

State officials vow to fight waste dump here

Stage local visit to 'talk strategy'

BY BOB NIGH
MANAGING EDITOR
A standing room-only crowd of some 150 persons in the 22nd District Courtroom Tuesday afternoon heard a panel of state officials, or their representatives, promise to help fight the battle against the location of a high-level nuclear waste

repository in the Panhandle. As area farmers and landowners, along with a good sprinkling of local elected officials, crammed into the courtroom, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, Secretary of State John Fainter, and State Senator Bill Sarpalius came, in Hightower's words, "to

talk strategy about beating this thing." Also present to reap the input of local citizens on the nuclear waste issues were aides of State Senator John Montford of Lubbock, Land Commissioner Gary Mauro, and U.S. Representatives Kent Hance and Jack Hightower.

Sarpalius, a Canyon Democrat formerly of Hereford, briefly mentioned legislation which he has introduced, including Senate Bill 1018, which was approved by the Texas Senate 31-0 last week. The bill essentially calls for strict guidelines relating to the dumping of nuclear waste in Texas. According to Sarpalius, the main intent of the bill is to protect the water resources

of this area. The senator also said that he has introduced a resolution "calling for the Congress not to give the shaft to the state of Texas." The shaft, of course, is the immense hole which will be required to house a high-level nuclear waste repository. Fainter, officially representing Gov. Mark White at the meeting, said the governor has contacted the

Secretary of Energy notifying him that the state of Texas is protesting the procedures being used by the Department of Energy in siting the repositories, and

asking the feds to slow down their timetable for the search. John Batterman, representing Mauro, told the crowd that the Land Commissioner

is "opposed to any dumping of nuclear waste in this state." But, most of the comments (See STATE, Page 2A)

Late-winter snow covers Panhandle

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Panhandle residents began digging out from under a late-winter storm that dropped eight inches of snow on Stratford, tied up traffic and caused a fatal plane crash. Two inches of snow fell late Monday and early Tuesday on Amarillo, which has recorded a near-record snowfall this winter. The city of Hereford recorded another inch of snow Tuesday night, pushing the season total to 50 inches according to the KPAN radio station. Snow also accumulated on the South Plains, the mountains of far West Texas, and El Paso. A mixture of snow and rain fell on Midland and

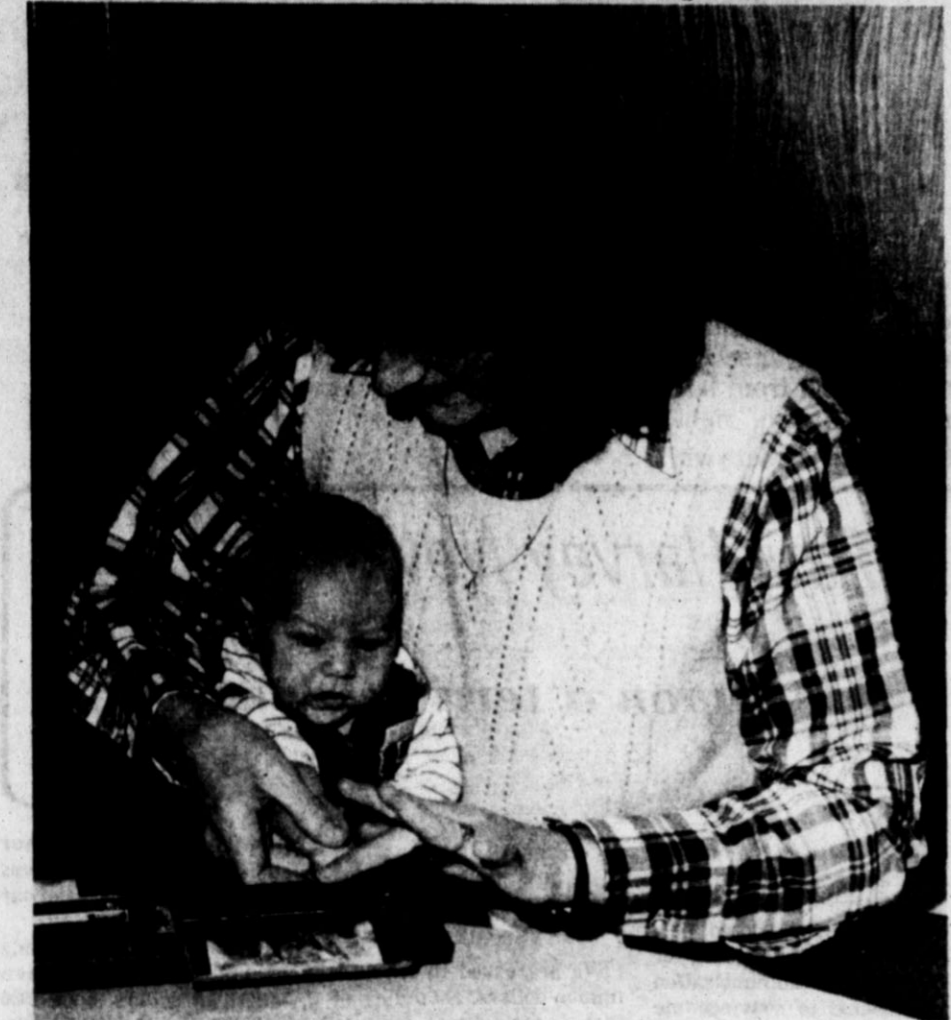
Odessa. Travel advisories were in effect for the Panhandle and South Plains through today as forecasters expected additional snow and rain. The Department of Public Safety said roads and bridges in the Panhandle and parts of the South Plains were packed with snow and ice. The National Weather Service also posted a travel advisory on roads east of El Paso and through Guadalupe Pass, where winds were expected to reach 45 to 55 mph. The snow prompted authorities late Monday to close U.S. 83 north of Spearman and U.S. 287 north of (See SNOW, Page 2A)



Concerned Officials

Texas Secretary of State John Fainter, Ag Commissioner Jim Hightower, and State Senator Bill Sarpalius listen to comments during a meeting held at the courthouse Tuesday afternoon. The trio joined representatives of

other elected officials at the meeting to gather local input on the nuclear waste issue and to inform local residents that they intend to help in fighting the location of a repository here. (Brand Photo by Bob Nigh).



Petite Prints

Now that he has been fingerprinted, B.J. Shipp will be a little easier to locate if he is one of the 100,000 children reported missing each year in the United States. Cindy Meek gave B.J. and other children at Hereford Day Care a booklet which includes the fingerprints, a place for photographs,

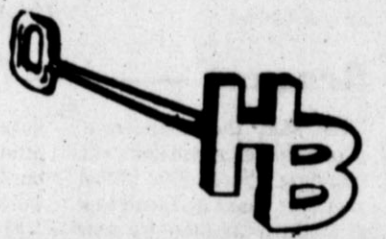
notes about health problems and physical characteristics like birthmarks. The printing is being done through the cooperation of the West Texas State University Nursing Department and funded by local interested citizens. (Brand Photo)

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South Carolinian rejects DOE claim that his town would welcome repository

By JERI CURTIS
Staff Writer

Remarks made by a Department of Energy nuclear waste transportation expert last week that Barnwell, S.C., is comfortable with its waste dump were rebuked by a representative of that "sleepy little Carolina town" at the third meeting of POWER (People Opposing Wasted Energy Repositories) here Tuesday night. John Lawson, representing Energy Research Foundation, has been involved for the past year in the problems of nuclear waste in South Carolina. "The statements that you

were given last week about South Carolina and the fact that we have comfortably existed with the nuclear industry and that people in Barnwell — and the implication was that people in South Carolina generally would take the geologic repository if we had the geology — I think is somewhat misleading," Lawson said. Lawson quoted Kermit Vaughn of the DOE who in a Washington Post article said "the people of South Carolina were sensitive about foreign nuclear waste" and were "provincial and parochial in that regard." "So it was very shocking to

hear the gentleman with the DOE team saying that we would love to have the geologic repository in South Carolina," he said. He admitted that during the 60s, the town was trying to

recruit any high-tech industry. But during the 70s, the people felt uneasy about having a disproportionate share of the country's nuclear waste. Lawson said that in 1979 it

was found that the site was receiving 85 percent of the national low level nuclear waste total. And in a three month period an inspector appointed (See REBUKES, Page 2A)

Shuttlenauts do tests, prepare for spacewalk

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Challenger's astronauts, awakened by a sultry love song, plunged into a day of tests and experiments today, including a dress rehearsal for Thursday's space walk. Specialists on the ground said they expect to salvage the satellite ejected from the shuttle early in the mission. "Teach Me, Tiger," sung by the sexy-voiced April Stevens, was the wakeup music beamed to the orbiting ship by Mission Control in Houston. Capsule communicator Mary Cleave asked if they were reading and got this reply: "Loud and clear." The astronauts were also relieved that they were not to blame for the problems encountered by the communications satellite.

The space travelers had asked several times if anything they had done had caused the rocket failure that sent the 2½-ton payload tumbling into the wrong orbit after they ejected it from Challenger's cargo bay Monday night. Mission Control, after analyzing the problem, assured them Tuesday night they were not at fault. "It was a rocket problem; it was definitely not a crew problem, and you're being congratulated on the job you did," capsule communicator Guy Gardner radioed the orbiting ship. "That's good news," replied astronaut Story Musgrave, who more than the others was responsible for the checkout and deployment of the Tracking and Data Relay Satellite.

There were only a few minor problems, and Gary Coen, one of the flight directors, said: "Challenger is a super vehicle."



Telling One Side

Department of Energy and Battelle representatives heard John Lawson, at lecturn, tell that the "sleepy little Carolina town," Barnwell, was not interested in any more nuclear waste. Lawson was requested by POWER (People Opposing Wasted Energy Repositories) to give his town's side after DOE transportation expert Ruben Peterson said last week that he felt the area supported nuclear industry. Lawson said that Barnwell

is split on the issue, but that South Carolina a across the board against any more such sites. Seated at the table are from left, James Gould, geologic mining engineer and project manager; Dr. Walter Newcomb, manager of the engineering from Battelle; Linda McClain, Permian Basin project manager, Jeff Neff, program manager; and Sam Matthews, Battelle engineering department manager. (Brand Photo)

Reagan touts economic policies to steel town

PITTSBURGH (AP) — President Reagan touted his economic policies today in this economically depressed steel town, and claimed that the Democrats' spending

plan would throw the nation back into an even worse recession. Turning up the heat on the proposed Democratic budget alternative approved by the House, the president said: "I've never seen a budget proposal with a more flagrant disregard for its consequences — and those consequences would be more unemployed Americans, higher interest rates, more government spending and a recession worse than the one we're just emerging from. "The American people have suffered long enough because of economic mistakes of the past, and I'm not about to let them be plunged into that same mess

again." Reagan flew here to inspect a job retraining program intended to teach computer skills to laid-off workers and to address a conference on unemployment caused by the decline in heavy industry. Thousands of unemployed workers were massing to protest Reagan's policies, which they blame for their plight. Organizers said they expected 5,000 demonstrators, but White House officials predicted the figure would be closer to 3,000. In an area where joblessness has nearly doubled since Reagan's election in 1980, the president said (See REAGAN, Page 2A)

Mortgage rates drop in March

By Associated Press
The average interest rate paid by Americans for new mortgages in March dropped to its lowest level since September 1980, and Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan says interest rates in general should fall further this year. Meanwhile, Americans' confidence in the economy rose sharply in March for the best monthly gain in nine years, the Conference Board said Tuesday. But Regan warned that economic recovery "could stall" if interest rates fail to fall as he predicts.

And Labor Secretary Ray Donovan said government alone cannot reverse the problem of lost jobs in America, but said the Reagan administration will double its spending for displaced workers next year. The average interest rate of 13.35 percent on long-term fixed-rate mortgages in March was down from 13.55 percent in February, the eighth straight monthly decline, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board reported. The rate was 13.23 percent in September 1980 and 17.49 percent in March 1982.

Franco-Soviet relations slump

PARIS (AP) — France's expulsion of an estimated 47 suspected Soviet spies has plunged Franco-Soviet relations to their lowest point since the French elected a leftist government two years ago. The Soviet Embassy called Tuesday's expulsions an unjustified political act and said France would have to bear the negative consequences. Neither country would say exactly how many Soviets left France on Tuesday aboard a special plane sent from Moscow, but the French Interior Ministry said the expelled officials had tried to steal military and technical secrets. Ironically, the biggest spy sweep in French history was carried out by a Socialist-

Communist government. But there has been little love lost between Moscow and Paris since Socialist party leader Francois Mitterrand's presidential victory in May 1981 ended 23 years of conservative rule in France. Moscow had publicly supported the failed re-election bid of Mitterrand's conservative predecessor, President Giscard d'Estaing. Giscard had pursued a policy of dialogue with the Soviet Union in hopes of lessening international tensions. He irked the Western allies by holding a surprise summit meeting with the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev in Warsaw in May 1980 — five months after Soviet troops moved into Afghanistan.

Nominations being accepted for 'Pioneer Woman of the Plains'

Announcement of the Pioneer Woman of the Plains will be the highlight of the evening activities of the 5th Pioneer Round-Up, scheduled Saturday, May 14, at the Hale County Agriculture Center in Plainview.

Deadline for nominations to honor a pioneer woman of the Panhandle-High Plains area has been set for May 5, according to Pat Kelly, chairman of the program committee. The Plainview Business and Professional Women's Club is the sponsoring organization of the Pioneer Round-Up.

Entry blanks have been mailed to civic club's and organizations in Plainview and surrounding areas. Individuals may also submit names to be considered for this honor. A group of judges will select the winner based on information submitted. The number of times a person is nominated will have no effect on the selection of the honoree.

Entry blanks are additional information may be obtained

by contacting Mrs. Kelly at 293-3635 or 293-1565 or Miss Jackie Masso, club president, at 293-5026 or 293-2092.

According to the rules of the event, the nominee must have been a pioneer resident of the High Plains, and short biographies including the candidate's outstanding contributions to home, church, community and general welfare of her fellowman must be submitted. All entries must be signed by the person submitting the letter of nomination.

Nominees submitted in past years will be eligible and may be submitted again, except those who have already received the honor.

Miss Masso, president of the Plainview BPW Club, said other events of this year's Round-Up include the reception beginning at 10 a.m. honoring all pioneers; the parade down Broadway at 2:30 p.m.; the supper beginning at 6 p.m. in the Agriculture Center; the program at 8 p.m. and the square dance following at 9 p.m.



Children's Display

Kathy Keyes has her collection of dolls from the 1950s to the 1970s on display in the children's section of the Deaf Smith County library this month. Several dolls are of televi-

sion personalities and others and collector's items such as G.I. Joe and the oldest, a Betsy McCall doll from 1956. (Brand Photo by Linda Caudle).

Spring revival slated

Spring revival services begin tonight and continue through Sunday at Palo Duro Baptist Church, Wildorado. The Rev. Cliff Hargrove and members of the congregation invited the public to attend.

Bob Miller, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Tucumcari, N.M., will be the guest evangelist. Services begin at 7 p.m.

tonight; noon and 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and 7 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday, the Sunday school rally starts at 10 a.m., morning service at 11 a.m., followed by dinner at the church at 12 noon, church training at 6:30 p.m., and the evening worship service at 7:15 p.m.

A film entitled "God's Prison Gang" will be shown during the evening service on Sunday.

Palo Duro Baptist Church is located six miles south of Wildorado or 14 miles north of Dawn, on FM 809.

Annual Red Cross chili supper Friday

The annual Red Cross chili supper is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Community Center. Volunteer of the Year will be named during the supper.

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Water, energy demands of lawn can be reduced

COLLEGE STATION -- Conservation-conscious homeowners can take steps to reduce the water and energy demands of lawn care without lowering lawn standards.

"While lawns offer many aesthetic and recreational benefits, these may be offset by high requirements for water and energy," says Dr. Richard Duble, turfgrass specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

"Mowing, watering, fertilizing, controlling pests and disposing of leaf clippings are all energy-consuming requirements of lawn care. During spring and summer months, watering the lawn and collecting and disposing of grass clippings place a heavy burden on cities for water and trash collection services. Grass clippings account for more than 30 percent of total trash collections in some cities during spring and early summer," notes Duble.

He offers several lawn maintenance practices to help homeowners reduce these requirements.

Reducing fertilizer applications to maintenance levels — 2 to 3 pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn per year — will go a long way toward reducing water and energy demands. (That's 20 to 30 pounds of fertilizer containing 10 percent nitrogen.) Applying only maintenance levels of nitrogen to lawns can reduce mowing requirements, water use, insect and disease problems, and grass clippings.

"Excessive fertilization is

the single most important factor contributing to high water and energy demands for lawn care," contends Duble.

Another lawn care practice mower can be beneficial if grass clippings are not composted, says the specialist. Regular mowing at weekly intervals will reduce thatch accumulation caused by grass clippings.

Also, adopting proper watering practices to reduce water use can save energy.

Reducing pesticide use to only essential applications to prevent loss of turf is another energy-saving practice.

Duble advises new homeowners to select and plant adapted, low-maintenance turfgrasses to reduce water and energy demands. Centipedegrass is ideally suited to East Texas while buffalograss is adapted to much of West and North Texas. Both of these grasses have low maintenance requirements, yet provide a satisfactory turf cover for lawns.

In some situations, ground covers such as Asiatic jasmine, English ivy or Liriope can reduce maintenance requirements effectively without sacrificing the benefits of a plant cover. In heavily shaded areas and on steep slopes, use these ground covers in place of grasses, suggests the specialist.

"It is possible to enjoy the luxury of an attractive lawn and landscape," contends Duble, "without excessive use of water and energy. In fact, the net water and energy balance for a lawn can be in favor of conservation."

Ann Landers

Unknown author is Erma Bombeck



DEAR READERS: I don't ordinarily let you in on my personal correspondence, but this is different. It arrived in yesterday's mailbox:

DEAR EPPIE: If that little essay by "author unknown" goes up on any refrigerators or bulletin boards (the one that goes like this: "I loved you enough to ask where you were going, with whom and what time you'd be home. I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your new best friend was a creep," etc.), I hope it will have my name on it because it's mine. How soon they forget!!

Love, Erma Bombeck
DEAR ERMA: Some people may forget, but an awful lot of people remember. I have been bombarded with letters from readers telling me that the "unknown author" quoted in a Glenview (Ill.) church bulletin is the well-known columnist, Erma Bombeck. I shall set the record straight at the earliest possible moment.

Fondest — Eppie
Don't miss an intimate look at Ann Landers' life Thursday on ABC's "20-20" with Barbara Walters. Check your

Oscar's origin
Oscars are named after Oscar Pierce of Texas. When the figurines were first delivered to the executive offices of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the executive secretary exclaimed, "Why, they look just like my Uncle Oscar." The name stuck.

TV guide or newspaper for air time.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I hope to see this letter in the paper, but I doubt that you will print it. It's too controversial. I'll be on the lookout, nevertheless.

I passed a lie detector test given by Smith Securities of Dallas. I am not bragging, but I lied throughout the test so skillfully that I beat the machine from beginning to end.

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I was able to figure out that technique, surely others have. Why, then, are these tests considered proof of anything? Obviously I cannot sign my name. — Strictly Anonymous In Texas

the test were found later to be innocent, and people like you who passed were found guilty. Obviously the tests are thought to have some value or they would not be used at all. Thanks for your story, Ann, may I suggest that you not push your luck?

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Bishops temper nuke stance

WASHINGTON (AP) — By changes in shade and nuance, the bishop-architects of a proposed Roman Catholic pastoral letter have softened their criticism of President Reagan's arms policies — but apparently not enough to satisfy the administration.

Adoption by a two-thirds vote of America's 285 bishops in Chicago next month would make the statement official policy, to be taught in every Catholic parish hall and cathedral in America.

The letter, made public Tuesday, brought immediate comment from administration officials.

Richard R. Burt, assistant secretary of state for European affairs, found one part of the 25,000-word letter too dovish.

Burt termed "wrong-headed" its advocacy of an American pledge not to be the first nation to use nuclear weapons if another war starts.

The Soviets have already made such a pledge, but the administration says the Kremlin can't be taken at face value.

"The danger of escalation is so great that it would be an unacceptable moral risk to initiate nuclear war in any form," the draft letter says.

"A no-first-use nuclear doctrine in Europe makes war more likely," Burt commented. "I'm not so dumb that I would get into a debate with religious leaders, but a no-first-use strategy is wrong for the alliance because it weakens deterrence. It is wrong-headed."

As for the changes, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, archbishop of Chicago, said

they were not prompted by pressure that came from the White House when draft version No. 2 was presented last November. Bernardin oversaw the drafting of version No. 3.

One noticeable change was the call for a bilateral effort to "curb" the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons. It was a softening from November's call for an agreement to "halt" testing, production and deployment — in everyday terms, a nuclear freeze.

The new draft also puts stress on the differences between the Soviet and American political systems. It cautions against "negotiating blindly or naively" with the Soviets.

"It is one thing to recognize that the overwhelming majority of our brothers and sisters through the world are good, decent people who do not want war any more than we do," the draft says.

"It is quite another thing to attribute the same good motives to regimes or political systems that have consistently demonstrated precisely the opposite in their behavior," it said.

The proposed letter describes virtually any use of nuclear weapons as immoral. It calls for an "ongoing public debate" on the morality of the decades-old strategy of nuclear deterrence as a way of keeping the Soviets from attacking.

And it terms morally unacceptable the U.S. policy of making Soviet cities potential nuclear targets if they contain "military significant" targets.

Look-alike drugs are big business

AUSTIN (AP) — "Look-alike" drugs have become big business — and a big problem — in Texas, a House committee was told as it began debating legislation to put strict penalties on the sale and manufacture of the drugs.

"Look-alike" drugs contain legal substances, but are designed to look like illegal drugs. They contain caffeine, antihistamine or other over-the-counter substances. They are often sold as a "cheap high," but sometimes are represented to be the real thing.

Rep. Gary Thompson, D-Abilene, told the House Jurisprudence Committee on Tuesday that 12 deaths have been attributed nationwide to taking "look-alike" drugs. He said a user may take the simulated drug in increasing quantities to reach a high, thinking it is the real thing. When the user does take a genuine drug later, he might overdose.

Several narcotics officers testified in favor of the proposal, various forms of which are sponsored by several legislators. All said they favored giving prison time for "look-alikes." One of the proposed bills suggested making the crime a felony. Another would make it a misdemeanor.

Members of the House Jurisprudence Committee, which referred all the bills to a subcommittee, were concerned about the cost of the legislation.

Department of Public Safety chemist Mike Johnson said additional laboratory equipment needed under some of the proposals could amount to \$100,000 per police lab.

Rep. Al Granoff, D-Dallas, translated, "We'd like to pass this, but we're broke, is that it?"

Roger Hernandez of the Texas Narcotics Officers Association said careful wording of a law would eliminate the need for extra equipment by cutting down on the number of drugs the substance would be tested for.

Robert Henna of the Texas Department of Health said currently police can use the Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act to seize the drugs and charge the owners with misdemeanors. He said

police use sections of the law that prohibit keeping drugs in unsanitary conditions, mislabeled or in unapproved combinations.

Henna said several million doses of the "look-alikes" have been destroyed so far.

"When these things first started showing up, I thought it was kind of a joke," said Henna, "but it hasn't turned out that way."

Marrow transplant scheduled

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Doctors say a bone marrow transplant scheduled for Friday is the only chance a 3-month-old girl has to live past her second birthday.

But they add that her chances are hurt by the fact that the donor, her father, is not a perfect tissue match.

Stephanie Garcia of Raymondville will receive the transplant at noon Friday, Dr. Lisa Philipovich said Tuesday. The girl was born with severe combined immunodeficiency syndrome, a condition that leaves her body defenseless against infection.

Dr. Philipovich, assistant professor of the pediatrics division of immunology at the University of Minnesota hospital, plans to remove marrow from the child's father, Rodrigo, and inject it into Stephanie.

The possibility that the transplant won't take is significant for Stephanie because her father is not an ideal tissue match, doctors said. They said the chances are only slightly better than 50-50.

Dr. Philipovich has performed seven such operations. One patient died of complications, she said. Another died of an infection.

"It's safe to say that this is her only chance," Dr. Philipovich said. "All we can do now is hope and wait."

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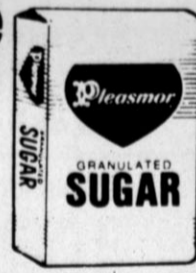
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Mom approves of KISS craze

By EDNA GUNDERSEN
The El Paso Times
EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Some mothers would sooner die than send their children to a KISS rock concert.

Not Ruby Gardea. She not only tolerates son Archie Cordova's craving for heavy metal music, but encourages it, believing that watching a bone-jarring inferno of screaming guitars and thunderous drums beats smoking marijuana and stealing hubcaps.

Mrs. Gardea also scoffs at the notion that KISS is a dangerous influence, as many parents have charged.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's just Archie's individual taste in music," she said. "I'm lucky. My kid isn't into drugs and all that. He really gets into his music and that's fine with me. I have no objections. I think it's OK for kids to like KISS as long as they don't get too hung up on the blood and guts part."

Cordova, a 17-year-old junior at El Paso's Hanks High School, has been a KISS fanatic for "years and years." When trick-or-treating was still Archie's passion, his mother traditionally made a costume and presented it on his birthday.

A few years ago, while Archie was discovering rock music and expressed a particular fondness for KISS, she created a costume based on the leather garb of the not-so-wholesome foursome. He wore it on Halloween.

"KISS was his first favorite rock group," Mrs. Gardea said. "I got one of the albums and decided to try my hand at sewing him a costume. It made a big hit. I couldn't believe how his friends reacted. They were really impressed."

Over the past few years, Archie and his mother made improvements on the outfit, which consists of tall boots, silvery fabric, black leather, sequins, metallic thread and gaps revealing plenty of bare skin.

As yet, Archie has not ac-

quired the 8-inch platform shoes that would complete the picture.

"But I'm working on it," he said.

When Archie dons his flamboyant threads, he also wears a wig and his mother spends almost three hours applying black and white clown makeup to create a face that resembles Gene Simmons, the tongue-wagging KISS bassist.

His 10-year-old sister can't understand the KISS fanaticism. When Archie dresses up, "she freaks out," he said.

But others seem to appreciate the costume's detail and authenticity.

Archie recently took first place in a KISS look-alike contest at Roxy's nightclub, winning \$50 and a ticket to the KISS concert in El Paso. He also frequently is hired to show up at parties in the garish garb.

Dressing outrageously has become a pastime for Archie, who can't explain the attraction, but figures it has something to do with fantasy.

"It's just fun pretending to be Gene Simmons, to be a rock star," he said. "You know, being something you're not."

What does he like about KISS? "How they look, first of all, and what they sing. I like the way they perform."

He also admires Judas Priest, the Scorpions, Van Halen and Black Sabbath, all heavy metal heavies, and lists his hobbies as "collecting albums and dating girls."

Archie hopes to attend college someday, but at the moment the fledgling guitarist is more concerned with the idea of starting a rock band.

His mother approves, though her tastes vary considerably.

"I'm kind of conservative myself," Mrs. Gardea said. "I go for disco. People who like rock bands have to have a certain ear for them. I can only tolerate it a little while."

Lippizans too sick for help

HOUSTON (AP) — The president of a Houston firm that donated interferon to combat a herpes virus in Lippizaner horses says he believes Austrian officials could more effectively use the drug.

Oliver Bright, president of the Houston-based Immuno Modulators Laboratories, said Tuesday that he doesn't understand why only animals in an advanced stage of the disease were given the interferon.

"We are optimistic about treatment of the horses if we are given the opportunity to inject interferon prior to the late stages of the herpes virus," Bright said.

Bright said his company is studying the use of interferon to treat herpes, cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis and a number of other diseases. Interferon is a class of proteins that inhibit virus multiplication in the body.

Thirty-six of the famed Lippizaner horses have died of a herpes virus since an epidemic broke out in Austria in February. The disease has been restricted to the Lippizaner stud farm at Piber, Austria.

Dr. Othmar Schmechlik, resident veterinarian at the farm, has refused to comment on the effectiveness of interferon in treating the horses.

A mare that died Tuesday, and two others showing signs of infection, had been receiving injected and oral doses of interferon from Texas since Friday after being isolated from the rest of the Piber farm's more than 200 horses.

Bright said he and other officials of his company, which manufactures interferon, are concerned because the three mares selected for treatment suffered from an advanced stage of the disease.

"Unfortunately, the people at the Austrian stud farm have decided that they would give the interferon to three pregnant mares and that is a very delicate situation to deal with when combined with the advanced stage of herpes virus that they have," Bright said.

He said Austrian authorities have given no explanation for their choice of horses to receive the interferon.

"We will travel to visit the stud farm in Austria on April 18, at which time we hope to convince the authorities to give the interferon in a less advanced stage of the virus," Bright added.

He said his company donated the interferon, called agriferon, after reading newspaper stories about the horses' plight.

Bright said he hopes the treatment of the Austrian horses will provide information helpful in a search for ways to treat herpes in people.

Schmechlik said the interferon donation contained enough interferon to treat three horses for five days and its use was ended Tuesday as planned.

During that time, a healthy foal was born of an infected mare, but Tuesday's victim had miscarried her foal.

The epidemic, since its outbreak in early February, has killed eight brood mares by paralyzing their nervous or respiratory systems, said Schmechlik. Miscarriages and stillbirths have caused the death of 28 foals.

In Vienna, Austria Agriculture Ministry spokeswoman Gertrude Worrell said, "I don't believe that the progress of the disease has been changed" by the interferon.

The company, which has pledged to provide as much interferon as is needed, has tested the interferon on horses, cows and swine over a six-month period, Bright said.



Ceramics Display

Display of the Month of April at the Deaf Smith County library is Sandy Devareaux with a variety of ceramic pieces. She has studied ceramics approximately one and

half years under Mary Lou Aguirre at the Texas Gallery. (Brand Photo by Linda Caudle).

Hereford performance included in SPC 'Country Caravan' tour

LEVELLAND - The all-new South Plains College country music traveling show, "Country Caravan," opened its season this week with four performances in Orlando, Fla., all courtesy of Continental Airlines.

The 12-member cast of "Country Caravan" performed for the Tangerine Bowl Sports Association in Shrine Hall, at the Church Street Station, a popular entertainment complex in Orlando, and for a brown bag concert in Orlando's Barrett Park.

"This is the third time that Continental has flown our show to Florida for performances," notes Terry Isaacs, SPC instructor in history who is in charge of scheduling the show's performances. "Our show, 'Raisin' A Ruckus,' performed in 1981 in Orlando and Pensacola," he said. Continental Airlines is paying all travel expenses for show show, including a side trip to Disneyworld Wednesday.

"Country Caravan," the seventh edition of SPC's summer traveling road shows, features some of the top 40 country music hits, like George Strait's "Amarillo By Morning" and the Ballamy Brothers' "Redneck Girl," in addition to classic country hits like "Orange Blossom Special," "Dueling Banjos" and "If You've Got The Money."

For the first time, the road show will feature the member dance troupe doing Texas dance numbers, waltz, and a Mexican fiesta dance number.

A three-day performance in Uvalde, Texas, and a three-day East Texas tour are on the road show's agenda for the first time April 29-30 and May 19-21.

A performance is scheduled in Hereford June 11 as the group travels through approximately 14 West Texas towns, with four stops in New Mexico.

The 90-minute show is in the classic entertainment style of The Grand Ole Opry, mixed with the sophisticated techniques of recent television successes like The Barbara Mandrell Show and Johnny Cash specials, according to featured guitarist John Hartin, instructional coordinator for SPC's country-bluegrass music program and a show supervisor.

Performers in "Country Caravan" include faculty members John Hartin on guitar, Randy Ellis on bass, Dan Hanson on percussion and keyboards and Tim McCasland on banjo, dobro, pedal steel and others. Students performers are vocalists and dancers Scott Barton of Levelland, Cindi Cone (also on fiddle) of East Haddam, Ct., Sebie Denson of

Roswell, N.M., John Carson of Delta, Colo., (also on keyboards and percussion), Darrell Thrash of Ropesville,

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Birth of son is announced

Mike and Joan Grimsley of Woodward, Okla., announce the arrival of their son, Ty Michael, on Friday, April 1. He weighed 6 pounds, 3/4 ounce.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Grimsley of Soper, Okla., and formerly of Hereford, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Waters of Hereford. Ty's aunt, Karen Grimsley, also

resides in Hereford. The Grimsleys are former residents of Hereford. Joan is a 1978 Hereford graduate and a graduate of WTSU. Mike is a Muleshoe High and South Plains College graduate. Mike is with Halliburton in Woodward and Joan is a Medical Technologist at Woodward Memorial Hospital, where Ty was born.

Today In History

Today is Wednesday, April 6, the 96th day of 1983. There are 269 days left in the year. Today's highlight in history:

On April 6, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson signed a declaration of war against Germany, bringing the United States into World War I.

On this date: In 1483, the Italian artist Raphael was born. He died on the same date in 1520.

In 1777, the Marquis de Lafayette's French volunteers arrived in America to aid the revolution against the British.

In 1830, the first Mormon church was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, N.Y.

Ten years ago: A former commander of the Turkish Navy, Sen. Fahri Koruturk, was elected president of Turkey.

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Senior Citizens Opportunities

Promoting programs sponsored by Hereford Senior Citizens Association.

Activities scheduled this week (April 7-13) at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center include the following: EVERY DAY - Quilting 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THURSDAY - Oil painting 9-11:30 a.m., noon meal 11:30 a.m., games 1-5 p.m., YMCA 1:30 p.m., advanced oil painting 1-4 p.m.

FRIDAY - Physical fitness 10:15 a.m., noon meal 11:30 a.m., games 1-5 p.m., governing board 2 p.m., business meeting 3 p.m.

MONDAY - Physical fitness 10:15 a.m., noon meal 11:30 a.m., games 1-5 p.m., bell choir 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY - Noon meal 11:30 a.m., games 1-5 p.m., craft class 2:30-3:30 p.m., blood pressure 1-3 p.m., Goebel Hearing Aid 2-3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY - Physical fitness 10:15 a.m., noon meal 11:30 a.m., Westgate 1 p.m.

The menu will be as follows:

THURSDAY - Chicken fried steak, hash brown potatoes, Harvard beets, broccoli, sliced pineapple-cheese salad, roll-oleo, puding, milk.

FRIDAY - Enchilada casserole, spanish rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit, tostadoes, milk.

MONDAY - Beef stew, celery, onions, carrots, potatoes, tomatoes, peanut butter cake, sliced peaches, cornbread-oleo, milk.

TUESDAY - Roast beef and gravy, cooked rice, turnip greens, sunset salad, yeast roll-oleo, pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered spinach, biscuit-oleo, banana pudding, milk.

Orville Wright made man's first flight Dec. 17, 1903, in an airplane near Kitty Hawk, N.C. The plane was the first successful heavier-than-air powered machine. It had been built by Orville and his brother Wilbur, owners of a bicycle manufacturing business.

'Little Miss' deadline entry comes Friday

Girls who plan to enter the Little Miss Hereford Pageant, scheduled April 23, are reminded that the entry deadline is Friday. Entry blanks are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 701 N. Main.

There are four divisions: Cutest Miss, 4 years to kindergarten; Miss Petite, first through third grades; Little Princess, fourth

through sixth grades; and Miss Junior High, seventh through ninth grades.

Mary Herring and Marsha Winget are co-chairmen of the Little Miss Hereford committee. The pageant theme is "Under the Big Top."

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 Hereford Toastmasters Club, Thompson House Restaurant, 6:30 a.m.
 Kiwanis Club, Community Center, noon.
 TOPS Club, No. 941, Community Center, 9 a.m.
 Amateur Radio Operators, north biology building of high school, 7:30 p.m.
 Story hour at the library, 10 a.m.
 San Jose prayer group, San Jose Mission - Labor Camp, 8 p.m.
 Al-Anon, Odd Fellow Hall, 8:30 p.m.
 Free immunizations against childhood diseases, Deaf Smith County Public Health Clinic, 902 East 4th St., 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-3:45 p.m.
 Overeaters Anonymous,

Faith Assembly of God, 7:30 p.m.
 Summerfield Study Club, 2:30 p.m.
 Camp Fire Leaders Association, Camp Fire Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
 National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Energas Flame Room, 3 p.m.
 VFW, VFW Clubhouse, 8 p.m.
 BPOE Lodge at Elks Hall, 8:30 p.m.
 Mothers of Twins Club, 5 p.m.
 Hereford Study Club, home of Evelyn Kirby, 7:30 p.m.
 Merry Mixers Square Dance Club, Community Center, 8 p.m.

Wyche Extension Homemakers Club, 2:30 p.m.
 American Association of

Retired Persons, Community Center, 7 p.m.
 Bay View Study Club, guest day at First Baptist Church parlor, 2 p.m.
 L'Allegra Study Club, guest day, 10 a.m.
 Alpha Iota Mu Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, 8 p.m.
 North Hereford Extension Homemakers Club, home of Roberta Campbell, Rt. 3, 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
 American Red Cross annual chili supper, Community Center, 5-8 p.m.
 Kiwanis Whiteface Breakfast Club, Ranch House Restaurant, 6:30 a.m.
 Community Duplicate Bridge Club, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Hereford Garden Club, home of Meredith Wilcox, 205 Ranger Dr., 2 p.m.
 Deaf Smith County Crimestoppers Board of Directors, Chamber of Commerce Board Room, 12 noon.
 Pancake supper, Walcott School, 7 p.m.

Cultural Extension Homemakers Club, home of Vernis Parsons, 2 p.m.

MONDAY
 Odd Fellows Lodge, 100F Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 TOPS Chapter No. 1011, Community Center, 5:30 p.m.
 Rotary Club, K-Bob's Steak House, 12 noon.
 Weight Watchers, First Baptist Church, 6 p.m.
 Seminar on adolescent sexuality, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 7 p.m.

City Beta Sigma Phi Council, Reddy Room, 8 p.m.
 Masonic Lodge, Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.
 Easter Lions Club, Easter Clubhouse, 8 p.m.
 Deaf Smith County Republican Womens Organization, Hereford State Bank Community Room, 12 noon.

4-H Teen Leaders, Community Center, 7 p.m.
 Hereford Music Study Club, Library Heritage Room, 1:30 p.m.
 Valeda Study Club, home of Norma Martin, Rt. 4 No. 20 Yucca Hills, 8 p.m.
 Young Mothers Study Club, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
 Merry-Go-Rounds Round

Dance Club, Community Center, 8 p.m.
 Hereford Rebekah Lodge, No. 228, 100F Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 Free immunizations against childhood diseases, Deaf Smith County Public Health Clinic, 902 East 4th St., 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-3:45 p.m.

DEAF SMITH COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM:
 Regular museum hours Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 2-5 p.m. Museum closed Monday.
 Planned Parenthood Clinic open at 711 25 Mile Ave., from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 TOPS Chapter No. 576, Community Center, 9 a.m.
 Hereford Newcomers Club, K-Bob's Steak House, 12 noon.
 Pioneer Study Club, 11:30 a.m. luncheon.

Dawn Music Club, 2 p.m.
 Hereford Fine Arts Association, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Free blood pressure and hearing tests for senior citizens at Senior Citizens Center, 1-4 p.m.
 Lone Star Study Club, home of Jessie Mae Dodson, 2:30 p.m.

Order of Eastern Star, Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.
 Palo Duro Extension Homemakers Club, 9 a.m.
 West - Hereford Extension Homemakers Club, 9 a.m.
 Westway Extension Homemakers Club, home of Martha Rickman, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
 Noon Lions, Community Center, noon.
 Country Singles, Square Dance Club, Community Center, 8 p.m.
 Bippus Extension Homemakers Club, 2 p.m.
 United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, mission study 9:30-11:45 a.m., sandwiches and dessert 12 noon.

First Christian to host choral groups

First Christian Church, 401 West Park Ave., will host a concert by two choral groups from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

The concert is open to the public and free of charge.

The Men's Chorus and the Consort Singers, representing the school of church music at the Fort Worth institution, will give the combined concert as part of a week-long tour of churches and colleges in Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

The program includes a variety of classical and sacred anthems, including anthems commissioned for the seminary's 75th anniversary during 1982-83.

The 32-voice Men's Chorus is directed by James McKinney, dean of the school of church music since 1956. McKinney has authored numerous musical publications, performed in a wide

variety of musical productions, is a frequent participant in voice pedagogy and choral clinics and an adjudicator in vocal and choral competitions. He has been a music director, interim music director, and a guest teacher in the U.S. and Hong Kong.

The 16-member Consort Singers are directed by C. David Keith, assistant professor of conducting at the seminary since 1979. He has served as minister of music, interim minister of music, teaching assistant in choral music, director of choral activities, and guest instructor of conducting.

Both groups include students from each of the seminary's three schools—theology, religious education, and church music.

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David Keith



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Oil and gas leaders discuss taxes

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Mark White and top legislative leaders got sympathy from Texas oil and gas industry spokesmen on the state's financial plight, but no agreement on oil and gas tax increases.

"It has been our hope the state government would live within its income," said Bill Abington, speaking for Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, after an unusual closed door session Tuesday night in the governor's office.

"Our members remain unconvinced that Texas needs to expand expenditures at this time beyond anticipated revenue under current taxes," said Julian Martin, spokesman for the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association.

White called the meeting with 13 leaders of oil and gas associations and major companies to get comment on a proposal by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby to increase oil and gas production taxes to pay for state college construction.

"It was an exploratory session," White said afterwards. "There was no final decision on this or any other tax."

Martin said he told White and the others "we would do our share in any across the board tax efforts."

"But we believe for the state to rely on two specialized taxes is poor timing at the

least." White said there would be other closed door sessions in his office with other members of the oil and gas industry "and with other industries" concerning Texas money needs.

Also attending the session were Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, and Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, D-Austin, who are sponsoring a proposed constitution change that would provide \$125 million a year from general revenue for the 17 state colleges not in the University of Texas or Texas A&M system.

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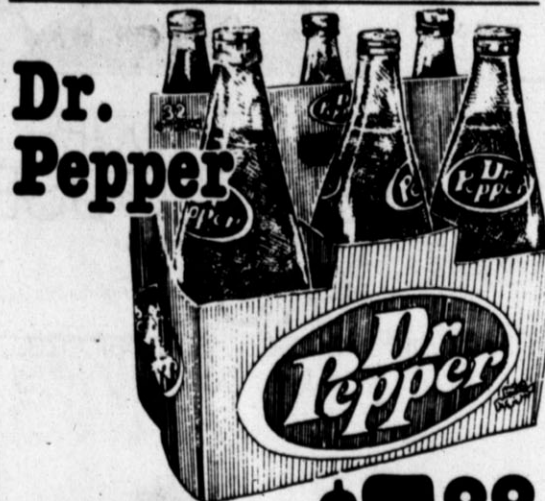
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State Capital Highlights

Texas lawmakers discussing tax

By Lyndell Williams

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AUSTIN—With less than two months left in 140-day legislative session, lawmakers are openly discussing raising taxes to replace dwindling state revenues.

And House Speaker Gib Lewis, who seems to step into a new flap weekly, is taking criticism for a growing sentiment among legislators that the House is unorganized and moving at a snail's pace.

As of last week, Lewis was way behind on referring bills to House committees and senators are concerned

the traditional end-of-the-session logjam will reach historic proportions within a few weeks.

The Senate is pushing to get important bills out early to facilitate House action.

With the session more than half over, only one bill passed by both chambers was originated in the House, the rest began in the Senate.

Last week, senators publicly jibed Lewis and his leadership team. "As I recall it, we (the Senate) sent a committee to the House several months ago to tell members

the Senate was organized and ready to do business," Sen. Carl Parker said. "Do you think we should send a committee to inform them again?"

"We could call it a search committee," echoed Sen. John Traeger.

Severance, Fuel Taxes

The lawmakers' dilemma is deciding whether to raise taxes to make up for a \$2.3 billion revenue shortfall or cut the state budget. The recession, the recent drop of worldwide oil prices and the loss of federal funds have all contributed to the problem.

Gov. Mark White has proposed an \$800 million increase in "sin taxes" (on alcohol, tobacco and amusement machines).

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby favors temporarily increasing oil and gas severance taxes to finance a \$2 billion endowment to state universities and colleges.

Comptroller Bob Bullock favors a nickel increase in the gasoline tax which would raise \$850 million.

Two other proposals, to raise \$100 million by raising fees for state services and licenses and \$518 million—one time only—by speeding up tax payments, are already working their ways through the legislative process.

Special Session

The action of the House in the next few days is all-important because only the House can initiate a tax bill. Speaker Lewis so far has been adamant against raising taxes, opting instead to try and cut \$1.5 billion out of the budget. While some lawmakers fear that even major legislation will be sacrificed while they struggle to get a tax increase, others are predicting quietly that it's already too late. A special session will be needed to finalize the state budget.

As if matters weren't complicated enough, Bullock is expected this week to lower the state's revenue estimates even more, triggering either more cuts or more taxes.

Bullock said last week the real crunch for state government will come in 1985.

His gloomy predictions have prompted a good many lawmakers to consider delaying approval of the budget or approving only a one-year budget to buy time. If in time his predictions prove too low, they can avoid raising taxes unnecessarily.

The House

Last week a House committee voted to add a \$10 million surcharge to employers' taxes and allow the state to continue to borrow federal money to pay unemployment benefits to 650 thousand unemployed Texans.

The five percent surcharge on 1982 unemployment taxes would finance the interest on the borrowed funds, and would equal about \$1.80 per employee for the average Texas business.

The bill was backed by a coalition of major business groups.

The House also passed a proposed constitutional amendment giving state banks the same privileges and rights as national banks.

It would include the authority to open branch banks in Texas if federally-chartered banks are given that power, as financial experts predict.

Opponents of branch banking argue the system removes money from community banks where it is deposited so it can be loaned at higher interest rates elsewhere.

The Senate

The Senate last week passed legislation which would:

—Allow creation of local employment commissions to handle hiring discrimination complaints. The bill would also create a state commission to oversee local action, thereby moving the federal government out of the picture.

—Make it tougher for a defendant accused of a violent crime to be found innocent by reason of insanity. The defendant would be required to prove he was suffering mentally and did not know right from wrong at the time.

Senator Bill Sarpalius



Reports



WORK RELEASE PROGRAM

AUSTIN — Texas has the largest prison system in the nation and the third largest prison system in the world. We are by no means proud of the statistics and we are working on legislation to help reverse the escalating figures. We are sponsoring a work release bill, known as Senate Bill 779, to help ease overcrowding of our state prison system, and at the same time save taxpayers an enormous amount of money.

We feel that not all criminal offenders or even the taxpayers of this state are best served by offenders being sent to county jails or to the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville. This bill will formalize the procedure involved in determining qualifications of prisoners wishing to participate in a work release program. It also encourages those counties who presently do not have such programs to establish one. In addition, S. B. 779 will formalize the responsibilities of each of the parties involved in work release programs.

Potter County officials have formalized a very successful work release program which we believe will serve as a model for other counties in the state. Potter County Sheriff T.L. Baker implemented a work release program in Potter County in 1974. The continued development and expansion of the program initiated at the Potter County Corrections Center and the success of the program has prompted the drafting of S. B. 779.

Existing law allows persons convicted of misdemeanor offenses to serve jail time during the offender's off hours and on weekends. The law we are sponsoring would include third degree felons who were convicted of non-violent crimes. The rationale behind S. B. 779 is to allow the non-violent offender to become a productive member of society by maintaining employment and serving jail time after working hours. By allowing the offender to maintain employment the offender is able to provide financial support to his or her family, repay the county for court costs and fines and pay restitution to the victims of the crime. The new legislation would make it mandatory for the offender's employer to send the offender's paycheck directly to the county sheriff. The sheriff would then be responsible for distributing the offender's

Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market of goods and services. The index is based on the price of food, clothing, shelter, fuels, transportation, charges for medical and dental services, drugs and other goods and services bought for day-to-day living.

earnings to the offender's dependents, to the county for court costs and fines and to pay restitution to the victims of the crime. All remaining earnings will be kept in a special fund and will be returned to the offender once his time has been served.

Any offender wishing to participate in the work release program under the proposed legislation will be required to apply for the program and must prove he or she has not committed a violent crime. The sheriff will decide who is permitted to participate in a work release program.

We see this bill as one solution to the many problems caused by today's prison situation. We are not stating that work release is for everyone, it's not, but for those offenders who would be better served by remaining a part of the community, this bill provides an opportunity for them to do so. In addition, it reduces the number of hardships on the taxpayers of our state by requiring the offender to work for his family, county and state.

We welcome your views on the work release legislation. Please write to Senator Bill Sarpalius, P. O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas 78711.

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Tomatoes most popular in Texas' home gardens

COLLEGE STATION — If Texans could choose but one vegetable to grow in their gardens, the tomato would win hands down.

Tomatoes are grown in about 95 percent of all home gardens in Texas, estimates Dr. Sam Cotner, a horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Once people taste the great flavor of vine ripened, homegrown tomatoes, they just don't want any other kind, says Cotner.

Tomatoes are thought to have originated along the slopes of the Andes Moun-

tains in South America and were brought northward by migratory tribes of Indians. Early explorers took the fruited plants back to Europe and from there it came to America. The first recorded instance of the tomato being grown in the United States was by Thomas Jefferson in his garden at Monticello in 1781, notes Cotner. However, the influence of the French cuisine in South Louisiana actually started the tomato on its way to becoming every gardener's favorite vegetable.

To grow a bountiful supply in Texas, Cotner first of all

emphasizes planting the right varieties. Varieties such as Big Set, Spring Giant, Jack Pot and Better Boy consistently perform well in all areas of the state.

The horticulturist advises buying transplants of these varieties at nurseries or garden centers or buying seed and planting it in a hot bed or containers but not directly in the garden, since plants need to be started well before the cold weather is over.

Before setting out transplants, get the soil in good shape by adding plenty of organic matter and a complete fertilizer such as 10-20-10 or 12-24-12.

Set plants at least three feet apart, with three to four feet between rows. Use boards, shingles, milk cartons or something similar to protect them from early spring winds. Wire cages around plants can provide a structure for plastic trash bags or plastic sheeting that will protect young plants. Later the cages will support the plants, eliminating the need for staking and tying each plant.

Tomatoes also need nurturing throughout the season. This means applying a fertilizer solution—one to two tablespoonfuls of a garden fertilizer dissolved in a gallon of water — every week to 10 days once small tomatoes appear. This solution can be applied in a depression in the soil around the base of the plant or in pots or containers (with holes in the bottom for drainage) set in the ground mid-way between each plant.

Cotner also emphasizes the need for proper watering during the growing season and for controlling insect and disease problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Agriculture Department audit says the Farmers Home Administration improperly or questionably issued about \$1.8 billion in loans to farmers and other rural residents in the 1979-80 fiscal year.

In some cases loans were made to FmHA employees or their close relatives without proper review by higher agency authorities, the report said.

"Some loans were approved because the employee had FmHA loans prior to his employment," the report said. "Other officials interpreted close relatives to entail only those relatives who reside in the employee's immediate household."

Further, the report said the agency made a dozen loans for greenhouse or horse operations "which we believe should not be recognized as enterprises for FmHA loan purposes because they do not relate to the production of food or fiber."

The audit report was prepared by the department's Office of Inspector General and forwarded with recommendations to Charles W. Shuman, administrator of FmHA.

While Shuman acknowledged many of the problems cited by the report and agreed to some of the recommendations, he rejected others that would call for lengthy reviews and large ex-

penditures of employee time.

One recommendation which would seek legislative changes so loans would be "used only for activities associated with the production of food and fiber and not used for activities such as greenhouses and horse operations" was rejected.

"Restricting loans to the production of food and fiber would not eliminate greenhouses," Shuman said. "Draft horses and cow ponies are examples of horse operations that are essential to certain types of agriculture."

"It would be very difficult to define food or fiber to include all agricultural enterprises in the United States such as tobacco," Shuman said.

Some of the report's major findings:

—About \$100 million was in-

Session for treasurers set at A&M

More than 100 of the state's county treasurers are expected to attend a professional development conference at Texas A&M University April 12-14.

Theme of the conference is "Education that Counts," says the coordinator of the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, a part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Discussions will deal with county finance, public finance, organization meeting, principles of accounting, and money and banking.

National 4-H meeting set April 9-15

A delegation of nine 4-H youth and leaders will be representing Texas at the 53rd National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. April 9-15.

The Texans will be among more than 300 youth and adults from throughout the U.S. attending the conference to exchange views and help chart directions for the nation's 4-H programs in the years ahead, says a 4-H and youth specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Conference delegates also will spend a day on Capitol Hill and will visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Block says pacts may aid imports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Secretary John R. Block says that supply agreements may be necessary in some cases to guarantee delivery of U.S. commodities to foreign buyers.

"The question of bilateral agreements or assurances of some kind is an open question as far as I'm concerned," Block told a news conference on Monday.

However, he said, it may not be the best policy to have most of the world's agricultural trade with bilateral agreements.

Block just returned from a 10-day trip to Britain, North Africa and the Mideast.

Total U.S. farm exports have declined from record levels of two years ago, and Block has frequently expressed the administration's commitment to recapture the trade.

Block's tour included a visit to Saudi Arabia where last week he told officials there that he would be in favor of a letter guaranteeing U.S. supplies of grain and other commodities.

"If it's necessary to make some kind of commitment to provide assurance, then there may be cases where some type of agreement or statement may be necessary," he said. "I don't rule anything out."

Block also said that the massive payment-in-kind program in which farmers have signed up to take 82.3 million acres from production this year will not result in shortages for foreign buyers.

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Teacher pay raise could spark tax rollback

AUSTIN (AP) — Tax rollback elections, according to a school trustee who watched one divide his community, are not pretty.

Nick Bogner says the Magnolia school district tax fight was a neighbor vs. neighbor tussle that trickled down to child vs. child on school buses.

"You learn who your friends are. It caused some people to say some things in the emotional stage of it that they really might regret saying. It's going to take a long time to heal that," said Bogner, who fought a losing battle against a rollback push in his Montgomery County district.

The lesson of Magnolia could be visited on 549 other school districts if Gov. Mark White wins legislative approval for his teacher pay raise plan, according to the Texas Education Agency.

Teacher pay raises are popular this year. Various groups have offered proposals. But Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner, D-Alice and a former teacher pushing for significant raises, says rollbacks loom as a "dark cloud" over all the packages.

Rollbacks are a product of the 1979 revision of state property tax laws. Anytime a taxing entity raises taxes by more than 8 percent, the local populace — through a petition drive — can call a rollback election.

"It's a particularly mischievous part of the law," said Rep. Glossbrenner.

The TEA computers, when fed White's proposal, said 549

of the state's 1,092 school districts would have to top the 8 percent mark to meet the local funds needed. Local increases would be needed because the state does not pay for all teachers in all districts.

About 47,300 school employees, out of a state total of 235,800, are paid for out of local funds, according to the TEA.

On April 2, when Magnolia voters rejected their school board's 28 percent increase, 19 other communities were deciding on rollbacks. Nine elections resulted in rollbacks. Some rollback attempts failed, but forced trustees to offer compromises.

About twice as many voters turned out for the Magnolia rollback as did for the election that put Bogner in office. It was not an uplifting exercise for the community, he said.

"There were an awful lot of negative comments made about people on the board, that they were involved with letting a runaway budget take effect. These were people who had supported us and live on the same block with us and our kids play together," said Bogner.

"The children hear things in the home and get on the bus and all of a sudden they are pitted against one another. The kids riding the buses got in arguments about it," he said.

"We've got to get to Mark White and tell him, 'If you're going to put these raises through, you have to come up with the funds.' If not, we

could end up having rollbacks across the state and we would have to lay off teachers," said Bogner.

The Magnolia increase was needed to fund improved programs, according to Bogner.

Charles Mathews, director of the Texas Association of School Administrators, says as many as 850 districts could face rollbacks if the teacher pay hike is not balanced with increases in other areas of education.

"We feel like teachers' salaries should have a dramatic increase, but not at the expense of upsetting the balance of support services and salaries," said Mathews.

But Waco teacher Barbara O'Neal, president of the Texas State Teachers Association, said administrators are trying to protect their share of the education fund.

The TSTA and White programs are similar. TSTA's calls for \$1.6 billion for pay raises, guaranteeing pay hikes of 24 percent for some teachers. White wants starting pay increased from the current \$11,000 to \$14,500 in September.

"The crying shame is the administrators are trying to pit teachers against teachers and trying for this big internal fight rather than working to try to solve the problem," said Mrs. O'Neal.

The internal fight is on. Various teacher groups have offered differing pay raise packages.

Mrs. O'Neal blamed the Texas Association of School Boards for using the rollback election prediction as a "scare tactic."

"We met with the governor. He isn't going to support legislation that's going to cause rollbacks," she said.

Rollback elections are breaking out like "brush fires," across the state, said Karen Bailey of the Texas Association of School Boards. Six of the seven held before April 2 resulted in rollbacks.

"Teachers understand their jobs are on the line," she said.

Jobs were on the line in Victoria and El Campo on April 2, where rollback efforts failed.

In Victoria, voters defeated a rollback that would have cut taxes by \$1.8 million. A record number of voters —

9,043 — cast ballots on the measure, which was voted down by 835 votes.

The Victoria rollback campaign included a newspaper ad that asked, "Should we give VISD another blank check?" The ad showed a check from the account of "A Hard Pressed Taxpayer, 1983 Out of Work Lane."

The check was payable to the Victoria ISD in the amount of "Anything they ask for and no-100 dollars."

In El Campo, the polls stayed open two hours beyond closing time because of long lines. The record turnout defeated a rollback that an administrator warned could have disrupted the schools.

Acting Superintendent Bill Dowden said without the hike, the district would have been forced to cut 54 teachers, junior high school music and sports programs and \$1.1 million out of the budget.

The rollback failed after El Campo trustees promised to limit budget increases, rescinded \$151,000 in previously promised raises and eliminated 11 teachers.

Gov. White is aware of the rollback problem because trustees and administrators have been telling him about it.

"We're working to try to minimize the impact it would have on various districts," White said. "Hopefully, by adjusting the formula we can reduce the number of districts that appear to be unfavorably impacted by that increase in salary."

White said there's a "possibility" of widespread rollback elections, but, "I also believe there's a strong dedication in this state to improving our quality of education. I think people are realizing that this is a function of what kind of salaries they pay teachers."

Rep. Bill Messer, D-Belton, has filed a bill that would allow school districts to raise taxes to meet state-forced increases without facing rollback.

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Board of Education president, cautioned legislators that an education package relying on local tax increases would spark rollbacks.

"Ultimately, the very teachers whom we want to give raises to probably will never get them. And my concern is not for the 49 rollback elections already in progress. Instead, my concern is over the hundreds that will never

be called because local administrators won't dare take the chance of a rollback," he told the Senate.

The way Butler sees it, districts might choose to take the increased state money and not raise local taxes.

"The final result will be teachers not receiving the salary increase expected," he said.

According to Butler, the

governor's plan puts \$457 million into salary hikes, but adds only \$321 million in state money — leaving it up to the districts to find the rest.

In Magnolia, a country district with no big industry, rollback means cutback, according to Bogner.

Some recently started programs will be eliminated, as will 36 employees, including 16 teachers, he said. Classes

will be larger and programs aimed at letting "children learn at their own level will be put back for a year."

"I think it's pretty easy for people to say they've had enough taxes and this an opportunity for them to do something directly about it," said Bogner.

"On the average home, you're talking about saving \$10 a month in taxes."

Non-interstate routes opened to big trucks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite concern in some states about safety, the federal government is opening more than 180,000 miles of highway to larger trucks including double-trailer rigs. Three-fourths of the designated highway is off the Interstate system.

The double trailers already are used in many Western states. But until today when the new federal highway routing system goes into effect, they had been prohibited in 14 states, primarily in the East.

The trucking industry won the right to use double trailers and larger trucks — 102 inches wide instead of 96 inches — as part of the law that last Friday increased the gasoline tax by 5 cents a gallon.

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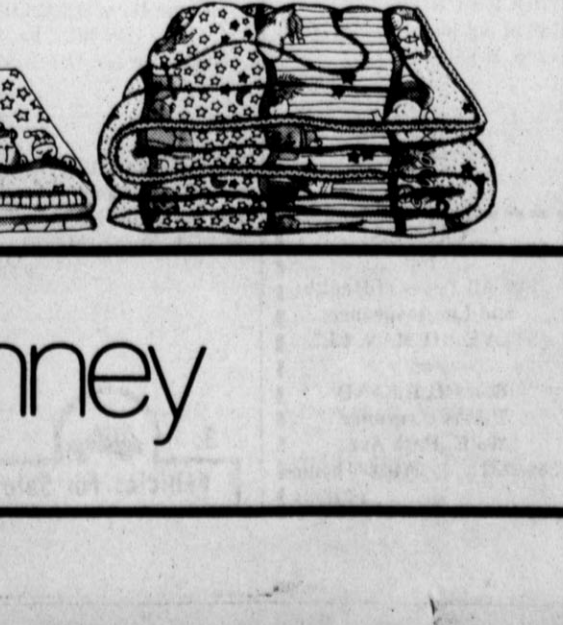
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Movies' most famous ape turns 50

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Merian C. Cooper spent months writing his story about a giant gorilla but he didn't have the right ending until one day he left his New York office and saw an airplane flying close to the city's tallest building.

Suddenly he envisioned the ending: airplanes attacking the huge ape as it clings to the top of a New York skyscraper. His primitive creature would be destroyed by modern civilization.

It was, of course, "King Kong," and 50 years later this pioneer motion picture still stirs the imagination and tugs at the emotions. The ending atop the Empire State Building is a film classic.

"It appeals to the little boy and little girl inside all of us," said Forrest C. Ackerman, a science fiction film historian and collector. "We're fascinated by this modern fairy tale of beauty and the beast. It had all the ingredients: adventure, imagination, romance and mystery."

The 50th anniversary of "King Kong" will be celebrated at the Empire State Building in New York beginning Thursday. An 84-foot balloon of King Kong will be attached to the mooring mast atop the building until April 15. Memorabilia from the movie, including an original script, composer

Max Steiner's handwritten score and a 21-inch armature

of King Kong, will be on display in the building's Fifth Avenue lobby.

The movie had its premiere in New York on March 2, 1933 and was shown simultaneously at Radio City Music Hall and the Roxy, two of the city's most opulent movie palaces.

The West Coast premiere at Grauman's Chinese Theater, on March 26, 1933, will be recreated May 26. An original nitrate print of the picture from producer David O. Selznick's private collection will be shown.

Guests will arrive in vintage cars and attend a champagne reception afterward at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, said television pro-

ducer Richard Correll, in charge of the gala. Fay Wray, the only surviving star from the movie, will be the hostess.

"I attended the premiere when I was only 17 years old," said Ackerman. "The unusual thing I remember was that when Kong was running amok in New York they used a process called Magnascope to make the picture become bigger on the screen. It had a real startling effect when he climbed the Empire State Building with Fay Wray."

The anniversary showing at the Chinese Theater will also use the Magnascope process.

Italian producer Dino De Laurentiis remade "King Kong" in 1976, but critics and audiences agreed it lacked

the charm and enchantment of the original.

Selznick, who was running RKO Studios in the early 1930s, gave Cooper a budget of \$500,000 to make "King Kong." Cooper wanted to call the film just "Kong" but RKO complained audiences would think it was Chinese. It was Selznick who suggested the title "King Kong."

The huge wall where the natives gather on Skull Island was left over from "The King of Kings." Cooper used it again for "She" in 1935. Selznick finally destroyed it in 1939 as part of the burning of Atlanta for "Gone With the Wind."

"King Kong" starred Robert Armstrong as an adventurous moviemaker Cooper modeled after

himself. Fay Wray was the beauty who (almost) tamed the beast. Bruce Cabot was the man who saves her when Kong goes on a rampage.

Cooper directed the movie with Ernest B. Schoedsack, who had shared many adventures with him in exotic corners of the world. Schoedsack's wife, Ruth Rose, wrote the script.

And who were those two aviators who shoot King Kong off the Empire State Building? Ackerman said,

"Cooper and Schoedsack played the pilots. They killed their own creation."

In addition to the 18-inch-high armatures, covered with latex and fur, an enormous Kong bust and a huge hand (to hold Fay Wray) were built. At no time was anyone dressed up in a gorilla suit.

The size of King Kong varies throughout the movie, depending on how Cooper wanted him to appear. Sometimes he was only 18 feet high. His size was increased to 60 feet for the Empire State Building scenes so that he wouldn't be dwarfed by the building.

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