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'Time to draw line, cut spending', says Reagan

By JAMES GERSTENZANG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, displaying a toughening attitude toward Congress over the budget, says "it is time to draw the line" on defense cuts and greater domestic spending.

At a news conference Tuesday evening, he also had strong words for the Sandinista leaders in Nicaragua: "They're not minding their

own business. They are attempting to overthrow a duly-elected government in a neighboring country," he said.

Reagan, after a three-month break in his formal news conferences, told the nationally broadcast session with reporters that Syria's Arab allies are urging the Damascus government to pull its troops out of Lebanon when the Israeli forces are

prepared to leave.

"I can't believe that the Syrians want to find themselves alone, separated from all of their Arab allies," the president said, reaffirming his optimism that a Syrian withdrawal can be achieved. He also said he did not know how long the U.S. Marine contingent would remain in Lebanon, but it could "be there for quite a period."

In an opening statement, the president said he had tried supporting a proposed compromise to cut defense spending and raise domestic allocations beyond the goals he suggested for fiscal 1984, but this was "to no avail."

"It is time to draw the line and stand up for the people," he said. "I will not support a budget resolution that raises taxes while we are coming out of a recession. I will veto any tax bill that would do this."

Asked whether the anticipated budget deficit of approximately \$200 billion would drive up interest rates, the president predicted that "in the very near future, we are going to see a further drop in interest rates."

Reagan is doing battle with Democrats and Republicans as Congress tries to pare the anticipated deficits. So far, he has failed to muster a majority of Republicans to support his overall budget goal.

The Democrat-controlled House has approved a plan calling for a \$30 billion tax increase in fiscal 1984, to cut the deficit, while the Senate is trying to break a deadlock over the size of a new tax increase.

The president also stepped back from previous threats to veto a repeal of withholding of income taxes from interest and dividend payments, saying that he would wait and see if a compromise is reached with congressional opponents of the withholding plan.

The president reserved some of his toughest language for discussion of his reason for not openly supporting the guerrillas fighting the Nicaraguan government.

He said that the Nicaraguans were training and "supplying arms and everything else that is needed to guerrillas that are trying to overthrow" the government in El Salvador.

Reagan optimistic about withdrawal

WASHINGTON (AP) — With special envoy Philip Habib opening new talks on withdrawing foreign forces from Lebanon, President Reagan says he is confident Syria will overcome its reservations and join Israel in agreeing to a troop pullback.

Meanwhile, Reagan is giving strong signals that the Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal agreement will lead to the long-delayed delivery of F-16 fighter planes to Israel.

Habib is resuming his Middle East mission to Lebanon today after Reagan told a news conference Tuesday night he is optimistic about a Syrian withdrawal because of pressure from other Arab nations.

"I can't believe that the Syrians want to find themselves alone, separated from all of their Arab allies," Reagan said. Except for Syria, Libya and South Yemen, Arab countries generally have supported the Israeli-Lebanese accord.

Reagan also recalled that Syria has promised repeated-

ly to leave Lebanon once Israel agreed to do so. Nonetheless, Syria has vowed to do everything it can to foil the agreement on grounds that it enables Israel to maintain "military domination" over Lebanon.

Syria's unhappiness with the agreement was underscored Tuesday when it blockaded all road traffic from Lebanon to the rest of the Arab world. Syria took the action just hours after Lebanon and Israel formally signed the agreement.

In another development, informed sources said the United States offered Israel written assurances Tuesday that the troop withdrawal agreement was final and could not be renegotiated regardless of Syria's objections.

Israel had sought such a guarantee to ensure that no additional concessions would be sought as part of the effort to secure the withdrawal of Syria and Palestine Liberation Organization fighters.

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Unemployment may have peaked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bureau of Labor Statistics show that 41 of 50 states had higher unemployment last March than the same month in 1982, but the changes were not considered extreme by statisticians.

The state and metropolitan employment report issued Tuesday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics also showed

23 states with jobless rates that reached or topped the March unadjusted civilian unemployment average of 10.7 percent.

The report did not adjust jobless figures for seasonal factors such as weather or school closing.

The highest unemployment rates continued to be found in West Virginia, Michigan and Alabama. The jobless rate in West Virginia, hard hit by a slump in the mining business, decreased from 21 percent in February to 20.1 percent in March.

Unemployment in Michigan increased from 16.5 percent in February to 17 percent in March, the agency said. Alabama's jobless rate dropped to 15 percent from 16.3 percent in February.

Six states — Louisiana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming — posted the largest increases in unemployment between March 1982 and March 1983. The unadjusted unemployment rate in those states rose by at least 3 percentage points during the period.

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Rally Spirit!

The 1983-84 HHS cheerleaders were announced during the Senior Awards Assembly, Tuesday morning. In conclusion of the assembly of the old and new cheerleaders lead the student body in the school song. From left are Paula

Mason, Christie Lytal, Cynthia Romo, Cynthia Barrera, Carla Baxter, Michelle Hughes, Michelle Connolly, Sheila Ehler, Tanya Jones, Marzelida Soliz and Brenda Ball. Not pictured is Holly Veigel. (Photo by LeAnne Hughes)

Special scholarships, awards announced at HHS assembly

Amy Griffin was named Valedictorian and Laura Kosub was named Salutatorian for the Hereford High School Class of 1983 at the Senior Assembly Tuesday. Both Miss Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Griffin, and Miss Kosub, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kosub were presented awards from the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce in recognition of their accomplishment. One of the highlights of the assembly was the announcement of the 1983-84

cheerleaders and Seat by past cheerleaders. Senior cheerleaders include: Michelle Hughes, Paula Mason, Cynthia Barrera, and Michelle Connolly and juniors Marzelida Soliz and Brenda Ball. Christie Lytal will serve as Seat for next year.

The Top Scholastic Seniors for the 1982-83 year were also announced. In addition to Miss Griffin and Miss Kosub there were 49 seniors which maintain a 90 grade point average or better for the past three years.

Tulians have serious objections to nuclear repository site, also

By JERI CURTIS
Staff Writer
TULIA — Swisher County residents Tuesday night expressed the same objections to a nuclear repository site in the Panhandle as their Deaf Smith County neighbors did Monday night.

The Department of Energy again heard harsh claims to its unstructured research and unprincipled behavior.

A final hearing is scheduled today in Austin with Gov. Mark White, Attorney General Jim Mattox and Sen. Bill Sarpalus scheduled to testify. Their testimonies are

expected to reiterate the concerns of Swisher and Deaf Smith residents that the repository would threaten prime farm land and contaminate the Ogallala Aquifer, rendering it useless for irrigation or drinking water.

Testimonies Tuesday refuted any rumors of violence being advocated by groups in either county. However, Tulia businessman Wiley Byrd reminded the DOE that "guns won the DOE" and asked the panel if

project director Jeff Neff wasn't hinting violence when he told Tulians earlier that the DOE would take the land by eminent domain.

Saying that DOE documents printed for the hearing were "already outdated by May 18," Don Hancock of Southwest Research Institute shamed the DOE for its inconsistency in scheduling and blasted the department, as many testimonies did, with an accusation of making drilling tests and writing the guidelines as it

goes. Hancock also implied that the DOE is attempting to put a repository wherever possible, aside from geological appropriateness. He noted that the DOE has scant information on Texas compared to other testing sites. He also showed several DOE documents which were inconsistent with what DOE officials were reporting.

Alice Hector, an attorney representing STAND

School winds down for HHS seniors

School days are winding down fast for Hereford High seniors, with baccalaureate scheduled for 8 p.m. Sunday and commencement a week from Thursday.

Practice sessions for the two exercises will be held Thursday morning. Seniors will report to Whiteface Stadium at 11 a.m. and should bring their caps and gowns if they plan to have their picture made.

The school has contracted with a professional photographer to make color photos of the diploma being presented by school board president Sallie Strain. To avoid confusion and distractions at commencement, no one will be allowed on the field to take pictures.

Order forms were sent home with seniors and should be returned to the school Thursday along with payment of \$2.50 for each color photograph.

Among the other activities scheduled for seniors is the senior picnic at Wonderland Park on Friday. The class will leave at the end of first period and should return to Hereford by 4:30 p.m.

Exemption policy for senior exams on Monday and Tuesday is as follows: "C" average with no more than four absences, no unexcused absences in that class, no time spent in S.A.C., and no "U" in citizenship in that class.

Ruckelshaus confirmed

WASHINGTON (AP) — William D. Ruckelshaus, confirmed by a unanimous Senate vote to become head of the Environmental Protection Agency, is being sworn into office with a mandate to restore the integrity of the embattled agency.

This afternoon's ceremony follows by a day the 97-0 confirmation vote in the Senate. However, that vote also triggered questions of how much of a change Ruckelshaus can or is likely to make in Reagan administration environmental policies.

Ruckelshaus was chosen by

Senate resolves to oppose dump

WEDNESDAY

"We would just like for our congressmen to know that the Texas Senate is behind them in opposing any storage of nuclear wastes in Texas," Sarpalus said.

He said that Gov. Mark White, Attorney General Jim Mattox and he would testify at the Austin hearing.

"This is a fraud on the people you represent to pass something like this and then go home and tell them that you did something for them," Parker told Sarpalus.

"What you are doing is giving false hopes that the Texas Senate can do something about it."

"We feel like our congressmen will support this and we want to let them know the Texas Senate is behind them," Sarpalus said.



Talking and Listening

Alice Hector, left, begged the Department of Energy for clarity in facts, reports and guidelines during her testimony at a hearing on the proposed nuclear repository sites in the Panhandle. Ms. Hector is an attorney representing STAND, Serious Texans Against Nuclear Dumping. Hereford anti-repository activists Dale Klueskens and Rick Auckerman, below, also attended the Tulia hearing Tuesday night. A third hearing is today in Austin.



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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY
 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.
 "Where Angels go Trouble Follows," family film at the Deaf Smith County Library, 7 p.m.
 Alpha Iota Mu Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, The Deli, 8 p.m.
 Merry Mixers Square Dance Club, Community Center, 8:30 p.m.
 Wyche Extension Homemakers Club, 2:30 p.m.
 American Association of Retired Persons, Community Center, 7 p.m.
 L'Allegra Study Club, 10 a.m.
 North Hereford Extension Club, home of Mrs. Roger Williams, 2:30 p.m.
 Red Cross uniformed volunteers, noon luncheon.
 VFW, VFW Clubhouse in Veterans Park, 7:30 p.m.
 BPOE Lodge in Elks Hall, 8:30 p.m.
 Dawn Extension Homemakers Club, Dawn Community Center, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY
 Kiwanis Whiteface Breakfast Club, Ranch House Restaurant, 6:30 a.m.
 Community Duplicate Bridge Club, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Good Timers Square Dance Club, Community Center, 8 p.m.
 Patriarchs Militant and Ladies Auxiliary, IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY
 Los Ciboleros Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, closing luncheon at Hereford Country Club, 11:30 a.m.
 Larrymore Studio dance recital, Hereford High School Auditorium, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
 Hereford High School Baccalaureate, Whiteface Stadium, 8 p.m.

MONDAY
 Odd Fellows Lodge, IOOF 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.
 Young Mother Study Club, 7:30 p.m.
 Deaf Smith County Lipidary Club, Energas Flame Room, 7:30 p.m.
 Band-Orchestra Booster Club, Hereford High band hall, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY
 Easter Lions at Easter Clubhouse, 8 p.m.
 Deaf Smith County Extension Homemakers Council, library Heritage Room, 1:30 p.m.
 Pro-family meeting and brown bag luncheon, Community Center, 12 noon.

WEDNESDAY
 Merry-Go-Rounds Round Dance Club, Community Center, 8:30 p.m.
 Women's Golf Association Play Day, City Golf Course, 5:30 p.m.
 Hereford Rebekah Lodge, No. 228, IOOF 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.

FRIDAY
 Palo Duro Extension Homemakers Club, 9 a.m.
 West Hereford Extension Homemakers Club, 2:30 p.m.
 Hereford Art Guild, 2 p.m.
 Hereford Women's Golf Association, Flame Room, 7:30 p.m.



Hereford High Twirlers

The 1983-84 Hereford High School twirlers, shown with Johnny Martinez, HHS band director, include, back row from left, Debra Parker, Delight Thames, Teresa Edwards, and Dana Cabbiness; and front row from left,

Sandy Zepeda, Amy Quillen, and Kim Bridwell. Sponsor of the Hereford High twirlers is Kay Banner. (Brand Photo by Linda Caudle)

Supper, installation follow rainbow theme

Members of Veleda Study Club met in the home of Juanita Brown for their closing meeting recently. A salad supper was served from tables decorated with woodland scenes, rainbows, and miniature pots of gold. Joyce Ritter was installed as president; Frances Crume, vice-president; Norma Martin, secretary; Patricia Weldon, treasurer; and Norma Walden, historian. A summer ice cream social was planned for members and their husbands. Others present at the meeting were Marcella Bradley, Jean Ruther, and Margaret Zinser.

Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL
 Amanda Baca, Tom Brorman, Mattie Coble, Minnie Collier, Eva Contreras, Geni Cornelius, Girl Cornelius, Rosa Caballero.
 Lorie Debnam, Inf. Boy Debnam, DeLynn Dickerson, Lizzie Edmonson, Urbano Esqueda, Vena Guseman.
 Alton Hollingsworth, Earl Lance, Daniel Larsen, Gloria McCracken, Glen Nelson, Hazel Nobles, Herman Oltman, J.M. Posey, Melanie Pratt, Inf. Girl Pratt.
 Madge Roberson, Shelley Schilling, Inf. Girl Schilling, Trace Taylor, Herschel Thurston, Fred Vaughn, Mary Villarreal, Linda Ward.

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Senior Citizens Opportunities

Promoting programs sponsored by Hereford Senior Citizens Association.

Activities scheduled this week (May 19-25) at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center include the following:
EVERY DAY - Quilting 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
THURSDAY - Noon meal 11:30 a.m., games 1-5 p.m.
FRIDAY - Physical fitness at 10:15 a.m., noon meal 11:30 a.m., games 1-5 p.m.
MONDAY - Noon meal 11:30 a.m., games 1-5 p.m.
TUESDAY - Noon meal 11:30 a.m., games 1-5 p.m., craft class 2-3 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:

MONDAY - Baked ham, broccoli with cheese sauce, carrot and raisin salad, roll-oleo, Simple Simon bar
TUESDAY - Beef brisket, pinto beans, fried okra, tomato aspic, cornbread-oleo, baked apple
WEDNESDAY - Chicken strips, rice pilaf, peas and onions, fruit salad, roll-oleo, tapioca pudding.

How did the mountains on the moon get their names? Johannes Hevelius, a German astronomer, mapped the moon's surface in the mid 1600s. His names for many of the geographic sites are still in use.

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New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Moreno are the parents of a daughter, Jennifer, born May 12. She weighed 7 lbs. 1/4 oz.
 Mr. and Mrs. Randall Dirk Debnam are the parents of a son, Brian Eugene, born May 13. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz.
 Mr. and Mrs. Quintin Mercer are the parents of a son, Dominique Mathew, born May 14. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz.
 Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Schilling are the parents of a daughter, Holly Michelle, born May 15. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 1/4 oz.
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Ward are the parents of a son, Justin Anthony, born May 16. He weighed 9 lbs. 10 3/4 oz.

Hi-Plains Rates

Hi-Plains Money Maker	Rates Effective thru May 24, 1983	8.80%
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		Substantial penalty for early withdrawal
Jumbo C.D. Account	Rate	9.35%
	Rates Effective thru May 22, 1983	\$100 minimum
	Yield	9.79%
		Substantial penalty for early withdrawal
		\$100,000 Minimum Rates Quoted Daily Call 364-3535

Local man to instruct cycling course at WTSU

Instruction in motorcycle riding and better biking safety will be offered through a non-credit continuing education course at West Texas State University beginning Tuesday, May 24.

Instructors are Richard Guynes of Hereford; Charles Laing; Jerry Burators, Department of Public Safety in Pampa; Sharon Jones of Borger; and Eural Ramsey, assistant professor of physical education.

The course is sponsored through the WTSU Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and information may be obtained by calling the Returning Student Program at WTSU.

The motorcycle rider course, developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation involves 20 hours of instruction including eight hours of classroom lecture and 12 hours of experience on the motorcycle.

Instruction includes all aspects of motorcycle riding from mounting the machine to controlling rear wheel skids and riding safely in traffic.

Classroom sessions are from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, May 24, 26 and 31 and June 2. Riding sessions are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday May 28, and June 4.

Classroom sessions will be in the driver education classroom in the basement of Old Main while range sessions will be conducted on the parking lot at Frank Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, north of Canyon on the Canyon Expressway.

Cost of the Motorcycle safety course is \$60. Motorcycles are provided by local dealers and participants should bring helmets to class. A limited number of loan helmets will be available.

The course in better biking involves a Saturday session from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a lunch break on June 11. Cost is \$35.

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Most Unusual

Janice (holding snake) and Diana Duncan, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Duncan, are wondering if their slithery friend, a common water snake, could be named "most unusual pet" at the Women's Division pet show, scheduled Saturday at the Bull Barn. Pets must be on a leash or in a cage and may be entered by persons of all ages. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the show will start at 10 a.m.

Annual pet show slated Saturday

Trophies will be awarded to the "Best of Show" and "Peoples' Choice" at the annual pet show sponsored by the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce on Saturday.

The event will be held at the Bull Barn beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m. The show is set to begin at 10 a.m.

Entry blanks are being distributed at local schools or they may be obtained on the day of the show at the Bull Barn.

People of all ages are invited to enter their pets.

First, second, third, and fourth place ribbons will be awarded for the pet with the biggest feet, shortest tail, longest tail, most unusual markings, most unusual pet, shaggiest, longest ears, largest pet, and smallest pet. Pets may be entered in any three of the above named categories.

Pets must be on a leash or in a cage.

Artists sought for residency program

The Texas Commission on the Arts announces the opportunity for experienced professional artists to be considered for participation in the Artists-in-Education program.

The program will begin August 1983. The Commission anticipates that artists will be needed to fill residencies in architecture and environmental arts, creative writing, dance, music, theatre, and visual arts. Residencies can range from one week to one year, and can be sponsored by schools and community organizations throughout the state.

Applicants will be screened by the Commission and the local sponsors based on the following criteria: artistic quality, professional experience, and proven ability to work successfully with young people, school personnel, and community members.

Upon completion of the screening process, a list of qualified artists will be provided to potential residency sponsors who must choose artists from this approved list. Being on the list, however, does not guarantee that an artist will be selected by a local

sponsor to participate. TCA's Artists-in-Education program, sponsored jointly by the Texas Commission on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts and local sponsors, is designed to provide direct experience with the arts for students, teachers, parents and participating community members.

Increasing the participant's ability to understand and appreciate the arts is a major program goal. Artists are scheduled for up to 20 hours of direct services per week including work with students and community members in workshops, lectures and demonstration, and with teachers through inservice training sessions.

AIE applications, along with supporting materials which include a resume, five references, and samples of recent work, must be submitted by June 1. Artists interested in requesting further information may call TCA at 512-475-6593 or toll free 1(800)252-9415, or write Education Program, Texas Commission on the Arts, P.O. Box 13406, Capitol Station, Austin, Tx. 78711.

Nursing home plans to reopen Thursday

GREENVILLE, Texas (AP) — Officials of the Greencrest Manor Nursing Home have agreed to several administrative and personnel changes and the facility will reopen Thursday, state health officials said.

Attorney General Jim Mattox ordered a 10-day shutdown of the nursing home on May 6 after an eight-day health department investigation into the quality of health care.

State Health Commissioner Robert Bernstein said Tuesday that officials of the home agreed to several changes, including the hiring of a new nursing director.

Additional in-service training of employees — one of the changes recommended by the state — began Tuesday, Bernstein said.

Seventy-four patients were moved when the facility was closed.

Ann Landers

Spouse's sister a problem



DEAR ANN LANDERS: I have been married for less than one year. I am 20. My husband is 23. The problem is his 13-year-old sister. She is my height, 5 feet, 3 inches, wears a size 8 in jeans and has the figure of an adult woman. In fact, you might say she is built.

When we go to my mother-in-law's house for dinner (at least twice a week), Loretta is either running around in a T-shirt (no bra) and cut-offs that are the skimpiest things I've ever seen, or a flimsy robe with nothing underneath. She hangs all over my husband, sits on his lap, puts on the stereo and

wants to dance close with him.

I have told my husband that Loretta's behavior makes me uncomfortable. He says I am foolish to give it a thought and that she is just "a kid." I reminded him that the "kid's" best friend is six months pregnant (no father in sight) and his sister runs with a pretty fast crowd.

Although he still thinks of her as a little sister, I am upset about the way she flirts with him. Am I being overly concerned?—Nervous Nellie In Newark

DEAL NELL: It is up to your husband to put an end to

his sister's seductive behavior. He should stop pooh-poohing your concern and talk with a counselor who will explain to him exactly what is going on. A 13-year-old who is "built" is more woman than child, and she should not be testing her "wow-power" on her older brother.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: This letter is from three sisters, from 25 to 35 years of age. We are single, have successful careers and are content with our lives. We aren't saying we don't ever want to be married, but none of us has had a serious relation-

ship. So the chances are it won't happen soon.

The problem is our mother. She is making herself sick over the fact that we are setting ourselves up to be old maids by putting our careers first. She says women who don't get married and have families will never know what true happiness is. "Success in the business world cannot possibly give you the satisfaction of a home and children," is the way she puts it.

We are certain the real reason for all the pressure is her rivalry with her sister, whose daughters married early and have already pro-

duced several grandchildren. Mother is so irked that her sister has surpassed her in the Granny Derby that she is hostile not only to us, but to the sister who has outdone her.

We want to have a pleasant relationship with Mom, but every conversation ends on the same note. Dinners at her house turn into debates. Please tell us how to deal with the problem.—Trio Of Disap-

pointments In Pa.

DEAR TRIO: The problem is your mother's. Don't let it become yours. You will not change her mind, nor will she change yours. Your best bet is to tell her that subject henceforth is strictly out of bounds. If she gets on it in spite of your admonition, remind her. No other way will you be able to maintain a civilized relationship.

Students initiated into honor society

The West Texas State University Alpha Chi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota national foreign language honor society recently initiated new members into the chapter, including several from Hereford.

Local initiates include Jessie Ann Davis, Maria Garcia, and Diana Salinas, seniors; and Margaret Valdez and Lupe Villarreal,

members of Phi Sigma Iota must have at least a 3.0 grade point average in language classes and be enrolled in third year courses.

Dora Nelia Gonzalez, chapter president of the national organization, conducted the initiation ceremony. William G. Welch, professor at WTSU, is the sponsor of Alpha Chi chapter.

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Country Squire plans special performances

In honor of Memorial Day, Amarillo's Country Squire Dinner Theatre is presenting two special performances of the hit comedy "Angel on My Shoulder" on Sunday, May 29.

Stars of the comedy are Patrick Wayne, Johnny Crawford, and Mary McDonough. All three are familiar favorites and well-known for their work in television and movies. Because of the huge success of "Angel on My Shoulder," the production is being held over at the Country Squire through the May 29 performances.

For these shows, special prices are being offered. Senior citizens may purchase tickets for the 2 p.m. matinee for \$5. Regular tickets will be \$7.50. For the evening perfor-

mance, which will include buffet dinner service beginning at 6:15 p.m. tickets will be \$12.50.

For reservations and further information, contact the Country Squire box office at 372-4441.

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Dinner Theatre Stars

From left, Johnny Crawford, Patrick Wayne, and Mary McDonough are currently starring in the hit comedy, "Angel on my Shoulder," at the Country Squire Dinner Theatre in

Amarillo. The production will be held over for two special performances on Sunday, May 29, in honor of Memorial Day.

Today In History

Today is Wednesday, May 18, the 138th day of 1983. There are 227 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On May 18, 1804, Napoleon Bonaparte was proclaimed emperor of France.

On this date: In 1860, the Republican Party convention in Chicago nominated Abraham Lincoln as its candidate for president.

In 1863, the Civil War siege of Vicksburg, Miss., began the Union drive to split the Confederacy.

In 1974, India set off its first atomic blast, becoming the world's sixth nuclear power.

And, in 1980, the biggest eruption in 123 years shook Mt. St. Helens in Washington state, causing the evacuation of people up to 30 miles away.

Ten years ago: Former solicitor Archibald Cox was appointed special Watergate prosecutor.

Five years ago: About 2,500 Europeans and Americans were trapped by a rebellion in the Katanga region of Zaire.

One year ago: Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev said his nation was ready for nuclear arms talks with the United States but added that the Reagan administration's plan for arms cuts would hurt the Soviets.

Today's birthdays: Singer Perry Como is 70. Author John Updike is 51. Baseball slugger Reggie Jackson is 37. Thought for today: "If we are not ashamed to think it, we should not be ashamed to say it." — Cicero, Roman scholar (106 B.C.-43 B.C.)

White hails company as 'Turning Point'

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Mark White says a new high technology research company's decision to locate in Austin is "a turning point for our state."

"Texas has the chance to assume a leadership role in United States technological research," White said. "I intend for us to seize the opportunity."

The governor said he received a phone call Tuesday morning from Bobby Ray Inman, head of Microelectronic and Computer Technology Corp., who told White simply: "You won." Competition among cities to lure MCC had been intense. Austin was chosen over San Diego, Atlanta and Raleigh, N.C.

Inman said, "Austin was selected after an intensive, exhaustive analysis of four finalist cities chosen from 57 entrants in 27 states. I cannot stress too strongly how close the competition was." White, who has said Texas needs to broaden its economy

into high technology, said, "Years from now we will look back and realize this was a turning point for our state, and the beginning of a new spirit for this nation's technological development."

MCC, a research effort backed by a dozen computer and semiconductor companies, will employ 300 to 400 people and operate on a budget of about \$100 million.

White announced last month that Austin had advanced to the final four city-candidates and said then that Texas cities need to push aggressively to attract such companies. He said Texas could no longer rely on its warm climate and pretty scenery.

White said the "private sector" in Austin had offered certain business incentives to MCC, and said other factors that drew the company here included "the educational support of the University of Texas and Texas A&M and the quality of life here."

President Reagan to take firm stand

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan has posted a pair of veto threats as evidence that he means to stand up for the people against the taxers and spenders in Congress. He hasn't said he's running for re-election, but it would fit as a campaign theme.

And like any careful politician, the president picks his spots. So he has started hoisting down an earlier veto vow, given the likelihood that Congress would override that one anyhow.

Reagan once said flatly that he would veto any bill repealing the law that requires the withholding of income taxes from interest and dividend income beginning July 1. The House voted Tuesday to do just that, by a margin of 382 to 41. The Senate earlier had adopted what passed for a compromise — guaranteeing that there would be no withholding before mid-1987, but tightening reporting requirements and penalties in an effort to reclaim some \$4 billion to \$5 billion in taxes that now go unpaid.

Both margins were far greater than the two-thirds required to override a veto. And when the question came up at his news conference Tuesday night, Reagan chose caution.

He wouldn't say whether the veto threat stands, "because I understand that there is some talk of a something or other of a compromise in it, and I'm going to wait and see what they come up with there on the Hill."

The compromise would not preserve the withholding requirement. It would tighten reporting requirements and penalties against taxpayers who cheat. But accepting it would avoid what probably is a no-win fight for the White House.

The withholding provision was part of the big tax bill Reagan accepted a year ago,

because of congressional insistence on action to cut the budget deficit. Deficits, expected to run in the \$200 billion range, are no less a problem in the current Senate stalemate over a new budget. And some of Reagan's fellow Republicans, among them Sen. Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico, chairman of the Budget Committee, are talking of tax increases bigger than Reagan wants.

In his own budget, the president recommended tax changes to raise \$2.3 billion in additional revenue in 1984, and \$4.4 billion in 1985. He has since agreed to increases that would raise a bit more, but not much more.

The House adopted a budget that would have required \$30 billion in new revenue, available only by scrapping the income tax cut that is due July 1. But the president won't stand for that, and it is not a realistic prospect.

The World Almanac



1. Who wrote "The Lower Depths"? (a) Maxim Gorky (b) Upton Sinclair (c) Jacques Cousteau
2. Which U.S. president had a stroke in the House of Representatives and died in the Speaker's Room? (a) Andrew Jackson (b) Ulysses S. Grant (c) John Quincy Adams
3. What sport awards the Lady Byng Trophy for sportsmanship? (a) yachting (b) tennis (c) hockey

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Red Raider Day Winners

This quartet, comprised of from left, Kelly Richardson, Don Martin, Craig Nieman and Jerry Richburg, fired a nifty 11-under-par 60

Tuesday to claim top honors in the Red Raider Day Golf Tournament at the John Pitman Course. A total of 18 four-member teams battled high winds and dust in the annual affair.

Red Raider Day golf event

Golfers battle gale-like winds

Battling gale-force winds which easily exceeded 40 miles an hour, the quartet of Kelly Robinson, Craig Nieman, Jerry Richburg and Don Martin carded a nifty 11-under-par 60 to claim top honors Tuesday in the annual Red Raider Day golf tournament at the John Pitman Course.

A total of 18 four-member teams competed in the one-day event, which featured a social hour and dinner at Hereford Country Club following the golf tourney.

Tech Athletic Director John Conley was a member of the second-place team, which carded a nifty eight-under 63. The other team members included Gene Coulter, Wayne Richardson and Larry Richardson.

The teams, which battled high winds throughout the afternoon, played a Florida Scrambles format.

Later in the evening, Tech head football coach Jerry Moore and assistant basketball coach Rob Evans talked about their respective teams, while Conley talked about the overall Tech program, and the Southwest Conference

in general.

"It's our goal to be competitive in every sport which we compete in," Conley said.

"And, I think we are making strides in that direction."

Tuesday's event is one of more than 35 which Tech coaches and officials participate in from May through early August.

Moore, talking about Tech's football prospects in 1983 said, "we have a pretty good chance to be better than we were a year ago."

"But, by the same token, I think a lot of the teams in the conference are going to be better than they were last season. So, it's kind of hard to say just how we'll do in relation to that."

"Our program is starting to take shape. We had around 150 kids participate in spring drills. So, we have the numbers to choose from."

"Our main goal is to try and attract the top athletes and players to Texas Tech."

Flying to Houston

Cribbs may sign with USFL

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Joe Cribbs, star running back of the Buffalo Bills of the National Football League, will fly to Houston today and may sign a contract to play with a new Houston team of the United States Football League starting in 1984, The Buffalo News reported.

Cribbs, who has one year left on his contract with the Bills, tried to renegotiate the contract after the 1981 season but couldn't come to an agreement with the team. He refused to report for training last season and missed the first two games but returned after the NFL strike ended and led the team in rushing with 633 yards on 134 carries.

Cribbs, according to the News, was satisfied with a four-year, \$2 million deal offered him by the Bills but didn't like the way the offer was structured and the time span over which the money would be paid.

"As of right now," Cribbs told the paper, "we don't have any offer. To take it the way the Bills are talking about us taking it is not right. Either the contract is going to have to be larger or structured the right way."

Cribbs, according to the

paper, said he would meet with Argovitz today "and that's all I'm going to say about it."

The News said, however, that it had learned that Cribbs had received an offer to play in 1984 for the Houston USFL team, which his own agent, Argovitz, will head.

The paper said Cribbs is to attend a Thursday news conference at which the award-

ding of the USFL franchise to the Argovitz group is to be announced.

The Birmingham Stallions of the USFL own the territorial rights to Cribbs, the newspaper said, but were expected to trade them to Houston.

L. Budd Thalman, vice president-public relations for the Bills, said, "As far as we're concerned the negotia-

tions with Joe Cribbs are right where they were. I thought we were at a point where we were near an agreement. To my knowledge, there has been no change."

Cribbs, who played his college ball at Auburn, rushed for 1,185 yards in his rookie year with the Bills in 1980. The following season he ran for 1,097 yards.

Islanders the best

By WILL GRIMSLEY AP Special Correspondent

They're the best sports team in the country — any sport you can name — and one of the best ever, but all of its members don't get teary-eyed when they stand at attention for the Star Spangled Banner.

They are only 1-10th Yankee. They are predominantly temporary transplants from Canada with four Swedes and a couple of Americans added for flavoring in their 20-man roster. It's proven to be an ideal mixture, forming a magic elixir that has carried them to four consecutive Stanley Cups.

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Basketball's Boston Celtics dominated the hardwoods in the late 1950s and 1960s, winning 10 of 11 NBA titles, eight in a row.

In major league baseball, the Oakland A's and Cincinnati Reds mounted mini-streaks in the 1970s.

But there have been no World Series dynasties since the Ruthian Yankees in the 1920s and the Mickey Mantle propelled pinstripers of the 1950s and 1960s. Green Bay, Miami, Dallas and Pittsburgh have had pro football flings but none prevailed over a four-year span.

Paraphrasing Shakespeare, upon what meat doth the Islanders feed that they have grown so great?

"Excellent balance. They can play anybody's game," insists one veteran follower of the Long Island club which started out as a struggling expansion franchise in the National Hockey League in 1972 — unorganized, unheralded

and unappreciated, floundering in debt.

"Togetherness," adds another longtime patron. "This is a team that started out with almost nothing and simply grew. It's in-bred. Most of the Islanders have been nothing but Islanders. You don't see many players who came to this club by trade."

There are two players on the roster who were on that original team. They are the brilliant goalie, Billy Smith, picked up from the Los Angeles Kings in the expansion draft, and Bobby Nystrom, Swedish-born right winger whose family moved to Canada when he was two.

Smith has been a virtual impenetrable barrier at the core of a swarming Islander defense. And it was he who held the Edmonton Oilers' great Wayne Gretzky without a goal through the four games of the Stanley Cup finals.

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Reihner retires

HOUSTON (AP) — George Reihner, an offensive lineman with the Houston Oilers and the team's No. 2 draft choice in 1977, has retired.

The National Football League club announced Reihner's retirement on Tuesday.

Reihner returned to the Oilers last season after retiring in 1981 to devote his time to a law career. He suffered several leg and back injuries during his NFL career.

While at Penn State, he started three seasons and was an All-America selection his senior year.

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SOC coach files suit

DALLAS (AP) — A federal lawsuit has been filed by the longtime coach of predominately black South Oak Cliff High School, who was fired from his job two months ago.

Norman Jett was dismissed as head football coach and athletic director on March 17 in a memo from Frederick Todd, the principal of Dallas South Oak Cliff since 1972, Home Sports Entertainment reported Tuesday.

Jett is white, Todd is black, and South Oak Cliff is almost entirely black. Jett has not coached a white player in more than a decade.

Jett coached at South Oak Cliff for 21 years, the past 13 as head football coach and athletic director.

Scoreboard

Standings

American League

EAST DIVISION			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Baltimore	21	13	.618
Boston	19	13	.594
Toronto	18	14	.563
Milwaukee	17	15	.531
Cleveland	17	17	.500
New York	17	17	.500
Detroit	14	18	.437

WEST DIVISION			
	W.	L.	Pct.
California	19	12	.611
Texas	18	13	.577
Oakland	14	18	.437
Kansas City	14	18	.437
Minnesota	15	21	.417
Chicago	13	19	.406
Seattle	12	25	.324

Tuesday's Games
 Baltimore 7-5, Chicago 2-0
 Boston 4, Kansas City 1
 New York 7, Detroit 4, 11 innings
 Milwaukee 6, Toronto 6
 Texas 6, Cleveland 5, 12 innings
 Oakland 7, Minnesota 6
 California 3, Seattle 1

Wednesday's Games
 Oakland (Kruener 4-3) at Minnesota (Viola 9-2)
 Toronto (Leal 3-3) at Milwaukee (Stout 4-1)
 Kansas City (Leonard 4-3) at Boston (Brown 3-2), (n)
 New York (Righetti 5-1) at Detroit (Rucker 1-8), (n)
 Chicago (Dotson 4-3) at Baltimore (Davis 2-4), (n)
 Cleveland (Sorensen 2-5) at Texas (Hough 3-3), (n)
 California (Zahn 2-2) at Seattle (Stadard 2-5), (n)

National League

EAST DIVISION			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	18	12	.600
St. Louis	18	12	.600
Montreal	16	15	.516
Pittsburgh	12	18	.400
Chicago	12	20	.375
New York	12	20	.375

WEST DIVISION			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	24	10	.706
Atlanta	22	12	.647
San Francisco	17	17	.500
Cincinnati	16	20	.444
San Diego	15	20	.429
Houston	16	22	.421

Tuesday's Games
 Chicago 4, Atlanta 3
 Montreal 3, Los Angeles 2, 15 innings
 New York 6, San Diego 4
 Philadelphia 2, San Francisco 1
 Cincinnati 2, Pittsburgh 1
 St. Louis 5, Houston 4

Wednesday's Games
 Houston (Scott 9-1) at St. Louis (Andujar 2-5)
 Atlanta (Behenna 3-1) at Chicago (Trout 2-5)
 Los Angeles (Hooton 1-2) at Montreal (Gullickson 3-4), (n)
 San Diego (Dravecky 6-1) at New York (Torres 1-5), (n)
 San Francisco (Krukow 1-2) at Philadelphia (Rathven 1-2), (n)
 Cincinnati (Bereny 3-3) at Pittsburgh (Rhoden 1-3), (n)

Texas League

EAST			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Shreveport	23	15	.606
Jackson	18	18	.500
Arkansas	15	21	.417
Tulsa	12	23	.343

Tuesday's Results
 San Antonio 6, Arkansas 3
 Beaumont 13, Tulsa 7
 El Paso 18, Jackson 4
 Shreveport 8, Midland 6

USFL standings

Atlantic			
	W.	L.	T.
Philadelphia	10	0	0
Boston	6	5	0
New Jersey	3	8	0
Washington	1	10	0

Saturday's Game
 Birmingham 28, Los Angeles 20

Sunday's Games
 Philadelphia 21, Chicago 24
 Tampa Bay 28, Arizona 14

Monday's Games
 Boston 17, Denver 9
 Michigan 21, New Jersey 24
 Oakland 24, Washington 27

Saturday, May 21
 Oakland at Tampa Bay, (n)
Sunday, May 22
 Boston at Washington
 Chicago at New Jersey
 Los Angeles at Denver
 Philadelphia at Arizona, (n)
Monday, May 23
 Birmingham at Michigan, (n)

Batting leaders

By The Associated Press NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING (55 at bats): Hendrick, St. Louis, .354; Flannery, San Diego, .351; Kessler, Pittsburgh, .345; Dawson, Montreal, .344; Evans, San Francisco, .333.
RUNS: Murphy, Atlanta, 36; Garvey, San Diego, 29; Evans, San Francisco, 27; Schmidt, Philadelphia, 27; LeMaster, San Francisco, 26.
RBI: Murphy, Atlanta, 33; Y. Kennedy, San Diego, 29; Bench, Cincinnati, 26; Hendrick, St. Louis, 26; Dawson, Montreal, 25.
HITS: Bonilla, San Diego, 46; Theo, Houston, 47; Cruz, Houston, 46; Bench, Cincinnati, 44; Dawson, Montreal, 44; Oester, Cincinnati, 44.
DOUBLES: J. Ray, Pittsburgh, 15; Dawson, Montreal, 11; Ashby, Houston, 10; Bench, Cincinnati, 10; Four are tied with nine.
TRIPLES: Moreno, Houston, 5; Dawson, Montreal, 4; Brooks, New

PHILADELPHIA (AP) —

Basketball Association championship round, he isn't selling the Bucks short. "They're not a team to say the season is over," said Cunningham, whose 76ers lead the Eastern Conference best-of-seven final 3-1. Milwaukee trailed 3-0 before winning Sunday. If the Bucks upset the 76ers tonight, they would go home with a chance to tie the series Friday and extend it to a seventh game here Sunday. Cunningham was a forward for the 76ers in 1968 and the coach of the team in 1981 when the 76ers failed to maintain 1-1 Eastern division leads, falling both times to the Boston Celtics. But this isn't the Celtics, someone reminded Cunningham.

76ers try for series clincher tonight

Coach Billy Cunningham knows what it's like to blow a 3-1 lead in an Eastern Conference playoff final. He's been part of such a scene twice, once as a player and later as a coach. So, while he expects his Philadelphia 76ers to beat the Milwaukee Bucks tonight and advance to the National

A victory would send the Sixers into the NBA championship round against the survivor of the Western Conference playoff between the Los Angeles Lakers and San Antonio Spurs. The Lakers lead 3-1 going into tonight's fifth game. "We're still on the ropes," said Milwaukee's Marques Johnson after the Bucks beat Philadelphia 100-94 at home Sunday. "But at least we know we can win."

The Bucks' Bob Lanier sort of echoed Johnson's sentiments. "To me they're (the 76ers) a better team, but they're beatable," said Lanier, who has the unenviable job of defending 6-foot-10 Moses Malone.

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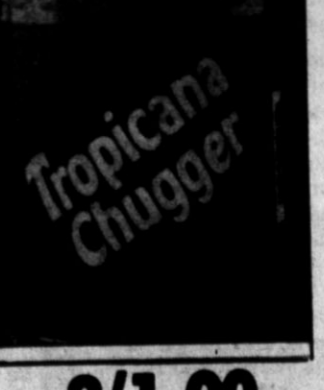
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Firm gives school district \$100,000

MAGNOLIA, Texas (AP) — A school district faced with cutting its music and athletic programs after a tax-rollback election is getting \$100,000 from an energy development company to help save the extracurricular activities.

Officials of the Magnolia Independent School District had planned to eliminate the activities after voters last month passed the tax limitation referendum.

The decision prompted about 30 high school students to walk out of classes and several parents to picket the school. The students were given suspensions ranging from three to six days.

On Tuesday, Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. offered a \$25,000 challenge grant and called on local residents and businesses to match. It also offered to pay \$75,000 on \$387,000 in taxes due January 1985.

Nick T. Bogner, president of the school district's board of trustees, said officials would probably decide to save the \$75,000 and spend the interest.

"This is for one year only," Bogner said. "Industry will help this year, but this can't be an annual thing. They're

willing to help us on this thing, but there aren't any free lunches.

That will leave the school district about \$105,000 short of being able to fund a \$200,000 budget for extracurricular activities which it passed at a Monday night meeting. The new budget drops the boys' baseball program and cuts an administrative position and eliminates five of 19 coaching positions.

Bogner said a legislative bill allowed taxpayers to petition for a tax rollback if a school district raised its tax rate by more than 8 percent in a school year.

"All that said to us was we were going to lose \$980,000," Bogner said. He said the district had a 13 percent growth in enrollment last year and a 22 percent increase in its budget.

Edward P. Lee Jr., president of The Woodlands Group, a division of Mitchell, said the donation is a one-time contribution.

"From the very beginning, we questioned the rollback movement because we were strongly concerned that it might damage the ability of the county to grow in a qualitative and intelligent manner," he said.



Spring Fever

Teachers will do anything to keep children learning. Mrs. Sue Curtis, first grade teacher at St. Anthony's Catholic School, stimulates her class by forming box reading circles out on the school lawn.

Sharecropper's son to build city for all

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — W. Wilson Goode, a sharecropper's son nominated by Democrats as their first black candidate for mayor, pledged today "to build a city for everyone" after turning back ex-Mayor Frank L. Rizzo's bid for a political comeback.

Goode will face Republican John Egan in November's general election in a city where Democrats outnumber Republicans by a 5-to-1 margin.

"No concessions," said a disappointed Rizzo, who insisted on getting a good night's sleep while awaiting the final figures today. Goode had been favored to defeat the tough-talking former policeman, who served two terms as mayor from 1972 to 1980 but was barred by law from seeking a third consecutive term.

Returns from 98 percent of the city's 1,794 precincts put Goode ahead by more than 42,000 votes — 312,219, or 53.2

percent, against 270,115, or 46 percent, for Rizzo. Four other candidates in Tuesday's Democratic mayoral primary shared 20,000 other votes.

Egan captured the GOP mayoral nomination with 38,920 votes, compared to former U.S. Rep. Charles Dougherty's 25,413 votes and former city controller Thomas Gola's 21,581.

"We are here to celebrate a great victory, not for ourselves but for every neighborhood in the city," Goode told his jubilant supporters early today.

"We are going to build a city for everyone, those who are black, those who are white, those who are Asian. We want to bring economic growth here, we want safe streets, and we want most of all for this city to move forward."

The Ukraine is the most densely populated of the Soviet republics.

Small business thinking big

NEW YORK (AP) — Small business is thinking big again.

After a recession that sapped confidence and caused thousands of failures, a record-high percentage of companies now expect better business conditions, the National Federation of Independent Business said today.

The federation's April survey revealed among other things a surge in plans to increase employment, an increase in plans to spend on plant and equipment and the likelihood of price stability well into the summer.

The findings, based on 2,176 of the federation's more than 500,000 members, showed a substantial increase in the number of companies willing to borrow at today's rates, and an increase also in plans to build inventories.

Professors William Dunkelberg of Purdue University and Johnathan Scott of Southern Methodist University, who analyzed the results, commented that "the order books, empty six months ago, are filling up."

The results appear to have significance for the economy in general rather than for just the small-business sector, said the professors, who maintain that their findings accurately forecast changes in real gross national product.

The January survey

predicted a first-quarter GNP increase that was close to the actual 3.1 percent gain. The April survey, said Dunkelberg, anticipates an even stronger growth for the second quarter.

Specific findings of the April survey include:

—Although interest rates remained relatively high in the first quarter — 13.5 percent on short-term loans — only 18 percent of all companies felt that financing problems are their main problem.

—Thirty percent of respondents plan to make capital outlays in the next 12 months, the highest second-quarter figure since 1979.

—Plans to increase employment rose to the highest level since 1979, with 21 percent of all companies planning to add workers during the April-June period.

—Only 185 of 2,176 respondents said they planned to raise prices in the second quarter.

Spelling theft

Before Noah Webster compiled his dictionary, he produced one of the most useful volumes ever printed in English, the Blue-Back Speller. Unscrupulous publishers pirated the Speller and reprinted it without payment or credit. This led Webster to devise the federal copyright law, which Congress enacted in 1790, to protect the rights of authors.



Happy Birthday

J.W. Israel of 111 Gracey celebrated his 95th birthday Monday. To help with the festivities, Eleanor Winkler of Hereford Senior Citizens brought Israel a birthday cake and extended good wishes from Hereford citizens.

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Senate approves bill to withhold wages

AUSTIN (AP) — Two proposals that would authorize the withholding of wages from an employee's paycheck to make child support payments have cleared the Senate.

A proposed constitutional amendment, which was approved 27-3, and a bill that would implement the amendment, approved 28-2, were returned to the House with several amendments Tuesday.

Sen. Ray Farabee, the sponsor, said Texas and South Carolina are the only states with constitutional prohibitions against garnishment of wages.

"Texas has one of the strictest records in the nation" in enforcing court-ordered child support payments, "and we hope to remedy that," said Farabee, D-Wichita Falls.

If the House accepts the Senate changes, the proposed constitutional amendment would go on a statewide ballot in November.

Sen. Oscar Mauzy, D-Dallas, said framers of the Texas Constitution of 1876 recognized "the need to protect the common man from skillful high-pressure manipulations of profiteering creditors" when they included a constitutional prohibition against wage garnishment.

"Bankruptcy rates have been shown closely related to wage garnishment," Mauzy said. He added that a former U.S. Secretary of Labor estimated that in 1967 approximately 200,000 jobs were lost due to the effects of garnishment.

"Garnishment is used chiefly against the poor and uneducated," he said. "Regardless of the promises made by legislators who may or may not determine future legislation, there is a real and understandable danger that allowing this first break in the constitutional prohibition against garnishment will open the door to which ever coalitions can nurse their own garnishment exceptions into law."

Farabee said he had been approached by a representative of Texas hospitals to be included in the proposal, but he refused the request.

The bill would restrict garnishment to one-third of an employee's net income.

The Legislative Budget Board estimated the pro-

posals would save the state nearly \$3.2 million the first full year they were in effect, with that savings going up each year.

Federal savings were estimated at nearly \$4 million a year, the board also said as much as \$2.5 million could be saved each year in welfare payments to dependent children.

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County crops looking good

By LeANNE HUGHES
Staff Writer

Wheat, milo, corn and cotton all have one thing in common, they are all planted in Deaf Smith County.

The crop situation in Hereford, looks good according to John Fuston, ASCS. "The weather has had little effect on the wheat crop, but cotton will be in trouble if not planted in a few days. Due to the PIK program there will be a 50 percent reduction in the number of acres harvested this year for most crops," Fuston said.

Wheat, one of the crops being planted, has the chance of making one of the best crops in Hereford in a while. There will be 140,000 acres of wheat harvested this year. Seventy of the 140 will be dry land wheat and the other 70 irrigated wheat. The dry land wheat could use some rain now, but will survive fine without it according to Fuston. Due to the weather Friday and Saturday there was some freeze damage. Harvesting the wheat will begin in late June.

Corn planting is running a little late compared to normal. Only about 30-40 percent has been planted; where as normally 70-80 percent would be planted by now. Most of the problem is due to cooler ground temperatures. The soil is 5-7 degrees cooler than normal.

As long as the corn is planted by June 1 everything will be fine, ASCS manager said. There will be about 25,000 acres harvested this year compared to 50,000 acres harvested last year.

Milo is in good shape, with 10-20 percent planted. Seventy thousand acres will be harvested compared to 150,000 acres last year.

Cotton is the crop in some trouble, Fuston said. Normally all the cotton should be planted by now, but only 30 percent has been planted. The reason most of the cotton has not been planted is due to the soil temperatures being too cold. If there is a mild fall, with warm temperatures the crop should be fine. There should be about 12,000 acres harvested.

For cotton, corn, sorghum

Workshop set in Plainview

HEREFORD — Cotton, corn and sorghum producers in Deaf Smith County are again receiving a special invitation to take part in the annual High Plains Scout Training Workshop to increase the effectiveness of their pest management programs.

The workshop will be held May 31 - June 1 at the Hale County Agricultural Center in Plainview. Justin T. McBride, County Extension agent, said. The center is on U.S. 87 Business Route south of the city.

The workshop, conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, was first held in 1978 to train scouts in the pest management programs conducted by Extension, part of the Texas A&M University System.

In subsequent years, it has expanded to include scouts employed by consultants, aerial applicators and others, as well as producers who want to learn how to scout their own fields for insects.

The workshop focuses on perfecting skills in identifying crop pests and making timely pest management decisions which can protect investments and yield, and hold down production costs, McBride said.

The May 31 session opens at 8:45 a.m. with Dr. James Leser, Extension entomologist, outlining the scope of the workshop and explaining pest management concepts. Also on the morning program are Dr. Dale Pennington, extension soil chemist, and Dr. James Supak, extension cotton agronomist.

The afternoon program will include Drs. Frank Petr and Kirby Huffman, Extension agronomists; Dr. Pat Morrison, Extension entomologist, and Greg Cronholm, Extension agent-entomology.

The June 1 session, beginning at 9 a.m. will focus on scouting procedures. Leading the sessions will be three



Analysts say export situation worsening

By DON KENDALL AP
Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Analysts say the U.S. farm export situation continues to worsen, both in terms of value and quantities actually shipped.

The Agriculture Department reported Tuesday that the value of commodity shipments is expected to slip to \$35.5 billion this fiscal year, down \$1 billion from the forecast a month ago and \$3.6 billion below 1981-82.

Prices of commodities overall are down 3 to 4 percent from last year, and the actual volume of shipments is expected to drop 6 percent, officials said.

The report followed an an-

nouncement by the Reagan administration that the Soviet Union has agreed to begin negotiations on a new long-term grain agreement.

Government leaders and some farm spokesmen expressed optimism that a new grain pact would help boost long-term exports and help strengthen prices received by American producers.

Exports have been a mainstay of the agricultural economy for many years. Their value increased for 12 consecutive years, rising to a record \$43.8 billion in 1980-81 before declining to \$39.1 billion in 1981-82 and the projected \$35.5 billion in the current year which will end on Sept. 30.

Department experts blame large world crop supplies, a depressed global economy, a strong U.S. dollar and competition from major exporters for the declines.

According to the latest analysis, total export volume now is forecast at 149 million metric tons, down from 153 million indicated in April. Last year, the volume was 158.1 million tons.

A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds and, for example, is equal to 36.7 bushels of wheat or soybeans, or 39.4 bushels of corn.

The volume of wheat and flour exports this fiscal year is forecast at 39.5 million tons, down about 13 percent from 1981-82 — mainly because of smaller shipments to the Soviet Union and China, the report said.

Exports of coarse grains, including corn and sorghum, will be around 55.7 million tons, down about 4 percent from last season, it said. Smaller barley and sorghum shipments will account for most of the decline, while corn exports are expected to be about the same as last year.

"Strong U.S. corn shipments to East Asia and Mexico — aided by smaller export supplies in South Africa and Argentina — will likely help the outlook for the second half of the year," the report said.

Rice exports are expected to decline by about a fourth to 2.2 million metric tons this year.

Grain and feed items are expected to make up \$15.6 billion of this year's export total value of \$35.5 billion, down from \$17.6 billion in 1981-82.

Oilseeds and their products, including soybeans, were forecast at \$9.1 billion, down from \$9.73 billion last year. Livestock and livestock products were put at \$3 billion, down from \$3.16 billion last year.

Cotton exports were indicated at \$1.8 billion, down from \$2.16 billion in 1981-82. Tobacco was forecast at \$1.5 billion, up slightly from an export value of \$1.49 billion last year.

county extension agents for entomology. They are Cronholm, of Plainview, Allen E. Knutson of Dimmitt, and Dale Spurgeon of Crosbyton.

That afternoon, participants will receive practical training on insect identification and scouting procedures during a field session.

AZL now AZTX, acquired 3 yards

AZTX Cattle Co. is the new name for AZL Cattle Co., says Robert D. Josseland of Hereford, president of the cattle feeding operation headquartered in Amarillo.

Josseland said the name change is a result of the existing management having purchased the company from AZL Resources, Inc. of Phoenix, Ariz. AZTX had been the cattle feeding division of AZL Resources.

With the purchase, Josseland said AZTX acquired three custom feedyards with a combined pen capacity of 122,000 head. The AZTX feedyards in-

clude Hereford Feed Yards Co. of Hereford, with pen capacity of 50,000 head; Farwell Feed Yards of Farwell, with pen capacity of 12,000; and Hughes & Ganz Cattle Co., Inc., of Queen Creek, Ariz., near Phoenix, with pen capacity of 60,000 head.

Besides Josseland, other AZTX shareholders include Milton C. Rudder of Amarillo, vice president; Scott M. Spangler of Phoenix, president of AZL Resources; Marion Baugh Jr. of Brownwood, a cattleman and investor; and Ed Longcope of San Marcos, also a cattleman and investor.

NAWG approves Soviet decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — A wheat producer organization says the decision by the Soviet Union to accept a U.S. invitation to negotiate a new long-term grain agreement could be a major step in international trade for American farmers.

Don Loeslie, president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, made his remarks in a statement Tuesday following the administration's disclosure that Moscow had agreed to negotiate a new grain pact. The current one, extended twice for a year at a time, runs out on Sept. 30.

"We've been seeking these negotiations since the spring of 1981," Loeslie said. "We're finally on the path toward im-

proving trade with the world's largest grain market."

Loeslie urged administration negotiators to concentrate on "laying a foundation for sustained trade" with the Soviet Union.

"Embargoes and de facto embargoes have forced the Soviets to buy from our competitors," he said. "A new grain agreement will give us the chance to rebuild our trade with the Soviets and hopefully gain a substantial boost in our sales."

Loeslie said that the Soviet Union will buy about seven million metric tons of U.S. wheat and corn this season — and 27 million tons from competing export nations.

SIPCO profits down

CHICAGO — Low hog supplies and poor cattle feeding conditions held second quarter profits of Swift Independent Corporation below year earlier results, it was reported today by John A. Copeland, president and chief executive officer.

"Given the environment for the fresh meats business during the period, we are pleased with the performance of the company," Mr. Copeland

said. Net income in the quarter, ended April 30, was \$4,375,000, equal to 88 cents a share, compared with \$4,551,000, or 91 cents a share in the second quarter of fiscal 1982.

Second quarter revenues were \$626,053,000 compared with \$600,024,000 a year ago.

Net income through the first six months of 1983 totaled \$10,927,000, equal to \$2.19 a

share, compared with \$15,073,000 or \$3.02 a share, in the similar year ago period. Revenues through the first two quarters of fiscal 1983 were \$1,239,657,000, compared with \$1,202,641,000 a year ago.

He said the proposed acquisition of three Armour and Company pork plants is proceeding on schedule, and should be consummated by August.

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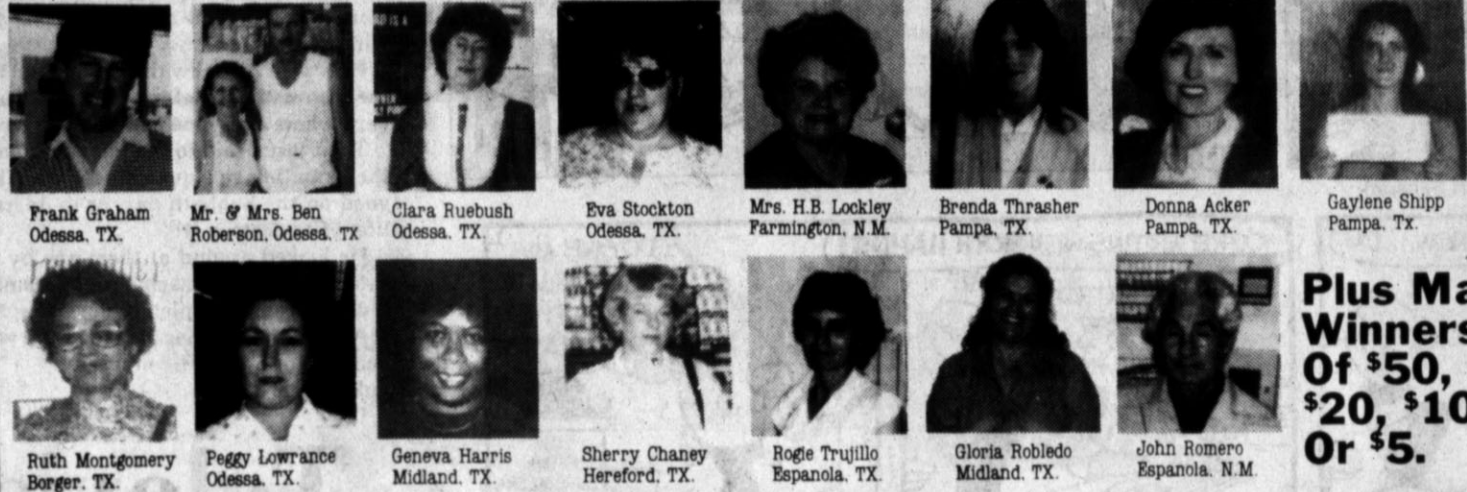
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State Capital Highlights

Legislators knew about cuts

By Lyndell Williams

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AUSTIN—For two years Texas legislators have known that cuts in federal funds would hamper state government budgeting and last week lawmakers learned the latest report indicates federal aid here fell by more than \$420 million in 1982.

The decline was 50 percent greater than the average loss to all states under the Reagan Administration's cut-backs.

Also last week, legislators discovered that the fragile \$30 billion proposed budget now in conference committee may still have to be trimmed by some \$220 million.

Lawmakers expect to free up the needed revenues by reducing the state's contributions to the Teachers Retirement System from the present 8.5 percent to 7.1 percent of teacher salary.

Higher Taxes?

The scrappy budget yet to be finalized still has some lawmakers, and particularly Gov. Mark White, pushing for a major tax hike, especially to increase teacher salaries.

White has lobbied House Speaker Gib Lewis in several private meetings to relent on

his decision to halt all tax hike bills in the House. Across the rotunda, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who predicted a hike was needed months ago, has remained publicly silent, perhaps waiting for Lewis to act.

Since by law all tax bills must originate in the House Ways and Means Committee, Lewis' stance is all-important in the tax debate. Forecasters see no tax bill coming out this session.

White v. Bullock

Meanwhile, Comptroller Bob Bullock continued snapping at White's heels last week, criticizing the governor for failing "to put his name" on any tax proposal and failing in leadership.

Bullock, who announced he would run against White in '86 before White even took office in January, would love to see White come out solid for higher taxes. Bullock would use the issue against him on the campaign trail and White, who well

knows the trap Bullock is goading him into, has already made several public statements which make him appear unsure of his course. Some wise heads predict White will wait until a special session to raise taxes.

Veto, Gasohol

White is also losing on another of his pet issues: making the Public Utility Commissioners elected instead of appointed. He has gone as far as threatening to veto the bill unless the election clause is included, but lawmakers don't seem to be giving in. In his search to find allies, he has also threatened to veto the Railroad Commission sunset bill.

Other action in the White-Bullock saga includes:

—White authorized Texas to repay \$50 million in federal loans used for state unemployment benefits. The state, on former Gov. Bill Clements' initiative, borrowed \$452 million when high unemployment drained the Texas fund.

—Bullock supported a bill to repeal the tax break on gasohol, saying state government could gain \$1.5 million if the tax were reinstated. Bullock immediately drew good-natured but determined fire from Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, who said Bullock "was more fun than a summer picnic", but wrong. Bullock, however, was backed up by Hobby and, apparently, Lewis.

The Water Plan

The eight-bill Texas Water Plan package was tabled in its entirety last week by Midland Republican Tom Craddick, who objects to the plan to protect river flow into coastal bays. The package won't come out of his House

committee until it's amended, he explained.

Land Commissioner Garry Mauro said he will oppose any amended package that doesn't include the bays and

The Senate

Measures passed by the Senate last week included:

—A five dollar fee on court costs in divorce cases.

—A five dollar saltwater sportfishing stamp fee to pay for coastal fishing law enforcement.

—Increase penalties for catching redfish and speckled trout.

—A bill requiring that topless bars and other sexually oriented businesses be maintained at least 1,000 feet from churches and schools.

—A bill to implement the federal brucellosis program and avoid a quarantine of Texas cattle.

—A five percent hike in mandatory liability auto liability auto insurance next year.

The House

Measures approved by the House included:

—A bill making it against the law for JPs to refuse to perform interracial marriages on the basis of race alone.

—Allowing schools to hire non-certified teachers for science and math classes.

—Requiring counties to help pay for emergency medical care of poor Texans. Rural lawmakers opposed strongly, arguing that rural tax dollars shouldn't be used to bail out urban hospitals.

Year brings changes for ERA's activists who fasted 37 days

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)

—A year ago today, seven women began a fast to inspire ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. They failed, but say the experience deepened their commitment to feminism and believe women will be a potent force in the 1984 elections.

On May 18, 1982, the woman began a diet of water and prayer in a protest that one participant, Dina Bachelor, called "a statement of women's deprivation and hunger for justice."

She broke the fast 37 days later, after losing a total of 230 pounds—an average of 33 pounds each. The 10-year drive to ratify the amendment, which would ban discrimination on the basis of sex, ended a week later. Only 35 of the necessary 38 states

ratified the amendment by the June 30 deadline.

A new ERA proposal is before Congress. When it will be considered is uncertain.

The fasters' leader, Sonia Johnson of Sterling, Va., a Mormon excommunicated for her feminist views, ran for president of the National Organization for Women last fall and lost. Now she lectures at universities, is outlining a book and "organizing women into think tanks" for the 1984 national elections.

Shirley Wallace, still a Mormon, left her husband and entered the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley, where her youngest of four children is a student. She hopes to become a lawyer.

Sister Maureen Fiedler, a Roman Catholic nun from

Washington, D.C., switched religious orders, toured much of the nation and spent February in Nicaragua learning how "peasants overwhelmingly support the Sandinista government" that President Reagan denounces. She now lobbies Congress to bar U.S. support for anti-government guerrillas in the Central American nation.

Mary Barnes of Raleigh, N.C., another Mormon, is raising two small children while working toward a bachelor's degree in accounting, and is active in women's groups.

Mary Ann Beall, a Quaker, is home in Falls Church, Va., with her husband and two daughters, has written a book of poems on experiences in the fast and is active in feminist circles.

Ms. Bachelor, who said her Los Angeles women's apparel shop failed during the fast, quit political activism. She runs a program for the Director's Guild of America and began "spirituality workshops" to teach people how to use "their creative energy within."

Ms. Bachelor said the fast soured her on political activism.

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House action sends issue back to Senate

WASHINGTON (AP). — A lopsided House vote to repeal withholding of taxes from interest and dividends throws the issue back to the Senate. President Reagan, however, appears to be backing away from threats to veto the repeal legislation.

The House vote Tuesday to kill withholding makes it all but certain that 10 percent withholding will not go into effect as scheduled on July 1. The Senate is likely to delay until next week a decision over whether to follow the House and vote for repeal or to save face for the president by substituting some new measures aimed at catching tax cheats.

By a veto-proof margin of 382-41, the House turned down appeals from Reagan and Democratic leaders and voted to kill the 1982 law. The Senate last month voted 91-5 to leave the law on the books but prevent its use. Senators now have another chance to consider outright repeal.

Reagan and other backers of withholding have accused the banking industry of using deceptive advertising that scared many people — especially the elderly — into believing withholding was a new tax and that it would loot their savings.

However, Reagan refrained from using any harsh rhetoric on the issue Tuesday night during a nationally broadcast news conference and he declined to repeat the veto threats he has made in the past.

"I'm going to wait and see what they come up with on the (Capitol Hill)," the president said.

The Treasury Department estimates repeal will worsen the record federal deficit by \$13.4 billion through 1988.

The Internal Revenue Service estimated last year that as much as \$25 billion interest and dividends illegally escapes taxation each year, costing the government \$8 billion. IRS says as many as 20 million couples and individuals fail to report some or all such income.

On the basis of those estimates, Congress last year included 10 percent withholding in a tax bill aimed at cutting the federal deficit \$100.4 billion over three years. The provision was approved by a narrow margin in the Senate, and the House did not vote separately on withholding.

In rejecting withholding last month, the Senate agreed to prevent its use unless Congress endorses it anew in 1987. At the same time, senators added several measures — opposed by the Treasury as unworkable — to tighten tax compliance on interest and dividends.

A new "compromise" being developed by Republicans would repeal withholding outright. But it would bring in some revenue by allowing 20 percent withholding on about 3.5 million people who are identified as tax cheats or don't even file a return.

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Senator Bill Sarpalius



Reports



RAILROAD COMMISSION

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission is one of the state's oldest and most powerful regulatory agencies. The Commission, which consists of three elected officials, is responsible for regulating the oil and gas industry, the trucking industry and more. The Commission, which was created in 1891, was scheduled to go out of existence this fall, unless the Texas Legislature voted to re-create it.

The State Senate has voted to re-create the Commission and in doing so, made some far-reaching changes which will benefit the people of Texas. The changes approved in the Railroad Commission include limited regulation of agricultural trucking, new laws defining Commission authority over natural gas rates, and legislation dealing with the problem of underground water pollution.

Although the changes made in the area of agricultural trucking were not as strong as we hoped, we believe the changes made will help provide much needed relief for the shippers, producers and consumers of Texas. Under the legislation approved by the Senate, truck transportation used by a farmer or rancher to ship his crops or livestock to market anywhere in the state, would no longer come under economic regulation by the Railroad Commission of Texas. However, once a farmer, rancher or cooperative relinquishes ownership of the produce or livestock, trucks carrying such goods must be certified and regulated by the Commission. The change in the law came in an effort to help reduce actual farm and ranch costs. We feel

this deregulation will provide healthier competition which will help drive down the price for shippers, producers and consumers. Another provision of the Commission calls for the creation of a separate gas utility regulatory act. The act would cover rate setting and regulation of intrastate gas utilities in Texas. Cities would still retain their original jurisdiction in setting gas rates, but would have to use uniform state standards under the new law. All appeals would be handled by the Railroad Commission.

Another significant change provides for the creation of the office of the Public Utility Counsel. This provision will enable a city to request the participation of the Office of Public Counsel in representing its residential consumers before the Railroad Commission and during any subsequent judicial proceeding.

Although natural gas used for agricultural purposes will remain unregulated under the Railroad Commission, we feel the introduction of a bill calling for its regulation did help the farmers in district 31 who have been faced with escalating gas prices. For example, shortly after we introduced a bill calling for natural gas regulation for agricultural purposes, some farmers in the Panhandle reported isolated cases of gas rate reductions.

There have also been measures taken to address the problems of underground salt water pollution. We feel the concerns associated with underground water pollution have reached the appropriate people and we can look for necessary changes in the near future. We coauthored

a bill that addresses the problems of underground water pollution. We feel that recognition of the problem by the Railroad Commission will lead to positive action in controlling salt water pollution which has been a problem in some areas of the state including West Texas.

The changes in the Railroad Commission were made to benefit the public. As a member of the Sunset Advisory Commission, I was able to see firsthand, the changes that needed to be made. We feel that the Railroad Commission must

keep its ears open to the people of Texas. I urge you to contact the Commission if you have any concerns that need the attention of the Railroad Commission. The Commission was established to protect your interests. If you have any questions or comments concerning the changes in the Railroad Commission, please write to Senator Bill Sarpalius, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas 78711.

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