real needs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep a clear head during what should be a challenging day. Business affairs will progress smoothly despite interruptions. Watch your step when in the company of your competitors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Curb a tendency to buy things on impulse and seek ways to reduce expenses. Get all business agreements in writing, even when dealing with family.

An employment situation shows marked improvement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Self-preservation is uppermost in your thoughts. Be careful when choosing between two plans. Mate could make a valuable contribution if you are open about your goals. Romance is delightful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A friend moves into position to help your career. Better financial times lie ahead. Keep your eyes and ears open. Excellent communication is essential. Read between the lines.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Go along with the methods used by others. Additional work falls on your shoulders, but a nice raise or bonus is in the offing. A forceful member of the opposite sex dazzles you!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Limit the money you spend on non-essentials. Keeping in touch with important contacts will help you negotiate better agreements. Let family know you appreciate their efforts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your terrific judgment helps you handle any challenges that come your way. A situation that develops today could lead to fun-filled romance. You gain new social poise. Be discreet.

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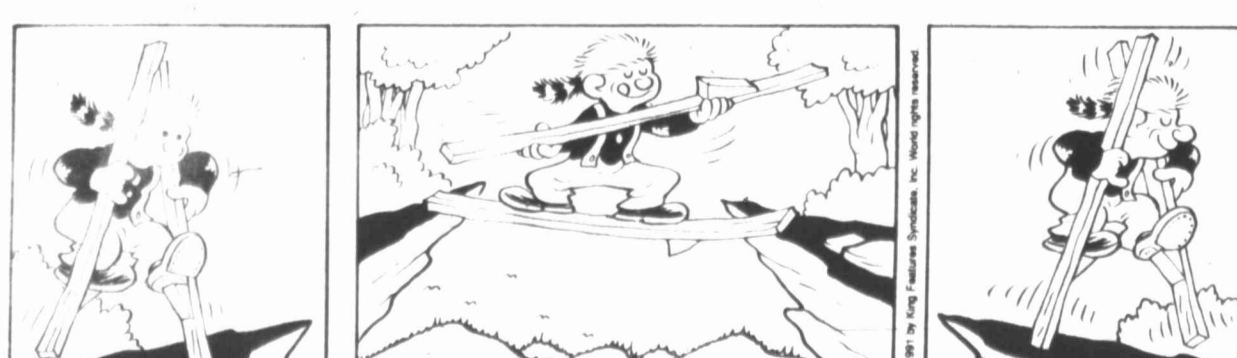
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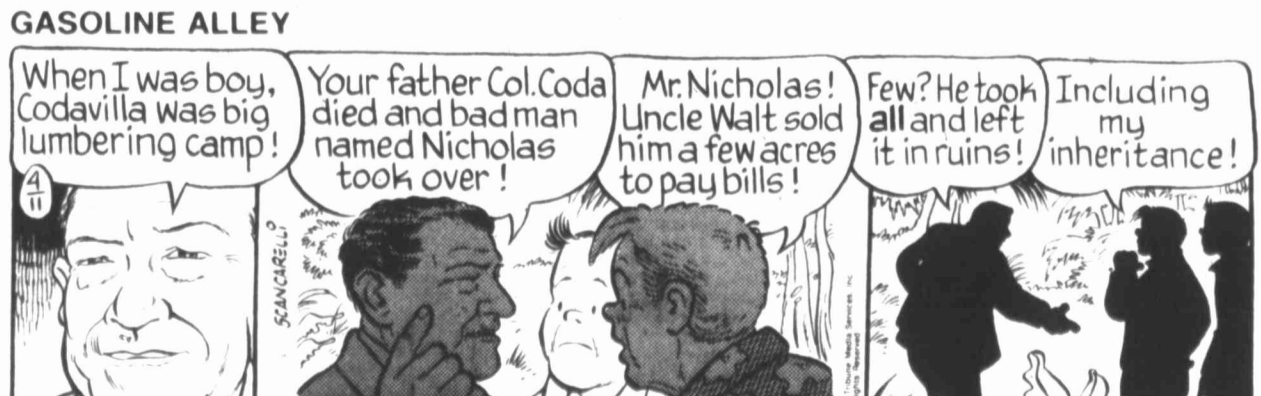
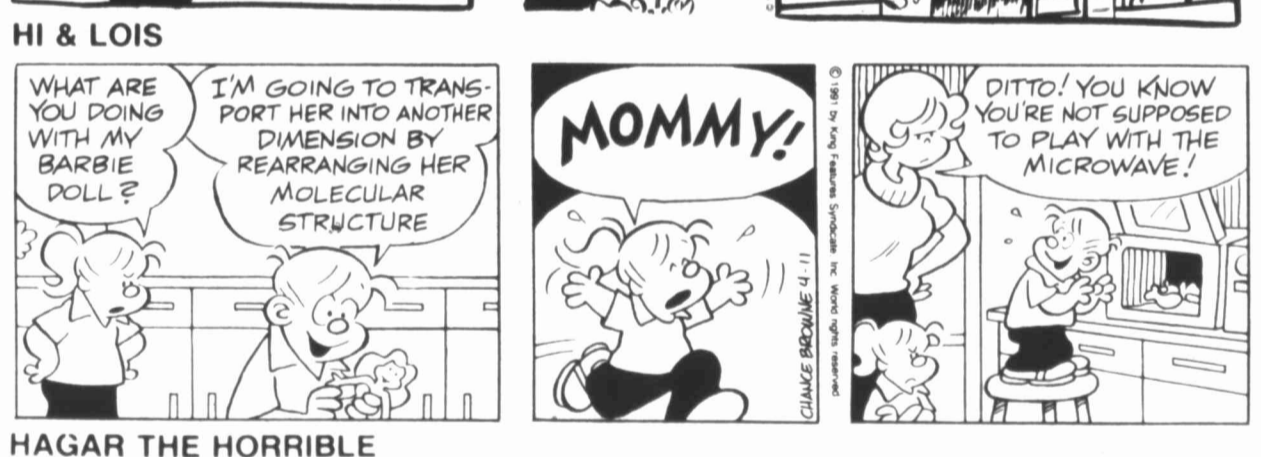


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singer David Cassidy, jazzman Herbie Hancock, TV host David Letterman, dancer Ann Miller.

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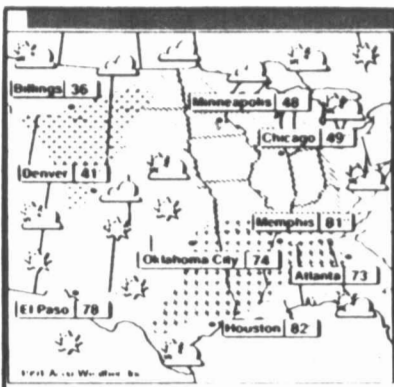
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Weather

Fair to partly cloudy and windy through Friday. Low tonight in the mid 50s; high Friday in the mid to upper 70s.

Wednesday's high temperature	79
Wednesday's low temperature	55
Average high	77
Average low	47
Record high	96 in 1948
Record low	30 in 1932
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Normal for Month	1.58
Year to date	02.61
Normal for year	02.40

City-wide garage sale

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a city-wide garage and sidewalk sale on Saturday, May 4.

A number of organizations are already making plans to take part. Any individual, store, or group that would like to join in the one-day affair can get their sale listed by calling the Chamber office and paying a \$10 fee.

All money received will be used to publicize the event. The deadline for getting a listing in Friday, April 26.

In addition to advertising the event in area papers, all participants and the chamber office will pass out listings of the individual garage and sidewalk sales.

For more information contact the chamber office at 756-3386.

Commissioners set special meeting

Martin County Commissioners have called a special meeting for Monday at the county courthouse, according to County Judge, Bob Deavenport.

Items to be discussed will be a consideration by the court to set a date for public hearings on the guidelines for redistricting, he said. "Steve Bickerstaff will be here to counsel us on the process and guidelines we must follow," Deavenport said.

Commissioners will meet again in regular session May 13.

Governor thanks local resident

Texas Governor Ann W. Richards recently thanked a local resident for making suggested improvements in education.

Gov. Richards thanked John Anastasio for his "time and energy spent on looking for a solution to improve our education and make it a world-class level learning experience," Richards stated in the letter.

'Lights on' for crusade

The ACS is asking county residents to turn on their porch lights tonight from 6-8 p.m. and welcome Cancer Crusaders.

The crusade is three weeks away, but the ACS board of directors is encouraging local residents to become volunteers and help light up Stanton and Martin County.

Couples are encouraged to get involved because the residential visits will be made in teams of two for two hours, Louder stated.

Residents willing to give two hours of their time from 6-8 p.m. should contact Helen Ruth Lounder at 756-2175.

Rep: Latest bill the fairest

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

The latest compromise school finance reform plan, passed unanimously by a House-Senate committee Wednesday, is the best and fairest so far, said Rep. Troy Fraser, R-Big Spring.

It would set school property tax rates at \$1 per \$100 valuation by 1995, with the state recapturing funds from rich school districts for redistribution to poor districts. Half of the 10 districts in a five-county area would be forced to raise their tax rates. Four could lower their rates but increase their spending levels due to state help.

Fraser, the only Republican on the committee, said he will support the plan when it comes up for consideration on the House floor this afternoon. He said 21 of 22 school superintendents in his representative district approve of the plan. The superintendent from Crane Independent School District opposed it.

"I don't like it. I don't like what the courts have forced us to do. But this is by far the best proposal that we had," Fraser said.

The present school finance system has twice been ruled unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court. A hearing on a new system is set for Monday in district court in Austin. State funding to schools could be cut off if an acceptable plan is not passed. The next checks are due April 25. Also, the court could devise their own finance plan.

Fraser said the recent plan includes a proposal to stop the state recapture of local school property taxes after \$1 per \$100 valuation, allowing districts to use money raised above that amount for local enrichment. He opposed a plan defeated 87-63 in the House two weeks ago which set that level at \$1.15 plus an additional 20 cents for building improvements.

Fraser said the new proposal is as fair as it can be and still meet the court mandates. "It's almost the lesser of two evils," he said. It is important to avoid a court rejection of a legislative plan, Fraser said, because a court plan may consolidate school districts, resulting in a loss of local community control.

Five school districts that would gain funds under the proposed plan are the Big Spring ISD, Coahoma ISD, Stanton ISD, Colorado City ISD and Loraine ISD. All but Colorado City could lower their tax rates and still gain state funds.

Forced to raise rates above a \$1 tax level to maintain spending levels, would be Forsan ISD, Grady ISD, Borden County ISD, Westbrook ISD and Glasscock ISD.



Hot job

GREATER BURGAN FIELD, Kuwait — Joe Bowden Jr., of Wild Well Control Inc., uses a shield to protect himself from the heat of a burning well Thursday as he works to connect a pipeline which will be used to extinguish the burning well.

Atlantis, five astronauts return home

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis landed with five astronauts today following a triumphant spacewalking mission that lasted a day longer than planned because of strong desert wind.

Atlantis glided through the sky and touched down at 8:55 a.m. CDT. The arrival was heralded by twin sonic booms that shook the ground.

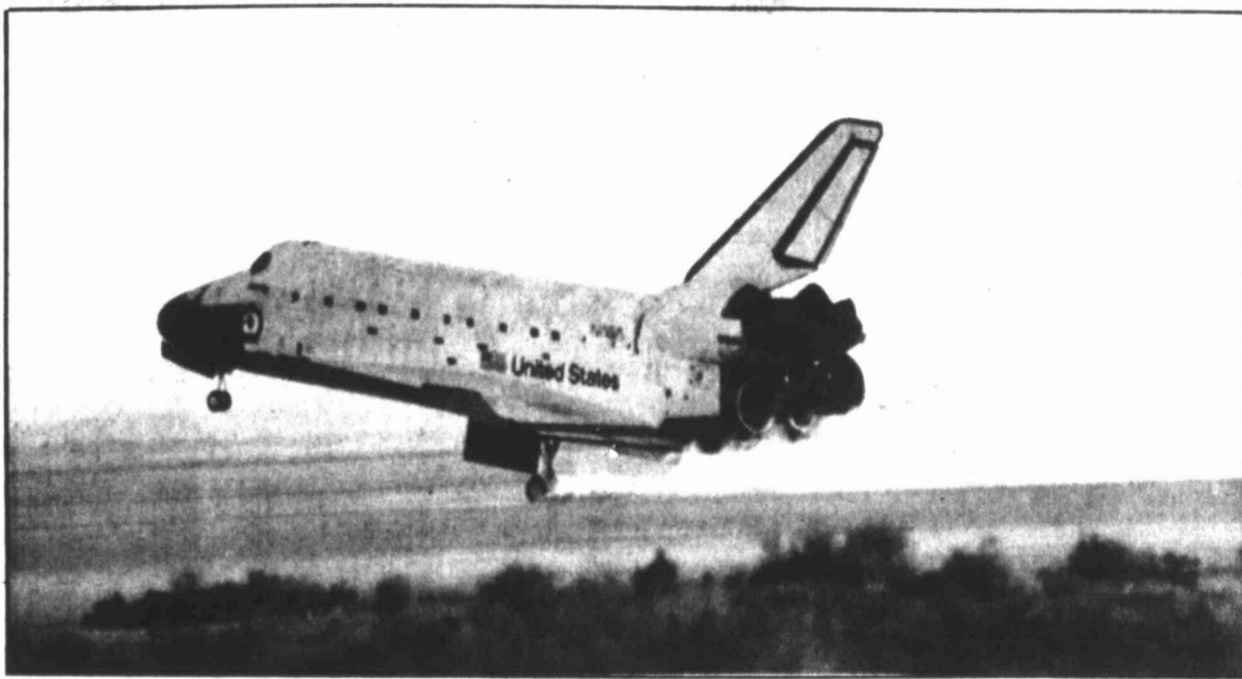
Mission Control's Brian Duffy told commander Steven Nagel, "Steve, you and your crew did it all and you made it look easy. Congratulations on a great job."

About 1,100 spectators cheered as Atlantis landed smoothly on the dry lakebed and rolled to a stop. Atlantis circled the world almost 93 times during the six days in space. It traveled 2,480,016 miles.

Mission Control issued the go-ahead for a landing in the Mojave Desert after the winds calmed down this morning. Powerful gusts prevented Atlantis from landing there as planned Wednesday.

Flight directors passed up an earlier landing opportunity at Kennedy Space Center because of fog and clouds. The weather in Florida later cleared, but NASA opted for the spacious lakebed at Edwards Air Force Base.

The crew of four men and one woman could have stayed up until Saturday.



EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — The space shuttle Atlantis touches down Thursday morning after a six-day mission in space.

Atlantis' astronauts accomplished their primary task on Sunday, releasing the 17-ton Gamma Ray Observatory. It will circle the Earth for more than two years in search of gamma rays, the most intense radiation in the universe.

The crew also undertook the first American spacewalks in five years — one an emergency mission to fix

United States draws cordon around Kurds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is asserting military control in northern Iraq by warning it will destroy any Iraqi aircraft that threatens Kurdish refugees or the mercy flights dispatched to help them.

By coordinating its fleet of AWACs surveillance planes and the 24-hour combat air patrols that have been hovering over Iraq since the end of hostilities, a protective cordon has been drawn around the tens of thousands of refugees fleeing Saddam Hussein's troops, officials say.

Flying out of bases in Turkey or Saudi Arabia, the airborne radar planes are able to survey the border area, pick up movement of any fixed-wing or combat helicopters and scramble jets to shoot down any targets, one intelligence source said Wednesday.

"It would not be hard at all" to counter any Iraqi threat, should one appear, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

So far, the Iraqis appear to have abided by the U.S. warning and allowed the 145 tons of food, water, tents, blankets and other supplies to have been dropped since Sunday, a senior Pentagon official

said. Since the refugees are in a defined region and the U.S. forces know where humanitarian flights are taking place, a protective air cordon over the area isn't difficult to maintain, a military officer said.

"If we have to, we can even track planes when they're taxiing on runways," the officer said. Helicopters are "even more visible" with the specialized radars carried on the AWACs surveillance aircraft, he added.

"If it moves, we'll go after it," the officer said.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the United States had told Baghdad not to use "ground or air forces" against the refugees or the relief operations sent to aid them.

"We are simply saying that we do not expect the humanitarian efforts to be interrupted or thwarted by Iraqi military, period," Fitzwater said.

He said the warning was delivered through the United Nations and the Iraqi Embassy in Washington.

Although the spokesman stopped

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Long road home

SULAIMANYEH, Iraq — A young Iraqi girl sleeps as her family waits at the border to return home after Sulaimanyeh was recaptured by Ira-

qi troops. The family had fled the town during heavy fighting between government troops and rebels.

Wheat supply eases, prices still depressed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The large U.S. wheat supply, which has helped depress grain prices at the farm for many months, has eased a bit but not enough by the Agriculture Department's accounting to boost prices much.

World inventories, also huge, have kept a damper on significant export growth and have added pressure to U.S. prices.

A new supply-and-demand analysis Wednesday showed 1990-91 world wheat output at 590 million metric tons, slightly more than had been projected a month ago and up from 537 million tons last year.

One metric ton, approximately 2,205 pounds, is equal to about 36.7 bushels of wheat. It is the unit used by USDA for reporting international grain statistics.

However, the U.S. wheat carryover is now expected to be about 896 million bushels when the new marketing year begins June 1, down from 957 million bushels in-

dicated a month ago because of larger-than-expected domestic use.

Prices for wheat at the farm are expected to average in the range of \$2.60 to \$2.65 per bushel in the 1990-91 marketing year, compared with \$2.55 to \$2.65 projected in March. The farm prices of wheat averaged \$3.72 per bushel in each of the two past years.

Corn prices, also stabilized by large inventories the last couple of years, were projected at \$2.25 to \$2.35 per bushel in the 1990-91 corn marketing year that runs through Aug. 31. Last month they were indicated at \$2.20 to \$2.40 per bushel.

In 1989-90, corn prices at the farm averaged about \$2.36 per bushel nationally, down from \$2.54 in 1988-89.

Soybean prices were projected at \$5.50 to \$5.90 per bushel in 1990-91, compared with \$5.40 to \$6 indicated last month and \$5.69 received by farmers in 1989-90. In 1988-89, soy-

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