

Budget may come in above deficit target

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nearly \$1 trillion fiscal 1987 budget approved by Congress early today may not reduce the deficit enough to avoid automatic spending cuts of the Gramm-Rudman law, lawmakers say.

The plan restrains both military and domestic spending and officially meets next year's \$144 billion deficit target with \$1.4 billion to spare. But

lawmakers said it contains optimistic assumptions about strong economic growth, and weak provisions to enforce the cuts, that could drive the deficit estimate billions of dollars higher.

"It's phony as a \$3 bill," said Rep. Silvio Conte of Massachusetts, ranking Republican on the House Appropriations Committee. Still, Conte was one of 333 House members who

voted for the budget, with only 43 against.

Rep. Bill Frenzel, R-Minn., said, "At least there is a modicum of outlay reductions."

In Santa Barbara, Calif., where President Reagan is vacationing, White House spokesman Larry Speakes issued a statement saying the president found the overall conference agreement "generally ac-

ceptable" but said the budget resolution "would alter the president's priorities."

The resolution "cut too much from defense and international affairs in fiscal year 1987 and is way too limiting" for future years, Speakes said.

The spokesman said the resolution increases domestic spending by more than the president recommend-

ed, but he welcomed the fact that the conference report did not call for a tax increase and met Gramm-Rudman deficit-reduction targets.

The legislators, rushing out of town for the Fourth of July recess, approved the \$996 billion plan overwhelmingly. It was given final passage by the Senate by voice vote early today

soon after the lopsided approval vote in the House on Thursday night.

Before the Senate voted, its budget committee chairman, Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., predicted a tax increase still would be needed.

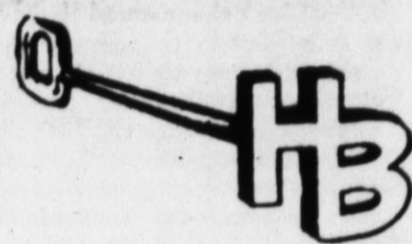
Domenici said the \$292.15 billion in military spending in the budget was inadequate, and President Reagan would have to ask Congress for an increase.

The budget includes a \$4.8 billion (See BUDGET, Page 2)

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A patriotic "Firecracker Fun Breakfast", the Sesquicentennial Town and Country Jubilee, and an industrial seminar all were discussed, in addition to other business, by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce board of directors Thursday.

Chamber reps announced that the fun breakfast would be at 6:30 a.m. in the Hereford Community Center on July 3. Chamber executive Mike Carr said the event will include special Fourth of July giveaways in addition to the regular fun and games. Charlie Bell and John Stagner again will emcee the early morning party. Reservations should be made at the Chamber office by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The annual Town and Country Jubilee will be Aug. 10-16 under direction of Carr and Waldo Baxter with the county Sesquicentennial Committee.

Carr said there are a few booths

left for the arts and crafts fair. Reservations for those booths, Jubilee Junction booths, and parade entries are available at the Chamber office.

Bud Eades, city commissioner, will attend an industrial seminar conducted by the Texas Economic Development Commission July 7-8 in Austin. The seminar will provide

training in evaluation of cities to improve industrial possibilities.

The Chamber board also heard an overview of renovation at Deaf Smith General Hospital from Jim Bullard, DSGH administrator, and Gerry Hollinger, director of nursing. The hospital is hosting an open house Sunday from 2-5 p.m. to show the renovation and additions.

Ads win first

Brand nets two awards from TPA

The Hereford Brand won first place honors for advertising initiative in the Texas Newspaper Contest sponsored by the Texas Press Association, it was announced today

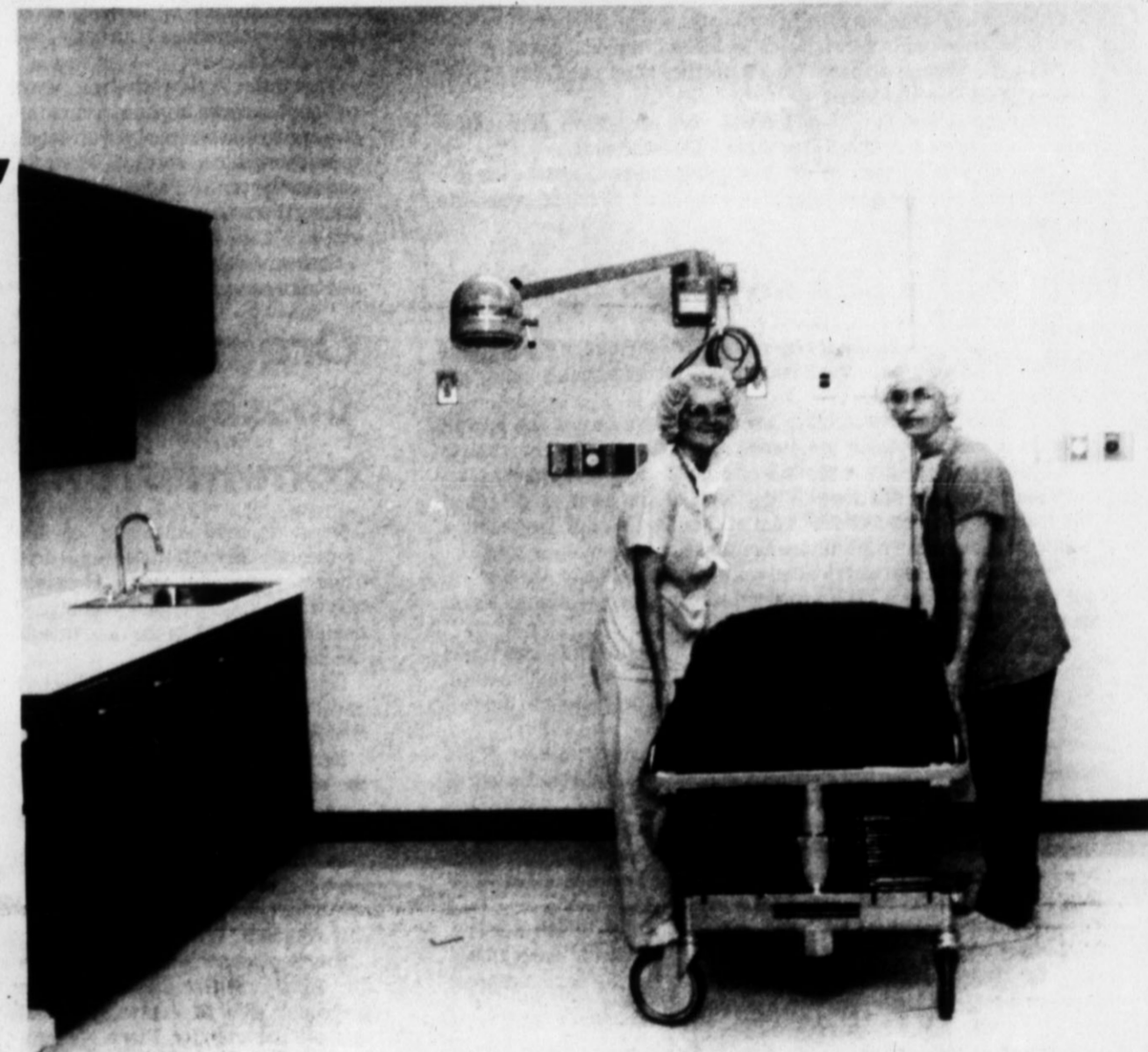
at the TPA's annual summer convention in Austin.

The paper twice has won the top advertising award in competition with other newspapers with circulation of under 8,000 in the TPA. Mauri Montgomery has been advertising director with the Brand since 1983. The previous award was in 1984.

The Brand also won fourth place in column writing with "Boots N Tattles" by Jeri Curtis, managing editor.

Judging was by the Louisiana Press Association.

Publisher O.G. "Speedy" Nieman accepted the awards at the convention.



Open House Sunday

Deaf Smith General Hospital nurses Renee Hammock, left, and Donna Hamby, prepare the hospital's emergency room for open house Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

The emergency room is part of an addition to the hospital that will house the out-patient facilities, day surgery, and a recovery room.

Local Roundup

Commissioners call meeting

Two items concerning the nuclear waste repository site in the county are on the agenda for the Deaf Smith County Commissioners' special called meeting set for 10 a.m. Monday in the courthouse.

One item is discussion and adoption of an inter-governmental contract between taxing entities and the county regarding a committee on the repository.

The second item is a coordination contract between the county and state regarding characterization of the site.

Commissioners also have slated a budget workshop for the meeting.

Swim class registration Sat.

Registrations for water safety and swimming classes will be taken Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the city pool.

Cost is \$3.50 per student for the two week session. Courses include beginners, advanced beginners, intermediates, and swimmers. Adult classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday and registrations can be taken then. For more information contact the Red Cross office at 364-3761.

Firefighters douse car fires

The Hereford fire department responded to two car fires Thursday, one 3 miles east of Hereford on U.S. 60 where a car owned by Gregory Guybuck was totally destroyed. The other was a truck driven by Scott Ankeney. There was only minor damage there.

Police report

Highway patrolmen arrested two juveniles and an adult in the theft of a car from Hereford. According to city police, the car, owned by Raymond Martin, was recovered near Friona.

Police also heard reports of two barking dogs, two harassment complaints, and lost or stolen rings.

Weather

THURSDAY'S HIGH: 86 LOW: 64

OUTLOOK: Tonight and Saturday partly cloudy with a slight chance of late afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Low in the middle 60s, the high Saturday in the lower 90s. South wind 5 to 15 mph, becoming southwest 10 to 15 mph Saturday. Rain chances 20 percent tonight and 20 percent on Saturday.

Nicaragua cracks down on dissent following U.S. approval of rebel aid

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The Sandinista government shut Nicaragua's only opposition newspaper and announced stricter internal security measures a day after the U.S. House of Representatives approved new aid to the Contras rebels.

In a nationwide television and radio broadcast Thursday night, President Daniel Ortega said House approval of \$70 million in military aid and \$30 million in non-lethal assistance to the Contras "opens a new aggressive escalation ... which forces a revision of some policies to confront the new threats that exist."

The Democratic-controlled House approved the aid to the Contras on Wednesday, and passage by the Republican-controlled Senate, which approved an earlier assistance bill, was expected to follow.

In The Hague, Netherlands, today, the World Court denounced U.S. backing for the Contra rebels and termed the U.S. support a violation of the U.N. Charter. The ruling came at the end of a 26-month legal proceeding at which the Sandinistas presented what they said was evidence of U.S. efforts to topple the Managua government. The United States boycotted most of the court proceedings.

Ortega said his crackdown on dissent would include "the strict and

severe application of the state of emergency" imposed March 15, 1982.

The emergency suspends rights of assembly and free association, habeas corpus and the right to strike, and allows the government to make arrests without a warrant.

It also requires the news media to submit material for censorship.

Ortega said the emergency rules were "an effort to contribute to easing internal and regional tensions," but sometimes had been managed "with excessive flexibility."

Even before the tightening of the state of emergency was announced, the government closed the newspaper La Prensa.

A letter from the Interior Ministry to editor Pablo Antonio Cuadra said that "from now, the daily newspaper La Prensa is closed for an indefinite time," managing editor Carlos Holmann said.

The government's Voice of Nicaragua radio later called the newspaper "an accomplice and an official spokesman of President Reagan in Nicaragua and a direct accomplice in the aggression and war against our people, of the bloodshed in our country."

Elimination of too many stories had prevented La Prensa from publishing 41 times since the emergency was declared. It also had been closed by the government

several times for a few days at a time.

But Holmann said that in the past the newspaper had always been told how long it would be kept shut.

Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, a co-owner of the paper and widow of former publisher Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, said the newspaper would comply with the order because

"there is no alternative."

"This confirms that there is no freedom of the press," she said.

Pedro Joaquin Chamorro was a critic of Nicaraguan strongman Anastasio Somoza. The publisher's slaying in 1978 was a spark that intensified the Sandinista revolution that overthrew Somoza in 1979.

Loan problems of Cox not to affect interest in Hereford plant

By SHAWN COCKRUM
Staff Writer

A combination of depressed economies in the oil and gas, agricultural, and real estate industries is at fault for Dallas investor Edwin L. Cox's uncertainty to repay \$80 million in personal loans from Interfirst Corp. of Dallas, a spokesperson for Cox's Valley View holdings said.

Lucia Wyman of Valley View headquarters in Dallas, said that "everything is going as scheduled," however, with the proposed Valley View energy generating facility to be located near Hereford.

Construction of the multi-million dollar Valley View project is planned

to begin in September.

"Everything is fine," said Wyman.

"Hopefully we can correct the misconception that these personal loans will affect his business projects. These business loans are totally separate and apart from anything to do with his business. Even the personal loans themselves are not in jeopardy," explained Wyman.

Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President Mike Carr said that a \$92.7 million bond acquired through the county to fund the Valley View project is in no way in trouble.

"That money can only be used for the construction of the plant," said Carr. "Nobody can take any money from that account for any reason other than the construction."

Cox, 39, the son of Dallas oilman Edwin L. Cox Sr., owns several meat-packing plants in the Texas Panhandle, including the recently acquired Swift Independent Packing of Chicago. Wyman also pointed out that Cox's holdings within the Swift corporation are not affected.

Cox was recently a bank director of Interfirst, the third-lar-

(See COX, Page 2)

U.S. imported more farm goods than exported

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time on record, the United States in May imported more farm goods than it exported, as the nation's trade deficit surged to \$14.2 billion, up from \$12.1 billion in April, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said

agricultural imports amounted to \$2.2 billion in May, compared to exports of \$1.9 billion — for a deficit of \$348.7 million.

In April, farm exports had totaled \$2.1 billion and imports \$1.9 billion.

The figures showed once again that the turnaround in the trade balance

long awaited by economists and politicians has yet to materialize — despite lower oil prices and a weakening U.S. dollar.

The May figures showed the same pattern of shrinking exports and expanding imports that has prevailed for many months.

The Commerce Department report said May imports totaled \$31.6 billion, up from \$30 billion imported the month before. Exports were \$17.4 billion in May, down from \$18 billion in April.

Analysts said a sluggish world economy had much to do with the

continued imbalance.

"There's nobody to sell to. Our economy is doing better than the rest of the world," said David Wyss, chief economist for Data Resources Inc. of Lexington, Mass.

So far this year, the monthly trade

(See FARM, Page 2)

Senator Bill Sarpalius



Reports



AUSTIN — We took our Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on the road again, this time to the Rio Grande Valley, and had another outstanding public hearing.

Valley farmers, ranchers and agribusiness people joined state officials and others at the Pan American University campus in Edinburg to discuss problems facing our agriculture financing system and ways to better market Texas agriculture products.

Texas Department of Agriculture officials led off the hearing with a fairly frank and productive discussion of TDA's activities in both finance and marketing. Deputy Commissioner Mike Moeller provided an overview of TDA's work and assisted marketing specialist Paul Lewis in a presentation of the Department's marketing programs.

Both Moeller and Lewis stressed the farmers' markets TDA has created, and other direct marketing efforts. While they obviously tried to put their programs in the most positive light, they admitted under questioning that the farmers' markets have helped only a small percentage of Texas farmers.

Lewis reported better success with TDA cattle sales to Mexico, although these sales, like the farmers' markets, have helped only a small percentage of Texans.

Strange also was forthright when discussing the Family Farm and Ranch Security Loan program, which he supervises. That program has resulted in only two loans in five years, and Strange said the program "has not been successful."

We have made no secret of our distaste for TDA's tendency to blow every program way out of proportion. But, things were a little different at this hearing. The promotion was kept to a minimum, and we were very impressed with Moeller's, Lewis' and Strange's ability to stick with the facts.

Everyone involved seemed willing to work together to improve agriculture finance and marketing. It is such cooperation that ultimately will turn our sluggish agriculture economy around.

That reversal unfortunately is still several years in the offing. More immediate results probably

will come from the testimony of Valley cattleman and meat packer Ruben Hinojosa.

Hinojosa brought to the subcommittee's attention a serious discrepancy in the prompt-payment laws. Those laws require packers to pay cattle raisers immediately upon purchasing cattle but does not entitle the packers to the same prompt payment from beef retailers.

The situation puts many packers in a dangerous cash-flow situation, Hinojosa said. Money travels out much quicker than it comes in for a packer, and Hinojosa suggested the situation probably could be solved by making retailers pay packers promptly.

On the surface, the idea seems good and certainly merits further research. There is a good chance the subcommittee will recommend to the 70th Legislature that packers be entitled to prompt payment for their sales.

Space unfortunately doesn't permit us to discuss all the other good testimony in detail, but we would like to commend Drs. Julian Sauls and Wayne Hayenga, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Kenneth Harmon, Farm Credit Banks of Texas, for their outstanding presentations to the subcommittee.

From now on, the subcommittee's work schedule is going to be rather hectic. The committee meets next July 1, in Austin. At that hearing, final testimony will be taken and preliminary recommendations made. After subcommittee members have discussed those preliminary recommendations, our staff will begin preparing our report to the 70th Legislature.

It's still a little early to say exactly what those recommendations will be, but based on the outstanding testimony we've received, we're confident they'll be of benefit to Texas agriculture.

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Shopping bags bound for Smithsonian

CHICAGO (AP) — Most people take shopping bags for granted, but a Chicago man believes they're art — and so does the Smithsonian Institution.

Stephen Wagner is donating his collection of more than 2,000 paper bags — all but a few favorites — to the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt Museum of Design in New York.

The bags feature reproductions of works by Andy Warhol, Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, Walt Disney and others.

"Most people think of shopping bags as something stores just print

up. But the shopping bag has gone beyond that," he said.

"We feel that shopping bags are one of the most au courant — or, I should say, up-to-date — ways for a museum to keep up with trends in graphic design," said Elaine Evans Dee, curator of drawings and prints at Cooper-Hewitt.

Wagner, 31, said he began noticing interesting graphic designs on shopping bags around 1978. Then he found himself keeping the most exciting ones.

"I became aware that I was holding on to more and more of

them," said Wagner, who has a degree in art from the University of Texas where he concentrated on graphic communication.

"It will probably take at least a dozen boxes" to ship the collection to Cooper-Hewitt, said Wagner, a retailer and free-lance artist. The bags now are piled up at his home and in storage space provided by a friend.

Wagner's collection includes bags from the 1984 Republican and Democratic national conventions, and from the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

But some of the best ones are produced for Christmas, he said. One bag depicts Walt Disney

characters riding in a 1930s automobile and frolicking in the snow. Disney once used the same scene as a Christmas card, Wagner said.

Another bag shows NBC TV's "Today" weatherman Willard Scott dressed as Santa Claus.

Wagner said he is sad to see his collection go, but he believes public display of the bags will spark interest in graphic arts.

"Some of the bags have a special meaning," he said. "With some, I can remember the exact day I got the bag."

"But in the long run, I hope this will encourage more art on shopping bags."

Crash claims singer's daughter

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — An 18-year-old youth has been arraigned on a charge of criminally negligent homicide following a one-car crash that killed the daughter of country-western singer George Strait.

Jentifer Strait, 13, died Wednesday night when the auto carrying four teen-agers overturned near her family's home, authorities said Thursday.

Justice of the Peace Macel Sullivan said the driver, George Wilson Allen of Staples, Texas, was arraigned before her on the Class A misdemeanor charge and released on a \$2,000 personal recognizance bond.

Allen is scheduled to appear before County Judge H. Howard Warner on July 24, she said.

Authorities said Miss Strait, an eighth-grade student in San Marcos public schools, was killed when the auto in which she was riding rolled over while attempting a left turn.

Strait, who lives in the city about 30 miles south of Austin, went to the accident site after being notified of the crash, a family friend said.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox said the driver wasn't injured in the accident.

Two other passengers — William

Allen McDonald, 16, and Joseph Wiley Robbins, 17, both of San Marcos — suffered minor injuries and were treated at a San Marcos hospital, Cox said.

According to DPS reports, the car was traveling on a county road in Hays County when the accident occurred. DPS spokesman David Wells said the car turned over and landed on its roof in a ditch after the driver failed to stop at a stop sign.

Miss Strait was riding in the front passenger seat and was not wearing a seat belt, Wells said.

State trooper Anthony Wolpman said the teen-agers apparently were returning from a party when the accident occurred.

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Sports



Headin' Home

Jesse Vallejo of the Astros heads home to score a run on a teammate's hit during a Kids Inc. boys' major league contest this summer. (Brand photo by Gary Christensen)

Spud Webb has become 'hot potato'

DALLAS (AP) — Since winning the NBA Slam-Dunk championship at Reunion Arena here Feb. 8, Spud Webb has been one hot potato.

He just signed a two-year contract, worth a reported \$250,000, to promote a company's shoes and clothing.

For three days earlier this month, representatives of the Pony company took pictures of Webb in Dallas, to be used in a national advertising campaign for their newest line of sneaker, The Dunkmaster.

"This is a take, Spudbaby," Damian Bisch, president of a New York ad agency, told Webb during a recent photo session at the Wilmer-Hutchins High School gym where Webb once played.

Standing just 5-5½, Webb's famed dunking ability has made him among the latest rages in sports marketing.

There is a Spudball made by Baden — smaller than the standard-sized basketball.

In the next few months, it's likely Webb will be promoting Coca-Cola.

He has been approached by Walt Disney Studios, which wants to do a movie about his life.

A book about him is already in the making.

Moreover, Webb went to New York last week to film a segment on the Phil Donahue Show that will be shown July 7.

Webb, who last season played with the Atlanta Hawks for the NBA minimum salary of \$70,000, likely will emerge as a millionaire.

"He is, like, the rage," said John O'Reilly, Pony's vice president of

marketing. "We have Mary Lou Retton, too, but we've negotiated more time with Spud. The response has been phenomenal. He's the hottest thing going right now, absolutely."

The little guy who used to hustle pool at Webb's Soul Market is climbing the endorsement ladder in high-heeled sneakers.

But, he said, "I'd rather just play and go home."

"I don't get into the ego thing. I haven't told a lot of people about the camps, or even the shows I've been on," Webb said.

"It's (his new-found celebrity) something. But I treat it like it's nothing."

Like it or not, Webb is appealing because he is small.

"I want them to say, 'He can play,'" said Webb. "I know because I'm small I'm doing all these things now. But I hope my size is just giving me a foot in the door. I hope that by playing in the NBA I showed people I could play."

By defeating Seattle 10-3

Rangers snap 3-game losing streak

By The Associated Press

Charlie Hough had a bad time pitching in the Seattle Kingdome, as he usually does, but for the first time in four seasons he won a ballgame there.

"I made a couple of good pitches with men on base, but I don't think I pitched a good game," said Hough, who held the Seattle Mariners to five hits over seven innings to help the Texas Rangers snap a three-game losing streak with a 10-3 win over Seattle Thursday.

Despite allowing just five hits, Hough, 7-3, said he struggled all through the game.

"I've always had a tough time here. The mound is so high here," he said. The Ranger knuckleballer won the first game he ever pitched in Seattle on September 30, 1981, but in the next four seasons lost three games and had one no-decision.

The high mound, which other pitchers in the league have also criticized, gives Hough more problems than the small dimensions of the Kingdome. "I think every pitch will be high or a ball," he said.

Texas manager Bobby Valentine agreed with Hough. "That's not the Charlie Hough I know. That mound is tough, he kept trying to adjust all night," he said.

The Rangers fell out of first place in the American League Western Division for the first time since May 23, when they were swept three straight by the California Angels. On Wednesday night they were held to just one hit by California's Kirk McCaskill.

Texas made a quick turnaround against Seattle, knocking out eight consecutive hits in the first inning. Scott Fletcher and Rubeen Sierra started the six-run inning with singles off starter Lee Guetterman. Pete Incaviglia doubled to drive in two runs. Larry Parrish followed with his 11th homerun. Tom Paciorek singled and Steve Buechele snapped a string of 11 straight solo homers with a homerun to left field. The homer gave the Rangers a 6-0 lead and chased Guetterman, who saw his record drop to 0-3.

Guetterman has been in 23 games for Seattle but has started just two. He was pressed into the starting rotation when Manager Dick Williams sent one starter, Billy Swift, back to the minors and released another starter, Milt Wilcox. When asked if Guetterman would stay in the rotation Williams asked reporters, "Does anyone have a suggestion for a replacement?"

Three Seattle relievers didn't help as the Rangers collected 18 hits, including nine extra base hits.

Seattle cut the lead to 6-3 in the second inning on a three-run homer by Bob Kearney, his third homer.

In the third Texas added a run when Paciorek singled and scored on a double by Buechele. Oddibe McDowell led off the fourth with his 11th homer to extend the score to 8-3.

In the ninth Paciorek got his fourth hit, an RBI double and then scored on a single by Curtis Wilkerson for the final two Texas runs.

In the only major league games Thursday, Kansas City whipped

Oakland 9-2 and Detroit beat Baltimore 8-3.

Tigers 8, Orioles 3

Lance Parrish hit a pair of two-run homers and Walt Terrell gave up five hits over 8 2-3 innings as Detroit beat Baltimore for the sixth time in seven games this season.

Parrish connected in the first inning after a single by Alan Trammell, who went 4-for-4, and added another homer, his 17th home run of the season, in the fifth.

Terrell, 7-5, left the game after walking John Shelby with the bases loaded and two outs in the ninth. Willie Hernandez got the final out for his 14th save.

Mike Flanagan, 1-5, who gave up both of Parrish's homers, took the loss at Tiger Stadium.

Royals 9, A's 2

A mouse that cost Dave Kingman \$3,502. A baserunning blunder that cost Jackie Moore a job.

All things considered, this was one of the more eventful four-game series in Oakland baseball history. It seemed almost fitting for the A's to cap their zany trip to mid-America Thursday night by taking it on the chin, 9-2, as the Kansas City Royals thoroughly spoiled Jeff Newman's managerial debut.

With Jorge Orta hitting an inside-the-park home run, the Royals scored four runs in the first inning and four more in the second.

Moore's dismissal was anything but unexpected. Oakland's lone victory Tuesday night in this eight-game road trip had snapped a team-record 15-game road losing streak. A gut-wrenching 5-4 loss Wednesday night, featuring Ricky Peters' baserunning mistake in the ninth inning, plunged their record to 29-44.

Kingman's practical joke during Monday night's game, in which he had "a \$2 rat" delivered to a female sportswriter, backfired in his face.

The moody slugger was fined \$3,500 and told he would be fired if it ever happened again. Moreover, the incident seemed to indicate that morale and discipline among the boys from the East Bay had sunk to a new low, and probably did nothing to strengthen Moore's tenuous hold on his job.

But with Newman at the controls and Moore flying home to Arlington,

Texas, Thursday night, the A's went back to business as usual. They loaded the bases in the first and fifth but failed to score.

"Did I experience anything I didn't expect to?" said Newman. "Yes. I really didn't expect them to score eight runs in the first two innings."

Moore's firing caused a change of plans for Royals' Manager Dick Howser, who will manage the American League in next month's All-Star game.

"He was a friend. I hate to see it. I had selected him as a coach for the All-Star Game," Howser said. "Now he can't do it."

"I know this is a first-class organization," Moore said after he was dismissed Thursday as field boss of the Oakland A's. "I will always appreciate their giving me an opportunity to be their manager."

"We'd like to have someone in place within 7-10 days," said Sandy Alderson, the A's vice president for baseball operations. "We have not speculated at all on who that might be. We've got some names in mind, but no one has been contacted."

LaRussa said he has not been contacted.

"I haven't heard anything, other than I'm being mentioned (as a possible successor) in the press," LaRussa said from his home in Sarasota, Fla. "I've learned not to assume anything. I'm not going to say they're interested in me if I don't know they are. But I will say that I'd like to manage in the major leagues again someday."

Newman said he had no interest in the position.

"In no way am I in the running for the job," said Newman, who has been the A's bullpen coach. "I don't want to be considered."

Moore, a popular figure with players, fans and media, said he has not decided whether to take the A's up on an offer of an unspecified job in the organization, but said he would like to manage again.

"I sure would," he said. "I know it's in my blood. But right now, I just need to sit back and think about everything that's happened."

Moore joins Chuck Cottier of Seattle, Jim Frey of the Chicago Cubs and LaRussa on the list of managers who've been axed this season.

The A's began the season well and were tied for first in the American League West on May 10. But injuries to pitchers Joaquin Andujar, Moose Haas and Jay Howell as well as center fielder Dwayne Murphy contributed to a nosedive. A victory over the Royals Tuesday night snapped a team-record 15-game road losing streak.

Alderson said dismissing Moore was a difficult choice to make.

"The most important goal for today is to make sure Jackie's departure is done in a way that he deserves," Alderson said. "He's a first-class guy and a tremendous gentleman. We want to make sure his dignity and pride are intact. Very soon, we'll turn our thoughts to finding a successor."

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In responses to Kingman's joke

Where's sense of humor?

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

Rats.
Nobody, it seems, has a sense of humor anymore. Baseball players once were known for their light-hearted approach as they sashayed through life earning major league money for playing a little kids' game. Pitcher Moe Drabowsky, remember, was king of the clubhouse hotfoot, a juvenile stunt that he maintained right through his advancing years. Now, though, everybody is so serious.

Occasionally, however, we're treated to a good oldtime guffaw, provided by a comedian in double knits. Take Dave Kingman. Or, as Henny Youngman might put it, "Take Dave Kingman, please."

Oakland's designated hitter and well-known humorist played this swell practical joke on a woman

Sports briefs

By The Associated Press

GENERAL
NEW YORK (AP) — The Sun Bowl announced a three-year \$1.5 million agreement with John Hancock Financial Services, as well as a new three-year contract with CBS-TV. It was announced that the game will be played on Christmas Day from 1986-88 and will be renamed the John Hancock Sun Bowl. John Hancock Financial Services, a promotional name for the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Boston and its 17 subsidiaries, will give the Sun Bowl \$500,000 in each of the next three years, with one-year renewal options for 1989 and 1990.

TRACK AND FIELD
LAPPEENRANTA, Finland (AP) — Olympic champion Edwin Moses made his long-awaited comeback, winning the 400-meter hurdles in 48.89 seconds in his first race since 1984. It was Moses' 95th straight victory. Counting heat victories, his winning streak now stands at 110 and he has not lost since August 1977.

Steve Ovett, Britain's former world record holder in the mile and the 1,500 meters, outkicked Steve Scott of the U.S. to win the 3,000 meters in 7 minutes, 51.43 seconds.

HOCKEY
TORONTO (AP) — Edmonton Oilers center Wayne Gretzky, who set an NHL assist record with 163 this season, and his coach Glen Sather were named The Hockey News' Player and Coach of the Year respectively.

sports writer the other day but instead of applauding his efforts at comedy, the A's wound up fining him \$3,500 for his trouble.

C'mon, guys, lighten up. Kingman, whose DH role leaves him plenty of spare time to dream up new and exciting ways to entertain his followers, found himself in Kansas City this week. With the A's in the clutches of a 15-game road losing streak, it clearly was time for a little levity. Don't worry boys. Just leave it to Kong, the clown.

Well-paid for his occasional contribution to Oakland's tour of the American League — he is batting .213 and earning \$600,000 — Kingman invested \$2 to purchase a small rodent.

It may have been a mouse. More likely it was a rat. Anyway, Kingman carefully placed the little creature in a pretty pink package and shipped it up to the press box, addressed to the attention of Susan Fornoff of the Sacramento Bee. He attached a note which said, "My name is Sue."

Now that's a real thigh-slapper, isn't it?

And when Fornoff, who covers the A's without benefit of approval from Kingman, entered the clubhouse after the game, the designated hitter tossed a box of tissues at her, saying, "Go ahead, cry."

Charming, isn't he? Predictably, Fornoff did not cry. To their credit, the A's did. Management was not amused and Sandy

Alderson, the club's vice president for baseball operations, announced that the stunt would cost Kong \$3,500. What's more, Alderson said, if he pulled anything else like that again, he would be "released immediately, without further compensation."

While they waited for Kingman's next gag, the proprietors of the Oakland funhouse practiced releasing people by firing Manager Jackie Moore on Thursday.

He wasn't laughing, either. Meanwhile, we are pleased to report that Kingman's rat has found a good home. Reporter Fornoff turned the creature over to a Royals Stadium employee who passed it on to a friend's 5-year-old son. Boy and beast established an immediate rapport.

But then Kingman sent word that he would pay \$75 for the return of the rat. Why he wanted it, nobody knows. There are rather limited uses for a used rat.

The owner's father considered the offer — "Seventy-five dollars is seventy-five dollars," he noted — but rejected it when the 5-year-old cried.

Ahhh, tears, at last. Had the buy-back offer been accepted, it would have increased Kingman's investment in this strange affair to \$3,577. Drabowsky, operating in a simpler economic time, got away much cheaper. He was only fined \$100 when they caught him applying the hot foot. And the matches didn't cost a penny.

D.C. chief prosecutor is drawn into Bias case

By JANE E. ALLEN
Associated Press Writer
BALTIMORE (AP) — The chief prosecutor for the District of Columbia has confirmed his office has been drawn into the investigation surrounding the drug-induced death of University of Maryland basketball standout Len Bias.

U.S. Attorney Joseph Di Genova acknowledged late Thursday that his office had become involved in one aspect of the case: whether the cocaine that killed Bias was purchased in Washington.

"A crime was committed in the District of Columbia, according to published reports," Di Genova told the Associated Press from his Washington home. "That matter is the subject of an inquiry."

According to broadcast and published reports, Bias purchased cocaine on a Washington street corner hours before he died.

A Baltimore radio station, WBAL, quoted unidentified sources at the University of Maryland as saying Bias bought eight grams of cocaine in Washington for \$800 on the morning of June 19. Earlier reports placed Bias in an area of Northeast Washington noted for its on-the-street drug sales hours before he suffered cardiac arrest.

Prince George's County police have declined to comment on any evidence of such a purchase.

Di Genova defined the crime under investigation as "the distribution of drugs," and said any information his office gathered would be transmitted to Prince George's County authorities.

"I've confirmed to you there is an investigation," he said.

District of Columbia police spokesman Quintin Peterson said Thursday a gram of 90 percent to 97 percent pure cocaine would sell in Washington for \$315, making eight grams worth \$2,520. He said cocaine confiscated from street sales in the district averages 20 percent pure.

A District of Columbia police officer, who asked not to be identified, told The Associated Press in Washington that Bias could not have purchased on the street cocaine of the purity found in his body.

"That would have to come from a major dealer. A dealer would hold something like that for himself and his friends," he said.

At the College Park campus where

Bias died, the shock waves from the death of a 22-year-old athletic superstar have raised questions about school policies.

Chancellor John B. Slaughter told the Washington Post in an interview that he would transfer oversight of the university's academic support unit for athletes from the athletic department to the academic sector. He acknowledged that the university shares with the athletic department the blame for the poor performance of some athletes.

Maryland, he said, is guilty of exploiting its athletes, "just as every institution" heavily involved in athletics.

The university's Board of Regents meets Monday to examine academic records of athletes, who reportedly are failing at a high rate. According to school administrators, less than a third of the players on the men's basketball team during the last several years have earned degrees.

The board of regents also will examine athletic and academic officials' responses to the news of Bias' death early Thursday, a state official has confirmed.

The official, who declined to be identified, also said the university's top governing body would examine on-campus drug abuse.

More 'summer adventures' activities planned at YMCA

The activities of the next two weeks of the YMCA summer adventure program have been planned, starting with a trip to Palo Duro Canyon on Monday.

Monday's trip to the canyon starts at 10 a.m., with a return time of 6:30 p.m. Youth are asked to bring their own lunch, and also a change of clothes for the canyon trip.

Other activities next week are: a "Terrific Tuesday" from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday; a trip to the "Waterslide" on Wednesday, with games in the morning before leaving for the "Waterslide" at 10 a.m. (returning at 5:30 p.m.); and a "Tournament Day" on Thursday.

Activities scheduled the week beginning on Monday, July 7 are: a


"Muddy Monday" on July 7; a trip to Palo Duro Canyon on Tuesday, July 8; a "wet 'n wild Wednesday" on July 9; a day at the city swimming pool on Thursday, July 10; and a "watermelon day" on Friday, July 11.

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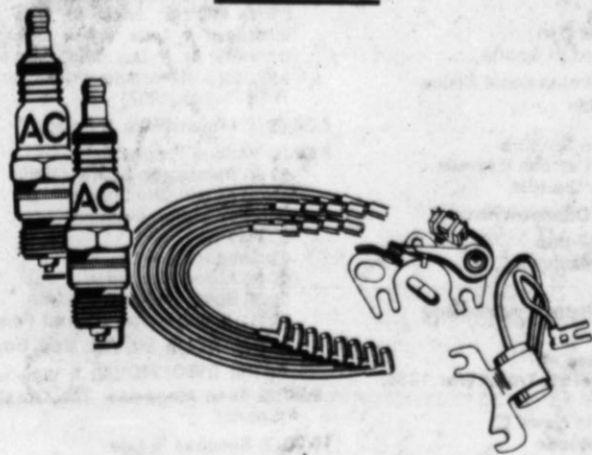
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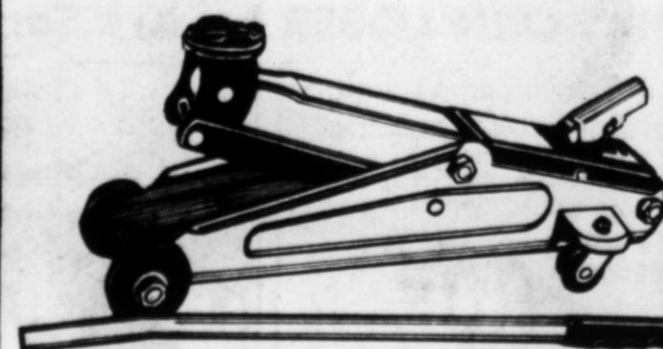
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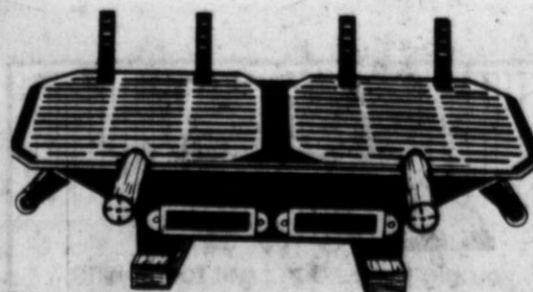
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POLLY'S POINTERS Cloth makes crust as easy as pie

By Polly Fisher

DEAR POLLY — Having trouble rolling rich pie crust dough on a counter top? Buy 1/2 yard of pillow ticking at a fabric store. Cut in half to get two 18-inch squares. Sprinkle a square with sugar or flour, roll out the dough, then loosely roll up the dough and cloth. Place the crust in the pie tin by unrolling the cloth. The cloth can also be used for cookie dough. Launder the cloth in the washing machine.

Here's a delicious dip for raw vegetables. Mix 1 cup sour cream, 1 cup mayonnaise, 2 tablespoons parsley flakes, 2 tablespoons chopped green onions, 1 teaspoon dillweed, 1 teaspoon Beau Monde seasoning, 1/4 teaspoon monosodium glutamate, and 1/4 teaspoon salt (or less, to taste). Chill overnight in a covered jar before serving. — MRS. A.S.

DEAR POLLY — Whether you have small children or a busy career, sometimes you just can't find that block of time needed for major projects such as washing the windows or cleaning out drawers. If you divide the large task into smaller steps, it doesn't seem so overwhelming. For example, select one window a day to wash or one drawer a day to clean out. In a week or two, your project is done without giving up a large block of your time. There is an old saying: "Yard by yard, it is very hard; but inch by inch, it is a cinch!" — MARYANN

DEAR POLLY — When cooking brown beans, add 1/4 to 1/2 cup of whole-grain wheat (wheat berries) to a pound of beans. This adds nutrition and flavor.

To reduce calories in any cornstarch pudding, use only half as much cornstarch, cook as usual, then add to the thin, hot pudding, 1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin moistened in 1/2 cup cold milk or water. Chill pudding. This gives a light, delectable dessert.

To get that last dab of cocoa out of a box or can, add some granulated sugar, shake well, then use the sugar to make the cocoa. Presto, an extra cup of cocoa! — RUTH

DEAR RUTH AND READERS — Adding the whole-wheat berries to beans while cooking adds the required protein complement to the beans, so you'll be having the most nutritious bean dish possible. A great Pointer! — POLLY

DEAR POLLY — I know the skin of chicken is supposed to be removed for low-cal chicken, but does it matter if you remove it before or after cooking? — LYNN

DEAR LYNN — For the fewest calories and lowest fat content, remove the chicken skin before cooking. If it is left on while the chicken is cooked, the fat under the skin will melt into the chicken. This makes a moist and delicious chicken, but adds lots of calories.

If you find chicken cooked without its skin too dry, moisten the meat with a little fat-free chicken broth, tomato sauce or other low-calorie liquid. — POLLY

DEAR POLLY — Use a one-inch paintbrush to dust the knobs, buttons and grooves on your TV and VCR. It's fantastic on "groovy" things. — M.M.

DEAR POLLY — The noses of infants and small children can become very tender when they have a runny nose and a cold. To clean these tender noses, place Vaseline on a warmed wet washcloth and then gently wash. Now you have a clean and medicated nose! — GLADYS

DEAR GLADYS — This keeps those tender little noses a lot more comfortable. Your helpful Pointer earns you the Pointer of the Week award, a copy of my book "Polly's Pointers: 1081 Helpful Hints for Making Everything Last Longer." Others who would like this book can order it for \$6.50. Make check payable to POLLY'S POINTERS and send to POLLY'S POINTERS, Box 1216, Dept. 55, Cincinnati, OH 45201. — POLLY

DEAR POLLY — An inexpensive wicker basket with a cover makes an attractive bathroom accessory. It will also keep extra toilet tissue, bathroom brushes and cleansers out of sight.

An old pair of pantyhose, tied securely around a broom head, makes a perfect ceiling and high-corner duster. — M.S.

DEAR POLLY — Do you have a recipe for spices you simmer in a pot to give a spicy odor throughout the house? — M.L.S.

DEAR M.L.S. — While no real "recipe" is needed, here's a combination of spices I think gives a pleasing aroma:

Put two cups of water in a shallow pan and add a cinnamon stick, five or six cloves, five or six allspice berries and a couple of slices of orange or lemon. Simmer on the stove so the aroma fills the air. Watch to see that the liquid doesn't boil away; add more water if necessary. Simmer 20 minutes or more to thoroughly scent the house.

If you like, you can use ground spices instead of whole ones; use 1/2 to one teaspoon of each spice.

You can also place the ground spices in a shallow pan and bake them in the oven for 15 minutes at a low temperature (200 degrees). However, keep an eye (and nose) on it to make sure the spices don't burn, which causes an unpleasant odor.

Whichever method you choose, your home will be filled with a delightful aroma. Guests will think you spent the entire day baking! — POLLY

DEAR POLLY — Soon after I began to baby-sit my two nephews (4 and 2 years of age), I found that the building blocks I had for them to play with were sometimes dangerous. At this age, children like to throw things and I noticed that several times one or the other of the boys was almost hit in the face with a wooden block. I bought a big bag of colorful sponges. I left some as they were and cut others into different sizes. The boys love playing with the sponges. They can't hurt anyone or anything if they throw them around. — GRACE

DEAR GRACE — This is an excellent suggestion for safe building blocks. One precaution, however. If there are babies at the chewing stage in the house, it's best to keep the sponges away from them; a small piece chewed off a soft sponge could be a potential choke hazard since the soft sponge can conform to the shape of the windpipe if swallowed.

Another suggestion for safe building blocks: Cover small empty boxes with adhesive plastic or shelf paper. I'm doing this with butter boxes which are a great shape and size for blocks, but other small boxes are good, too.

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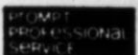
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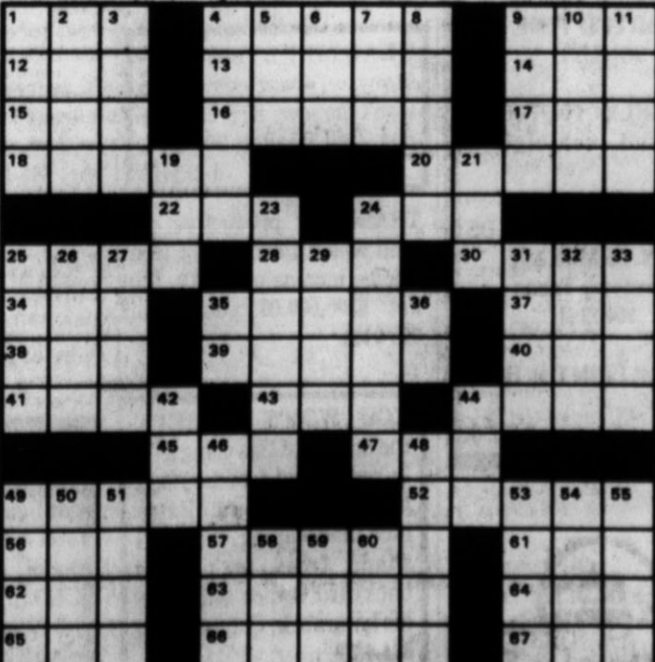
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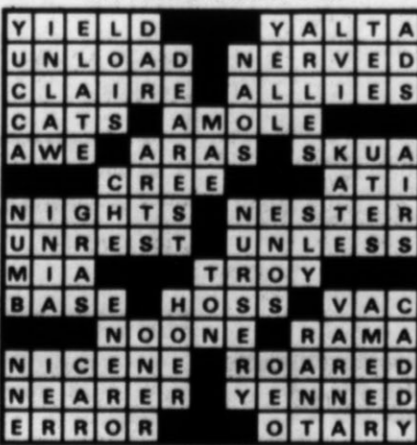
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- 1 Company (Fr., abbr.)
- 4 Eskimo house
- 9 109, Roman
- 12 Pounds (abbr.)
- 13 Food regimens
- 14 New Haven tree
- 15 Dine
- 16 Poet T.S.
- 17 Long inlet
- 18 Covers
- 20 Thoughts
- 22 Inhabitant of (suff.)
- 24 Automobile
- 25 Concurrence (abbr.)
- 28 Tea (Jap.)
- 30 Hawaiian instruments
- 34 Spy group (abbr.)
- 35 Troy
- 37 Firearm owners' gp.
- 38 Amazon tributary
- 39 Toffees
- 40 Highest note
- 41 Nixon pal
- 43 Mountain near ancient Troy
- 44 Soothsayer
- 45 Varying weight of India
- 47 Caustic substance
- 49 Japanese-American
- 52 French school
- 56 Townsman (abbr.)
- 57 Become twisted
- 61 On same side (pref.)
- 62 Brother (abbr.)
- 63 German philosopher
- 64 Playing card
- 65 My (Lat.)
- 66 Beeps
- 67 — to Joy



Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 35 Integrated circuit (abbr.)
- 36 Belonging to me
- 42 Compass point
- 44 Dry, as wine
- 46 Octave
- 48 Crisis
- 49 Missile
- 50 Male ancestor
- 51 Colonnade
- 53 Eight (comb. form)
- 54 Told fib
- 55 Old slave
- 58 New (pref.)
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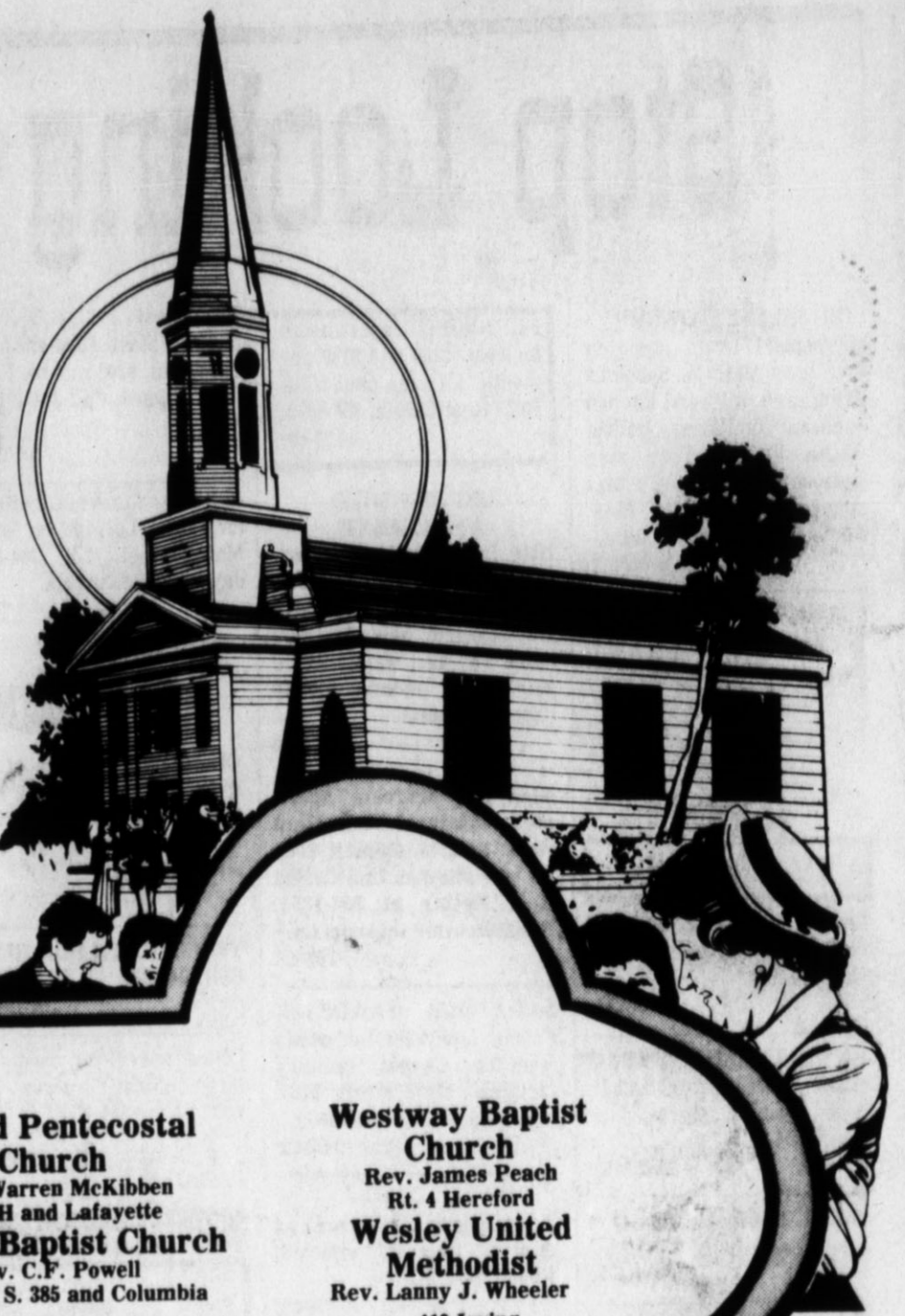
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