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Large crowd speaks against tax increase

By JOHN BROOKS
Managing Editor

A crowd of just over 100 persons jammed the 222nd District courtroom on Monday evening to voice their opinion on Deaf Smith County's proposed 7.999 percent tax increase for the 1989-90 fiscal year.

County commissioners are required to hold a public hearing for any tax increase over three percent.

After hearing from the public for almost 90 minutes, the commissioners did not make a final decision on the tax increase. That decision will likely come on July 10, at the next commissioners' court meeting.

Not all of the persons attending the meeting addressed the commissioners, who sat at the tables normally reserved for lawyers, plaintiffs and defendants in the courtroom. Most of those who did speak at the meeting protested the proposed five percent pay increase for county employees and elected officials.

"It's fine and dandy that the county can give pay raises and raise taxes, but where are we going to get the money to pay those taxes," asked Burke Inman. "I haven't had a raise in five years ... The trucker is not making no money. Personally, I can't pay this. Do you think we can just reach into a hat to pay this?"

"It's fine to say no raise in three years, but justify it."

Later in the hearing, Inman asked that the county "get back to productivity."

"I'm not patting myself on the back, but I don't think any of them work as hard as Burke Inman, not any of them I have seen. I know I've seen a lot of loafing going on," Inman said.

"A lot of businesses have seen a decline in income," said Boyd Foster. "It's tough for them to pay higher taxes." Foster asked if the commissioners had explored all avenues on insurance plans.

Foster then compared salaries of Deaf Smith county elected officials with those of some surrounding counties, using Castro County (Castro County adjoins Deaf Smith County to the south of Hereford) salaries for most of his examples.

"It appears that all elected officials in Deaf Smith County are going to make \$5,000, \$10,000, \$11,000 more than Castro County officials," Foster said.

County Judge Tom Simons later pointed out that he has a significantly higher caseload in his court than does Castro County Judge Polly Simpson, and said that many other offices in Deaf Smith County have a significantly higher workload than does Castro County.

Foster also compared Deaf Smith county commissioners' salaries with those of Randall County.

"Randall County has a full-time road engineer. That's one of the differences," said Precinct 1 Commissioner John Stribling. "A big part of our time is spent out on the roads. In Randall County they don't have to deal with this."

"I think the county should cut services until we meet resistance," said Davis Ford. "Then, we could work something out in the middle. There's something wrong with the present structure."

"Where would you suggest we cut?" asked Judge Simons.

"Only being back here for 2 1/2 years it's hard to say, but I don't think we are using our dollars very efficiently."

Ron Crist said the commissioners were "doing a good job and I know you have wrestled pretty hard with this. I think you have spent so much time with this that you haven't really gotten the feeling of the people. I think you're getting it here tonight."

"I don't know which is costing a lot and which is not, but I think you should come off (the tax increase) a certain percentage."

"It comes down to the point where you increase taxes or you cut services, and maybe we have come to the place where we cut services. We're serving way too many people anyway."

"We need to get off our hind ends and increase our tax base," said Larry Malamen. "There has been a lack of commitment to help this community. We need to quit looking behind us and look at what is coming in the next 3, 5, 7, 10, 15 and 20 years."

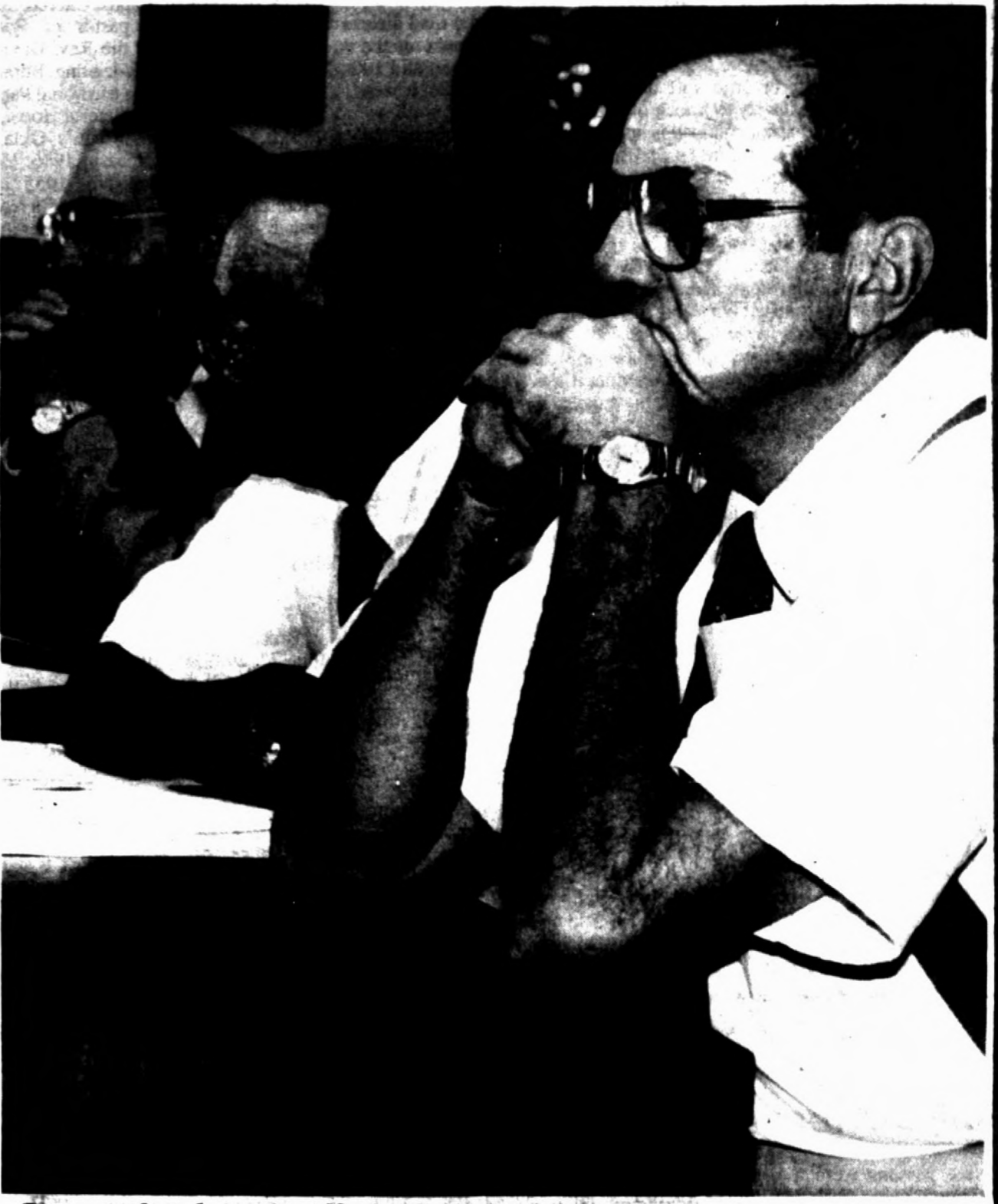
At the conclusion of the hearing, Simons made an impassioned plea for the county's case.

"Our legislators came back from Austin and told you they didn't raise taxes," Simons said. "But they raised taxes because the state is not doing what the state was doing 10 years ago or five years ago."

"The jail system is not the only place where the state has shirked its responsibilities. They have also cut social services. You need to look at who we assist and why we assist them."

"We are certainly willing to try to cut the budget. We didn't just come in here and decide to raise everybody's taxes. We do appreciate y'all's frustrations. We do all have the same interests at heart."

"I'll do what I can and we'll do what we can."



Commissioners listen at tax hearing
County commissioners Johnny Latham, Austin Rose and John Stribling listen as a point is made against the county's proposed 7.999 percent tax increase during a public hearing on Monday at the courthouse in Hereford.

Hereford Bull



By Speedy Nieman

That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says never underestimate your own ability; others will do it for you.

Elderly patient to doctor: "It took \$2,000 worth of tests to tell you I'm not getting any younger?"

The next C of C Fun Breakfast was tentatively scheduled this week but has been postponed. Watch for the new date!

The public hearing on a proposed county tax increase was well attended Monday evening and served as a good example of democracy at work. Besides expressing opposition to a 7.999 percent rate hike, many complained of increased valuations on their property. Businesses are experiencing a slow-down in the economy, while the county's tax base is not increasing to provide additional funds.

County commissioners have a tough decision to make, since they believe they've made all the cuts they can in the budget. Commissioners need citizen input and they need some constructive suggestions. It will be interesting to see what happens with the proposed tax hike.

The Texas Press Association stresses family participation at its summer conventions, so it was no surprise that this year's gathering was at Arlington--headquartered in a hotel that was next door to Six Flags Over Texas and Arlington Stadium.

It had been about 20 years since Lavin and I were at Six Flags, and there have been major changes--not so much in the amusement park as with us! We took our grandson along to help him celebrate his fifth birthday and, as you might suspect, he kept us going at full tilt.

Except for getting soaking wet in the Raging Rapids, the rides were not as wild as we feared. Of

course, Ross didn't choose to get on Flashback, the roller coaster that does a complete loop, so the worse part for Paw-Paw was all the walking. After a full day at Six Flags, it was relaxing the next day to watch the Texas Rangers beat the Cleveland Indians.

We also made a trip through the International Wildlife Park, feeding the animals from the safety of the car and taking a ride on an elephant. The park was in bad shape, following a flash flood earlier this month, but the cleanup was well underway.

We had great fun at the convention and I think I'll be able to recuperate in about a week!

There was some business conducted at the convention, and the speakers included George Bush, son of the president and one of the new owners of the Rangers; and Mike Cochran, veteran AP reporter and author. One panel on Southwest Conference athletics included Coach Jim Wacker of TCU, two sports reporters, and Kevin Lennon, assistant commissioner for the SWC. There were several informative programs on newspaper issues, including one on political advertising.

One program highlighted the problem of illiteracy with a recent poll showing that 33 percent of adult Texans are functionally illiterate. Of the 10 million Texans over the age of 18, one in three lacks the reading, speaking, writing and computational skills necessary for everyday life situations.

In human terms, those 3.3 million citizens may never have a chance to develop their full potential or to achieve life goals, says Literacy Volunteers of America. There is no single reason for the problem--the answers cover the waterfront and include dropouts, learning disabilities, physical disabilities, ineffective teachers, parents who can't read and pass the problem along to their children, and

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County tentatively adopts budget

By SAM WALLER
Staff Writer

The Deaf Smith County Commissioners on Monday tentatively adopted the proposed budget for fiscal 1990 by a unanimous vote at their regular session.

The budget passed with little problem when no one from the audience offered any discussion on the matter. County Judge Tom Simons said most of the increase in the budget was targeted for the county jail to comply with state mandates and included a \$288,000 payment (10 percent of the total budget) on the facility.

Also included in the budget was a five percent pay raise for county employees, the first pay raise in three years.

The budget has not yet had its final adoption. That will not come until after the county sets its tax rate

Grand jury hands down indictments

A Deaf Smith County grand jury has returned indictments against 19 persons in its regular June session.

The indictments included two counts of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance against Alfonso Magdaleno Hernandez (also known as Joseph Eloy Chavez) in connection with a recent drug bust here. One of the counts was for possession of heroin, the other for possession of cocaine.

Other indictments included two counts of felony driving while intoxicated against Pablo Hernandez; a felony driving while intoxicated charge against Eska Lee Rogers; burglary of a building charges against Lupe Martinez; theft over \$750 and under \$20,000 against Josefina Claudio; aggravated sexual assault of a child against Juvenino "Tino" Hernandez Jr.; and retailation charges against Rene Medeles.

Names of 11 other persons indicted by the grand jury have not yet been released pending the arrest of those persons.

for the coming fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1. Commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed 7.999 percent tax increase, but will not make a final decision on the tax rate until its July 10 meeting.

Commissioners also discussed the upcoming Noxious Weed District election and a proposed road in Precinct 1.

Polling places for the weed district election, which is scheduled for August 5, must be outside the city limits of Hereford, according to County Clerk David Ruland, since the city is not included in the proposed district. Also, residents of the city will not be permitted to vote in the election, regardless of whether they own land in the county.

Polling places designated for the election were the Little Bull Barn for Precinct 1, the county barn in Precinct 2, the Walcott School in Precinct 3 and the Ford School in Precinct 4. Simons said that passage of the program would add about another \$100,000 yearly expense to the county.

Discussion of the proposed county road in Precinct 1 focused on results of a survey and which landowners would be most affected.

The road would run south from Austin Road at a point four miles east of Progressive Road for six-tenths of a mile to an existing county dirt road running east-west.

The road would provide access to owners of tracts cut off from Austin Road and dirt roads marking the section lines.

The route proposed by Ken Hagar, who conducted the survey, would require 4,054 acres of land with most of the right-of-way coming from land owned by Pete Ortiz and Luis Lopez. The remainder of the route runs through plots owned by David Campos, Francisco Rodriguez and John Birkenfeld. The right-of-way would run adjacent to property owned by Jim Huckert, Fritz Smith, Epifanio Lucero and Bobby Brown, providing access to but not using any land from those plots.

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Mattox, Auckerman want WIPP delayed

ODESSA (AP) - Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox says he may block the opening of a controversial radioactive waste disposal site in southeastern New Mexico because it could damage West Texas' limited water supply.

Mattox and Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower criticized the project during a hearing Monday, one several being held across the United States in which citizens were to comment about WIPP, where the government plans to store plutonium-contaminated, defense-related waste in a salt formation 2,150 feet underground.

The attorney general said the U.S. Energy Department is rushing too quickly to open the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, N.M., and should wait until the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency develops new groundwater standards.

Mattox threatened to block the plant's opening with a lawsuit if the department doesn't respond to groundwater concerns.

"The public lacks confidence in this project and with good reason," Mattox said. "The DOE (Department of Energy) is not ready to open the facility at this time."

Mattox echoed the concern of others who have commented during other public hearings in the last couple of weeks that leakage from the site could seep into groundwater and end up in the Pecos River, which he described as "a precious resource in this very arid part of the state."

Hightower called development of the pilot plant a "sham process" that reeked of "bad science, bad public policy, bad democratic participation and bad judgment."

Commissioners agreed to build and maintain the road if the landowners can work out other matters concerning the land needed for the route. Simons authorized County Tax Assessor-Collector Margaret Perez to organize a meeting of the landowners to discuss the matter with Precinct 1 Commissioner John Stribling to attend.

In other business, the Commissioners heard a presentation by Gary Stephens of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company on the Texas First plan which has been submitted to the Texas Public Utilities Commission.

Stephens said the program will allow Bell to do away with four-party lines and mileage charges for rural customers within five years as well as reducing billing rates and making available services such as call forwarding to these customers.

After Stephens' presentation, the Commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the Texas First plan and calling for its consideration by the PUC.

that probably would be before the EPA's new groundwater standards are adopted.

Hereford resident Georgia Auckerman, a member of a group opposing the project, agreed that the department should wait until the EPA standards are issued.

"There's no rush to put in that waste," she said. "Why move it to someplace that isn't ready?"

James E. Bickel, assistant manager of DOE's projects and energy programs, said the EPA regulations will be out a long time before initial testing of WIPP is complete.

"We need to get that data before we can conform to EPA standards," he said. "And we want to get started." "We've dotted every 'I' and crossed every 'T,'" Bickel said.

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Babbling Brooks Obituaries

By JOHN BROOKS

IF we had HSE, we could be enjoying a new sport, turkey bowling, which last week starred George W. Bush, the son of George H., who just happens to be your president.

Turkey bowling is not a new sport. In fact, it's probably been around since the supermarket replaced the grocery store, maybe longer.

On Norm Hitzges' Tailgate Party, a show we would enjoy if we had HSE, folks get to enjoy turkey bowling. You just need a tiled aisle that doesn't have those stacks of four-for-a-buck tomato sauce in the way, a frozen turkey (the more expensive the turkey, the better) and 10 2-liter bottles of your favorite soft drink. You just slide the frozen turkey down the aisle and try to knock over the pins, er, bottles.

George W. got to participate in this sporting event on Hitzges show in June this week. Just before he let the Butterball rip, he told Hitzges, "You definitely don't want to step over the fowl line."

I think we are going to enjoy the Bush family for at least another three-odd years, and perhaps longer.

We have a family that actually likes most other family members, unlike the previous tenants at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

We have presidential dogs again, like when LBJ was living there. We have a First Lady to whom a lot of American women can relate, unlike Nancy Nancy and her red dresses.

The whole thing is more middle class now than it's been since Smilin' Jimmy was in there, maybe more than it's ever been.

Another good thing is that we don't have a deaf President. Have you noticed how the reporters have suddenly stopped yelling? Some of that may be due to Sam Donaldson's absence from the White House press corps. His vocal cords needed a rest. But, you have to ask questions if you're going to get a story, and the only way questions could be asked of the previous tenant was to holler at him on his way by.

That doesn't mean those media folks don't harass the president a little bit. Or a lot. I thought George showed some cool in that prime-time news conference when everybody wanted to know what George was going to do about China.

George tried to tell them that he had cut off arms sales, but didn't know what else he might do. We'll just look at the situation in the days to come and if further decisions need to be made, we'll make 'em, he said.

Well, what are those decisions going to be, the media asked. And asked. And asked.

It's a wonder George didn't tell 'em to go jump in the lake.

Another little George W. goodie.

George W. spoke to the annual Texas Press Association convention last week in Arlington, just across the parking lot from Arlington Stadium. The stadium is the home of George. W.'s newest acquisition, the Texas Rangers.

George was asked whether or not he was going to run for governor.

George was candid with his answer. He said his mom, Barb, told him not to. He said he had never minded his Mama before, and didn't know if this was a good time to start.

A.W. SELF June 24, 1989

Aubrey William Self, 54, of Hereford, died June 24, 1989.

Services were scheduled to be held at 2 p.m. today in the Avenue Baptist Church with the Rev. James Peach, pastor of Westway Baptist Church, the Rev. Sam Milam, pastor of Frio Baptist Church, and the Rev. David Malone of Amarillo officiating. Burial followed in Rest Lawn Memorial Park by Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Self was born in Tuttle, Okla., and moved to Hereford in 1946. He married Betty Ramey in 1955 in Hereford. He was a farmer and a real estate agent. He was a member of Westway Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Rene May and Teena Simpson, both of Hereford; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Self of Tuttle; five brothers, Charles Self of Hereford, Leroy Self of Eloy, Ariz., David Self of Turkey; Leon Self of Norman, Okla., and Joe Self of Lubbock; two sisters, Audrie Howard of Greeley, Colo., and Lucille Bolinger of Siloam Springs, Ark.; and two grandchildren.

Memorials should be to the building fund at Westway Baptist Church.

BRUCE CARTER June 25, 1989

Bruce Carter, 86, of Hereford, died June 25, 1989, in Amarillo.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church of Hereford with the Rev. John Eastman, pastor of the Amarillo Bible Chair, officiating. Burial will follow in West Park Cemetery by Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Carter was born in Dallas and moved to Hereford in 1928. She married Tom Carter in 1927 in Dallas. He died in 1953.

Mrs. Carter was a real estate agent, a homemaker and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Garden Beautiful Club and the Women's Forum. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include a son, Tommy J. Carter of Amarillo; a sister, Kathleen Johnson of Dallas; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

PORFIRIO DOMINGUEZ June 26, 1989

Porfirio Dominguez, 68, of Levelland, died Monday in Lubbock.

Services are pending with Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors.

He was born in Texas and moved to Levelland in the 1940s. He was a maintenance employee with South Plains College and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rafaela; two sons, Henry of Lubbock and John of Hereford; three daughters, Juanita Cruz of Levelland, Geneva Gomez of Columbus, Ga., and Cathy Beltran of Winters; two brothers, Angel of Dallas and Benny of Levelland; and seven grandchildren.

JOHN E. DAVIS June 22, 1989

John E. Davis, 38, of Granbury, died June 22, 1989.

Services were held Sunday in Granbury, with burial in Holly Mills Memorial Park.

Mr. Davis was born in Hereford and raised in Amarillo. He was an employee of Stone and Webster at the Comanche Peak Nuclear Project near Granbury. He graduated with honors from Texas State Technical Institute.

Survivors include two sons, John Edward Davis and David Lee Davis, both of Granbury; his mother, Gloria Harden of Granbury; his father, Artie Davis of Bushland; two brothers, Lloyd of Amarillo and Gary of Plano; and a sister, Jo Beth Barton of Round Rock.

Hospital Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Evers are the parents of a girl, Kendra Jo-Anne, born June 22, 1989.

Mr. and Mrs. Jose Garcia are the parents of a girl, Linda Maria, born June 23, 1989.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gonzales are the parents of a boy, Timothy, born June 24, 1989.

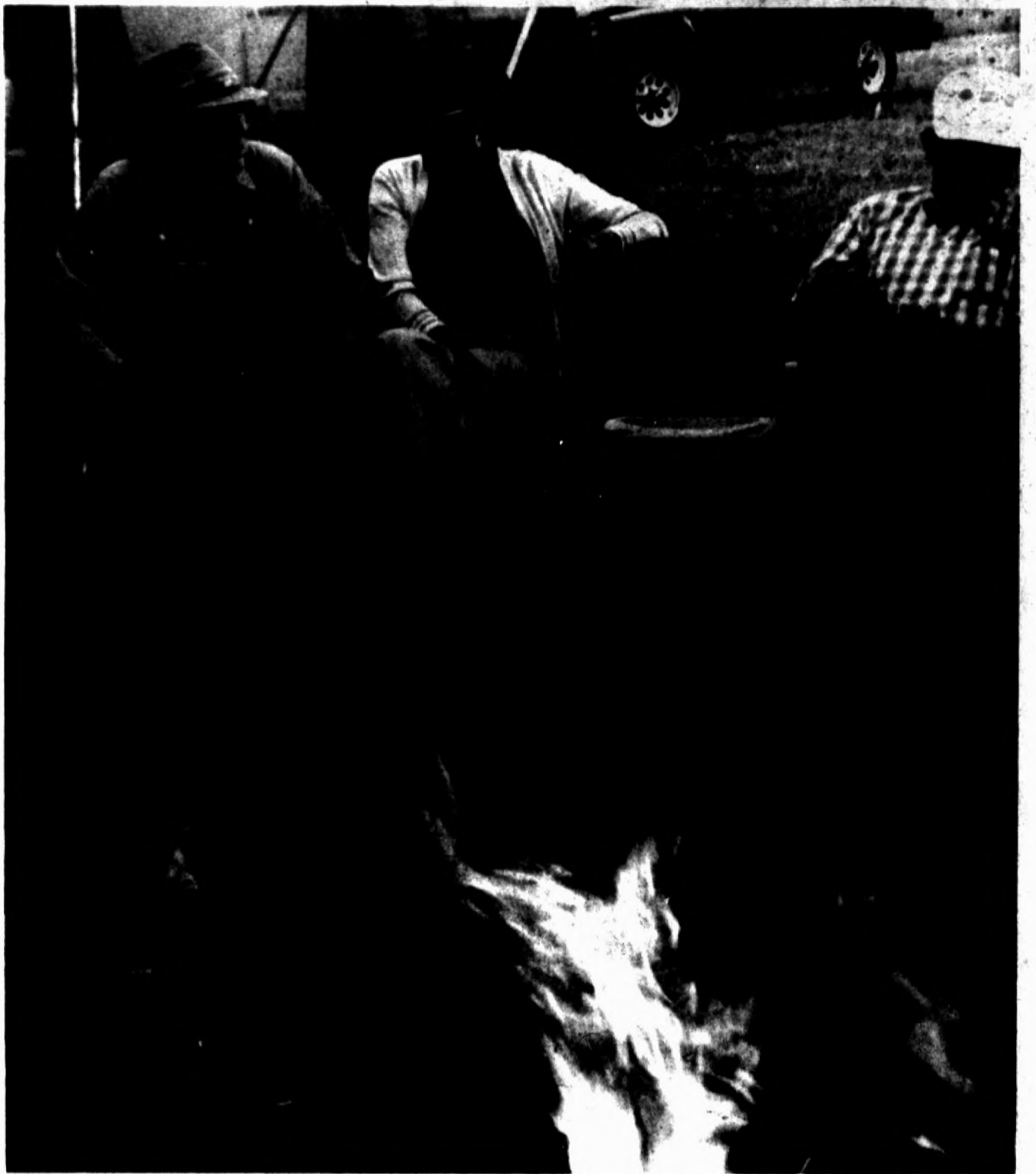
PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Gid E. Brown, Faye Brownlow, James A. Crofford, Loretta Esparza, Lena Flue, Henry Garcia, Inf. Girl Garcia, Maria Dolore Garcia, Maria M. Garcia.

Julia K. Gentry, W.W. Gilbreath, Aurora Guerrero, Linda Hope, Andrew L. Jordan, Craig Lease, Victoria Mireles, Fred Mulkey.

Nancy A. Nazworth, Infant Girl Osburn, Lisa M. Osburn, Muri Parker, Stella Parker, Mary Rose, Monica Rowe, Guadalupe Sanford, Amelia Saucedo, Inf. Boy Saucedo.

Sylvia Treadway, Elizabeth Tronsoco, Anna Marie Vela, Ross White, Michael C. Zallar.



Story time

As a campfire crackles in the foreground, Tom Draper (left) tells a story during a weekend trail ride southeast of Hereford sponsored by St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Last year's runnerup wins Miss Texas USA pageant

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - After finishing second in the Miss Texas USA pageant last year, Stephanie Kuehne hoped she would be crowned during her second try.

"I've been dreaming about this the past year," Ms. Kuehne said after her Miss Houston sash was replaced with Miss Texas USA Monday night.

As the new Miss Texas USA, the

21-year-old model from Missouri City won more than \$90,000 in prizes, but also faces the pressure of keeping the state's streak at the Miss USA contest alive.

The past five Miss Texas USA winners have gone on to win the Miss USA pageant, under the tutorship of El Paso's Richard Guy and Rex Holt, who produced the Texas pageant.

"I'm already very honored to be Miss Texas and I'm going to work to be number six," said Ms. Kuehne, a former student at Texas Tech and Southwest Texas State.

Tammy Duncan, Miss Addison, was runner-up in the pageant that was telecast statewide and attended by 1,542 at San Antonio's Municipal Auditorium.

Second runner-up was Laura Marz, Miss Southeast Texas. Chris Bogard, Miss Tomball, was fourth and Lisa Barnes, Miss Coastal Bend, was fifth.

Ninety-six women from across the state competed in the pageant.

After a preliminary round of interview, evening gown and swimsuit competitions, 13 semifinalists were selected. They went through another round of the competitions during the pageant Monday night.

The past five Miss Texas USA winners, who have won the national title are Laura Martinez-Herring, 1985; Christy Fichtner, 1986; Michelle Royer, 1987; Courtney Gibbs, 1988; and Gretchen Polhemus, 1989.

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television has had a tremendous effect on reading habits.

Among the inmates in Texas prisons today, 87 percent did not complete high school. Unless the literacy skills of prisoners can be improved to make them employable once they return to the workforce, they could end up on welfare rolls or, worse, they could return to lives of crimes.

Some solutions are in the works. Texas schools now have the no-pass, no-play rules and they are now testing for minimal skills before passing students or awarding high school diplomas. Adult literacy programs are being offered in community colleges, but it requires the working partnership of businesses and organizations, volunteers and government to get these citizens in the programs.

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Local Roundup

Police arrest nine

Nine persons were arrested over the weekend by Hereford police, including a man, 38, at the intersection of U.S. Highways 60 and 385 for driving while intoxicated and crossing a private drive to avoid a controlled intersection; a woman, 20, at South Main and U.S. Highway 60, and a man, 24, at U.S. Highway 60 and Schley, for public intoxication; a man, 18, in the 200 block of Bradley on traffic warrants for no commercial identification signs, no liability insurance and failure to appear.

A man, 29, in the 100 block of Clements for a second offense of no liability insurance, possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and failure to display driver's license; a man, 29, at U.S. Highway 60 and Lawton for driving while license suspended and running a red light; a man, 21, in the 800 block of East Third for public intoxication and theft under \$20; and a woman, 28, in the 600 block of East Park for Class C assault.

Assaults are investigated

Police were kept busy over the weekend and on Monday with several reports of assaults and domestic problems.

Reports included an aggravated assault in the 400 block of East First where a man was pulled over by another car. The man said he believed they were friends, so he stopped and walked back to the car. He was then assaulted by three persons. The persons are unknown, so no charges have been filed.

Other reports included a domestic dispute in the 200 block of Avenue H; civil standby in the 100 block of Avenue J, the 600 block of Stanton and the 100 block of Hereford Calle; assault by threat at U.S. Highway 385 and Park; two men fighting in the 100 block of Avenue H; criminal trespassing in the 200 block of Bradley; a dog running loose in the 400 block of Centre; and a bike, worth \$100, stolen in the 400 block of Mable.

Reports also included an assault on South Main, harassing telephone calls in the 400 block of Centre; juveniles stealing candy bars at a local convenience store; and \$2,000 worth of damage to a white car that was spray painted with black paint and had cuts in the vinyl top.

Police issued 37 citations over the weekend and reported one minor accident.

Reports on Monday included Class C assault and false identification to a police officer in an incident involving juveniles in the 600 block of Stanton; \$50 worth of damage to a clothes line and poles in the 700 block of Stanton; and a dog being harassed by neighbors in the 200 block of Aspen.

Police investigated one minor accident and issued seven citations on Monday.

The Hereford volunteer Fire Department responded to a report two miles north of Westway at 1:40 a.m. today. It was reported as a grass fire, but it was a stubble field being burned.

Deputies arrest eleven

Nine persons were arrested over the weekend by Deaf Smith County sheriff's deputies, including a man, 22, and a man, 48, for issuance of a bad check; a woman, 46, and a woman, 20, for theft by check; a man, 57, and a woman, 27, for tampering with government records; a woman, 28, for making a false report to a police officer; a man, 24, for driving while intoxicated; and a man, 56, for public intoxication.

Reports included the theft of a diesel fuel pump northwest of Hereford; sexual assault; theft of a motorcycle; a hit-and-run accident on North Progressive Road; and criminal trespassing.

On Monday, two persons were arrested by deputies, including a man, 35, on Department of Public Safety warrants, and a man, 27, on violation of probation charges.

Reports on Monday included an assault on North Progressive Road; criminal mischief in the 100 block of Campbell where a window was shot out with a BB gun or pellet gun and a vehicle was scratched; and a report of trespassing, but it turned out cattle were doing the trespassing and the matter was resolved.

Humid and hot

Tonight will be fair with a low of 65. Southeast winds will be 5-15 mph.

Wednesday will be sunny and warm with a high of 92. South winds will be 10-15 mph.

This morning's low at KPAN was 63 after a high Monday of 91.

Lifestyles

Rudd selected judge at Texas Girls State

Vaavia Rudd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rudd, was chosen Municipal judge at the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State.

The special session is in Seguin at Texas Lutheran College. Miss Rudd is sponsored through the local American Legion Auxiliary No. 192. She is a student at Hereford High School.

Girls State was organized as a National Americanism activity in 1937 by the American Legion Auxiliary. Non-partisan and non-political, the purposes of the Girls State program are to provide citizenship training for girls of high school age, to afford them an opportunity to live together as a self-governing group and to inform them of the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities which they will assume when they become adults.

They learn the problems of government by simulating the duties of city, county, and state officials. Each year citizens are selected at local levels from students who have just completed their junior year in high school. The selection is based principally on character, leadership, and scholarship.

The 1989 session of the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State has grown from an experimental conference of 94 girls, held at Baylor University in 1941, to become the largest single extra-curricular educational program for high school girls in Texas. This year 580 girls are in attendance, making a total of more than 19,500 girls in Texas who have participated in this top-level citizenship program.

Former citizens of Girls State and members of the Texas American Legion Auxiliary comprise that 70 members of the staff and counselors who volunteer their services to direct and lead this program. The director, Frances Goff (now retired) of Houston, is a former assistant to the president of The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center at Houston. The associate

director for administration, Tammy Broz, a former Girls State Citizen from West Columbia, Texas, is now assistant sports information director at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. The associate director for education is Mary Ellen Trahan of League City, chairman of the department of social studies at Clear Lake High School.

Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips of the Texas Supreme Court administered the oath of office to the elected state officials of Bluebonnet Girls State June 19 in the Rotunda of the State Capitol. Senator Cyndi Krier of San Antonio represented Gov. William Clements and was the principal speaker.

Guest speakers for the 1989 session were Bea Ann Smith, attorney, Austin; George Strake, Houston, former chairman of the Texas Republican Party; Ann Richards, Austin, state treasurer; Carol Keeton Rylander, former mayor of Austin and host of the Rylander, T.V. Show, Austin.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) - Pizza baron Tom Monaghan, who spent part of his childhood in a Catholic orphanage, is trimming his work hours to spend more time to philanthropic causes.

"I love the day-to-day work at Domino's, but I want to serve the church more," said Monaghan, 52, who once attended a seminary in Grand Rapids. "I always wanted to be a priest."

Monaghan, founder of Domino's Pizza Inc., said he resigned as president of the fast-food empire to spend about 15 percent less time with company business.

Day-to-day responsibilities shift to David Black, 40, who becomes president after eight years as vice president of operations.



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James Tyler fathered more children than any other U.S. president.

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Blood drive Wednesday

A blood drive will be held Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the Community Center.

"Blood donations are especially needed this time of year," said a spokesman from Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo. "Hereford is the last major drive until after the Fourth of July weekend and we need a good supply of blood for this holiday."

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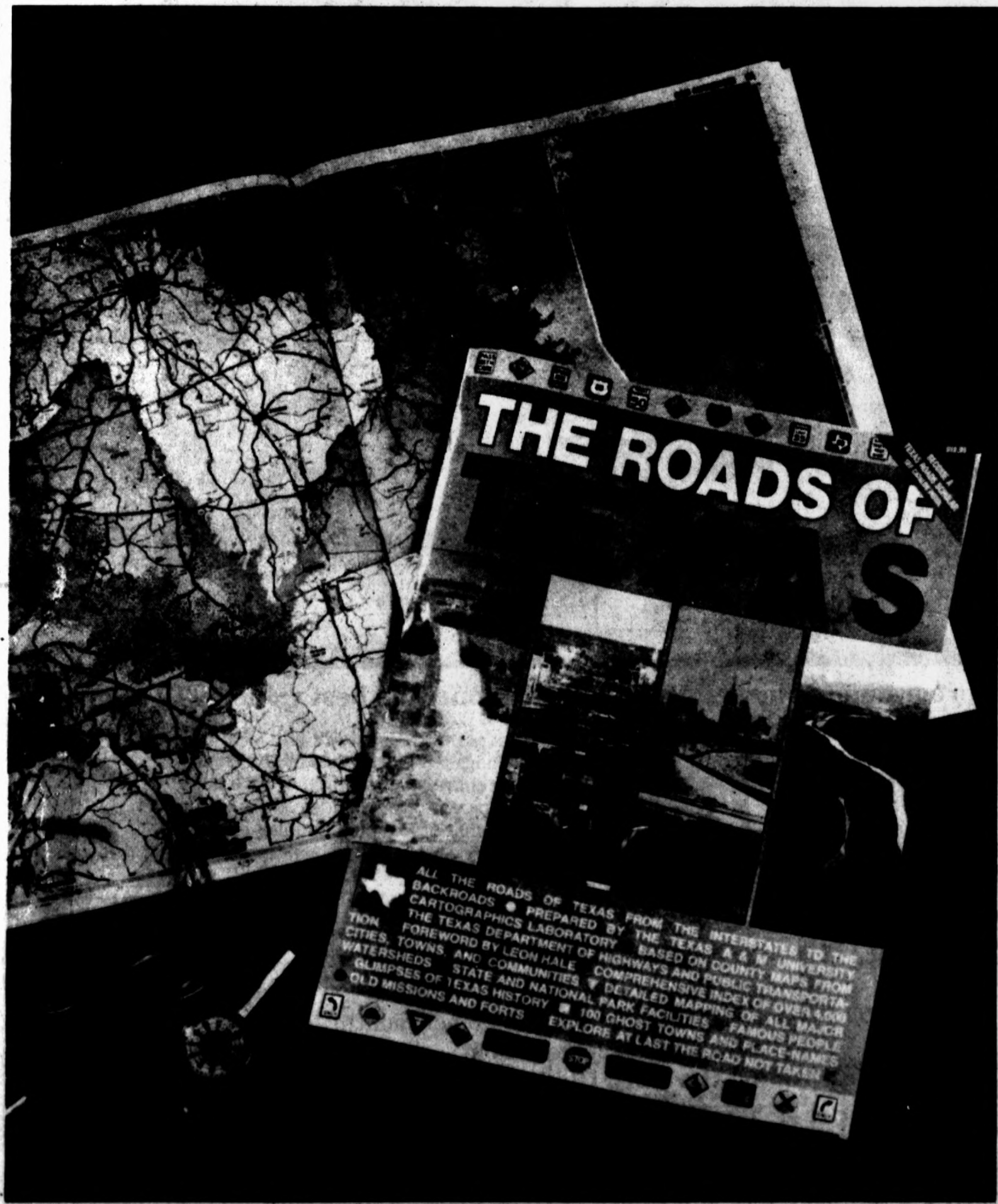
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Sports

Jones to let cheerleaders be

IRVING (AP) - The new director of the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders said she accepted the position only after team owner Jerry Jones guaranteed that the group's no-fraternization rule would remain intact. "The fraternization rule will remain the way it has been," Leslie Haynes said Monday after her introduction. "I don't think that he understood... how firm that we were" on that rule. More than one-third of the squad resigned last week after they said Jones was threatening their wholesome image by proposing changes in uniforms and fraternization rules. Earlier Monday, Jones said he had spent the weekend reviewing the cheerleaders' rulebook, and Mrs. Haynes said an education process "did in fact take place." "I am a strong believer in tradition, it has got us where we are now," said

Mrs. Haynes, 26, who was a member of the cheerleaders between 1982 and 1985. Mrs. Haynes told reporters Jones had promised that rules forbidding fraternization between players and cheerleaders would remain intact. Violation of the no-fraternization rule results in immediate expulsion. Mrs. Haynes said she and Jones were to meet today with all the cheerleaders, including those who resigned, to explain their position and invite them to return.

The uniform controversy involved Jones' supposed desire to have the girls, who dance on the sidelines of Cowboy games and make public appearances, don halter tops and biker shorts made of body-hugging stretch fabric. The cheerleaders now wear shorts, long-sleeved blue shirts tied in

front to leave the midriff bare, a fringed bolero-type vest and white boots. Mrs. Haynes said the uniform was the cheerleaders' trademark and would remain unchanged. "We want to be respected, we have our morals," she said. "There's a fine line between being exploited and being sexy." Since March, Mrs. Haynes has been assistant to Debbie Bond, who led the walkout by 14 veteran members of the 37-member squad. Mrs. Bond had taken over from Suzanne Mitchell, who had founded the squad under the team's former ownership. During her four-year career with the cheerleaders, Mrs. Haynes was a member of the 12-member "show squad" that made special appearances, including six USO tours.

Rose report released

CINCINNATI (AP) - One hundred days after baseball announced the gambling investigation of Pete Rose, its commissioner is on the defensive and its report on the allegations are finally public. A. Bartlett Giamatti struck back Monday against Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Norbert A. Nadel's ruling that prevents the commissioner from deciding allegations that the Reds manager bet on his own team. Giamatti and other baseball officials had announced an investigation of the allegations on March 20. Baseball also won a legal skirmish Monday when Nadel agreed to make public a report by investigator John M. Dowd that contains evidence Rose bet on Reds games from 1985 through 1987. Baseball's lawyers had tried for five days to get the report released. Giamatti's lawyers told a state appeals court on Monday that the judge's ruling protecting Rose from any disciplinary action by the commissioner for the next two weeks has undercut Giamatti's ability to protect the integrity of baseball. Giamatti's lawyers contend baseball will be irreparably harmed if the courts assume the power to decide baseball matters now handled by the commissioner. "If every action by the commissioner to investigate and determine matters affecting the integrity of the game were to be subject to court intervention and delay, the commissioner's ability to safeguard the integrity of the game would be destroyed," Giamatti's lawyers told the 1st Ohio District Court of Appeals in a filing. The Cincinnati-based appeals court gave Rose's lawyers until Wednesday to reply to the request that it suspend Nadel's decision to give Rose a temporary restraining order. Judges Rupert A. Doan, Harry T. Klusmeier and Lee H. Hildebrandt Jr. comprise the appellate panel. Giamatti's lawyers claimed Nadel's

unprecedented ruling an incorrect intrusion on Giamatti's authority and an attack upon baseball's foundation. Rose disagrees. "I just want people to understand one thing about what we're trying to do," Rose said following the Reds' 5-3 victory Monday night over Los Angeles. "We're not trying to change the rules of baseball one iota. I'm not a pioneer of any sort. I love the game of baseball and baseball is my life. However, we feel the people who run baseball have to stay within the rules and the guidelines that they set, and we don't feel the commissioner did. And that's why we went to court. "And lo and behold, the judge agreed with us, so we weren't as wrong as it seems." Nadel's ruling prevents the commissioner from taking any action against Rose for 14 days and stipulates that he will remain manager of the Reds for that time. Rose could be banned from baseball for life if

Giamatti concludes he bet on his own team. The commissioner's lawyers finally prevailed in their dispute with Nadel over releasing the Dowd report. The 225-page report and seven volumes of evidence were released at 5 p.m. EST, the deadline given by the Ohio Supreme Court for making the documents public. That court had determined there was no reason for Nadel to keep the report private. Dowd's report contains evidence that Rose bet \$2,000 per game on the Reds and other baseball teams during the summer of 1987 and set up an extensive gambling network over a three-year period. Giamatti's lawyers had tried to get the full report made public after Rose's lawyers released excerpts of it in their lawsuit against Giamatti. Rose contends the report is unfair. "There's 225 pages, and there are two paragraphs positive about me," Rose said. "It's such a biased report, it's unbelievable."

Reds dodge LA, 5-3

By The Associated Press

On the field at Riverfront Stadium, the Reds played the Dodgers. Everywhere else, the subject was Pete Rose.

The Cincinnati Reds, playing under a cloud caused by the public release of a report alleging their manager bet extensively on baseball, rallied to beat Los Angeles 5-3 Monday night.

Rose, granted a temporary restraining order Sunday that delayed Monday's scheduled hearing in New York before commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti, did not appear on the field during the game.

Earlier in the day, baseball appealed the Ohio state court ruling. Later, a 225-page report prepared for Giamatti about Rose was released. It said the Reds manager had bet on his team and other baseball clubs.

"The atmosphere wasn't really good in our dugout after we had not scored in the 20-plus innings," Rose said. "We needed the win tonight. We needed a spark and got it from Jethro (Paul O'Neill) and then again from Bo (Diaz)."

Diaz hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the seventh inning off Tim Belcher, 4-7. Diaz, batting .186, had not homered since last Aug. 16.

"He can get on a tear and hit some home runs," Rose said. "Tonight's a start, isn't it? We needed a spark from someone like that."

Elsewhere in the National League, it was Montreal 5, New York 1; Pittsburgh 2, Chicago 1; San Francisco 4, Houston 3, and Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 4.

Reliever Rob Dibble, 6-2, got the victory. John Franco went one inning for his major league-leading 20th save.

Belcher relieved with the score tied 3-3 in the seventh. He walked Todd Benzinger to open the inning and then threw a high 1-2 fastball to Diaz, known as a fastball hitter.

Expos 5, Mets 1
Dwight Gooden, who experienced shoulder stiffness in his previous two starts, lasted only four innings and allowed a three-run homer to Spike Owen in a five-run fourth as Montreal beat New York.

Pascual Perez, 4-8, pitched a five-

hitter and struck out 11.

Pirates 2, Cubs 1
Doug Drabek pitched a seven-hitter as Pittsburgh beat Chicago.

The Pirates broke an eight-game losing streak against Chicago, dating back to last season.

Drabek, 5-5, has won four straight decisions and has three complete games.

Phillies 5, Cardinals 4
Dickie Thon's RBI single with the bases loaded capped a three-run ninth-inning rally.

Randy Ready hit a two-run double to tie the score 4-4. Ricky Jordan drew an intentional walk before Thon singled up the middle off Todd Worrell, 1-2, to score the game-winning run.

Jeff Parrett, 4-2, gave up one hit in two innings for the victory and Roger McDowell worked the ninth for his fifth save.

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The Amarillo session will be held the next morning at 9 o'clock at Amarillo High School's Sandie Field.

The camps are open to players ages 16 to 22. Participants should

bring their own equipment such as gloves, shoes and uniforms. The Reds will provide bats, balls and catching gear.

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Tribe squeezes by Texas, 4-3 San Francisco edges Astros, 4-3

ARLINGTON (AP) - Cleveland's coaching staff recently put John Farrell's delivery under the microscope in an attempt to improve his performance.

It apparently worked as he threw six-hit ball Monday night over 6 2/3 innings as the Indians salvaged a split of a four-game series with a 4-3 victory over the Texas Rangers.

After posting a 14-10 record in his first full season last year, Farrell was 1-7 over his previous nine starts prior to Monday night.

Farrell, 4-8, struck out three and walked one in snapping a personal three-game losing streak. Cleveland had scored 23 runs over Farrell's nine previous starts so the four runs' support was welcome.

The coaches determined that Farrell was standing up too straight during his delivery.

"He had screwed up his mechanics," Indians manager Doc Edwards said. "He was up too straight and couldn't get the ball over the plate consistently. We watched tapes with him until 1:30 in the morning and finally he picked up what he was doing."

The results were gratifying for Farrell.

"It definitely helped," Farrell said. "It changed not only my delivery as far as staying together but also my mental approach. With a win, this was

a step up from a confidence standpoint."

Doug Jones relieved Farrell in the seventh with two outs and a runner on first.

Jones allowed an infield single to Cecil Espy and third baseman Brook Jacoby's throwing error put runners on second and third. But Jones got rookie Sammy Sosa to ground out, then retired the next seven batters for his 17th save.

Jones, among the top short-men in the league, got perhaps the biggest out of the game against the talented but raw rookie Sosa.

"I knew he had trouble with off-speed stuff," Jones said. "So I tried to keep off-speed pitches down and the fastball out of the strike zone. He chased a change-up, which is just what we wanted."

The Indians knocked out Rangers starter and loser Bobby Witt, 5-8, in the first. Witt walked leadoff man Jerry Browne, got the next two batters, then gave up three straight singles including RBI hits by Pete O'Brien and Cory Snyder.

The 2-3 inning start was the shortest of Witt's four-year major league career and matched the briefest start by a Rangers pitcher this season. Witt is 0-3 in his last four starts.

The Rangers are extremely concerned about Witt's woes.

"He has to get it in his head that that's not the way the first inning is

supposed to go," Rangers manager Bobby Valentine said. "I know he knows that. But I had to make a move."

Witt has a 7.31 ERA over his last 12 starts.

"It's frustrating for me," Witt said. "The last two or three starts, I felt good in the bullpen. I felt I had good stuff. The balls were just hit."

The Indians padded their lead to 4-1 in the fourth on Joel Skinner's RBI single and Felix Fermin's suicide squeeze bunt.

The inning turned disastrous for Texas when catcher Geno Petralli was lost for a minimum of six-to-eight weeks. Petralli incurred a partially torn ligament in his left knee in a home plate collision with Skinner.

Skinner was attempting to score from second on a two-out single by Jerry Browne but left-fielder Sosa's throw to the plate beat Skinner by 15 feet.

Skinner crashed into Petralli, who was blocking the plate. Petralli's knee twisted and he had to be carried off the field after a delay of several minutes.

Rangers fans booed Skinner the rest of the night and Skinner had beer thrown at him by fans behind the Indians dugout. But the Rangers said there was nothing dirty about Skinner's slide.

"It was a good slide," said Valentine. "It was a little late but there was nothing wrong with it."

HOUSTON (AP) - San Francisco's Kevin Mitchell is starting to see many of the same qualities in the 1989 Giants that made the 1986 New York Mets World Champions.

Mitchell, who has blossomed this year with 25 home runs, started the two-run rally in the seventh inning that made the Giants 4-3 winners over the Houston Astros Monday night.

"This is a very confident ball club," Mitchell said. "We're confident and we're very happy. It reminds me a lot of the '86 Mets."

San Francisco, 46-29, has won eight of its last nine games and has a seven-game winning streak over the second-place Astros.

"We knew we would win every time we took the field," said Mitchell, who was a reserve for the Mets. "We're not cocky. It's just that we're winning and having fun."

With one out in the seventh, Mitchell hit a sinking liner that ricocheted off Houston third baseman Craig Reynolds' glove for a two-base error. Mitchell, who scored two runs without a hit in the game, disagreed with the scorekeepers decision.

"That was a hit, man," Mitchell said. "From where I was, that ball had

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Reynolds, who replaced starter Ken Caminiti in a double switch in the sixth inning, thought it was a wicked shot. "It dove so bad that it hit my (bare) hand," Reynolds said.

Houston Manager Art Howe thought the error was deserved, but conceded that it was a tough chance.

Mitchell was followed by a succession of three pinch hitters who did in losing reliever Juan Agosto, 2-3, and Larry Andersen.

Pinch hitter Ken Oberkfell had the game-winning hit on a tapper down the third base line.

"He made a good pitch on me," Oberkfell said. "I just topped it and got an Astroturf hit."

San Francisco Manager Roger Craig was ejected in the sixth inning and Mitchell felt that incident motivated the Giants, but it was the entrance of Steve Bedrosian in the eighth inning that sealed the game for San Francisco.

Bedrosian now has 11 saves, including five in the past week since being traded from Philadelphia on June 18.

"I feel like I get better the more I go out there," said Bedrosian. "I kind of paced myself knowing I'd have to go two innings."

Even with Bedrosian, the Astros were still in striking distance with two outs in the ninth inning because base-stealing threat Gerald Young was on first base and the power-hitting Glenn Davis was at bat.

"He (Young) was itching to go," Bedrosian said. "They were trying to take advantage of my high-leg kick because they've down it successfully in the past."

With a one-one count on Davis after numerous throws by Bedrosian to first in an attempt to keep Young close to the bag, Young attempted to steal second and was gunned down when a pitch out was called by the Giants.

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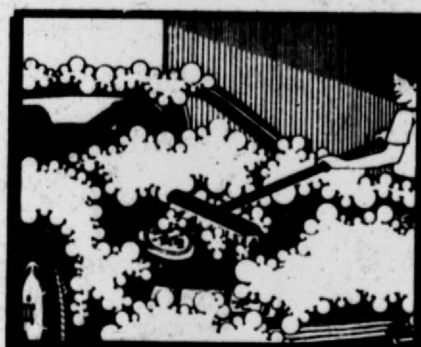
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I'd rather address myself to your readers who are 17, as I once was, with a set of healthy lungs, white teeth, clean blood coursing through my veins--and in my pocket my first package of cigarettes.

How was I to know that 24 years later I'd be so hooked that any thought of quitting would be out of the question? How could I know, at 17, that I'd be waking up each morning with a mouth that tastes like the bottom of a bird cage? how could I know my teeth would be stained and my chest would feel as

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Turfgrass expert says

Let grass clippings lie

When you hear the sound of revving lawn mowers, can the sight of bagged grass clippings be far behind?

Not only far behind, but vanished, says the creator of a lawn care campaign to eliminate the bagging chore.

"Grass clippings increase the volume of residential solid waste by 20 to 25 percent from March to September," said Dr. Bill Knoop, a turfgrass expert with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Dallas.

The added waste places considerable burden on disposal operations and landfill space, not to mention the homeowners who bag all those clippings.

"Fortunately, traditional lawn care practices can be adjusted easily to remedy the problem," said Knoop.

To help lawn keepers change their ways, Knoop devised the "Don't Bag It" Lawn Care Plan. It recommends watering, fertilizing and mowing practices that allow you to leave grass clippings on the lawn.

"It's a tested, proven plan that benefits everyone," said Knoop. "It reduces the trouble and expense of lawn care for homeowners, and helps them conserve water and landfill space and improve the environment."

Early last year, representatives from the extension service, the city of Fort Worth and Fort Worth Clean City Inc. teamed up to promote the "Don't Bag It" Lawn Care Plan in a pilot waste reduction campaign.

"Our municipal landfill has an estimated 16 years of use left at the current rate of waste disposal," said Tom Davis, director of the Fort Worth Department of City Services.

"We're not facing a landfill crisis, but we recognize the need to conserve the remaining space," said Davis. "In

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addition, the city could save about \$200,000 in annual disposal costs if all the residents here stopped bagging grass clippings."

By last March, organizers were ready to launch the "Don't Bag It" campaign. As part of the kickoff, volunteer homeowners were recruited to serve as official "Don't Bag It" demonstrators.

"We originally planned to enlist 100 demonstrators, but response was so great we made special arrangements to handle 190," said Bob Whitney at the Tarrant County office of the extension service.

As a result, "Don't Bag It" yard signs have sprouted across Fort Worth on the lawns of selected volunteers. Other volunteers, who belong to the extension service's Master Gardener program, are supervising the new demonstrators.

In addition, the demonstration sponsors, Green Diamond and TORO, have provided free fertilizer and the loan of 100 new lawn mowers for the growing season.

The extension service is modeling a "Don't Bag It" Lawn Care program after the Fort Worth campaign and will have it available for other cities later this year.

A similar program, based on extension service recommendations, was conducted successfully by the City of Plano in 1981. Called the "Waste-Saver" Lawn Care Plan, it was motivated more by city officials' concerns about operational efficiency, said Knoop.

In its first year, according to city reports, the program saved Plano \$60,000 in garbage collection costs, despite a 12 percent growth in the number of households served. Participating residents saved another \$22,000 by purchasing fewer plastic bags.

Waste reduction programs like these provide an opportunity for local governments to comply with the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act. In 1987, the state legislature amended the

act to establish a state policy ranking the order of preference for solid waste management as follows:

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3. treatment to recover energy or other beneficial resources
4. land disposal as the least preferred option

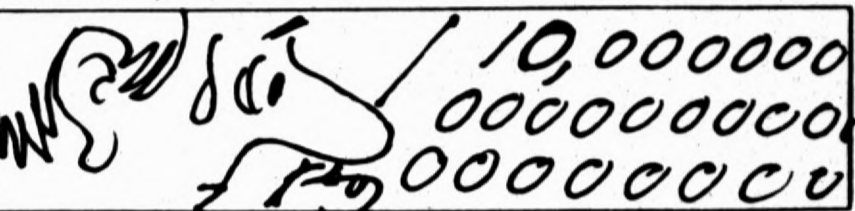
"Regional and local waste management plans must reflect due consideration of this preference by assessing current efforts, identifying additional opportunities, and making recommendations to encourage and achieve a greater degree of waste minimization, reuse and recycling," said Gordon Eppler, environmental quality specialist with the Division of Solid Waste Management, Texas Department of Health.

Basics of the "Don't Bag It" Lawn Care Plan are as follows: (Details of mowing heights, fertilizer rates and fertilizer application dates are not included because they vary by location and type of turf.)

Watering: During the driest period of summer, lawns usually require one inch of water every five to six days. Most hose sprinklers put out one-fourth to one-third inch of water per hour. If water runs off the lawn before one inch is applied, turn the sprinkler off, let the water soak in for about one hour, then continue watering. The best time to water is early morning.

Mowing: For optimum results, mow every five to six days instead of once a week. As a rule of thumb, do not remove more than a third of the leaf surface at any one time. Grass clippings left on your lawn will not contribute to thatch, but will return valuable nutrients to the soil.

Fertilizing: The ratio of nutrients in the fertilizer, and the rate and frequency of application all affect how fast grass grows. Fertilize only so the lawn can grow at a reasonable rate and still have good color. For slow, even growth, use a fertilizer containing either sulfur-coated urea or ureaformaldehyde as a nitrogen source.



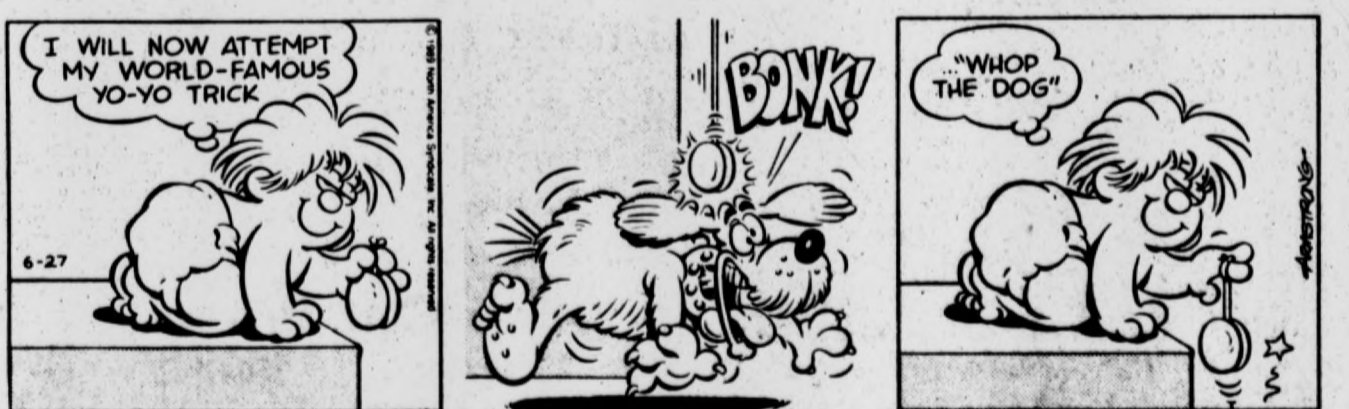
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Between the Covers

By REBECCA WALLS

I hope you are having a wonderful summer this year, and I know you are all finding the time to do those special projects you had planned for the warmer months.

For the sports enthusiast we have a couple of books this week you might want to look at, **Guinness Olympic Games Records: 776 BC to AD 1988** by Stan Greenberg is a great book for those who also love trivia, and enjoy knowing little bits of information that others don't, but is also a book of inspiration.

Basketball: The Complete Handbook of Individual Skills by Robert W. Fox will give you a chance to develop and improve those fundamental skills that, according to the author, must be mastered by each player before the team can become a winner. This book also includes skill-specific drills, diagrams, photographs, points of emphasis and advanced tips and secrets added to the effectiveness of the mastered skills. Now is the time to gain that extra edge.

Wet Watercolor by Wilfred Ball is another book that will be of interest to many of you. Painting on wet paper can add the excitement of movement, fluidity, transparency and a greater degree of light to your paintings. This book demonstrates how to use both traditional and experimental techniques to bring out the different qualities in your work, and help develop a "loser,

more spontaneous style." Twenty-four different techniques can be used to produce new and exciting results. I intend to find time for this book in the very near future.

It's Always Something is the autobiography of Gilda Radner. This moving story includes Gilda's battle with cancer and her determination to continue laughing. Gilda's gutsy and unique sense of humor never deserts her as she describes two years of cancer therapy and its side effects including baldness. This is the inspiring story of a courageous, funny woman fighting to enjoy life no matter what the

circumstances.

Gates Of Paradise by V.C. Andrews is another in the story of the Casteel family. The story is told by Heaven's daughter, Annie, a sweet, loving young woman who has known the happiness that always seemed just out of her mother's reach. Heaven and Logan are killed in a terrible car accident that leaves Annie paralyzed from the waist down. It is then that Annie is taken back to Farthingale Manor by her mysterious "great grandfather," Tony Tatterton. Annie becomes lost in despair as she is haunted by the suspicion that Tony

is trying to keep her an invalid.

My Secret History by Paul Theroux depicts an American writer, Andre Parent, working on a large and populous novel about his life, secrets, dreams and every thing he keeps hidden. It is the secrets within his life that has made him a writer, and the double life that keeps giving him the fascinating variety of subjects. Life is never simple for Andre and his secrets are almost always at odds with his job, marriage and outward respectability. With his luck, humor and imagination, Andre prevails rather than merely surviving.

Maze by Larry Collins covers a dangerous war now being fought along a frontier more mysterious and threatening than any other. Here the war is being fought in the inner most reaches of the mind. A senior CIA officer discovers a psychic who can pinpoint the exact location of a Soviet Submarine hiding deep in the Atlantic. Working with KGB defectors, former top officials of the CIA, and scientist, Collins has constructed a conspiracy so diabolically clever that its success would change the balance of power and the course of history.

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Social Security

Disability determinations for Social Security and supplemental security income (SSI) follow a step-by-step process, Jim Talbot, Social Security manager in Amarillo, said today.

When someone who is not working applies for disability benefits, the case is referred to the State Disability Determination Service (DDS) to determine the severity of the person's disability. The individual's medical records are reviewed, and a consultative examination may be scheduled if the DDS needs more information, Talbot said.

A person will be found not disabled if evidence establishes only a slight abnormality with no more than a minimal effect on ability to work. If evidence shows that the disabling condition is significant, the DDS must decide whether or not the impairment meets or equals its "Listing of Impairments."

The Listing of Impairments identifies conditions which are so severe that they automatically result in an approval of the disability claims.

If an impairment is severe but it does not match the Listing of Impairments, the person's present ability to work is compared to his or her work experience. If the applicant is unable to do the kind of work previously done, the claim will still be turned down if the DDS determines that the person could do some other kind of work, Talbot said.

Consideration is given to factors of age, education, and transferable skills. For example, a young person with a high school education could be expected to change from a strenuous job to a job with fewer physical demands.

On an average, disability decisions take 77 days, Talbot said. Questions about Social Security and SSI disability can be answered by our telephone representatives at (806)376-2241. The Amarillo Social Security office is located at 3601 W. 15th (Sunset Center). The office is open from 9:00 to 4:30, Monday through Friday.

Actor Richard Burton died of a cerebral hemorrhage at a hospital in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1984. He was 58.



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