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Rah, rah ... hah, hah



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Tim "Muffy" Powers, principal of Lamar Elementary, shows his stuff as he leads fans in a cheer during Friday night's East/West elementary faculty basketball game at McNeely Field House. Admission proceeds to the game went to the local Latch Key program. The victorious east team consisted of teachers from Lamar, Travis and Mann elementaries while the faculties of Austin, Wilson and Baker made up the west squad.

New minimum wage law in effect today

By KAREN BALL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's minimum wage increases for the first time in nearly a decade Sunday, but it won't lift millions of low-wage workers above the poverty level.

The minimum wage, paid to about 3 million Americans, increases from \$3.35 an hour to \$3.80 and will go to \$4.25 an hour next April 1. The new law also establishes a subminimum training wage for certain teen-age workers.

Critics say the increase should have been greater.

"Right now, it's not at a level where people can pull themselves out of poverty," said Jo Ann Mort of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union.

"When people hear minimum wage, they think children working after school, and that's not the reality of it. The reality is that adults are trying to support families on this," Mort said.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., last week called the size of the increase a "disgrace" and said he would push Congress next year to bring the wage to "a level that is fair to millions of workers who are being unfairly exploited now."

Kennedy blamed the size of the increase on the Bush administration, which vetoed a proposal last year to raise the wage to \$4.55 an hour.

The increase was "the best we could do against an anti-worker administration that refuses to do justice for America's working poor," said Kennedy, chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

The administration considers the increase an equitable boost that will result in fewer jobs being lost than under the \$4.55 proposal, White House spokesman Stephen Hart said.

Polls have shown a majority of Americans support a minimum wage of at least \$5 an hour.

The minimum wage was established in 1938 as part of the first Fair Labor Standards Act. During its first 40 years, Congress acted six times to keep the rate at about 50 percent of the average hourly earnings of all non-supervisory employees.

The \$3.35 rate, which equaled 48 percent of the national average earnings in 1981, fell to an all-time low of 35 percent of the nation's average earnings last year, according to the AFL-CIO.

After Sunday's increase, full-time minimum-wage workers will still be \$516 a year short of what the government figures it takes to support a family of two at the poverty level and \$4,796 below the basic needs level for a family of four. The government placed the poverty level for a family of four at \$12,700 in February.

Still, the boost in the minimum wage may help millions of other low-paid workers. For instance, companies paying \$4 or \$4.50 an hour may decide to raise wages 45 cents to keep trained workers.

There are more than 11 million Americans making less than \$4.50 an hour and nearly 15 million making under \$5 an hour, according to the Labor Department.

Under the new law, workers ages 16 to 19 may be paid a subminimum training wage for their first three months in the work force and for an additional 90 days if the employer has a formal training program.

The training wage will be \$3.35 an hour when the minimum wage rises to \$3.80 an hour and \$3.62 an hour when the minimum wage reaches \$4.25 next April. Migrant seasonal farmworkers are exempt from the subminimum and the entire subminimum provision expires in April 1993.

The wage that employers are required to pay workers who receive tips will increase to 45 percent of the minimum wage, providing that tips bring workers' hourly pay to at least the minimum. The percentage, which was 40 percent before Sunday, goes to 50 percent a year from now.

The level at which small businesses are exempt from the federal minimum wage increases from \$362,500 in gross sales to \$500,000.

Hundreds of special exemptions exist, such as for some farm workers, including tobacco leaf harvesters, casual babysitters, newspaper delivery workers, amusement park employees, wreath makers, employees at small radio stations in cities with fewer than 25,000 residents and mollusk and crustacean harvesters.

Police on horseback charge anti-tax protesters in London

By EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Police on horseback charged tens of thousands of anti-tax demonstrators in central London on Saturday after protesters threw rocks and bottles and apparently set fire to a building in Trafalgar Square.

More than 30 people were arrested in the clashes with police near the square, 36 police officers were hurt and an undetermined number of protesters were injured.

At least one policeman was knocked unconscious.

A London ambulance spokesman said "considerable" numbers of ambulances were being brought in to cope with the casualties.

Firefighters battled the blaze. A witness and a police officer said it was apparently started by a protester in worker's huts at the building undergoing reconstruction.

There was no word on injuries connected with the fire.

The mounted police, pelted with rocks and bottles, moved into Trafalgar Square to try to clear it of demonstrators.

"The police tried to crush us from both sides from Whitehall. People were in a panic. There were young children there and old people, but the

horses were stepping on anybody," said a student who gave only her first name, Lara. Whitehall is one of several broad avenues near Trafalgar Square.

But Iain McCallum of Surrey said: "There is no doubt that the police were being provoked. There were guys throwing bottles and cans at them, shouting abuse. They just wanted to cause trouble."

For most of the afternoon, most of the estimated 30,000 protesters waved their placards peacefully in the square, denouncing the unpopular new local tax, known as the poll tax.

Trouble started after 3 p.m., when several hundred of militants began a protest near the Whitehall entrance to Downing Street, where Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's official residence is at Number 10.

She was not there.

Police in riot gear joined 40 mounted officers to control the crowd, but at least one officer was knocked out as protesters pelted police lines with rocks from a nearby building site. Other police officers and citizens were hurt.

Witnesses said serious trouble began when the march reached the top of Whitehall, the main street of government buildings, which was already crowded with other demonstrators spilling into Trafalgar Square.

Mud still flying in Richards-Mattox race

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The Democratic gubernatorial runoff began with talk of a peace treaty. But it didn't take long for any truce plans to go up in smoke.

Not only won't state Treasurer Ann Richards and Attorney General Jim Mattox agree to end their bitter personal attacks, they disagree on who broke the truce and can't agree on whether they will debate before the April 10 runoff.

Mattox flatly accused Ms. Richards of using illegal drugs 10 years ago, but offered no evidence. Richards passed a drug test and challenged Mattox to do the same.

Richards said there are tough questions that Mattox is ducking — such as how he could borrow \$1.4 million if he really earned only his \$75,000 government salary. He claimed the treasurer was hiding out, afraid to debate him.

Their attacks have grown more bruising as election day nears.

"If Ann Richards is not tough

enough to stand up and debate Jim Mattox, and to answer the questions that are on the voters' minds, how is she going to be tough enough to stand up to the problems facing our state?" Mattox demanded.

The attorney general claimed he had "sufficient information" to believe that Richards, 56, and a recovering alcoholic, used illegal drugs as "a 46-year-old elected official" and said she must address the issue.

"She doesn't want to give a simple yes or no (answer) about cocaine, about marijuana, about other hallucinogens. She must answer what she used, how much, for how long and who supplied them," he said.

Richards responded — as she has for two months — by saying she made more information about her personal life public than any other candidate. She chided Mattox for failing to follow her example and making public his income tax returns.

"This campaign has taken on the predictable form that Jim Mattox

campaigns always take. Whatever trash he can throw to try to detract from his poor performance, he will do that, and I expect it to continue until election day," she said.

Stopping short of accusing Mattox of taking bribes, she said he had obtained \$1.4 million in loans while in office and said, "There have been instances in which large campaign contributions were made and, suddenly, either the penalties were less or particular instances of activity in the attorney general's office were changed."

The ugly tone followed a rough-and-tumble primary in which Richards narrowly edged Mattox. Richards won 39 percent of the primary vote, besting Mattox's 37 percent.

They dashed the comeback hopes of former Gov. Mark White, who was so upset that he met with Republican nominee Clayton Williams. Williams hasn't won White's endorsement, but beams, "He hasn't turned me down."

Peace talks between the Mattox and Richards campaigns began

shortly after the March 13 vote. They went well enough that Texas Democratic Chairman Bob Slagle briefly voiced optimism. "I really think that the runoff primary is going to be a positive campaign," he said.

Each side disagrees about the breakdown.

"A truce was definitely in the works. The attorney general did not keep up his half of the bargain. It's nearly impossible for him to act dignified," said Monte Williams, Richards' press secretary.

"I don't believe peace was ever that close to breaking out," replied Mattox spokesman Kelly Fero. "We are simply asking her to come out of hiding and debate the issues. We want people asking us questions and hearing our answers."

Downplaying the campaign's tone, Democratic leaders say either Richards or Mattox will make a better candidate than Williams in November. Ed Martin, the party's executive director, insists the campaign's tone won't have any lasting effect.

County to review application for a drug program

Gray County Commissioners' Court is scheduled to hear a presentation on an application for a comprehensive drug program that includes a drug dog program for county and city law enforcement during the regularly scheduled Monday meeting.

The meeting is set to begin at 9:30 a.m. in the County Courtroom on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

The city of Pampa plans to file an application with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission seeking a five-year grant for a comprehensive drug program that will include the city and the county. The deadline to file the application is April 13.

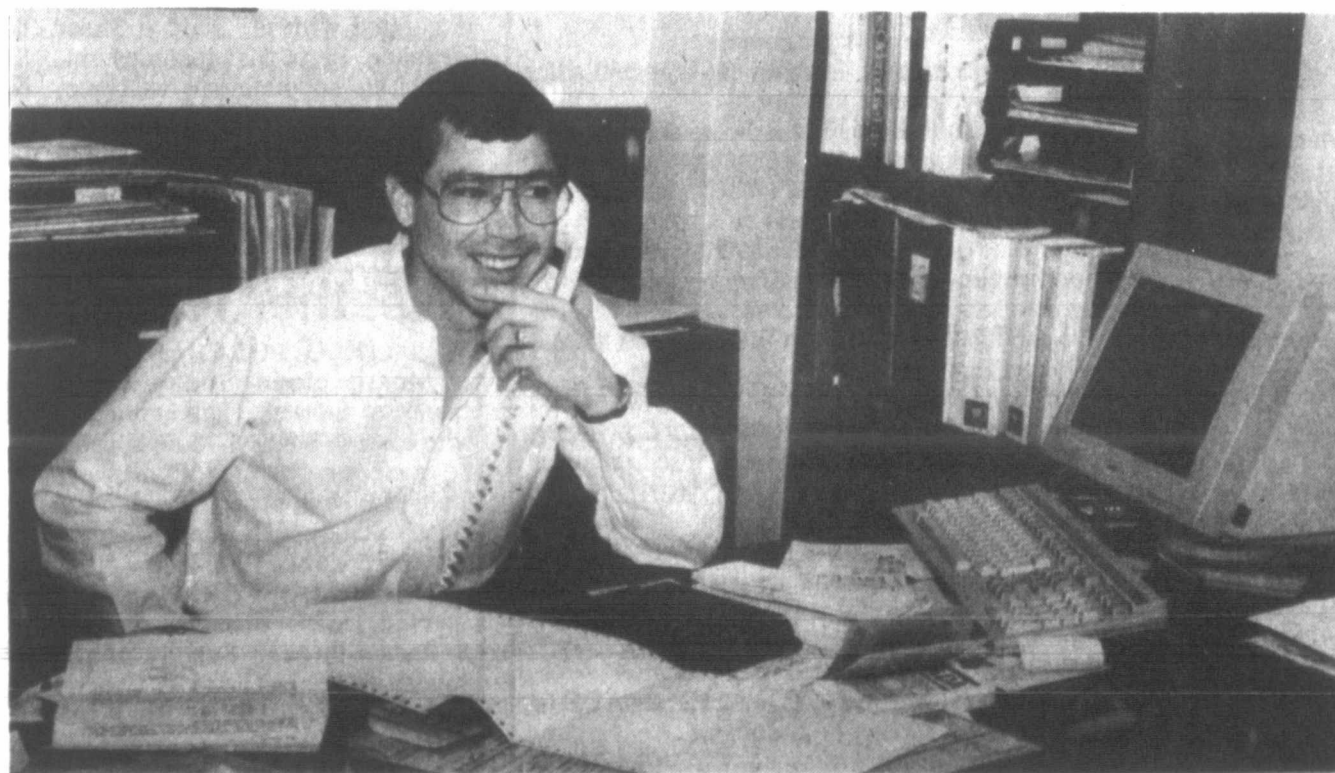
Part of the money from the program, though, would come from city and county coffers.

Pampa Police Chief Jim Laramore and Gray County Sheriff Jim Free were both present at last week's work session of the Pampa City Commission to discuss the program.

Laramore is scheduled to be at the Commissioners' Court meeting Monday along with other city officials and Sheriff Free.

Other items on the county commissioners agenda include consideration of a proposal for long-distance telephone service; receiving a presentation from a representative of the Gray County Extension Service; and discussion of a proposal to lease Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office space.

Also on the agenda are consideration of the procedure to select and appoint a constable for Precinct 2; discussion on the new county jail to be built; a presentation on alternate plans for group medical coverage; discussion of a request from Tracie Crisis Center and a transfer of a hangar lease at Perry Lefors Field.



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Robert Knowles works in his office Friday afternoon after announcing the merger of Marcum Chrysler Dodge with Robert Knowles Olds Cadillac.

Knowles to take over Chrysler, Plymouth and Dodge franchises

An agreement by which Robert Knowles will take over Marcum Chrysler Dodge was described as "a smooth and friendly passing of the torch" by the two participants in the merger.

Jim Marcum and Knowles reported Friday that they had reached an agreement by which Knowles expects to take over the Chrysler, Plymouth and Dodge franchises on May 1 — pending final approval by the factory.

"The deal makes sense in many ways," Marcum said. "Robert has been seeking a truck line, since that amounts to roughly half of the new vehicle sales in West Texas. And adding the Chrysler line will give him entry-level vehicles, economy cars, and the strongest line of minivans available to complement the strengths of his GM lines in mid-size, full-size and luxury cars."

Knowles said, "I am excited about putting all this together. I am working on a plan to combine the two dealerships in one location, and I hope to have an

announcement on that in the near future."

The two dealers expressed agreement on their desire that service customers would find a smooth transition between the two businesses.

"I am asking Marcum's employees to stay so that his customers will find a familiar face when they need service," Knowles stated.

Marcum added, "Robert has built an excellent reputation in service and I am confident he will maintain and improve on our high customer satisfaction ratings."

Knowles opened Robert Knowles Olds Cadillac in November 1988. He recently earned recognition as a Cadillac Master Dealer and as Oldsmobile Elite Dealer. Both of these GM awards demonstrate outstanding achievement in sales and service for 1989.

Marcum Chrysler Dodge opened in February 1988 and won recognition as a Five Star Service Award Dealer in 1989.

BEAR-ing up



Teachers at Horace Mann Elementary School display the outfits they wore for Be Enthusiastic About Reading - BEAR - day on Friday; the costumes represent their favorite book characters. On the front row, left to right, are Bonnie Choate as Pippi Longstocking, Wanetta Hill as Raggedy Ann, and Gayle Rohde as The Polar. On the back row are Renee Ramaekers as Hattie the Rabbit, Kevins Wade as The Jolly Postman, Angie Walker with a shirt display of Clifford's Puppy Days and Brenda Knutson as The Great One.

(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Greyhound officials call off strike talks

DALLAS (AP) - A planned meeting between Greyhound and union officials was scuttled by further violence and the company has no plans to return to the bargaining table in the next two weeks, a spokesman said Saturday.

The Dallas-based Greyhound Lines Inc. Friday canceled an agreement to meet with the union and federal mediators on Monday in Tucson, Ariz., to try and bring an end to the 4-week-old strike.

Two shootings and a bomb threat that occurred late Thursday and early Friday destroyed the agreement reached in three days of private meetings between Greyhound and striking bus drivers. A third shooting was reported later Friday.

"We cannot resume negotiations while the violence continues," Greyhound executive vice president P. Anthony Lannic said in a letter to union president Edward M. Strait.

Elsewhere, the strike took an economic toll. In Franklin, La., Greyhound officials closed the bus station, which has made only 77

cents since the Amalgamated Council of Greyhound Local Unions went on strike March 2.

"I tried to hang in there, but I just can't do it anymore. There isn't any end to the strike that I can see, and the route from Lake Charles to New Orleans doesn't produce enough. It is not feasible for me to keep going," said station manager Winsome Hebert.

In a boon for the company, Greyhound said it will restore its north-south service Sunday in several New Mexico cities, some of which have been without service since March 2.

Lannic said the company would agree to meet on April 9, "if there is no other violence in the meantime."

Strait said the union has repeatedly condemned violence.

An estimated 6,300 bus drivers and 3,000 other workers went on strike after talks broke down over a new three-year contract.

The walkout has been punctuated by violence, including 28 shooting attacks on buses, 70 bomb

threats against buses or terminals and more than 100 other incidents, according to a company source.

The latest shooting occurred Friday night when a bus was hit between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, Pa.

A bus was fired on near Tulsa, Okla. Friday. No one was injured in the incidents, company officials said.

Strait said Friday there also have been 60 incidents of "violence perpetrated by unsafe and ill-trained replacement drivers against people on the picket lines."

Greyhound announced Tuesday a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of anyone involved in a shooting or bomb threat.

Greyhound has been operating on a reduced schedule since the strike began, using permanent replacements and crossovers.

The company plans to expand and improve its service on Sunday, putting it at 54.1 percent of pre-strike miles.

Flooding ravages portions of North Texas

LIBERTY, Texas (AP) - Sunny weather helped stall the ravages of flooding expected after two days of heavy rains on the Trinity River and Lake Livingston, officials said Saturday.

"The rains have stopped and the sun is shining," said Kenneth Bird, a volunteer at the Liberty County Emergency Management Center. "We have no injuries and no residential flooding at this time."

At least one drowning death was attributed to flooding, authorities said.

On Friday, heavy rains from North Texas swelled the Trinity River runoff into Lake Livingston to set a lake level record of 133.2 feet and send 53,700 cubic feet of water a second over the Livingston Dam, said Jim Mitchum, emergency management coordinator. The previous record level - 133.08 feet - was set in 1989.

Liberty County officials issued a voluntary evacuation notice to some 400 residents of the Dayton Lakes and nearby Trinity River Plaza neighborhoods, which experienced heavy flooding last year.

But by Saturday afternoon, Bird said residents were back home. "We have no shelters open and we've had no one asking for assistance," Bird said.

Still, water gushed over the

roads in Trinity River Plaza, Dayton Lake Estates and South Liberty Oil Field late Saturday. "We're expecting to get maybe one more foot of rise," Bird said.

On Saturday afternoon, the flow from the Trinity into the lake had slowed to 52,600 cubic feet per second.

Meanwhile, on Friday, a 16-year-old Houston boy apparently drowned while swimming in flood-swollen Halls Bayou about 6 p.m. Police said James Allen was playing with a friend, William Baines, along the banks of Halls Bayou near Jensen Drive when Allen, an inexperienced swimmer, decided to dive in, officers said.

"He came up out of the water and yelled, 'Help, help!' I grabbed his hand but I couldn't pull him out, and he went back under," Baines said.

Members of the Houston Police Department Dive Team recovered the body about 8:15 p.m. tangled in brush several feet from the bank.

The fast current, combined with water temperatures of about 60 degrees, probably sent Allen into shock and contributed to his drowning, said Donald Ritchey, a dive team member.

A construction worker in Brazoria County was killed Thursday when a sheet of plywood blown by high winds struck him on the head.

Investigators said Juan Andres Alanis, 31, of Clute suffered head and neck injuries about 3 p.m. Thursday when high winds blew the plywood off a cooling tower at the Phillips Petroleum Co. construction site. He was pronounced dead at Hermann Hospital.

A second worker, Kenneth James Bryant, 31, of Bay City also was injured, but he was in good condition Friday at Matagorda General Hospital in Bay City.

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Age is an undeniable reality now

Age is relative, as we all know. But there is an undeniable reality that once you hit *THESE MIDDLE YEARS*, the body does start to turn on you.

This is becoming ever clearer as I buy more bottles of Drano to clean my ever-falling hair out of the shower drain and begin to suave tired, aching muscles with Ben Gay when I haven't been exercising.

Just this morning I rolled over to turn off the alarm and wondered who had run a shiv into my knee joint. "AUUGH!"

"What's the matter, honey," my wife asked, "gas?"

"Not this time. It's my knee."

"Last night it was your back. Maybe I should get you a cane, grandpa."

Another sign of age is musical taste. While I still can rock and roll with the best of them (I like to think), I have begun to do it at a much lower volume. And I find myself occasionally pondering the musical contributions of Barry Manilow, something that would have been heresy just a few years ago.

"You know, that 'Mandy' was a pretty good song," I tell myself, "And 'Weekend in New England' was strong," even if I'm not sure whether Barry was singing to Eve or Steve."

Teen-agers I know cringe and act embarrassed for me. "Next thing you know," I've heard them say, "he'll be wearing shorts with black stretch socks."

Another sign of age is discussing a major musical influence of your day and having younger people give you blank stares.

I still remember doing this to my parents when they told me about Mitch Miller and Jo Stafford. Then they would sing, "Mairzy doats and dozey doats and little lambs edivy."

"That's the dumbest thing I've ever heard," I would tell them. Then I would close the door to my bedroom and turn on a good song, with lyrics like, "Yummy yummy yummy, I've got love in my tummy and I feel like lovin' you."

The other day I was telling some kids about the major musical influences of my day - deep, thoughtful groups with provocative names like Grand Funk Railroad and The 1910 Fruitgum Co.

You know you are old when what you once considered cool has turned to cold.

You know you are close to death when it comes back into style.

I've talked to a number of men who say another sign of age is that 16-year-old girls now remind them of their daughter and 50-year-old women no longer remind them of their mother.

For most men, death is close when they would

Off Beat By Bear Mills



rather be lying with their feet on the couch and the TV remote control in their hand watching a John Wayne movie than lying on a beach watching babes.

They don't mind watching a movie about babes, usually, as long as someone will go to the video store and rent it for them - they are too tired to climb off the couch and do it themselves.

For women, the telling sign is spending two hours looking for their glasses and only finding them when they glance in the mirror and see them resting right there on their head.

The worst part about getting older is what it does to your "hip manipulator," that part of your brain that would cause you an attack of palsy before it would let you do anything nerdy. While some people have had defective hip manipulators almost since birth, mine was in quite good shape until recently, thank you.

Now, I shamelessly turn to re-runs of the Lawrence Welk show and marvel at how well they dance. I've even been known to ask my wife to prepare Jell-O for dessert, a treat with appeal only to the young and innocent and the old and senile.

Before long I will be taking my wife to the cafeteria and getting the mini plate with black-eyed peas and cabbage; plenty of roughage to help the Metamucil do its job.

While such a prospect used to make me laugh nervously or shake in fear, there is a quiet acceptance that sweeps the soul regarding this fate. That acceptance, by the way, is another sign of age.

You realize it takes too much energy to be cool. You'd rather just be yourself and let the changes happen as they may.

Oh, I know that it's not to the point of one foot in the grave and the other on the banana peel yet, not for a long time.

But these days, when I talk about babes, is pondering the virtues of Pampers over Luvs, not silk over cotton.

Civil rights symposium cites lack of diversity at UT

AUSTIN (AP) - Recruiting and retaining minority students and faculty are "obviously" not a priority of the University of Texas at Austin, a Stanford official said during a two-day civil rights conference at UT.

Greg Ricks, director of multicultural programming at Stanford University, was guest speaker at a Friday program on the final day of the fourth annual Heman Sweatt Symposium on Civil Rights.

The symposium is named for the first black student to attend the UT School of Law.

Ricks, who arrived at UT March 25 and spent the week talking to students and faculty about multiculturalism and racism, called it "surprising" that only 1,860 of the school's 50,000 students are black.

"I thought there would be more black students, at least 4,000 maybe; more Hispanics and more Native Americans," he said.

During his stay, Ricks said it was obvious to him that recruiting

and retaining minority students and faculty are not priorities of the university administration.

But he said students are "still struggling" to bring multiculturalism to the university.

"When I came here the one thing I did not see was students who were disconnected from the university, meaning students who were so frustrated that all they would do is

go to class and then go home," Ricks said.

Panelists at the Friday discussion said in addition to minority student and faculty recruitment, the university needs to make ethnic study courses mandatory for all UT students and elevate the African-American and Hispanic study and research centers to departmental status.

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Opinion

Marijuana can be used as medicine

It's unlikely that the recent resignation of Drug Enforcement Administration chief John C. Lawn was brought about by the less-than-prepossessing political clout of NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws), which called for his resignation in January. In considering a successor, however, President Bush should take into account the issue that promoted NORML's call: whether licensed physicians should be able to prescribe marijuana for patients with conditions that, according to informed medical opinion, can be significantly alleviated by marijuana.

It was buried by coverage of other events, but last Dec. 29, Lawn rejected the idea of rescheduling marijuana so it could be used as medicine. This decision flew in the face of a lengthy, meticulously documented and tightly argued opinion by the DEA's chief administrative law judge, Francis L. Young. Judge Young concluded, on Sept. 6, 1988, that "great numbers of very ill people" can be helped by marijuana, and that it is "unreasonable, arbitrary and capricious for DEA to continue to stand between these sufferers and the benefits of marijuana."

Marijuana is thought by many authorities to be of medical value in the treatment of glaucoma, spasticity and nausea. There are 2 million glaucoma sufferers in the United States; 250,000 to 350,000 are in the process of losing their sight. Each year, 7,500 to 10,000 glaucoma sufferers go blind, while 200,000 to 400,000 face risky surgery. An unknown but significant percentage could be spared blindness if their doctors could prescribe marijuana.

A million Americans are diagnosed with cancer every year; 660,000 receive radiation or chemotherapy, which causes intense nausea. Marijuana is also thought to be an effective treatment for this nausea. The Food and Drug Administration recently approved the first use of marijuana for treatment of nausea connected with AIDS and some AIDS treatments. And marijuana is more effective and less dangerous than the drugs now used to control muscle spasms in multiple sclerosis patients, of which there are 250,000 in the United States.

Judge Young did not recommend that marijuana be legalized for general use. He simply recommended that it be removed from Schedule I (supposedly reserved for uniquely dangerous drugs with no known medical uses), and placed on Schedule II. Then doctors could prescribe it for patients but other laws against possession, sale and use would remain unchanged.

As Dr. Arnold Trebach, president of the Washington, D.C.-based Drug Policy Foundation, put it, "Each year of thousands of Americans will lose their life, lose their vision or become crippled as a result of the DEA's refusal to accept marijuana's well-substantiated medical value. This is what happens when drug war police control the professional practice of medicine."

Undoubtedly, the new DEA chief will continue to wage the war against drugs. He should have the humanity, however, to reconsider Lawn's decision on marijuana as medicine.

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Feelings are hurt? So what?

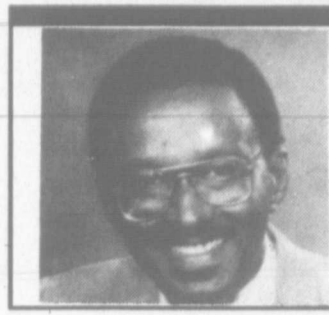
CBS' 60 Minutes humorist, Andy Rooney, fell victim to the new McCarthyism. While Rooney denies it, he was accused of having said, "Most people are born with equal intelligence, but blacks have watered down their genes because the less intelligent ones have the most babies. They drop out of school early, do drugs and get pregnant."

For this observation, Rooney was rewarded with a three-month suspension from CBS without pay. Benjamin Hooks, director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), described the comments attributed to Rooney as "ill-informed and racist."

Even if Rooney made the remark, does it qualify him for being labeled racist? Not in my book. The remark is a testable hypothesis which can be confirmed or refuted. In other words, we can gather information to figure out whether Rooney is right or wrong.

Using race to explain things does not necessarily make one a racist. For example, I can say, the reason Chinese don't excel at basketball is that they're too short, or women compete poorly with men in athletic events because they have less strength and competitive drive. Does that make me a racist or a sexist?

The Advocate, a homosexual magazine, may well have fabricated the story, as Rooney charged, using blacks to get back at him for an earlier remark. In a CBS special, Rooney said, "Many of the ills which kill us are self-induced," such as "too much alcohol, too much food, homosexual unions



Walter Williams

and cigarettes."

Again, Rooney made a testable hypothesis. We can determine whether too much alcohol, food, cigarettes or homosexual behavior kills people or not. Homosexuals were upset because Rooney questioned the healthiness or their lifestyle. Evidence suggests that AIDS is mostly a homosexual disease, except where it has been passed on to heterosexuals. That was Rooney's mistake — making a negative comment about the lifestyle of homosexuals. Unfortunately, our concern over AIDS is not with its threat to society, but with saving homosexuals and drug addicts from discrimination.

The homosexual lobby has politicians and doctors intimidated into lying, telling half-truths and making special exceptions for AIDS patients. Several years ago, when San Francisco nurses wanted to wear gloves when treating AIDS patients, they were forbidden to do so. It took the deaths of several health care workers before the medical profession was backed into admitting that AIDS could be

transmitted through nonsexual contact, if coming into contact with bodily fluids entered through cuts and scratches.

Government officials and the medical profession tell us people living or working around AIDS sufferers are not at risk. That's a half-truth (which is the same as a lie). Since AIDS weakens the immune system, the patient is a readily available host for all kinds of opportunistic diseases, including tuberculosis and hepatitis. Show me a doctor who says these diseases are not infectious and I'll show you a quack.

Former CBS anchorman Walter Cronkite raised the more serious question about the Rooney incident saying "... that such a rare journalistic voice should be silenced indicates a dangerous weakness in our pluralistic society."

We are weaker people if expression is suppressed out of concern for tender feelings. I say let Rooney be condemned by evidence whether a homosexual lifestyle is perfectly healthy or whether the black underclass or upperclass has more children. But don't condemn him because somebody's feelings were hurt.

Rooney is back on the job after only a month's suspension. CBS had watched its ratings plummet in the wake of the suspension. Isn't it amazing how economics tends to bring people to their senses?

Americans have to get tough, just like Williams. My only tender spot is the suggestion that I'm not pretty good at basketball. That I take seriously; it's a matter of ethnic pride.

BUSH WARNS MOSCOW AGAINST USING FORCE IN LITHUANIA...



Going to church in Lithuania

Believe it or not, there is a Baptist church in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Or it least there was in 1985. A member of the group with which I was traveling in the Soviet Union had found out about the church and maybe 20 of us took cabs to a Sunday service.

The idea of going to a Baptist church in a place controlled by the Soviet Union intrigued us all. Maybe we also thought there was some danger involved.

The church was a small frame building. When we walked in, the service hadn't begun. The congregation was mostly elderly women with their hair hidden under scarves.

Three ministers sat in chairs behind the pulpit. A choir, which numbered about 30, not including the babies sleeping in some of the choir members' laps, sat behind the ministers in the pulpit.

We were an immediate curiosity. The old women turned their wrinkled faces and tired eyes at us as we stood in the back of the church.

It was like walking into — I would think later — some sort of secret lodge meeting.

An elderly, stooped woman who was seated near where I was standing arose from her chair and motioned for me to take it.

My mother didn't raise me that way. I gestured for her to sit back down. She insisted I sit. A friend



Lewis Grizzard

said, "She's trying to say it's an honor for us to be in her church. Sit."

So I sat. All three ministers spoke, maybe 20 minutes each. None of us had any idea what any of them were saying, of course, but when the choir sang it was back home in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Heard County, Ga.

I could recognize, of course, the melody of "Rock of Ages," and then the choir did "The Old Rugged Cross." I was astounded.

After the service, we walked outside the church and a young man who spoke English came up and said, "We are very happy to have you worship with us. You are Americans, yes?"

We told him we were. We asked him, "Does the government ever try to stop your services?"

He said, "There are so few of us. They mostly ignore us."

Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, which was taken over by the Soviet Union in 1939, is literally the city of churches.

But when the Soviets came in, they turned most of the churches, many of which are magnificent structures, into schools, offices and museums.

One former church was even transformed into the "Museum of Atheism."

I walked through it. The museum traced religion back to its earliest roots, and the message probably was that religion is a farce, appealing only to the weak and ignorant.

So I read now that Lithuania has voted to secede from the Soviet Union. If the bold move is successful, I wonder if the little Baptist church — if it still exists — might be able to move into one of the big churches. Let's say the Soviet's Museum of Atheism.

I sort of think "The Old Rugged Cross," in any language, would bounce off those walls and fill the place, so dark and depressing when I was there, with the joyous voices of people freed to worship in whatever fashion they choose.

Sing it, brother. Sing it, sister. And, afterwards, we'll have dinner on the ground.

Bless our nation, flag and cigarettes

By VINCENT CARROLL

You're a cigarette company exec, wrestling with Mission Impossible: how to devise an add campaign that won't result in your being bound, flailed and fricasseed by the nation's army of public-interest nannies.

Targeting blacks is out of the question. You already tried that, and it was like poking Godzilla in the smut. Even a member of the president's Cabinet joined in stoning your headquarters.

Then, in an incautious moment, you cranked up an ad campaign aimed at undereducated young white women. You might as well have doused yourself with gasoline in the path of a prairie fire. It seems that young white women, even those who drop out of school, also have friends in high places.

And so here you are, peering and poking at the options. Of course, you could always direct the next advertis-

ing effort at middle-aged white men, who are fair game for any assault these days. But middle-aged white men either already smoke, have quit, or never sampled the weed and never want to.

Then it hits you. Why not appeal to the nation's altruism — even its patriotism?

You'll announce to the public that smoking is in the national interest, like paying taxes on the time. And the nice thing about this angle is that is actually might be true. Or at least a number of health economists seem to think so.

For one thing, smokers tend to die younger and so collect a lot less Social Security benefits on average than their non-smoking contemporaries. Even smokers' medical bills may be no higher than those run up by the rest of us. Not only is a non-smoker's death just as certain as a smoker's, it often follows the same sort of resource-draining hospital

stay. Plus, the non-smoker has four or five extra years on average in which to accumulate medical fees.

"The implications of our results are that smokers 'save' the Social Security system hundreds of billions of dollars," wrote three Stanford University economists in a recent study.

Which is another way of saying that anti-smoking campaigns are justified if the goal is to boost collective longevity and individual vigor, but their effect on the national fisc is quite another matter.

Smoking has many "costs," of course, including lower productivity, fires, higher life insurance pay-outs and certain types of medical bills.

But its "benefits" are considerable, too: reduced nursing home and pension expenses, the additional taxes that smokers pay, and a lower burden on Medicare (if you die at 60, the expense generally falls on the tab of a private insurer; die at 70, and it's the

government's problem).

As *The Washington Post's* Malcolm Gladwell concluded after a review of the evidence, "Little is known about whether smoking costs society more than it saves."

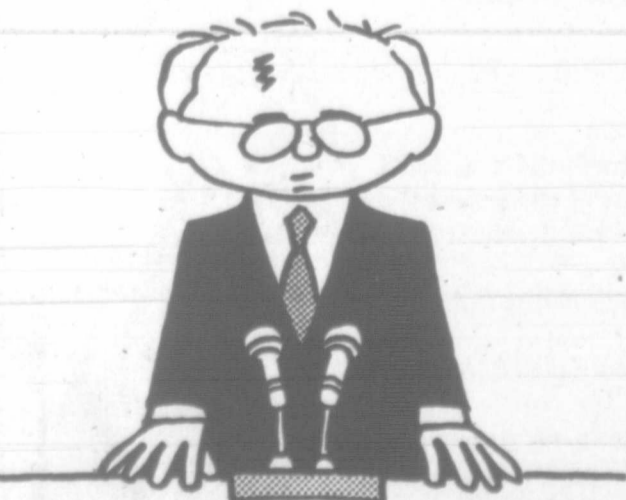
Naturally, that hasn't stopped Health and Human Services Secretary Louis W. Sullivan from trumpeting a "savings" of \$52 billion if everyone stopped smoking. But then whoever expects a crusader to tell the whole truth?

Sitting in your office at Worldwide Cigarette Inc., you admire Sullivan's chutzpah. But you don't really mind it, since two can play this game. So long as no one really knows whether smoking costs society more than it saves, who can object to an ad campaign that directly taps the patriotic impulse?

If Social Security is a problem, who knows? Maybe smoking is the solution.

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Berry's World



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"Now, let's vote on changing the title 'president' to 'CZAR.'"

Letters to the editor

Hospital maintains its quality of care

To the editor:
Coronado Hospital has been providing quality care to the people of Pampa and eastern Panhandle for many years.

Part of the responsibility of the hospital is to maintain the level of care rightfully expected by the community.

When a physician applies for hospital privileges, the hospital Board of Trustees, medical staff and administration have both a legal and an ethical responsibility to investigate and judge the quality of that physician and to grant or deny those privileges based on measurable criteria and knowledgeable evidence.

Recent events appear to have created some concern due to a decision concerning one physician. Coronado Hospital could more easily defend its actions if it were to disclose all the research, discussion, review and testimony that has been generated by this situation. This cannot be done since the law, both Texas and federal, requires that the process remain confidential. While other participants in the process are free to say and allege anything they desire, Coronado Hospital is legally barred from comment. This is true regardless of the lack of factual basis for any allegations made. Coronado Hospital will not retaliate, since it, by law, cannot.

All physicians on the medical staff are continuously reviewed and evaluated through an ongoing Quality Assurance program which is required by JCAHO (the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals Organization) and by Medicare conditions of participation. The medical staff and the Board of Trustees take their legal and moral duty to maintain the quality of care very seriously. To maintain that quality they have donated their time and suffered the emotional strains attendant to an in-depth review and evaluation of the requirements for membership on the Coronado Hospital Medical Staff. None of them treat this issue lightly and all realize that their greater responsibility is to the community at large to assure that only qualified physicians who meet the community standard of care are granted privileges in Coronado Hospital.

I hope that you will let those board members and members of the medical staff know that you appreciate the difficult job they are asked to do to maintain the standard of health care in Pampa.

Norman L. Knox
Coronado Hospital administrator

Why can't he accept our right of choice?

To the editor:
The article regarding Rev. Pfeil and Hastings was really got me upset.

Why is it that Rev. Pfeil thinks he can tell mature adults what they should do?

Please give the other citizens of Pampa a chance to speak out regarding this boycott.

First, I'm puzzled about something. Why is Hastings the only business being picked on? Because they carry adult material? I know of several locations in Pampa that carry the same material and have done so for some time. There are at least two other locations that carry adult videos, but I've not heard anything about boycotting them. Why? Isn't Rev. Pfeil an equal opportunity pain in the rear?

Also, one of Rev. Pfeil's complaints was about pornographic magazines; again, Hastings is not the only place in Pampa that these are available. The displays at Hastings are covered, nothing can be seen by minors, and by having the magazines at the front, store personnel are able to make sure minors aren't looking at them. Minors are not allowed to buy or rent anything pornographic, so what's the problem? Are the adults of Pampa so child-like that we need someone like Rev. Pfeil to tell us what to do?

Is Rev. Pfeil also going to suggest we all boycott the library? There is probably more adult literature available there than anywhere in town, minus the pictures, of course. The point I'm trying to make is that Rev. Pfeil is attacking one business, one that I think we need. We can't afford to lose another.

What exactly is the problem? Is it the availability of adult material? Well, join the real world; it's here and everywhere else, too. And I have yet to go into Hastings and have one of the staff wrestle me to the floor and insist that I look at or purchase anything adult in the store.

Rev. Pfeil, just because you have that title in front of your name does not make you all-knowing or all-powerful. For all you people wanting to boycott these businesses Pampa desperately needs, spend your time more wisely counseling our youth about making wise choices.

When you don't face things head on, that's what gets us into trouble. Taking away something, giving it no exposure at all, usually has the reverse effect of what you're wanting. Rev. Pfeil, please don't make this more glamorous by making a big deal out of it. Give the adults of Pampa a little credit in being able to make their own decisions. If someone old enough to buy or rent this material isn't interested in it now, why in the world would anyone be able to influence them to do so now? And I hope and pray that there are others out there like myself who refuse to let you influence me to give up my rights as a citizen.

It is my opinion that you're a troublemaker of the worst kind, the kind that thinks his personal opinions are the only ones that count, and because you are a reverend, the rest of us should bow to your wishes. Well, I certainly won't, and it's not because I want to buy or rent any adult material, but because I feel if we give in on this issue, then you'll just find another that we must give up our rights on. It would never end, and you would never be satisfied.

It is every adult's right, Christian or otherwise, to read or view what they want in their own home, and I'd rather be horsewhipped than to allow someone such as yourself to dictate to me what I can or cannot do in my own home.

Another thing that really makes me angry, Rev. Pfeil, where do you get off telling people that if they enjoy anything of an adult nature, they are perverts? You are not God; it is not your place to make such judgments. I've had many exposures to adult material of different forms, and I am certainly not a pervert. I consider the source; if it's entertaining, I enjoy it; if it's a trashy movie, God gave me a finger to turn it off, a trash can to throw it away in, and feet to walk away from it. But I would not suggest getting rid of everything that involves either sex, nudity, profanity or violence. These are all things that are unfortunately part of our everyday life. Let us learn to walk around them, to have faith that God will guide us in our choices. But let us not remove them from those around us to do use these things.

For those of you who believe in a God, join me in giving thanks for allowing us to live in a country where we are allowed freedom of choice. The greatest gift we enjoy is probably the right to choose, whether it is right or wrong, good or bad. Do not give away the right to choose.

Rev. Pfeil, one thing I do believe in is the right that everyone is entitled to their own personal beliefs, whatever they may be. So I know you'll continue this little tirade until the people and media pay you no mind. In the meantime, please quit trying to humiliate and intimidate the staff at Hastings. Those people are there to earn money. Leave them alone and let them do it. You've unnecessarily upset those employees. And regarding the movie *Auditions* that was mentioned, you must be 18 or over to rent it; I checked.

To Mr. Parker and your staff—stay strong. This man [Pfeil] operates on the immature method of intimidation. Once we figure out his plays for publicity, there won't be anyone left to listen to him, hopefully.

Melissa Wilson
Pampa

Give us a break, Rick

To the editor:
Give us a break, Rick. After reading the article "Wheeler radio minister Ricky Pfeil wants a boycott of Hastings stores" (Thursday, March 29 edition), I was thoroughly disgusted. Believe it or not, Rick, we still have some freedoms left in this country. Freedom of choice is very important to some of us. We appreciate this freedom and realize it is and has been virtually non-existent in Communist bloc countries, although that may be changing to some extent.

In no way am I a fan of what you call pornographic magazines and videos; however, there may be some hard-working, tax-paying citizen that does enjoy that type of entertainment, and you are not the one to tell him how to choose. It is his choice, my choice, our choice and not yours as to the type of entertainment that we choose.

Who are you to dictate values to the citizens of Pampa? You don't even live here. We are capable of policing ourselves without your interference. We already have a large portion of our everyday lives legi-

slated by politicians, and then here comes a Wheeler radio minister who believes that we should all conform to his standards.

Well, Rick, your standards may be the same as mine are as far as not having any use for pornography, but not everybody believes that way. The Bible is the greatest book of all time, and most Christians realize that; however, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights of our great nation are documents that are the foundation of our freedoms as Americans—"One nation under God." You have absolutely no right to trample on our rights and make our choices for us. The blood and sacrifice of many young American boys have given us the right to choose, and you're not about to deprive the citizens of Pampa of their freedom of choice.

I am sure that you have a deep conviction about what you are doing, but we here in Pampa are happy to see a business open rather than close. It is a matter of economics and 22 jobs. I for one will have no part in a boycott of Hastings, and I don't believe that most Pampans will either. I believe that they are providing entertainment for the people of Pampa and doing a good job in seeing that the pornographic materials in question do not end up in the hands of children under 18 years old. After all, at 18 and over, these kids have the right to fight and die in foreign lands and, yes, make their own decisions.

I would also like to know where you get off questioning the religious convictions of Brett Parker and making the statement, "Not every pervert is under 18!" It seems to me that your job as a minister is to deliver a message, not to make public judgments of others in your quest for publicity. You don't even know Brett Parker. The Bible makes reference to the judgment of others, and you don't have to be a minister to know that.

We here in Pampa would appreciate it if you would confine your crusade against freedom of choice to Wheeler. You have activities there that I am sure will serve God in the best possible way. We have ministers here in Pampa that will intervene on our behalf if it becomes necessary. You have a movie theatre and a congregation that needs your attention. Don't look our way for another trip to the *Nightline* show. We are not interested.

Last, but not least, Christianity is alive and well in Pampa. If we feel that we have a problem, we will take care of it; however, we are also Americans with the freedom of choice, so let us make our own choices, Rick!

Name Withheld
Pampa

Don't dictate morality

To the editor:
Pampa has scraped the bottom of the barrel economy-wise for the last few years. Businesses have closed, a lot of people have moved away; in general, the pits, because there aren't a lot of jobs for normal middle class people. Of course, you can always work for the fast-food places.

Hastings came to town, took an old building, put people to work remodeling it and hired employees for

the store. In general, Hastings created jobs—not a lot of jobs, but jobs, nonetheless. Then all the self-righteous bigots of this area decide that it's a bad place. "Boycott it," they say. Oh, sure, what the heck! Put all of those people out of work. Why should they care? They aren't out of a job; they don't have to worry about how to feed their kids, keep their homes, pay their bills and take care so they can survive.

You people don't have to go in Hastings. You choose to. That's your fault, not the store's. Do you all realize almost every video store rents adult videos? Many quick-stop stores sell adult magazines. What's next—boycott all the place that sell or rent adult material? If you do that, why not sell your homes, if you can, and move away, because Pampa is going to be a ghost town.

People, you can't dictate morality. Quit trying! If you want to, move to Russia and other places where they do dictate it.

A middle-class American
without a job
Pampa

Don't tell us what to do

To the editor:
While I myself do not purchase magazines such as the ones causing this situation, I also don't think that someone from Wheeler has any business telling us in Pampa what we can or cannot buy and read.

I also feel that Minister Pfeil should know that this is a form of censorship, and censorship is illegal. Freedom of speech is also freedom of choice.

I support Hastings for being brave enough to move to a town where so many other businesses are going out, and I think we should do our best not to discourage them. Show other businesses that we support them, and more companies will come in.

Suzan Gregory
Pampa

We all have our rights

To the editor:
I am writing to voice my opinion of the Hastings boycott. I don't think that this is right. We have rights to freedom of religion. We also have the right to freedom of speech. In essence, the movies and magazines are a form of speech. You cannot force someone to look at pornography, just as you can't force someone to be religious.

Taking a person's temptations away will not make them Christians. That is a choice they have to make for themselves. If they make that choice, then the pornography will not play a role in their lives. But they have the right to make that choice.

Hastings is providing a service to the community, the whole community, not just the religious, but—and I quote Rev. Pfeil—also the "perverts."

Keep up the good business, Hastings!
An unbiased opinion
Pampa

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Letters to the editor

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He's just interfering

To the editor:

I was watching the news Friday, and I want to know what a Wheeler-minister has to do with business in Pampa?

The way I see it, people should be allowed to sell or buy anything they want to. Nobody is forcing people to buy anything. If they do, that is their business. Before you know it, someone will complain about the kind of music being sold in these stores.

Note: Rev. Pfeil, congratulations on your conscientious interference in our right to see and read whatever we want.

A satisfied Hastings customer,
B. Lawrence
Pampa

Concert was great; audience was rude

To the editor:

Congratulations to the members of the Pampa bands for their performances in the Joe Dicosimo Music Festival! We have become accustomed to your outstanding level of performance. Once again, we were not disappointed. You did a great job! We are very proud of you. Keep up the good work.

I was disappointed, however, by the rude behavior of some of the members of the audience. Some adults walked around during the performance. Others carried on conversations. Two women in the tenth row talked incessantly. The only time they were quiet was during the pauses between movements. I assume they were there to hear a loved one perform. However, their constant chatter ruined what could have been a very enjoyable experience.

Our young people work many long, hard hours in preparation for each performance. They deserve our respect and consideration. I noticed many elementary-aged children who displayed better manners than many of the adults.

I implore you, if you are unable to sit and listen attentively to our musicians, please do not ruin the event for others. Stay home or out in the hallway. Permit those of us who wish to listen to the performance to do so in peace. Above all else, support our young people with courtesy and respect. They deserve no less. They give their all. Let us, in return, give them a few moments of self-control.

Band members, I apologize for such rude behavior. You are a first-rate group. Perhaps in the future we will be able to be a first-rate audience.

Joyce Porterfield
Pampa

Booster Club thanks for Science Fair aid

To the editor:

Horace Mann Elementary School recently held its third annual Science Fair. We are very proud of the projects which our students have placed in the Science Fair every year. The Science Fair had 44 participants in its first year, 68 the next year, and 109 this year. With this letter we would like to thank every one who helped this year's Science Fair to continue to be an important event at Horace Mann Elementary.

Thank you to all of you parents who helped your children to find the materials they needed for a project, assisted in developing a project and delivered these projects to school.

Thank you to Mr. Tom Lindsey, our principal, for helping us to arrange and organize the Science Fair (and for being our biggest promoter).

Thank you to Mrs. Cathy Winborne, our school secretary, who helped us in so many ways that we do not have room here to enumerate.

Thank you to the faculty of Horace Mann for teaching our children every day about the science in their world, and for encouraging your students to participate in the Science Fair.

Thank you to Van and Lorene for helping us in arranging the display area, and locating equipment.

Our Science Fair was made very special this year by several persons from our community who came to Horace Mann and shared with the students the interest and the enthusiasm which they have for science in their

own daily lives. We want to thank these visitors for the delight and excitement which we saw in the eyes of our students as they listened to and watched you talk about scuba diving, parrots, light spectrums, states of matter, electricity, pigeons, volcanos, rocks and minerals, ecosystems, the heart, textiles, weather and crime detectors.

A very special THANK YOU to Dave Wilkinson, San Talley, Mark Lang, Pierre Vidrine, Darrell Sehorn, John Warner, Ken Fields, Sue Cree, Al Ferguson, Becky Reed, Shirley Windhorst, Beth Shannon, Jimmy Cantrell and Jerry Steed.

And thanks to those persons who were prepared for a program, but due to illness or weather were unable to present it: Heather Kludt, Lori Sutton, Laura Williams and Mary Pena.

Thank you to all the parents who glued, cut out, colored, taped, listed, visited classes, etc., etc., in order to make this Science Fair happen.

And CHEERS! to all the participants in the Horace Mann Science Fair 1990. You had some impressive projects, and we are looking forward to next year!

The Booster Club
Horace Mann Elementary School

Why no protests over our taxes?

To the editor:

Attention taxpayers.

What in the world is going on in our town when an issue such as cable TV brings out hundreds of people, while virtually no one raises objections as we are robbed over and over again by taxation?

Don't fall for the weak excuses and shady reasons our so-called public servants give, as they continually extort your hard-earned money. This money is taken from you for very simple reasons, which have very little to do with economic growth or any of the other phony programs that the money is earmarked for. It is extorted from you primarily for pork-barrel projects, and to perpetuate jobs and positions which, in many cases, are not even essential.

One thing for sure, if anyone is stupid enough to vote for the "additional" sales tax, they can easily see where the money goes. All you have to do is drive by the new golf course, or take notice of how often you

pass brand-new city vehicles.

Taxpayers, arise! Think about high wages, new cars, trips, overcharging auditors, selective law enforcement, favoritism, overpaid consultants, tax foreclosures, outrageous traffic fines, high city utilities, and scores of other things going on in our city government, before you vote to pour more money down this bottomless pit.

Remember, the only way to help your economy, and see that your money is spent how you want, is to keep it in your pocket!

Mike Stone Sr.

P.S. I have my antenna pole ready for use as soon as our City Commission gives Sammon's permission to rob us. I appeal to all Pampanos to do the same if they are tired of being gouged from all sides.

Good job, Malouf

To the editor:

Dr. Malouf Abraham of Canadian is to be commended on his stand relative to protecting one of the beauty spots in the Panhandle, Sleepy Hollow, near Miami. It is to all of our benefits when someone steps forward to help preserve one of nature's unspoiled attractions.

Thank you, Dr. Abraham.

W.A. Morgan
Pampa

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Giving away state land makes group nervous

The idea of our own state senator giving away more than one-third of the public land in his district makes us very nervous.

Who loses if the Canadian River bed is sold? Thousands of Panhandle residents and their children who have used the riverbed for recreational purposes for decades.

Who loses if the Canadian River bed is sold? Eighteen landowners with lands bordering the Canadian River.

Guest column

What would the state of Texas get? About \$1 million or \$55 an acre. What will the state of Texas lose? At least 18,000 acres of recreational land second to none in the Panhandle, and mineral rights under the land.

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Canadian River? Hundreds of people now use the river. Many more would if they weren't intimidated by the illegal fences stretched all over the river. When the court case is concluded, this will end.

The boundaries will be set, the river can be properly taken care of and the legitimate rights of adjoining landowners can be protected.

Isn't the Canadian River just a "ribbon" of land? That "ribbon" is more than a mile wide in many areas. The only problem we have is that the gradient boundary should be even wider. Texas law says artificial changes in a stream do not alter boundaries.

If you think Conchas and Ute dams had no effect on the Canadian River in the Panhandle, you have not read the Bureau of Reclamation Definitive Plan Report. What, you mean you don't have a copy? Well, maybe you can borrow ours when the court is through with it.

We don't have any problem with the Texas Parks and Wildlife purchasing recreational land in the Panhandle. We are actively supporting this. But why do we have to give up land that has been public land since the Comanches? Why can't the TP&WL negotiate only for suitable land and save the pasture land for the cattle?

Senator (Teel) Bivins and Judge John T. Forbis both asked to deal with an organized group with defined leadership. Both recognized the TPRA as that group. The TPRA includes hundreds of members from Panhandle cities including Amarillo, Borger, Pampa, Stinnett, Fritch, White Deer, Kingsmill, Lefors,

Dumas, Sunray, Perryton, Spearman, Claude, Sanford, Skellytown and Panhandle. All meetings are open to the public and to the media.

On Feb. 27, Judge John T. Forbis issued a letter questioning the landowners' status as riparian owners. This could result in the landowners getting thrown out of the lawsuit! TPRA attorney Robert Templeton has said, "I am very suspicious as to what brought about this new compromise legislation. The state is going to win this lawsuit and the landowners are going to lose and they know it..."

Ed Small, attorney for the landowners, originally approached Senator Bivins to sponsor legislation to sell the riverbed to the landowners. According to Mr. Small, "Senator Bivins said he had a conflict because he was a landowner on the Canadian River." Does Senator Bivins no longer have a conflict?

We agree Senator Bivins has remained sensitive to the wishes of a small group of constituents — the landowners. Nearly 8,000 people signed the following resolution:

"Historically and traditionally, the river beds of Texas have been the property of the people of the state of Texas. The minerals beneath their lands have been designated for the support of the public schools of Texas. We, the residents of the Texas Panhandle, therefore oppose any legislation or state action that would reduce the public domain to any amount less than that conveyed by the original deed, or deny public access to any along the Canadian River in Hutchinson and Roberts counties. It is therefore the belief of

the undersigned that any such legislation or action would be detrimental to the area economy, both business and recreational. Therefore to ensure that we, the residents of the Texas Panhandle, are given due process in the above matter, we submit this document as notice of our objection to any legislation that reduces the public domain."

As to Ron Bates' illuminating article in the *Amarillo Globe-News*, Sunday, March 25, what can you say? We can only hope Governor Clements does not have a bad cold when he applies his "smell test."

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Gorbachev urges Lithuania to negotiate

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev Saturday urged Lithuania to back down from its declaration of independence and to negotiate with the Kremlin within the framework of the Soviet Constitution.

In a toughly worded, 18-line statement addressed to the breakaway republic's Supreme Soviet legislature, Gorbachev said Lithuania's chosen path toward independence will only lead to a "dead end."

In a separate statement, also carried by the Tass news agency, Gorbachev addressed the people of Lithuania directly.

"He said their leaders' "tactics of unilateral, ultimate actions endanger the normal life and security of the republic's population, both Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians, and are a cause of great concern in the country."

The unusual public appeal to Lithuania's lawmakers said the republic's course was "openly challenging and insulting for the entire union."

Gorbachev urged the legislature to back off its declaration of independence and instead negotiate "within the framework of the U.S.S.R. Constitution."

In Vilnius, the Lithuanian capital, uniformed men Saturday patrolled the printing plant for republic's main newspapers and the State Prosecutor's office. Both buildings were seized overnight under Moscow's drive to reassert control over the Baltic republic, which declared independence March 11.

Hoping to pressure Lithuania to back down, troops have occupied Communist Party buildings, paraded tanks through the streets, demanded residents hand over weapons and arrested Lithuanians who deserted the Soviet military.

On Friday, nearby Estonia pledged to join Lithuania in its drive to regain independence lost when the three Baltic republics were crushed by the Soviet Union in 1940. The third Baltic republic, Latvia, is expected to pursue independence next month.

In Moscow Saturday, about 700 people rallied in Gorky Park in support of Lithuania, carrying

signs that read: "Hands off Lithuania," and "Down with Red Fascism."

Official Soviet sources estimate that about 250 Lithuanians have deserted the army since the republic declared independence, but Lithuanians say as many as 900 have left their units.

The Soviet military's deputy commander in Lithuania, N. Rogachev, told the official Tass news agency Saturday that Lithuanian deserters were beginning to trickle back to barracks.

The military rounded up at least 23 deserters Tuesday and promised to seek out others who do not turn themselves in.

"Sooner or later the law will be put into force," Rogachev warned. "And the consequences for the fates of the young people may be most tragic."

The building takeovers overnight and statements by Rogachev indicated an abrupt reversal by the Soviets after initial steps from both sides toward a compromise.

Vilius Kavalauskas, a journalist for the Lithuanian newspaper *Tiesa*, said 30 soldiers were patrolling the prosecutor's office Saturday and another 15 armed with nightsticks were at the central printing plant.

The publishing plant, a Communist Party enterprise, prints official newspapers and magazines. Since the local party split from Moscow, official media have adhered to Lithuania's government.

Lithuanian journalists said the uniformed men had not tried to interfere with printing of weekend papers.

The prosecutor's office was seized Friday after staff members refused to work with a Moscow loyalist named by the Kremlin as new chief prosecutor. The prosecutor is basically a republic-wide district attorney.

The Lithuanian prosecutor, Artur Paulauskas, told Kavalauskas Saturday the republic's president, Vytautas Landsbergis, promised him a different building in which to continue his work.

Landsbergis on Friday said the decision to

take over the prosecutor's office indicated the Soviet Union was "trying to destroy the legal system."

"We have had these challenges before. We have stood against them, and we will do it again," he said on local television.

A duty officer at the Lithuanian Interior Ministry said soldiers also had occupied another Communist Party building, the Institute of Party History. Communist Party Buildings already under military control included the Institute of Marxism-Leninism, the Higher Party School and Communist Party headquarters.

Soviet authorities have said the troop actions were legitimate attempts to enforce law and order in a Soviet republic that has no right to unilaterally declare independence.

Drives for independence have taken hold in recent years under the economic and political reforms implemented by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and pose the Soviet leader's greatest challenge so far.

On Thursday it had seemed tensions between the republic and Kremlin were easing as a dialogue began and both sides agreed to compromises.

On Thursday, Moscow had said it wouldn't prosecute army deserters who turned themselves in. A day earlier, Lithuania said it would abandon plans to implement a border guard and advised citizens not to resist if Soviet authorities came to seize their weapons.

Lithuanian Deputy Prime Minister Kazimieras Motieka on Friday accused Vasiliev of bargaining in bad faith when he met with Lithuanian officials. He said Vasiliev spoke of compromise when "there's no question at that moment they already had this planned," referring to the building occupations Friday and Saturday.

Also Friday, the Soviet chief military prosecutor, Alexander Katusev, told Soviet TV that the Defense Ministry had been out of line in offering amnesty to Lithuanian deserters. He said criminal cases had begun against all deserters and indicated people inciting deserters would also be prosecuted.



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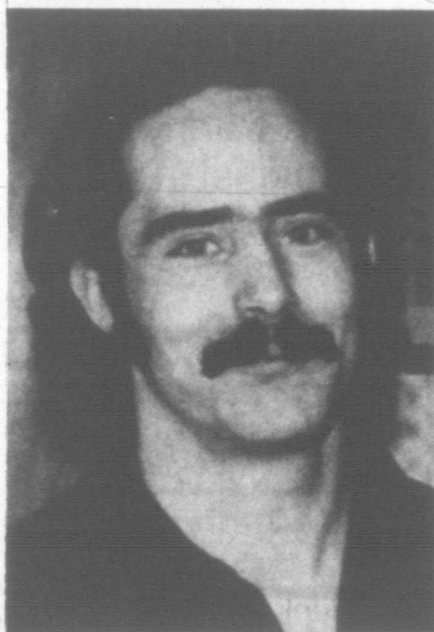
By BOB EGELKO Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A conservative federal appeals judge has blocked a murderer's execution in the California gas chamber, leaving relatives of the killer's teen-age victims stunned and disappointed. The state immediately appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Tuesday's scheduled execution of Robert Alton Harris, which would have been the state's first in 23 years, was stayed Friday by Judge John Noonan of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The judge said more study of Harris' mental state may be needed.

State Attorney General John Van de Kamp's emergency request to have the stay lifted was received at the Supreme Court Saturday morning. It was referred to Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who handles emergency matters from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

Harris was convicted of abducting two San Diego boys from a drive-in restaurant in 1978 and fatally shooting them so he could use their car in a bank holdup. Both victims, John Mayeski and Michael



Robert Alton Harris

Baker, were 16. Their bodies were found on a hillside several hours after the bank robbery.

The judge's decision came after the U.S. Supreme Court turned down four of Harris' previous appeals.

"I was devastated. I just couldn't believe it. I was in a state of shock," said Mayeski's mother, Kathryn Mayeski Sanders, after she heard of

the decision. "After 11 years, he's had every opportunity to plead his case."

"I used to think that the death penalty wasn't the greatest thing, but after going through this I don't think it's too bad," she added. "I hope no one has to go through all that we have had to go through."

Baker's father, San Diego police detective Steve Baker, arrested Harris after the bank robbery without knowing that his son lay dead nearby. The double murder was discovered after the elder Baker leveled a shotgun at Harris at the home of a friend to arrest him on the holdup.

"I'm very disappointed," Baker said. "They've looked at this case through a microscope for 12 years and can't seem to make a decision. There's nothing I can do about it but take it as it comes."

Noonan, appointed to the appeals court in 1985 by President Reagan and known mainly for his opposition to abortion, ordered that Harris be spared to allow arguments before a three-judge appeals panel on whether he should get an evidentiary hearing. That process usually takes several months.

Noonan said U.S. District Judge William Enright, who turned down Harris' last-ditch appeal Wednesday,

should have held a fact-finding hearing on new psychiatric evidence submitted by the defense.

That evidence includes reports by psychologists who concluded that the psychiatric consultants who assisted Harris' trial lawyer acted incompetently by failing to test for brain damage or other serious mental disorders.

Enright had rejected those conclusions without a hearing. He said the dispute amounted to a mere disagreement among experts, wasn't the state's fault and wouldn't have affected the jury's decision in Harris' 1979 trial.

"It is reasonably arguable, and we cannot determine from this record, whether Harris received competent psychiatric assistance," Noonan said after a 50-minute hearing in a packed courtroom.

"We're pleased that Judge Noonan listened to our argument ... and was not stampeded by the wave of public attention generated here," said Michael McCabe, one of Harris' lawyers.

Van de Kamp said Noonan's ruling "creates a brand-new legal right for accused murderers like Robert Harris — the right to challenge the competency of psychiatric experts years after the fact."

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Poindexter prosecutor tells jury to ignore 'biased' Reagan

By JAMES ROWLEY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prosecutor at John Poindexter's trial asked jurors in final arguments Friday to ignore former President Reagan's "biased" testimony and convict his national security adviser of Iran-Contra coverup charges.

But Poindexter's attorney said the defendant had merely gotten caught in a political battle between Congress and the White House and had done "his ever-loving best to give as much information as he could tell" rather than conspiring to hide the affair.

Poindexter had done his job for Reagan, "the driving engine behind his actions," said defense lawyer Richard Beckler.

Prosecutor Dan K. Webb said in his summation that there was "overwhelming evidence" that Poindexter lied to Congress and destroyed documents to cover up the diversion of Iran arms sale profits to help the Nicaraguan Contra rebels when aid was banned by Congress.

Webb ridiculed the defense's decision to call Reagan as its "star witness," calling it an attempt to persuade jurors to ignore the facts.

Reagan "didn't have the slightest clue" whether Poindexter participated in the crimes charged in the indictment, Webb said.

The defense hoped that "just because the president testified you ought to acquit John Poindexter," Webb said. "That defense is an insult to your intelligence."

Poindexter's attorney told jurors

that Reagan resisted testifying and did not come "as a friendly witness." He defended the former president's value as a witness, saying: "the fact he forgot some things does not mean his testimony was not relevant."

The eight hours of Reagan's videotaped testimony, taken in February in Los Angeles, was played for the jury last month by the defense, which rested its case Wednesday without calling Poindexter to the stand.

The case, which began with jury selection March 5, is expected to go to the jury Monday after the judge gives his final instructions.

Beckler told jurors Friday that Poindexter, a retired Navy rear admiral, should not have to pay for the misdeeds of his former aide, Oliver L. North, who was convicted

of charges last year. "If Oliver North did something wrong, that is Oliver North's responsibility. That is not Admiral Poindexter's responsibility," said Beckler, who tried to paint North as a renegade operator in the Iran-Contra affair.

"There were absolutely many things that Admiral Poindexter didn't know Oliver North was doing," Beckler said.

Poindexter was not a member of "some grimy little conspiracy that the prosecution would have you believe," Beckler said.

"He is a victim of a concerted action by Congress, working hand-in-hand with the independent counsel's office to try to do something with this political battle" between Congress and the White House,

Beckler said. Through much of Beckler's 2 1/2-hour summation, Poindexter's wife Linda sat in the front row of the spectator's gallery holding 4-year-old grandson Zachary on her lap.

Prosecutor Webb attacked Reagan's testimony, saying "Ronald Reagan didn't seem to remember anything in this case" and demonstrated bias at one point by turning and winking at Poindexter.

"When people come into court we expect them to give fair and truthful testimony," Webb said. "But when a person is so biased he turns to wink at someone as if to say 'Did that last answer help you, John?' — I would have expected more from a former president than that," Webb said.

Webb ridiculed Reagan's defense of three letters Poindexter sent to Congress in July, 1986, which the prosecution charges falsely deny that the National Security Council staff was secretly orchestrating arms shipments to the Contras.

letters sent to obstruct Congress." Beckler argued the letters were, in fact, truthful. He said Reagan mentioned including profanity in the response because the lawmaker's request for information as "nothing more than an attempt by Congress to take a shot at the administration's position on Contra support."

Webb, a former U.S. attorney in Chicago appointed by Reagan, argued that Poindexter tore up a document authorizing U.S. involvement in Iranian arms sales to protect Reagan from political embarrassment.

"This is the one document in the world that puts the lie to what Ronald Reagan told the American people" when he denied in a Nov. 13, 1986, speech that he had sold arms to Iran to try to free American hostages, Webb said.

The document, an intelligence "finding" signed by Reagan in December 1985, authorized the CIA's involvement a month earlier in the shipment of Hawk missiles to Iran. It described the transaction as an effort to free U.S. hostages.

Webb said that Poindexter, after lying to two congressional committees on Nov. 21, 1986, about U.S.-Iran arms sales, returned to his office and "he tore up the original finding signed by the president of the United States."

Idaho governor vetoes anti-abortion bill

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Gov. Cecil Andrus, confronted with thousands of pleas and a threatened potato boycott by opponents of Idaho's abortion bill, on Friday vetoed what would have been the most restrictive state abortion law.

The veto ended the hopes of anti-abortion groups who wanted to use an Idaho law to challenge the U.S. Supreme Court's commitment to legalized abortion, embodied in its 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.

Andrus, an anti-abortion governor who said he agonized over provisions of the legislation, explained his decision by saying the bill does not provide a woman and her family any flexibility in cases of rape and incest.

"The bill is drawn so narrowly that it would punitively and without compassion further harm an Idaho woman who may find herself in the horrible, unthinkable position of confronting a pregnancy that resulted from rape or incest," he said in a written statement read at a 5 p.m. news conference.

The veto effectively killed the bill, since state

legislators had conceded they did not have enough votes to gain the two-thirds majority needed to override the veto. In addition, the Legislature adjourned its session at 4:32 p.m. Friday, and can be called back only by the governor.

But Republican Rep. Gary Montgomery, one of the bill's main architects, said anti-abortion lawmakers would refine the legislation and press it again in the 1991 session.

The veto "is the most significant demonstration to date of the power, depth and intensity of the pro-choice movement," said Kate Michelman, executive director of the National Abortion Rights Action League in Washington, D.C.

But she warned that the abortion-rights movement remains vulnerable.

"Despite our victories, it only takes one anti-choice legislature to pass one anti-choice, test-case bill that is signed into law by one anti-choice governor for the right to choose to be stripped from every American woman," Ms. Michelman said. "It will only take one case to challenge Roe in the U.S. Supreme Court."

John Wilke, president of the National Right to Life Committee, said: "Gov. Andrus today abandoned thousands of unborn children who will continue to die needlessly in Idaho. He has bowed to the hollow threats and pressure tactics of pro-abortion extremists who insist abortion be available as a method of birth control."

Willke said the veto "is not only unprincipled, but politically unwise. This veto will galvanize the pro-life majority in Idaho and nationwide."

Andrus, who is running for an unprecedented fourth term, said he had consulted with legal scholars of both political parties who said there was not the "remotest chance" of the Supreme Court upholding such a law.

He also said the financial burden for the state to defend the bill in court would have been excessive, with estimates running as high as \$1.5 million.

The bill called for outlawing abortion except in cases of non-statutory rape reported within seven days, incest if the victim is under 18, severe fetal deformity or a threat to the life or health of the woman.

Rifle-toting woman who harassed actress surrenders after standoff

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A rifle-toting woman who allegedly harassed actress Sharon Gless for years surrendered peacefully Friday after a seven-hour standoff with police inside the *Cagney and Lacey* star's home.

Joni Leigh Penn, 30, who in the past had threatened to kill herself in front of the actress, put down a loaded .22-caliber semiautomatic rifle and surrendered to officers inside Gless' Studio City home at 10 a.m., said police Capt. Dan Watson. Gless was not home at the time.

"She surrendered voluntarily. She was tired. She was just kind of worn down," said Watson, who described Ms. Penn as an obsessed fan of Gless.

A policewoman was instrumental in convincing the woman to surrender, but her name was not immediately available, officers said. "I don't know what she said to her," Watson added.

Penn was quickly handcuffed and led outside to a police car while dozens of reporters and neighbors watched. She walked out with her head down.

She looked somber and did not speak.

She was taken to the Police Department's North Hollywood station, where Watson said she would be booked for investigation of armed burglary, a felony.

An hour earlier, Watson told reporters gathered outside the actress' home on a tree-lined cul-de-sac that Penn had threatened to kill herself. Another police spokesman, Officer C.K. Witkamp, said Penn had pointed the weapon to her head when officers arrived.

Gless, who was in touch with police throughout the ordeal, issued a statement shortly afterward in which she said Penn had harassed her for several years.

"These are horrendous times that we live in, especially when disturbed people have such easy access to weapons that can be used indiscriminately," she said. "This has been going on for several years now, and I think has to be dealt with by the authorities."

Police said Penn barricaded herself inside a bathroom at Gless' home. Officers answering a silent burglar alarm found her inside shortly after 3 a.m. She remained in the bathroom for nearly seven hours while a Police Department psychol-

ogist and several officers talked to her from the other side of the door.

Gless was staying at another home she owns in Los Angeles. No one was in the Studio City house, about 15 miles north of downtown, Watson said.

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Defense contractor: Cooperation essential in nuclear sting

By DAVID SEDENO
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The president of a U.S. defense contractor says he cooperated with a sting that averted shipment of 40 nuclear detonators to Iraq because he feared nuclear weapons in the hands of "irresponsible" countries.

The sting came as part of an 18-month investigation by U.S. and British customs agents that culminated in a federal indictment against five people and two British companies.

Jerold Kowalsky, an engineer and president of CSI Technologies Inc., said he alerted U.S. agents in 1988 to inquiries from alleged representatives of Iraq into his company, which makes electronic triggers to military specifications.

He said that the possibility of the devices falling into the hands of the Iraqi government disturbed him.

"I had no qualms in cooperating with the government from the



(AP Laserphoto)

Kenneth Ingleby, agent in charge of the U.S. Customs Service in San Diego, Calif., holds a capacitor, a component used to detonate nuclear warheads.

beginning," Kowalsky said. "I felt like I was doing the right thing and I would hope anybody in my shoes

would have done the same thing." Iraqi officials deny their government is seeking to develop a nuclear

arsenal.

Two of the five people named as defendants in the Feb. 23 indictment, unsealed Thursday in San Diego, were arrested Wednesday in London. The three others, believed to be in Iraq, were identified as engineers for Al-Qaqa State Establishment, a weapons development unit of Iraq's Ministry of Industry and Military Industrialization, U.S. Customs officials said.

The indictment alleges that Euromac (London) Ltd, and Atlas Equipment (U.K.) Ltd. acted on behalf of the Iraqi government to illegally obtain the devices.

Customs officials said Euromac was an official purchasing office of the Iraqi government and had done millions of dollars in business in procuring materials for the Iraqi government at the height of its war with Iran.

CSI Technologies is a U.S. defense contractor. Kowalsky said he felt obligated to cooperate in the investigation.

"We can't afford to have nuclear weapons in the hands of countries that are irresponsible," he said.

Among those charged in the indictment were Ali Dagher, identified by British authorities as the leader of the alleged smuggling operation, and Jeanine Speckman, a French woman released on bond Thursday.

Dagher was identified in the indictment as managing director of the two companies, which allegedly acted as agents for Al-Qaqa.

Speckman was named in the indictment as an export executive for Euromac and secretary of Atlas Equipment. The indictment alleges that she suggested the triggers be shipped in boxes labeled as components for air conditioning in computer rooms.

Customs officials said it was unlikely the three Iraqi engineers will ever be arrested. The indictment identifies them as Karim Dhaidas Omran, Dafir Al-Azawi and Walid Issa Ahmad.

The indictment charges that a conspiracy began in September 1988, when the two British compa-

nies allegedly contacted a London representative of CSI Technologies about obtaining the detonators.

Kowalsky said his 21-year-old, 35-employee company makes electrical components for use in heart defibrillators, lasers and various transmitters and also has manufactured large quantities of capacitors for use in scientific research in Iraq.

He said he received a telex from his London representative in late 1988 that said the Iraqis inquired about CSI Technologies manufacturing capacitors to military specifications. They also asked if the devices could endure severe shock.

"Within a couple of minutes of seeing the telex, my blood turned cold," Kowalsky said. "I told myself, 'These guys are building a nuclear bomb' and I immediately called the CIA and Customs Service."

The indictment charged that the defendants did not seek export licenses as required by U.S. law after ordering the detonators from CSI Technologies. The company is based in San Marcos, Calif., about 40 miles north of San Diego.

Confederate Air Force hampered by its name

By JOEL WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

HARLINGEN (AP) — In a whimsical mood back in 1957, the founders of a group dedicated to preserving World War II aircraft decided to name themselves the Confederate Air Force. It underscored their contempt for the "Yankees" in Washington who allowed the planes to rust away after the war.

Three decades later, the name is thwarting the CAF's bid for national status as a historical organization. Some people find the term "Confederate" offensive, particularly those who remember the rebels of the Confederate States as die-hard defenders of slavery.

The CAF for more than a year has lobbied Congress for a joint resolution honoring the group as the official ambassador to 50th anniversary World War II commemorations. Such a designation would open doors to grant-giving foundations as well as boost the group's image.

But the CAF is being stymied by its name, says U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi. His district includes CAF headquarters in Harlingen. Ortiz is trying to muster the 218 congressional cosponsors needed to win consideration of his House Joint Resolution 285, which would give the CAF ambassadorial status. But only about 60 members have signed.

"First of all, some members are wary of the name 'Confederate' and are hesitant to cosponsor without a lengthy explanation that this pertains to World War II and not the Civil War," Ortiz wrote in a letter explaining the lack of progress to the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce last November.

Jon Schill, a CAF staff member who makes frequent lobbying trips to Washington, says the name problem pops up again and again with Congress and philanthropic foundations.

"We have nothing to do with the

Confederate States of America, although that may have had something to do with it in the beginning," Schill said. "It was a rebellion essentially against orders north of the Mason-Dixon line to make frying pans out of all these aircraft. There was some whimsy in the name."

The CAP has gathered 7,000 members since 1957 and more than 150 World War II aircraft — some of them the only surviving examples of their kind — and kept them in flying condition. The working relics are called the "Ghost Squadron."

The CAF's air shows, in which it re-enacts famous World War II air battles, attract thousands of spectators.

Along with the planes, the group has an extensive collection of World War II artifacts, memorabilia and a wealth of wartime historical documents.

But Schill said he often doesn't get to tell people about the good the group does.

"You can't explain this to somebody, no matter how noble your proposal is, if they're turned off by the name," Schill said.

Lately he finds himself repeating that the CAF has black members, that five members of the Congressional Black Caucus are cosponsoring the resolution and that his orga-

nization two years ago honored the Tuskegee Airmen, an elite group of black aviators who fought segregation to become U.S. fighter pilots during World War II.

CAF members are determined not to change their troublesome name, he said, because they've become well-known as the CAF and are defensive about the group's tradition.

They may get rid of the Confederate-gray uniforms, "but only because they are too drab," he said.

But the director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Washington bureau said the group should get a new name.

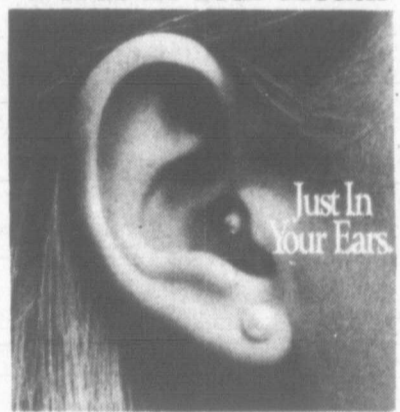
Althea Simmons, who's also the NAACP's chief lobbyist, said she'll fight the CAF resolution if it reaches the House floor.

"Most of us think of anything dealing with Confederate as having to do with the War Between the States," Ms. Simmons said. "All of that tends to say you want to 'go back' to that particular area, which is a sore spot for a number of people."

The resurgence of racist hate groups, some of which fly the Confederate flag, does not help an organization named the Confederate Air Force, she said.

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Business



(Special Photo)

Pictured are the 1990 officers of Phillips Petroleum's newly-formed Council of Credit Unions. They are, from left: Randy Sable, vice chairman; Jackie Kapalski, secretary; Art Hornell, treasurer; Leanna Cowan, member-at-large; and Larry Knoll, chairman.

Phillips Petroleum Co. forms new Council of Credit Unions

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. — 66 Federal Credit Union hosted the first meeting of the Phillips Petroleum Council of Credit Unions recently in Bartlesville, with representatives serving Phillips Petroleum Company throughout the United States present. The council represents more than \$234 million in member assets.

This non-profit service association enhances the benefits and services provided by Phillips Petroleum Company credit unions which serve the financial needs of families and employees of Phillips. "The success of this initial meeting reflects the commitment of Phillips Petroleum Company credit unions to their members,"

said Larry Knoll, president and chief executive officer of 66 Federal Credit Union. "In keeping with the tradition of credit unions, this cooperative was formed to better serve Phillips employees," he added.

Election of officers for the newly formed organization resulted in the nomination and acceptance of the following persons: Knoll, chairman; Randy Sable, president of Pantex Federal Credit Union of Borger, vice chairman; Jackie Kapalski, president of Phillips Employees Credit Union of Pasadena, secretary; Art Hornell, president of Borger 66 Federal Credit Union, treasurer; and Leanna Cowan, president of Phillips Petroleum Federal Credit

Union of Pampa, member-at-large.

During the business meeting, council members recognized Kapalski with a plaque for her credit union's humanitarian efforts during the Houston chemical complex accident. Pasadena's Phillips Employees Credit Union was utilized by Phillips Petroleum officials initially following the explosion. The credit union was open for 48 hours continuously in order to provide a safe shelter for Phillips employees and officials involved in the incident.

Other highlights of the conference included a trip to Woolaroc, former ranch of Frank Phillips, founder of Phillips Petroleum; and a tour of the Frank Phillips mansion.

NBC announces new officers

National Bank of Commerce recently announced the re-election of the board of directors and officers presently serving the bank.

Re-elected as directors were Joe Cree, L.C. Hudson, L.R. Hudson, Jerry Foote and Steve McCullough. McCullough will again serve as chairman of the board of directors. Re-elected as officers of the banker were Steve McCullough, president; Jerry Foote, senior vice president; Ben Shackelford, senior vice president; Dan Ervin, vice president; Freda LeMond, vice president; Kaye Roberts, assistant vice president and Tanga Bailey, assistant cashier.

"We are also pleased to announce the promotion and election of two new bank officers," said McCullough. Merilyn Howell was elected as assistant cashier in charge of tellers and Vicki Lindsay as assistant cashier in charge of credit department.

Howell and her husband, Jim, live at 916 Christine. They have a married daughter, Amy Chapman, at San Angelo State University, and a son, Lance, who is a senior at Pampa High School. Howell's parents are Mr. and Mrs. T.I. Loter of



Vicki Lindsay



Merilyn Howell

Pampa. She is a graduate of Plainview High School and Lippert Business College. She is an active member of Preceptor Theta-Iota chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. The Howell family are members of First Baptist Church and have been residents of Pampa for 10 years.

Lindsay and her husband, Tom, of 2302 Fir, came to Pampa five years ago. They are originally from Atlanta, Ga. Lindsay attended Georgia State University. She and her husband are member of First Baptist Church where they teach the singles department.

Desk & Derrick plans fundraiser

Rhonda Norris, head of the ways and means committee, and committee members expect to make fundraising "fun" raising when the Desk and Derrick Club of Pampa hosts its annual dance Saturday, April 7, in the M.K. Brown Heritage Room.

Something new has been added to this year's event. Attendees will have the option of dining before the dance. Pampa Shrine Club members are to cater a barbecue dinner beginning at 7:30 p.m. Separate

tickets are available for those choosing to participate only in dancing.

Profits from the event are used to fund educational projects of the club, to support training seminars for the public, to promote public relations for the petroleum industry, and to build funds for scholarship grants to local college students.

Bottom Line will be playing for the dance, set to begin at 9 p.m. A door prize of a pair of Justin ropers,

donated by Wayne's Western Wear, will be given away during the dance.

Radio station KGRO/KOMX will feature a trivia question contest with winners to be awarded free dance tickets.

Anderson Photography will be located in the foyer of M.K. Brown Auditorium to photograph groups in their western attire.

Interested persons may obtain tickets from any Desk and Derrick Club member.

CPCA stockholder meeting set for April 5

CANADIAN — Canadian Production Credit Association plans its annual stockholders' meeting in the Canadian Elementary School cafeteria Thursday, April 5.

Registration for the association's 56th annual meeting begins at 6:30

p.m. with barbecue dinner to be served at 7 p.m.

The meeting will feature a report from the board of directors and a president's report. Also included in the list of business is the election of two directors by the stockholders. Nominees for Place 1 are George Cook and Gary Jahnel of Canadian. For Place 2, the nominees are W.D. Mitchell and C.B. (Joe) Henderson

of Wheeler.

Jerry Nine, cowboy humorist/poet of Laverne, Okla., will provide the evening's entertainment.

More than 300 farmer, rancher and cattle feeder members and the guests from Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties are expected to attend this year's meeting.

SPS announces reduction in customer electric rates

Southwestern Public Service Company's (SPS) Texas retail customers will receive lower rates beginning in April due to an interim reduction in the "fuel-cost recovery factor" on electric bills, company officials announced Friday.

The decrease will lower overall electric rates 9.6%, or \$43.8 million for residential, commercial, industrial and other retail customers.

The reduction, which was requested by SPS in November 1989, was approved this week on an interim basis by a hearing examiner with the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Fuel costs collected by the interim factor will be subject to final review by the commission.

Amount of the decrease will vary according to usage and rates applicable to different types of customers.

Texas residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt hours a

month on SPS's standard rate will see their monthly electric bills decline by \$4.07, from \$69.67 to \$64.60.

This reduction is the result of lower fuel and purchased-power expenses, according to a SPS news release. The cost of fuel to operate SPS power plants, plus the cost of power purchased from other companies, makes up about half of the company's overall cost to serve customers, the release states.

"Our industrial electric rates already are among the lowest in the nation, and this reduction will put the Texas service area in an even stronger competitive position to retain and attract industry and jobs," said Bill Helton, SPS president and chief operating officer.

SPS also is passing on the savings to its customers in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas through the regulatory procedures applicable to each state.

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Sports

Duke, UNLV to meet in NCAA championship

Blue Devils beat Razorbacks at their own game, 97-83

By JOHN NELSON
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — Duke survived Arkansas' "Forty Minutes of Hell." Now, the Blue Devils are only one step away from ending their own hell in the Final Four.

Phil Henderson scored 28 points for the Blue Devils, who beat Arkansas 97-83 Saturday in a battle of conditioning and wills.

Not only did the altitude of this Mile High City take its toll on the players, but so did Arkansas' all-out running game, thus the Razorback's rallying cry: "Forty Minutes of Hell."

This time, though, those 40 minutes took a costlier toll on Arkansas. Both Razorback centers played the entire second half in foul trouble. Starter Mario Credit fouled out with 6:22 to play and substitute Oliver Miller went out shortly thereafter, giving Duke a huge size advantage.

When Credit picked up his fifth foul against Christian Laettner, the score was tied at 77. Laettner, who had four fouls himself, hit the foul shot, and Duke led 78-77. The Blue Devils (29-8) outscored Arkansas 14-6 from that point for an 89-81 lead.

Now, they move into Monday night's NCAA title game with a chance to end a long string of failures. Duke has been to the Final Four eight times, including the last three seasons and four of the past five. Never, though, have the Blue

Devils won a national title.

"But I think we're doing things the right way," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski had said. This time, they did.

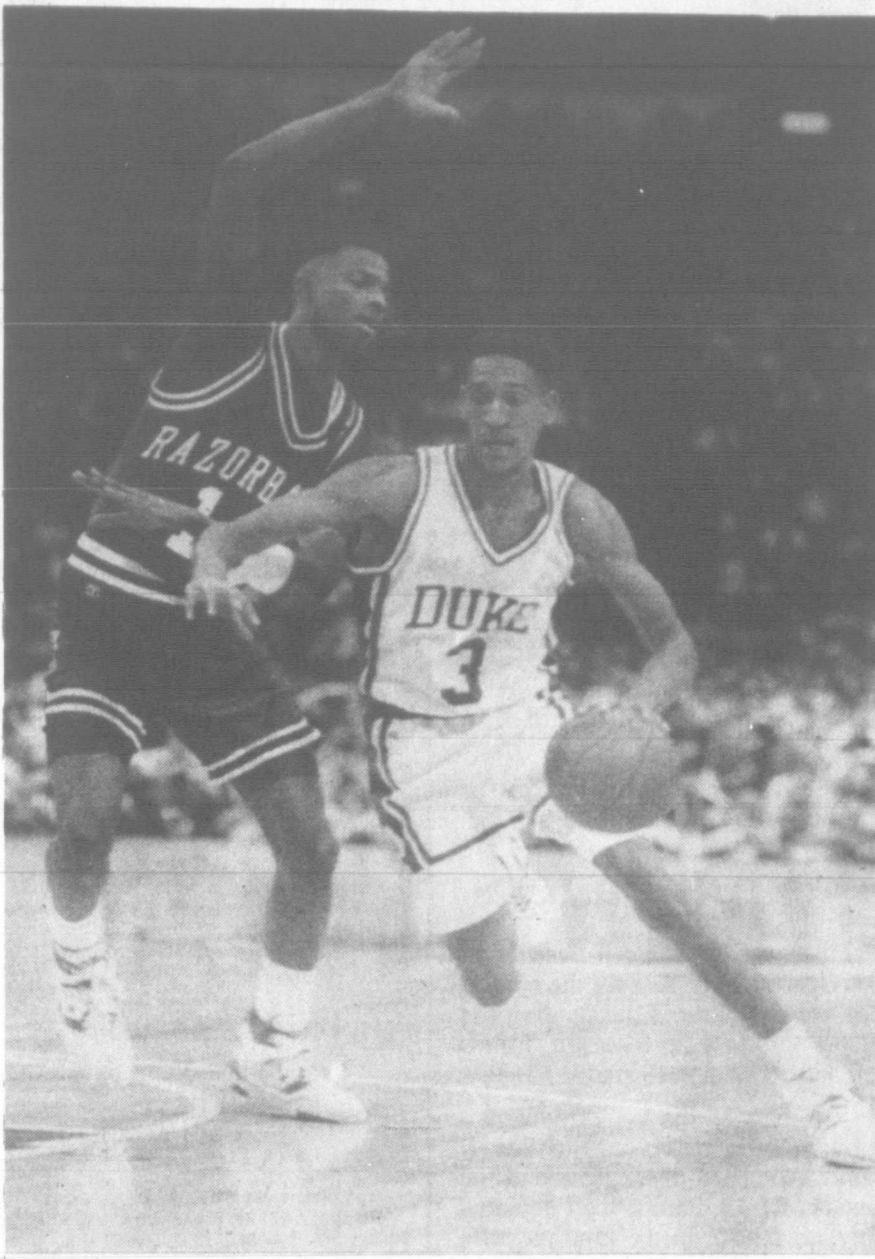
With Credit and Miller on the Arkansas bench, the Blue Devils went to their own strong front line of Laettner and Alaa Abdalnaby. Laettner had 19 points and Abdalnaby 20.

Todd Day had 27 points for Arkansas (30-5), but was scoreless in the last 8:44, and Lenzie Howell had 18. The only other player in double figures was Lee Mayberry with 12. Miller finished with three and Credit had just five.

The Blue Devils got a pair of free throws from Henderson and another by Laettner to lead by three at intermission.

Twice, Arkansas trailed by 11 points and came back, the final time with 16:40 left in the game after Duke scored the first eight points of the second half. Arkansas ran off nine straight points to pull within two, and finally tied the score at 60 on Day's 3-pointer with 12:46 to play.

Howell's 3-pointer for Arkansas with 6:58 to play tied the score at 77, but the Blue Devils then outscored the Razorbacks 20-6 to end the game. Abdalnaby scored six of Duke's points in a row as the Blue Devils took an 84-81 lead, then Henderson hit seven in a row for Duke, giving the Blue Devils a 93-83 lead.



(AP Laserphoto)
Duke guard Phil Henderson, who scored a team-high 28 points, drives around Arkansas defender Todd Day during the second half of Saturday's semifinals.

Tough defense lifts Runnin' Rebels over Georgia Tech

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

DENVER — UNLV used its own lethal weapon, the toughest man-to-man defense west of the Mississippi, to beat Georgia Tech 90-81 on Saturday and advance to the NCAA championship game for the first time.

The Runnin' Rebels can become the first Western team to win the national championship since UCLA in 1975 when they face Duke, a 97-83 winner over Arkansas, in Monday night's title game.

The Atlantic Coast Conference could have been assured of a national champion with a victory by Georgia Tech, but Duke will now have to carry the conference's banner alone in the title game.

Things didn't look the way UNLV — the only top-seeded team to make the Final Four — wanted them to at halftime. The Runnin' Rebels (34-5) trailed 53-46 and the Yellow Jackets had made 20 of 30 shots from the field and seemed to be in control.

But the defense Coach Jerry Tarkanian is known for took over at the start of the second half.

The Yellow Jackets (28-7) made just one field goal in nine shots in the opening nine minutes of the half. They couldn't make free throws either, going 2-for-6 from the foul line in the same period.

The Runnin' Rebels lived up their name as the second half start-



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ed, using a 10-1 run to take the lead at 56-54 with 16:23 to play.

They took the lead for good at 59-57 on a 3-pointer by Stacey Augmon with 13:55 to play.

The fact that they extended the lead on a turnaround by David Butler mattered little when Georgia Tech's freshman point guard Kenay Anderson picked up his fourth personal foul with 11:38 to play.

Anderson, who had 13 points in the first half and was part of the Yellow Jackets' "Lethal Weapon 3" offense, had been charged with just five fouls in the previous four NCAA tournament games.

The Yellow Jackets then scored five straight points, the last two on a spectacular spin and duck move in the lane by Anderson, to get within 76-74 with 5:25 left.

Harvesters take second at TOT

By SONNY BOHANAN
Sports Editor

The Harvester track team used a strong performance in the field events to compile 200 points, good enough for a second-place finish in the Top O' Texas Relays Saturday at Randy Matson Field.

Seniors Dolvin Briggs and Cornelius Landers each won two individual events to pace Pampa, and Landers picked up another gold as the second leg in the Harvesters' winning 400 relay.

Sprinter Heath Parker, also a senior, won the 100 and anchored the sprint relay.

Briggs won the event that has become his forte, covering 41 feet, 6-1/4 inches in the triple jump to tie his career best.

Landers went 6-2 in the high jump, which was held indoors at Valhalla, to edge his own teammate Nathan Rains. Rains cleared 6-0 for the silver.

Landers and Rains also battled it out in the long jump, but it was teammate Briggs that ultimately stole that show. Briggs flew 20 feet, 10 inches to secure the gold in his first time to compete in that event.

"He's only practiced long jump one day," said an incredulous Mike Shklar, Pampa's head boys track coach. "Triple jump really lends itself to that. I wish every one of our triple jumpers would long jump."

"That will put him (Briggs) in the top six in our district. He's a legitimate long jumper."

So are Landers and Rains, who finished second and fourth, respectively. Landers covered 20-6 1/4, while Rains soared 19-4 3/4. All three distances were personal bests for the Pampa athletes.

Landers picked up his third gold medal in the 200 with a 23.24 finish, one-tenth of a second ahead of second-place Knighton of Borger.

Wayne Cavanaugh, Charles Williams and Heath Parker teamed up with Landers in the 400 relay, which they won in 43.88. Parker clocked 10.97 to win the 100-meter dash before missing the remainder of the meet with a sore hamstring.

Pampa also picked up points in the pole vault behind Dusty Weatherly's 12-0 vault, which earned him second place, and Tony Bybee's 10-6, good for sixth place.

"I'm glad to see them vaulting consistently," Shklar said. "They missed their first two passes, but at least they're going up."



(Staff photo by Sonny Bohanan)
PHS senior Dolvin Briggs soars 20 feet, 10 inches to win the long jump.

Mike Jones grabbed second-place in the 800 for the Harvesters, finishing in 2:07.28, while distance runner Alberto Carrillo hauled in bronze medals in the 1600 and 3200.

Shklar was optimistic about freshman Freddy Winborne, who finished fourth in the discus with a toss of 116-11.

Borger won the boys varsity division with 214 points, followed by Pampa, then Dumas with 123.

Pampa won the boys J.V. division with 187 points, 24 more than second-place Borger.

See today's Scoreboard for individual results of the meet.

Lady Harvesters win Top O' Texas Relays

By SONNY BOHANAN
Sports Editor

Pampa sophomore Nikki Ryan had that Midas Touch Saturday, turning everything in her grasp to gold at the Top O' Texas Relays.

Ryan opened the busy day with four events stretched out before her. She finished with four gold medals to her credit as the Lady Harvesters clinched the team championship with 158-1/2 points.

Borger was a distant second with 113 points, followed by Caprock in third with 95.

Ryan started things off with a victory in the long jump, cruising 17 feet, 5-3/4 inches to edge Borger's Muriel Brown, who went 17-3. Ryan already owned the Panhandle-area's top jump prior to the meet, a distance she surpassed by three inches Saturday.

At the triple jump pit, Ryan soared 36-8 1/4 to pick up her second gold medal of the day.

"That was my personal best this year in both jumps," Ryan said in between events. "I guess the wind contributed a little bit, but this morning it wasn't blowing as hard as it is this afternoon. It helped just being at home, I guess."

On the track, Ryan anchored

Pampa's winning 400 and 800 relays, both of which posted their best times of the season. In the sprint relay, Tonya Osby, Christa West, Lisa Jeffery and Ryan clocked a 50.49 to edge Palo Duro and Borger at the tape.

In the 800 relay, West, Jeffery, Ryan and Shanna Molitar trimmed their time to 1:46.74 for another gold.

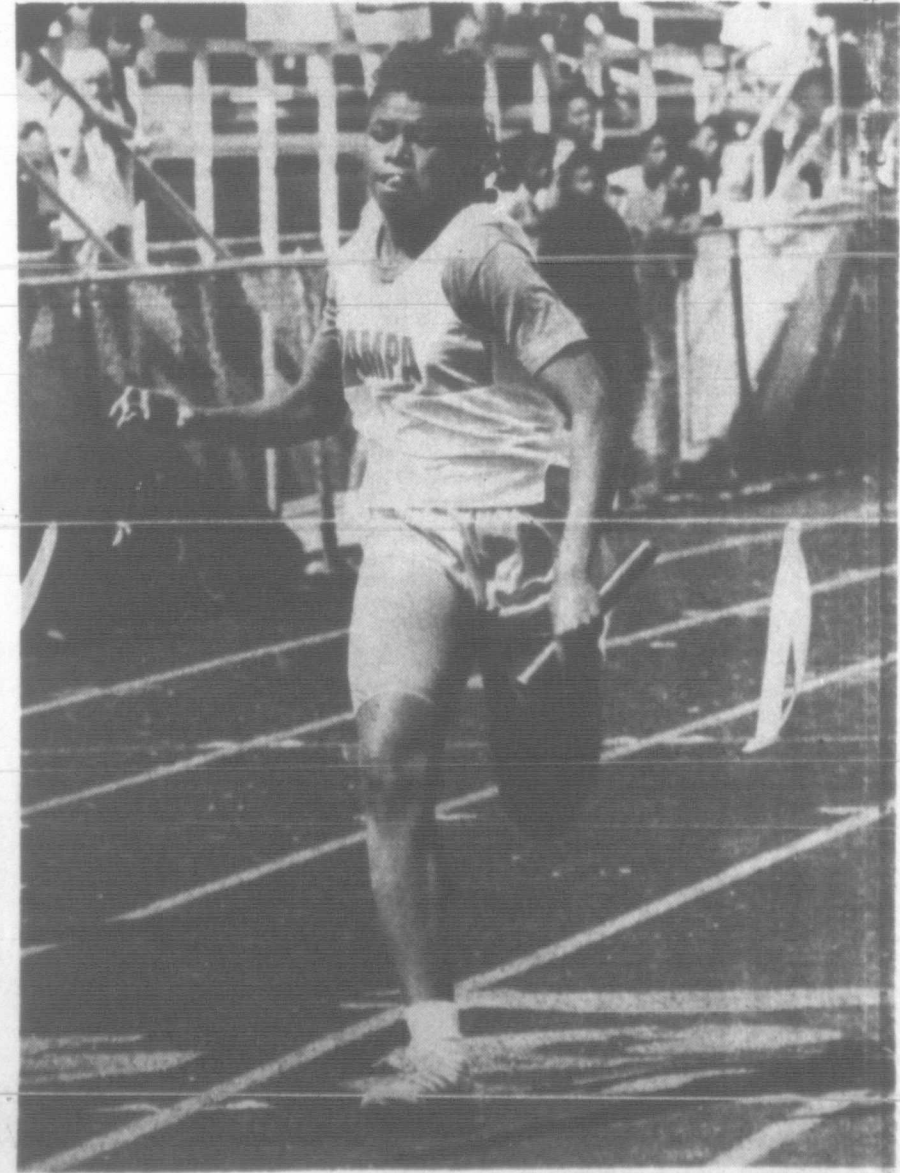
Pampa secured the team title once and for all with yet another winning performance in the 1600 relay. Molitar and West teamed up with Michelle Whitson and freshman Christy Jones to clock 4:14.48, their season best.

All told, the Lady Harvesters compiled 60 of their 158 points in the relays.

"The girls ran with a lot of class and they were determined to win all three relays," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez, whose team also won the Top O' Texas championship last season. "That's the first time we've won all three relays this year — we set our goals to do that. It's great to win all three and better your times, too."

Molitar collected her third gold medal in the 200 with a 26.49 clocking.

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(Staff photo by Sonny Bohanan)
Pampa's Nikki Ryan lunges for the tape as the Lady Harvesters won the 400 relay in a season-best 50.49.

Boosters plan adult track meet and 10K for May

The Pampa High School All-Sports Booster Club has organized the first annual Pampa Corporate Track Meet and 10K Run, scheduled for May 5 at Randy Matson Track.

The meet is open to adults 19 years or older who are not engaged in professional or college athletics. It is designed to get businesses from around the area involved by forming teams made up of their employees.

However, corporate teams are not a requirement. Individuals interested in participating may compete alone or join with others to form a team.

The idea for an adult, corporate track meet was conceived by Les Weatherly, a member of the booster club's executive board. Weatherly is hoping to evoke interest from all

over the surrounding area, including cities in Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico and downstate.

"This is a good way to promote fitness and competition for the adults from around the area," said Weatherly, who is the meet director and boys track representative in the booster club. Kathy Winborne, the girls track representative, is also involved in organizing the meet.

Each event will be broken up into Men's and Women's divisions with two age groups: Competitive for ages 19 through 37, and Masters for ages 38 and up. The two relay races — the 400 and 1600 — will have Men's, Women's and Mixed divisions. Mixed teams must be made up of two men and two women each.

Events are tailored to meet the needs of all competitors. On the track, runners can compete in the 100-meter dash, 200, 400, 800, 1600, 3200, 400 relay and 1600 relay.

There are also four field events: Long jump, high jump, shotput and discus. Contestants may enter three running events and two field events.

And finally, longer distance runners can compete in the 10 K (6.2 miles) run. The race begins at McNeely Fieldhouse and follows Harvester east to Browning and out to Loop 171. From there, runners will head north to Highway 70, then south to Duncan Street and will finish back at McNeely Fieldhouse.

The meet will be run under University Interscholastic League rules

and all proceeds will go toward the All-Sports Booster Club, earmarked primarily for the boys and girls high school track teams.

The 10K run is scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. and check-in will begin at 7:45. Water will be provided at check points every 1-to-1 1/2 miles along the way.

All field events will start at 8:30 a.m. and the running events will begin at 10.

Entry forms must be filled out and returned with a check or money order by April 27. Each event is \$12 and the 10K run is \$6. The money is non-refundable.

For entry forms or more information, contact Les Weatherly at 669-9941.

Athletics will continue to win the West

Editor's Note: Today begins the first of a four-part series on the 1990 major league baseball season. The first installment takes a look at the American League West, which has evolved from cellar-dweller to the best in baseball during recent years. Monday's edition will feature the AL East, followed by the NL West on Tuesday and the NL East Wednesday.

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Hard to believe the American League West was so bad so recently, isn't it?

Now, in just the time it took Ruben Sierra and Jose Canseco to grow into superstars, the division became the best in baseball.

It's no coincidence, either. Rather, the result of planning, patience and progress — ingredients the AL East hasn't shown too much lately.

Oakland, of course, is the showpiece. And the Athletics will have Rickey Henderson all season.

Oakland Athletics

They led the majors with 99 victories, and quickly added eight more in October. They're better this season, even with Storm Davis, Dave Parker and Tony Phillips gone.

Why? Because the three free agents they lost can be replaced. And because Oakland can pitch. And, most importantly, because the Athletics have Rickey Henderson and Jose Canseco from the start.

Any doubts about Henderson's all-around talents — and who now will admit to being skeptical? — were answered in the postseason. He's that great, especially at home in Oakland. Only one question this year for the man with the green-glow batting gloves: Will he get the 68 stolen bases he needs to break Lou Brock's all-time record of 938?

Canseco (17 home runs, 57 RBIs in 65 games) predicts he might someday become a 50-50 man. If he's healthy, and he is now, he might be.

Kansas City Royals

The Royals bought every free agent available named Davis. Too bad Kansas City can't buy runs when it needs them.

Mark Davis (44 saves, 1.85 ERA in San Diego) joins Bret Saberhagen (23-6, 2.16 ERA) to make the Royals the first team to start the season with both Cy Young winners. Still, is a five-year contract for a reliever worth it?

Storm Davis will miss Oakland's offense, particularly if the Royals again are shut out a major league-leading 18 times. Mark Gubicza (15-11, 3.04 ERA) could have sued for non-support while rookie Tom Gordon (17-9, 3.64 ERA) faded in the stretch. Jeff Montgomery and Steve Farr each had 18 saves; there won't be that many chances for them this year.

California Angels

Give the Angels some credit. They knew what they needed to do — trade a pitcher for power — but missed Joe Carter and weren't able to get Dave Winfield or anyone else.

A lot like Kansas City, California has plenty of arms and not enough big bats. The Angels' pitching kept them ahead of Oakland until late August.

Mark Langston (16-14) didn't help Montreal in the stretch, but should fit in well in Anaheim. Bert Blyleven (17-5, 2.73) is strong at 39 and Kirk McCaskill (15-10, 2.93) bounced back. Rookie Chuck Finley (16-9) made the All-Star team and then got hurt; he still has never

allowed a home run in the first inning of 50-plus big-league starts. Veteran Mike Witt (9-15, 4.54 ERA) may win again, may not.

Jim Abbott was one of baseball's bright spots in a dark season, although his stats were just average — break-even 12-12, 3.92 ERA with 5.5 strikeouts per game, compared to the AL average of a 3.88 ERA and 5.7 strikeouts.

Minnesota Twins

The Twins slipped back below .500 and might stay there, no matter how great Kirby Puckett plays.

Puckett (.339, 85 RBIs, 45 doubles) became the AL's first right-handed batting champion in a full season since Alex Johnson in 1970. Hometown hero Kent Hrbek (25 HR) got even more popular when he turned down more money from other teams to stay in Minnesota.

This will be the first year to start judging whether the Frank Viola trade was a good one. Rick Aguilera, David West and Kevin Tapani join a rotation where only Allan Anderson (17-10) is established. With Jeff Reardon gone, Juan Berenguer's three saves were the most of anyone left.

Texas Rangers

It's probably time to stop talking about the Rangers as an up-and-coming team with a great future. Which is not to say they still can't win.

Ruben Sierra (.306, 29 HR, league-leading 119 RBI) is the best and the brightest. Many Texas fans felt he deserved the MVP award more than Robin Yount, although the 24-year-old Sierra will get many more chances.

The stable of young pitchers Texas was raising has not developed as well as expected. Kevin Brown (12-9, 3.35) is the best of the bunch and Jeff Russell converted 38 of 44 save opportunities, the best percentage in the AL, and made the All-Star team as a reliever a year after making it as a starter.

The main man remains Nolan Ryan (16-10, 3.20 ERA). At age 42, he moved within 11 victories of No. 300, reached 5,000 career strikeouts and became the first AL pitcher to fan 300 batters in a season since he did it in 1977. The only thing he missed was another no-hitter. He held opponents to a .187 batting average, lowest in the majors.

Seattle Mariners

Inevitably, people look at the Mariners and figure things have to get better. Well, that's not so.

Seattle did improve five games in Manager Jim Lefebvre's first year to 73-89. That made it 13 straight losing seasons since expansion.

The biggest changes in the winter came at the homer-haven Kingdome, where the fences were moved back a few feet in left field and pulled in a bit in right.

On the field, Seattle surprisingly outbid several teams for free agent Pete O'Brien (.259, 12 HR), a first baseman with little power. The Mariners got tired of waiting for Jim Presley and traded him to Atlanta and brought back former star reliever Matt Young (1-4 in Oakland).

Scott Bankhead (14-6) was the top winner and Mike Schooler got 33 saves, along with a 1-7 record and 2.81 ERA. Gene Harris, Brian Holman and Randy Johnson, the three pitchers the Mariners got from Montreal for Langston, went a combined 16-23, although they're young and can improve.

Chicago White Sox

The White Sox won only 69 games, their fewest since 1976, and without any new blood, their last



Predicted order of finish

1. Oakland Athletics
2. Kansas City Royals
3. California Angels
4. Minnesota Twins
5. Texas Rangers
6. Seattle Mariners
7. Chicago White Sox

Graphic by Sonny Bohanan

season at Comiskey Park may not show much improvement.

Melido Perez (11-14, 5.01 ERA) was the top winner. Bobby Thigpen (34 saves) preserved nearly half of Chicago's victories, even with a 3.76 ERA.

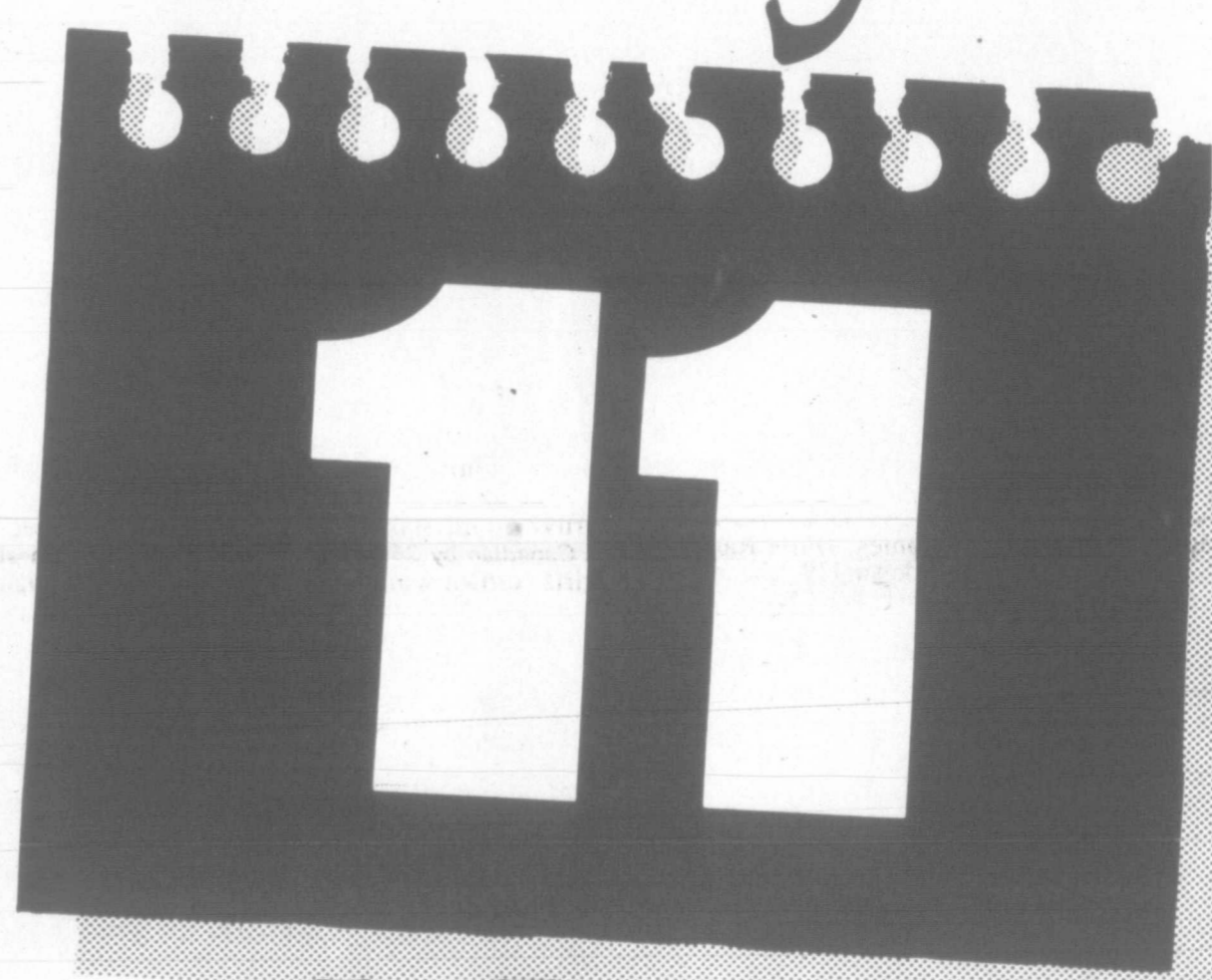
The offense got a lot better under hitting coach Walt Hriniak. The White Sox jumped from .244 and 631 runs in 1988 to .271 and 693 runs last season.

Optimist Basketball champs



The Sixers won both the A and B Team divisions this season in boys Optimist Basketball. The Sixers A team went undefeated throughout the season and the tournament to finish with a 20-0 record. The Sixers, coached by Wayne Barkley and Dennis Roark, are made up of J.J. Mathis, Coy Laury, Brian Cota, Jerry Davis, Floyd White, Matt Stewart, Jeremy Winkler, Tanner Winkler, Jarred Hoover, Juan Hill, Justin Roark, Shanon Burney and Duane King.

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Senate moves toward approval of air pollution control bill this week

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate appears on track to approving a sweeping air pollution control bill this week after narrowly rejecting \$500 million in aid to coal miners who could lose their jobs because of tougher environmental standards.

By a 50-49 vote last week, senators defeated a proposal that Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., called only a matter of "fairness ... and justice" because thousands of miners will be thrown out of work.

The majority heeded warnings from Senate leaders that the amend-

ment would prompt a presidential veto of the overall bill.

The three-year, \$500 million assistance program was considered to be the last major obstacle to Senate passage of the clean air bill. A vote on the legislation is scheduled for Tuesday. A House version is in committee.

Working into the evening Thursday, the Senate agreed to a provision that would require the increased sale of a cleaner blend of gasoline by 1993 in cities facing the worst smog problems. The measure was approved by voice vote after attempts to reject it failed, 69-30.

Meanwhile, the House Energy and Commerce Committee late

Thursday adopted a proposal in its clean air bill that also would require the use of a cleaner blend of gasoline by 1995 in the same cities, although rejecting a plan to broaden the requirement from nine to as many as 40 cities.

Thursday's vote on the Byrd amendment was as dramatic as the final tally would indicate.

Byrd, who wields considerable power and respect as a former Democratic leader and now chairman of the Appropriations Committee, had visited dozens of senators to plead for support.

He thought he had enough votes to win as the count began, although

a number of senators had not yet made firm commitments to either side. Sen. Spark Matsunaga, D-Hawaii, a staunch Byrd ally who suffers from cancer, arrived for the vote in a wheelchair.

But the pressure was just as intense from the other side. The White House unleashed a final round of telephone calls to key senators, including some calls as the vote already was under way.

The Senate leaders of both parties - George Mitchell, D-Maine, and Bob Dole, R-Kan. - used every means of persuasion to line their senators up against the amendment. And the White House passed the

word that President Bush would veto the bill if it contained the miner aid provision.

"I know how hard it is to say no to the president of the United States," Byrd said later. "Three of my votes took wings," he lamented, alluding to three senators who changed votes in the final minutes.

The administration had strongly opposed the coal miner aid package,

arguing that it was too expensive and singled out one industry while workers in other fields also might lose their jobs but not have special benefits.

But Byrd urged colleagues to "hear the cries of people" and maintained that helping the miners was no different than the federal assistance given to victims of a hurricane or earthquake, who suffer because of no fault of their own.

Supreme Court agrees to review flag burning case

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court, at the urging of the Bush administration, agreed to decide by early summer the constitutionality of a new federal law making it a crime to burn the American flag.

The court put the politically charged issue on a fast track that will allow it to announce a decision by July in cases from the District of Columbia and Seattle. Lower courts struck down the law in both cases.

The justices will hear arguments in the cases May 14.

Friday's action is extraordinary. The court traditionally holds its last argument sessions in April.

The last time the court heard arguments after April was in 1981 when it studied the legality of the agreement that ended the Iran hostage crisis. Arguments in that case were heard June 24, 1981.

In the flag-burning case, the Justice Department urged the court to uphold the law despite the department's misgivings and statements by President Bush that a constitutional amendment to protect the flag is preferable.

The department, in legal briefs filed with the court, said two judges who declared the law unconstitutional "overvalued ... the narrow category of expressive conduct at stake and undervalued the compelling governmental interest that lies at the core of the statute: the preservation of the flag as the unique symbol of our nation."

Conviction under the law carries a maximum one-year jail sentence.

The Justice Department acknowledged that Bush allowed the law to be enacted Oct. 28 without his signature because he questions its constitutionality and prefers a constitutional amendment to assure the same protection for the flag.

Bush said he has "serious doubts (the law) can withstand Supreme Court review" and said "a constitutional amendment is the only way to ensure that our flag is protected from desecration."

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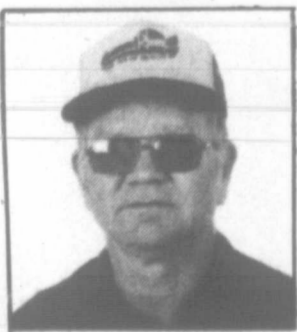


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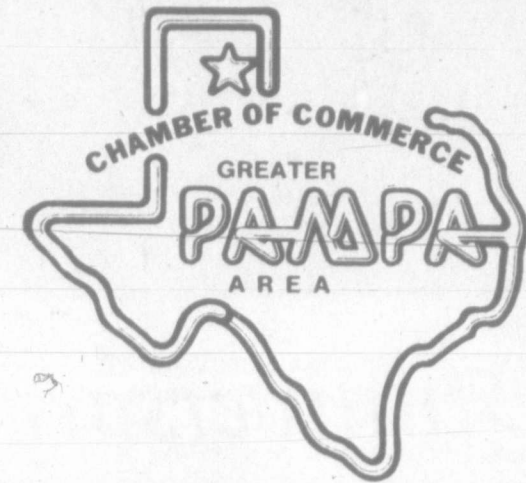
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Members of the Chamber board of directors are smiling now (although Jim Morris, center, may be in a bit of a sweat) as they pose for this picture simulating cleaning the windows at the Community Building. From left are Charles Buzzard, Mike Keagy, Morris, Duane Harp and Robert Knowles. All except Morris are also members of the membership committee and they plan on winning the internal membership drive challenge issued to board members. The "losers" have to wash all the Community Building windows. The board committee has lost to membership two years running.



C.J. Johnston, right, chairman of the recruitment committee, jokes with Jack Gindorf during the membership committee planning meeting. Could there be another internal challenge between the insurance men?



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Membership Drive Challenge

April 25-26



Mary McDaniel tries to get an apron on former "Borgerite", Robert Knowles, symbolic of Borger losing the challenge this year. Knowles says "No way" to the apron bit. He was the individual overall winner last year and plans on being on the winning Pampa team this year.

Lifestyles
Story & Photography
by
Kayla Pursley

The Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce and the Borger Chamber of Commerce will "face off" on April 25-26 to decide the champions of the third annual Pampa/Borger membership drive challenge.

Losers of the event must go to the winning town and prepare a hamburger dinner for the winning team and their spouses. The first year, Borger won the challenge but last year was Pampa's turn at victory and this year emotions are running high, both teams claiming the secret to success.

The Pampa team consists of members of the membership committee and members of the board of directors. They have an internal contest going on - the losing team will have to wash the windows of the Community Building. The board of directors has lost the internal challenge two years in a row and the membership committee is feeling pretty smug about the chances of winning.

Charles Buzzard is chairman of the Borger challenge committee. It is his responsibility to see that everyone "plays by the rules". There seems to be a bit of controversy involving last year's challenge. The Borger team had its final check-in (turning in member-

ships) at noon on the last day of the challenge. Pampa's final check-in wasn't until 5:15 p.m. Pampa won by four new members. Was the extra four hours allowed in Pampa the determining blow for victory?

Lilith Brainard chairs the incentive committee. She has been busy soliciting "prizes" to be awarded during each check-in time and for the individuals with the most memberships, dollars pledged and dollars collected. Dos Caballeros, Mr. Gattis Pizza, and Danny's Market will be providing incentive awards for check-in times. Alco, Dunlaps and Rheams have donated items to be presented to the overall winners in first, second and third place.

Roger David is chairman of the presentation committee. During the kick-off breakfast on April 25, he will help "fire up" each of the challenge teams providing them sales tips and ideas to help them promote the chamber during their respective campaigns.

Mary McDaniel chairs the public relations committee. She is responsible for press releases and publicity.

Janie Shed chairs the prospect committee. It is her responsibility to compile a list of prospective mem-

bers both business and individual. Prospecting cards will be distributed during the kick-off breakfast.

C.J. Johnston is chairman of the recruitment committee. His job is to find volunteers outside the membership committee to prospect new members.

Georgia Mack chairs the membership committee. Her job - keep everyone focused on their jobs and to encourage the committee to beat the board of directors team. She doesn't want to wash windows.

Three members of the membership committee, Robert Knowles (last year's individual winner), Duane Harp and Mike Keagy, are also members of the board of directors. Which team - membership or board - will have its allegiance and benefit from recruiting efforts? This represents a dispute not covered by the official rules, and both teams are vying for their commitments.

Breakdown of the two day challenge goes like this:

April 25

6:45 a.m. - Challenge starts! Kick-off breakfast for Pampa team members, M.K. Brown Room, Community Building.

8 a.m. - Teams begin to canvass the town for new members.

3 p.m. - First check-in at Chamber office.

April 26

11 a.m. - Second check-in at Chamber office.

5:15 p.m. - Final check-in.

7 p.m. - Losing team travels to town of winning team to prepare a hamburger feast for winning team members and their spouses. Presentation of overall winner and check-in incentive awards.

Rules between the Pampa/Borger challenge are fairly simple. The Chamber with the most new members recruited wins.

Rules governing the membership and board of directors internal challenge are a little more complex. Points are awarded for dollars pledged, dollars collected, past due accounts collected, increased membership dues and new members.

Fifty points are awarded just for attending the kick-off breakfast. If all the board members (28) attend the breakfast compared to the membership committee members (15), the board could generate for themselves a 650 point headstart.

Official judge for the event is Sherry Johnson, Chamber book-keeper. Winners will be announced at 5:30 p.m. on April 26.

Membership Committee	
Georgia Mack, Chairman	Edith Hill
Roger David	Charles Buzzard
Lilith Brainard	Jack Gindorf
Royce Jordan	Mary McDaniel
Duane Harp	C.J. Johnston
Robert Knowles	Jerry Foote
Janie Shed	Boydine Bossay

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Jimmy Wilkerson	Darville Orr
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Louise Fletcher	Harry Griffith
Jerry Norris	Ken Rheams
Brent Stephens	Richard Stowers
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Ben Shackelford	Roy Sparkman
Richard Peet	Bill Waters



Edith Hill, left, and Boydine Bossay members of the membership committee, crack up over the vision of Chamber board members with rags and pails in hand cleaning the windows of the community building. No thoughts of losing here.



Members of the Borger Chamber of Commerce discuss "battle" strategies. From left are David Partlow, Ted Neill, Gerald Cornelson and Joe Frank Wheeler. Partlow was overheard to say, all in good fun, "We have not accepted defeat graciously. We will come back with a vengeance." Wheeler told the photographer "Pampa Chamber was desperate for new members and we offered this mock rivalry to help them out." Cornelson was quick to point out, "In all seriousness, this is a win/win deal for both of us."



Mr. and Mrs. JoEd Cupell

Cupell Anniversary

JoEd and Anita Cupell of Amarillo will be honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception on April 7 at the Coulter Road Baptist Church in Amarillo. The reception is set for 3 to 5 p.m. Hosting the reception are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stephens, Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cupell, Mr. and Mrs. David Cupell, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Farkas, all of Amarillo.

Anita Williams married JoEd Cupell on April 7, 1940 at the First Baptist Church in Clayton, N.M. They have lived in Amarillo for two years. Mr. Cupell taught school for 36 years in Pyron, Dalhart, Plemons, Odessa, Hartley, Estelline and Hereford. He was superintendent of Hartley and Estelline schools for 13 years. Mr. Cupell served as municipal judge in Hereford for 10 years retiring in 1988.

The couple have 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Friends and relatives are invited to the reception.



Mr. and Mrs. James Quary

Quary Anniversary

James and Clara Quary were honored at a 50th wedding anniversary reception on March 31 at 720 E. Browning. Hosting the reception were Bessie Etheredge of Pampa; their daughter Clarice Doss of Midland; and Deborah Youngblood of Midland.

Clara Lincycumb married James Quary on March 31, 1940 in the First Baptist Church of Pampa. The couple have lived here for 47 years. Mr. Quary worked for Pampa Coca-



Mr. and Mrs. G.G. Shepherd

Shepherd Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. G.G. Shepherd of Glazier, Tex., and formerly of Pampa, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Granville married the former Mary Lou Dickens on March 16, 1940 at the Methodist Church of Perryton.

A dinner for family members was hosted by sisters, Danny Whitchurch of Wichita, Kan., and Polly Tubb of Canadian, in the Tubb home.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd owned the Shepherd Lawn Mower and Saw Shop for 26 years in Pampa. After selling their business, they moved to Glazier, Tex., and have lived there for 15 years.

Menus

April 2 - 6

Pampa Meals on Wheels

Monday
Chicken nuggets; potato salad; pinto beans; marshmallow treats.

Tuesday
Cabbage dressing; pickled beets; squash; bananas.

Wednesday
Baked ham; hominy casserole; sweet potatoes; jello.

Thursday
Charbroiled meatballs; sliced potatoes; whole tomatoes; pudding.

Friday
Baked fish; macaroni/tomatoes/mixed vegetables; peaches.

Pampa Senior Citizens Senior Citizens Center will be closed for repairs the week of April 2 - 6.

Lefors School

Monday
Breakfast: Sausage; eggs, toast; juice; milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti and meat sauce; salad; garlic bread; peaches and cottage cheese; milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Cereal; toast; juice; milk.
Lunch: Salisbury steak; macaroni and cheese; green beans; fruit; rolls; milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Pancakes; sausage;

juice; milk.
Lunch: Cook's choice.

Thursday
Breakfast: Rice or cereal; toast; juice; milk.

Lunch: Cook's choice.

Friday
No School

Pampa Schools

Monday
Breakfast: Hot oatmeal; toast; fruit; milk.

Lunch: Steak fingers; potatoes and gravy; English peas; mixed fruit; hot roll; milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Pancakes; syrup; juice or fruit; milk.

Lunch: Oven grilled franks; pinto beans; strawberries with fruit; buttered rice; cornbread; milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Buttered toast; peanut butter; jelly; fruit; milk.

Lunch: Chicken strips; potatoes and gravy; carrots; hot roll; cookie; milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: Hot biscuits; honey butter; fruit; milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce; green beans; pear halves; hot roll; milk.

Friday
Breakfast: Rice; buttered toast;

fruit; milk.
Lunch: Sloppy joe; french fries; baked beans; spiced apples; milk.

Club News

Alzheimers Support Group
Alzheimers Support Groups will meet April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven.

Jane Alexander, Medicaid Eligibility Supervisor at the Texas Department of Human Services, will be the guest speaker. She has worked in the Medicaid program for 12 years.

Heritage Art Club
Heritage Art Club annual art show is scheduled for today from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Lovett Library Auditorium. The public is invited.



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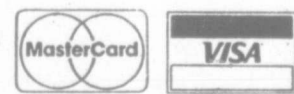
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The virus that causes it goes through the air, like the cold and flu viruses, so keeping your puppy indoors is no guarantee of protection. The most reliable way is a series of vaccinations, given as directed, i.e. every 2-3 weeks depending on the age of the puppy when the vaccine is started. This accomplishes 2 things: 1. It "overrides" any protection the mother's milk provided. This protection, while a good thing, only lasts about 4 weeks post-weaning, and then leaves the puppy completely vulnerable to many diseases. 2. It stimulates the puppy to manufacture its own immunity. Giving the vaccine improperly can be at least as bad as not giving it at all. Your veterinarian will be glad to show you the proper series and tell you when to

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Dates

- April 2 - Gold Star 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m., Annex
- April 3 - Grandview 4-H Club meeting, 7:30 p.m. - Grandview School
- April 3 - 4-H Consumer Decision-Making practice, 4:30 p.m., Annex
- April 4 - Texas Revue 4-H Club meeting, 4 p.m., Annex
- April 6 - Rabbit Raiders 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m., Annex



4-H Corner
Joe Vann

District Contests
A wide variety of district 1 4-H judging contests are set for the month of April. On April 17, the consumer Decision Making contest will be held in Amarillo at the Western Plaza Shopping Mall.

The purpose of this contest is to help prepare young people to make consumer-wise decisions based on facts about the products. Each class is set up with four products, with a situation describing how the product is to be used. The contest requires participants to study a situation, compare the class of alternatives and make the best decision of the given situation.

On April 21, a group of McLean 4-H'ers and leader will be in Roaring Springs to participate in a Tri-District Range Evaluation Contest. The participants will be required to identify 20-40 range plants; determine their life span, season of growth, and origin. The 4-H'ers will also be judging plots and placing them based on percent of forage available to animals.

The final event of this contest will be an evaluation of one large plot. The participants will be required to determine the degree of utilization, what kind of site it is on, and an over-all range conditions. After determining the above decisions, the youth than make decisions on how to improve that plot based upon the given situation.

On April 28, we will have Gray County 4-H'ers participating in two contests. One of these contests will be horse judging. The horse judging

team will be required to judge four halter classes in which the horses are placed based upon confirmation and structural correctness. The youth will also be placing four performance classes in which the horses are placed based upon how well they performed in response to the rider. The 4-H'er will also be required to talk two sets of reasons in order to qualify these placings.

The final contest that Gray County 4-H'ers will participate in is the District 1 4-H Rifle Match set for Saturday, April 28. The match is conducted under National Rifle Association rules with certain exceptions. The purpose of this contest is to test participants skills in three different shooting positions.

All of these contests are open to Jr. and Sr. 4-H members with the top two Sr. teams advancing to the Texas 4-H Roundup in June. Our best wishes to all these 4-H members with hopes they will perform to their best capabilities.

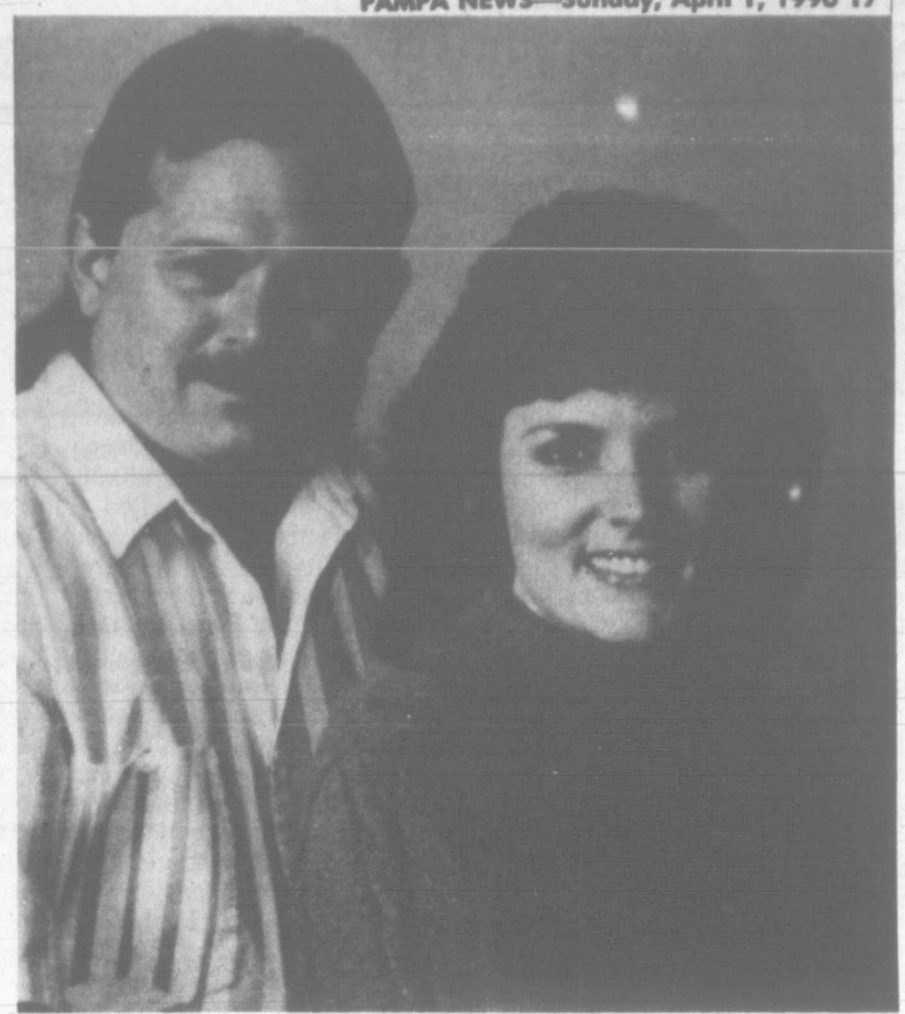


Jose Torres & Sandra Mendoza

Mendoza - Torres Ledbetter - Ingram

Ines and Petra Mendoza announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sandra, to Jose Torres, son of Herculano and Delifonsa Torres of Borger.

The couple plan to be married on July 28 in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Pampa High School. She is a Sunday school teacher at St. Vincents. Mendoza is a bilingual teacher for the Oklahoma schools currently employed at Braum's Ice Cream. The future groom is employed at Northwest Insulation in Oklahoma City.



Bobby Ingram & Sheila Ledbetter

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stephens announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sheila Ledbetter, to Bobby Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ingram.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows on May 18 at the Country Club. The future bride graduated from Pampa High School in 1981. She is an accountant for Lewis Meers, CPA.

The prospective groom is a 1973 graduate of Pampa High School. He has attended Amarillo College and West Texas State University. He is co-owner of Caprock Bearing & Supply.

Bridal party plan bridal shower stripper without hostess

DEAR ABBY: As a favor to a friend, I held a bridal shower in my home because my house is very roomy. I did none of the planning myself; the girls in the bridal party arranged everything.

Unfortunately, one of the things they arranged for was a male striptease dancer. I had never seen a performance of this kind and was not prepared for it. The dancer brought some taped music and started to dance to it, removing more and more of his clothing as he went along. When he was down to nearly nothing, I stepped in and said, "That's enough." Then I sent him away.

The women in the audience ranged from infants in arms, teenagers, adults — to a lady near 80! Some laughed and applauded, and a few had started to leave. The bride-to-be said if I had not stopped it, she herself would have gotten up and left.

I later learned that they paid this

man well over \$100 for his services!

Now I would hesitate to hold another shower here, or go to someone else's, because apparently this is the thing to do.

How does one avoid this kind of embarrassing situation? Must I inquire with each invitation as to what to expect? Or should I just send a gift and stay home? Answer soon, as there are three more showers scheduled.

DISTRESSED AND EMBARRASSED

DEAR DISTRESSED: Before offering your home for future parties, you should inquire as to what kind of entertainment is planned. Since striptease dancing is apparently "the thing to do" in your circle, you could save yourself distress and embarrassment if you knew in advance what (and how much) was coming off.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My 32-year-old brother is an alcoholic. I have wanted to tell him many times that I am concerned about his health, his family and his future, but I never seem to find the right words or the right time.

Even though he lives only 45 minutes away, I would like to write him a letter because I think I could

express myself better that way, but someone told me that this is cowardly — that I should tell him face-to-face.

Do you think I should write to him, Abby? And if I do, have you any suggestions about how to handle such a letter? I realize that I can't force him to do anything, but I'd never be able to live with myself if something alcohol-related should happen to him, and I had not spoken up.

WORRIED SISTER

DEAR SISTER: There is nothing "cowardly" about expressing yourself in a letter. Your brother already knows that he has a problem, but he may not be aware that someone who loves him is genuinely concerned about his health, his family and his future. Telling him face-to-face might cause him to be defensive. He may even deny that he has a drinking problem and

tell you to mind your own business.

But if you express your genuine concern in a letter, he will have something to read and re-read. Write straight from the heart. Avoid being preachy or judgmental. A letter may be exactly what your brother needs to inspire him to seek help for his problem.

Don't put it off, Sister. You could not give your brother (and his family) a more valuable gift.

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Southside Senior Citizens Center

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The organization was founded to promote the economical, physical and educational welfare of the senior citizens of our community. Its various efforts include not only social functions and health related programs; but also, telephone and personal contact programs to assure the physical and financial needs of those it serves.

The Southside Senior Citizens' Center is a thriving organization begun by 25 independent men and women who saw a need in our community. It's this kind of Pampa citizens that continue to make us ... PAMPA PROUD.

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Enron employees honored; Terry celebrates 80th b-day; travelers visit NYC

Happy April Fool's Day!
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Employees and retirees of the Spearman District of Enron came from all around the Panhandle and as far away as Garden City, Kan. to attend their annual awards dinner at the M.K. Brown Heritage Room recently. Several company dignitaries attended, including Ken Lay, president, of Houston, and the evening's speaker. A few who were around were David and Susan Boothe, now of Claude, Al and Norma Shackelford, Lynn and Louise West, Joe and Charlene Martinez (they have the neatest parties with lots of elaborate decorations), Alvin and Scotty Cornelison, Bill and Thelma Johnson, Carolyn and Sammy Williams, Doug and Linda Wallin, former Pampans now of Elk City, Forrest and Floy Washborne and many others.

The 25 members of the Pride of Pampa Band Boosters Club who served the HOT steak and spuds dinner received compliments galore on their efficiency. Jerry Lane is club president.

Belated 80th birthday wishes to Cleo Tom Terry! More than 125 attended the western theme come-and-go birthday party at the Skellytown Community Center. The remarkable Cleo Tom still runs the family ranch, "cowboys" with the best of 'em, goes horseback riding with her great-grandchildren, attends the Church of Christ in Skellytown every Sunday and Wednesday night plus all the extra times the doors are open. Besides that, she is a regular volunteer at the Pampa Sheltered Workshop. If you want to know how wonderful she is, ask her grandkids!

Another remarkable Pampa lady is Hattie Roach. No one would ever

guess her to be in her nineties.

Mary Etta Smith, her parents from Carlsbad and her sister from El Paso, spent a week together in Hawaii. The trip was two years late in celebrating the parents' 50th wedding anniversary, but well worth waiting for.

While attending the Dallas ladies' ready-to-wear market in Dallas last week, Jerry and Darrell Coffman visited with Jerry's daughter, Nachole Doss, who works the ladies', men's and gift markets.

Several Pampans lived it up in New York City in high style last week. Home base was the recently restored plush Plaza Hotel, gold leaf and other ritzy bits of decor included. New Yorkers turned their heads for a moment of staring as three stretch limousines deposited the tourists at points of interest and fun. Making the trip were Bob and Virginia Carmichael, their daughter Ann of Dallas, Marguerite Philpott and her sister Bessie Clark of Midland, Joe and Joy Cree, Freda Seitz and her daughter Donna of California, Dr. Capers Hatchett and Marlies Ruhfus, who announced April wedding plans; Nancy Lorna, novelist with two books already in print and Daniel Novak, all five of Amarillo, Karen Davis and Bill Hassell. Sounds like a must-do trip!

Congratulations to Joy and Joe on the birth of a granddaughter in Dallas. The wee one cooperated by arriving early enough to get acquainted with her grandma before the New York trip.

Betty and Leon Peeler took their young grandson, Ryne Scott Hutcherson, and his mom, Karen, to Mangum, Okla. to visit Ryne's paternal great-grandmother last weekend. In rating foolish grandpas on a scale of 1 to 10, Leon would



Peeking at Pampa
By Katie

merit at least a 29! Ryne's dad is Dewey Hutcherson.

John and Ellen Agan and children from Temple visited John's parents, Al and Peggy Agan.

Sue Hambrick of Marietta, Okla. visited Doris and Houston Price.

Kermit and Vera Rasco enjoyed having their daughter Cindy Reed home for the weekend.

Jamie and Neal Burnett of Broken Arrow visited their grandparents, Ray and Retha Jordan, another granddaughter beautiful Ashley Hicks of Amarillo spent several days here on the same mission and didn't want to leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Stephens visited Jeff and Sherri Johnson.

Bill Greene of Tipton, Okla. visited Ernie and Jana Manning.

Cyndi Epperly, Leslie Knox and Ann Colwell, students at Angelo State at San Angelo, visited family and friends. Cyndi and Ann left

early to meet six friends for a weekend in Dallas.

A few more who were here were Michael Glover from Texas Tech. His father John was out of town on a revival. Mark Aderholt and Jessie Patton came from Wayland and Scott Lucas and Judd Wilson came from West Texas. Apologies to other college students who were home but not seen by Katie because of the weather.

Underwater ballerinas (?) num-

bering from 16 to 20 regularly have been introduced to some new movements by their instructor, Frankie Hildenbrand and her occasional substitutes. Heard a wistful hopeful, non-participating, wish for a neck-high bathing suit in order to join the fun.

Priscilla Alexander and Dana Epperly are preparing presentations of a Christian-based seminar on "Inside Solutions for Outside Problems." The Ministerial Alliance of Shamrock will sponsor the 4-hour seminar to be presented April 7.

Lois Gilbert has 16 students in her pre-school class at St. Matthews Day School, eight of whom were home with chickenpox at the same time. For a special reason, so far a deep secret, Lois visited all eight of them in their homes. P.S. The remaining eight had chickenpox last year.

Lynn and Bill Harwood are mak-

ing retirement plans to travel. Lynn, a teacher at Lamar for 18 years and at Travis for five, will retire in May. Bill retired from SPS in October after 41 years of service.

Their daughter Marsha, who followed in her mom's footsteps as a capable teacher, and son-in-law Jim Richardson are in the process of building their own house in their spare time. An ambitious undertaking.

Congratulations to Gaylen and Kristy Stebers on the birth of a daughter Summer Breann. Big brother, Jordan, and grandmother, Sue Hutchison are high on the welcoming list.

Nice to see Theda Wallin, wife of Earl, out and about after a recent illness.

Can't wait much longer to find out the name of Beta Sigma Phi's 1990 Woman of the Year.

See you next week, Katie.

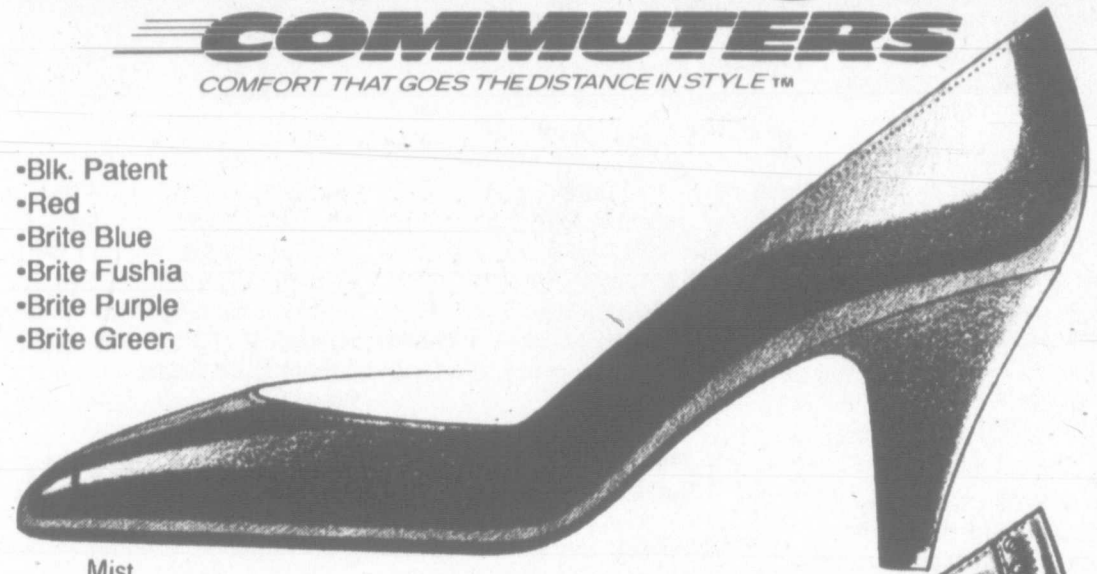


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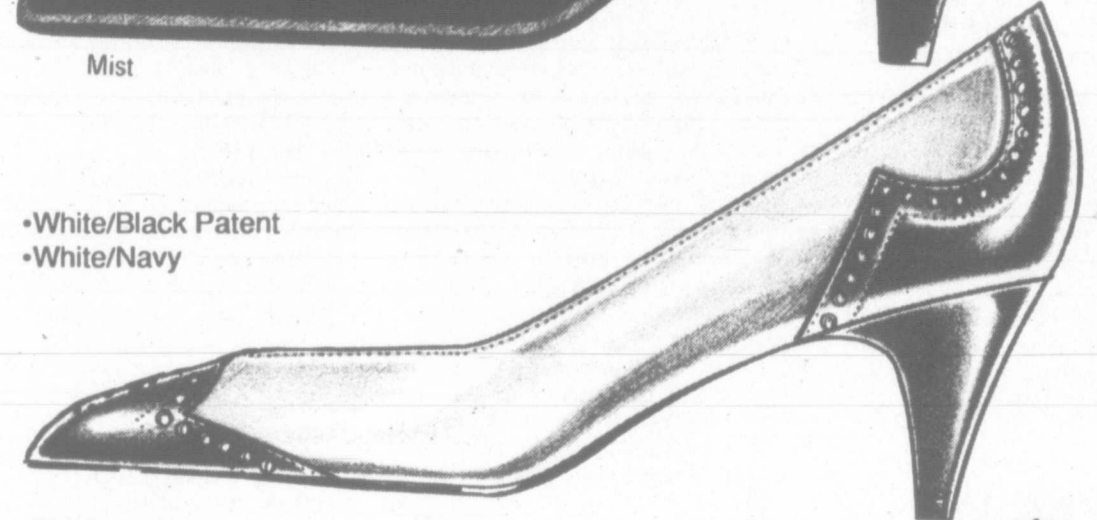
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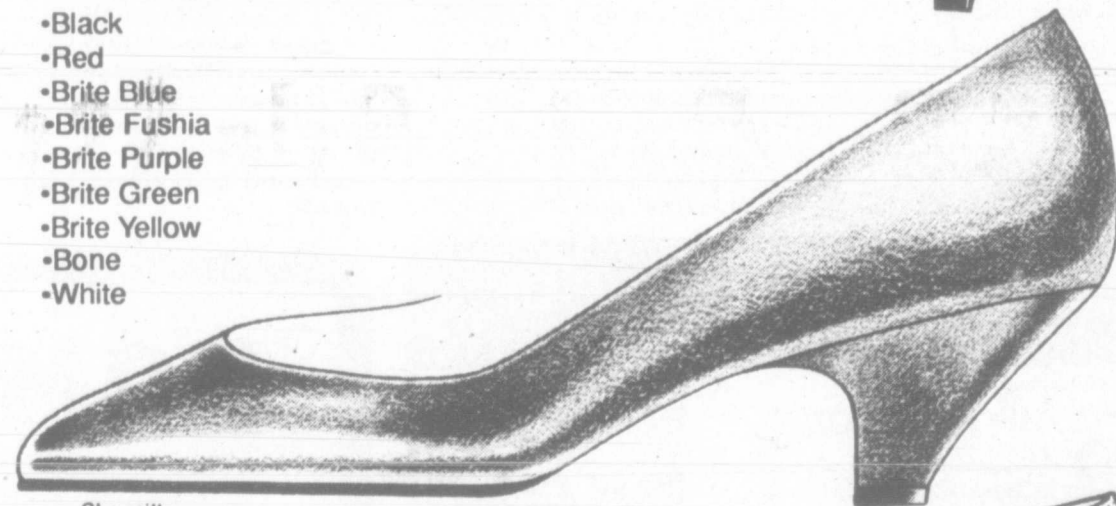


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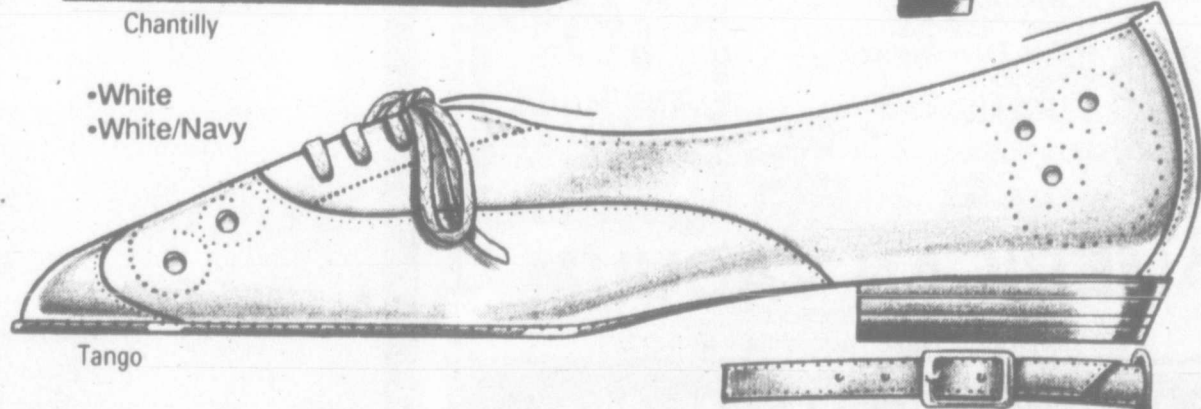


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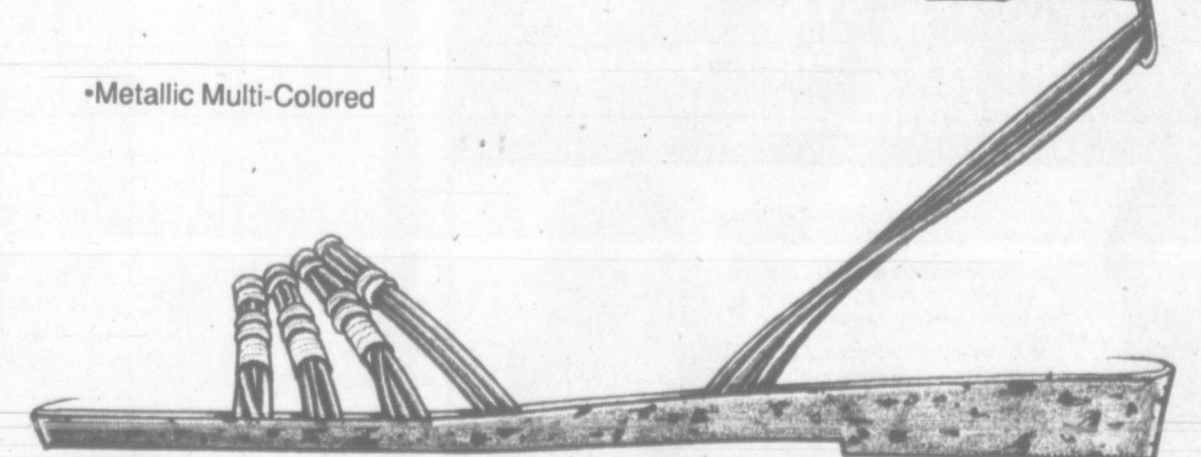
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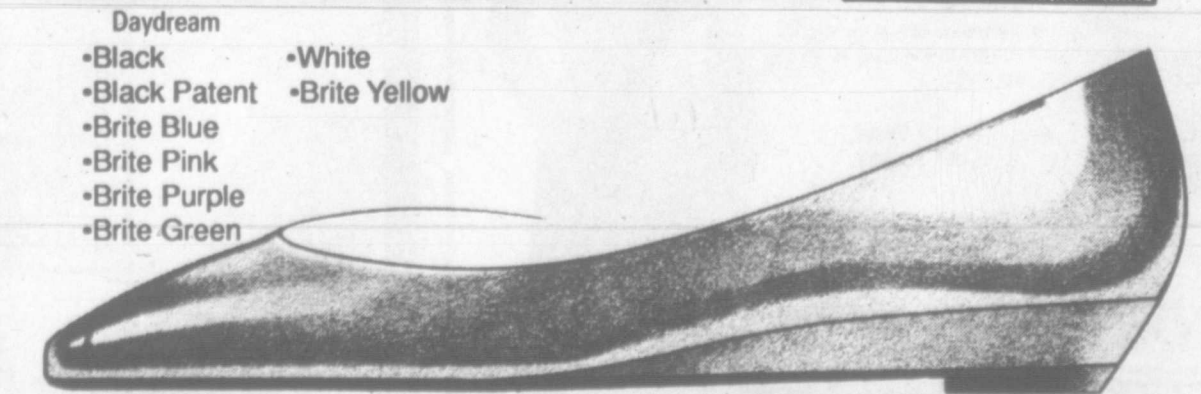


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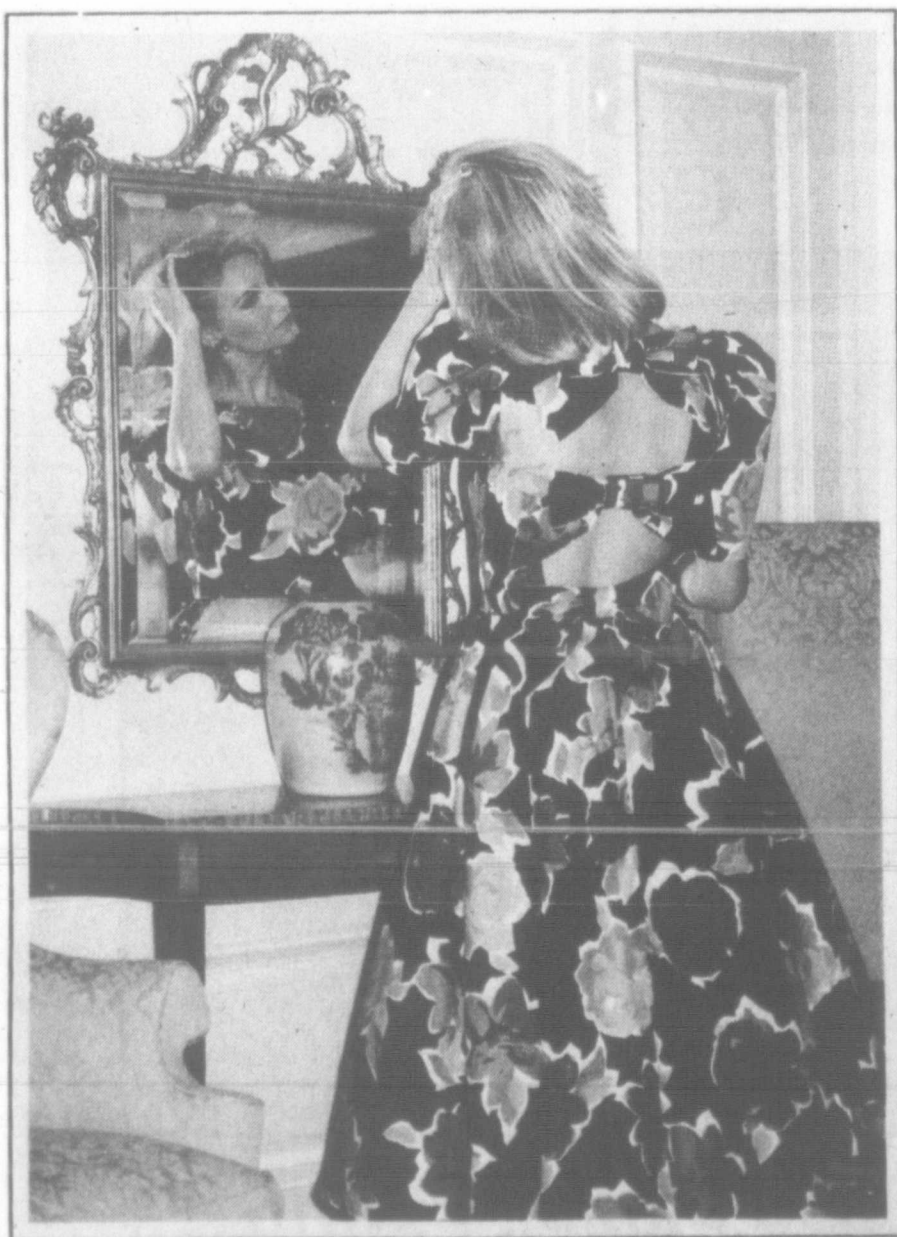
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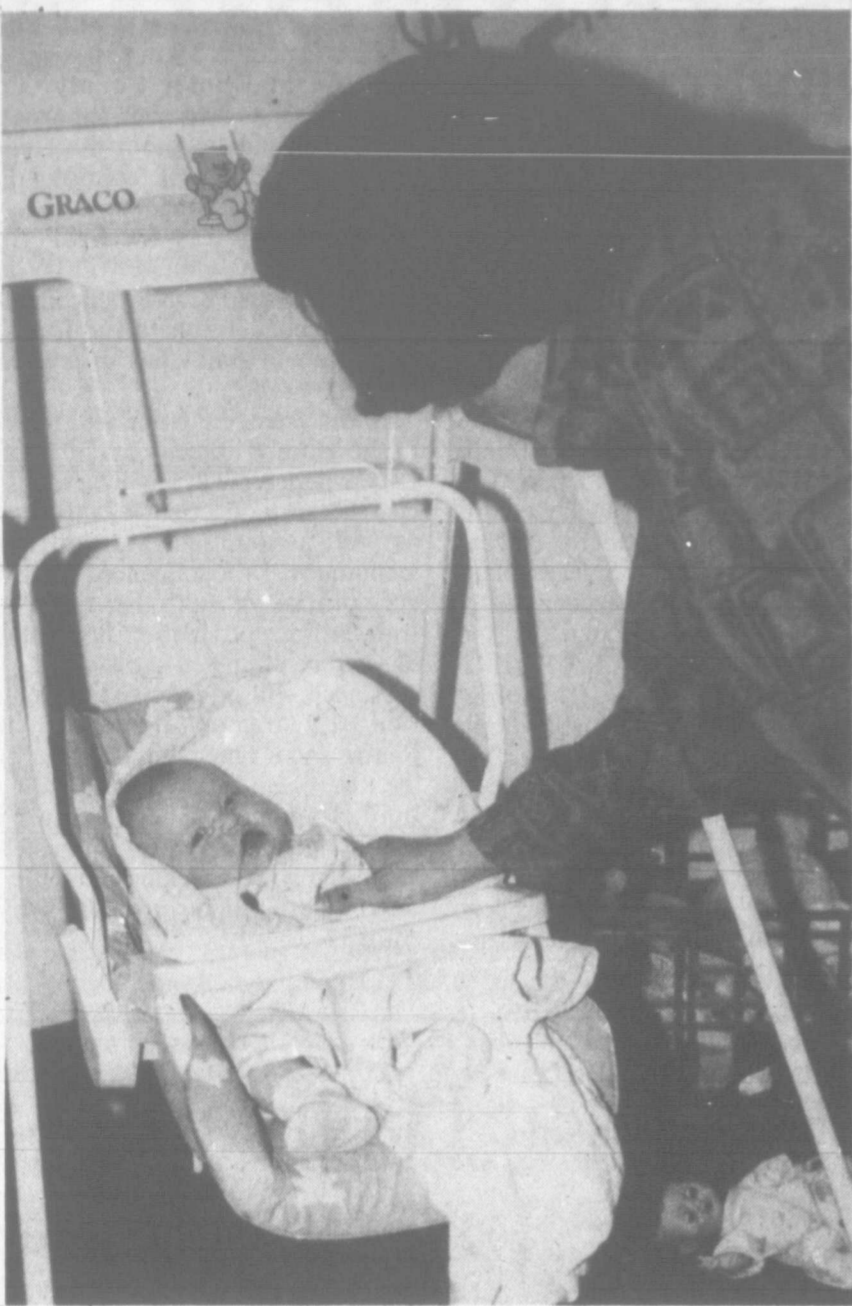
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Day care plans open house



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Martha Gonzales, student and mother, attends one of 13 youngsters under 18 months of age cared for by the Pampa Learning Center Day Care program. In observance of National Week of the Child, April 1-7, the Center will host an open house April 5 from 6 to 7 p.m. The day care is set up for teenage parents attending the Learning Center, trying to complete their high school diploma. The day care is operating entirely on a grant from the federal government. The parent is provided free day care during the hours she attends school. Parents participate in parenting classes and seminars on topics concerning young children and spend part of their day actually working with the youngsters as "lab" assignments. The Center is licensed to care for 14 children under 18-months-old. Funds are available to help pay for day care for children over 18 months at local day care facilities. Miriam Lynch, day care coordinator and high school home economics teacher, says that when the Day Care reaches capacity enrollment, a waiting list will be established for new infants. "We hope that providing the free day care will serve as an incentive for the young parents to stay in school," says Lynch. Also employed in the day care center are Debbie Mitchell and Matilyn Echols. For more information regarding the Pampa Learning Center, contact Sally Griffith, principal, at 669-0070.

Becoming a parent means learning new role

Becoming a parent - what an adventure, challenge, opportunity! Parenting is one of the most important jobs we have and yet is the job we are probably least prepared to handle.

This is the first in a series of news columns during the month of April which will focus on positive parenting skills. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and will be used by the Gray County Extension Service and Gray County Child Protective Services Board as a time to share information on how to use positive parenting skills.

Becoming a parent means learning a new role. It also involves undergoing changes, accepting new responsibilities, and feeling new emotions. We can feel elated with our new son or daughter, but we can also feel unhappy with the way our personal lives have changed. These feelings are normal for new parents. Today we will focus on the adjustment to becoming parents.

Clarendon College Pampa Center

Clarendon College, Pampa Center will offer several classes in April and May.

Child Guidance and Discipline will meet beginning April 19 - May 17 for five weeks from 7 to 10 p.m. in room 10. The class will cover positive, non-punitive techniques for effective guidance, development of self-esteem and methods appropriate for each developmental stage. Instructor is Linda Olson.

Mathematics Skills Review - Preparation for TASP will meet April 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students bring their lunch. Instructor is Jesse Baker. Enrollment is required before class begins.

Medication Aide Update will also meet April 21 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Enrollment is required before class date. Instructor is Deb Erwin, R.N.

Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3 will meet May 14 - 17, 21 - 22, and May 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. Class size is limited to 15. This workshop representing 21 clock hours will be taught by Cynthia Ewing from Clarendon College, Clarendon.

For more information call the office at 665-8801.

Homemakers' News

Donna Brauchi



ment to becoming parents.

New parents typically have feelings of fatigue, confusion, inadequacy, and anger along with feelings of love, wonder, and joy. The combination of feelings and the extremes of highs and lows can add tension and frustration to an already hectic time.

While parents are experiencing great emotional turmoil, babies have no comprehension of their parent's difficulties. They are only aware of their needs and wants.

Let's look at some feelings and concerns of new parents and some ways to cope with them.

(1) **Guilt, Anger, and Resentment** - Parents may feel at times that they don't love their baby, especially until they feel that they are meeting their baby's needs. Since babies can't send clear signals and often don't know what they want, it's hard to figure out what they need. Parents can feel guilty over what they think is their failure and anger at the child who is causing these emotions. Remember that learning parenting skills and getting used to being a parent takes time and patience. Getting to know your baby takes time and patience as well. Watch your baby closely and see how she reacts. Your baby can give you clues about the way she likes to be handled.

(2) **Burden of Responsibility** - Many parents feel a great responsibility to help develop every aspect of their child's behavior. This feeling of responsibility usually comes

from culture and society pressure that expects parents to be all things to one's child. It helps for parents to remember that although they do structure a great deal of the environment for their child, the child develops at his own rate according to his own interests and temperament. Development is his responsibility, guidance the parents.

(3) **Lack of Organization and Sense of Accomplishment** - With a young baby's constant needs, it's hard for a parent to feel in control and confident. It's hard for parents of a young baby to plan because they never know if and when there will be time to do anything. This is a time to think about how you can accept offers and services from others to make the time easier. Also, try to keep your days as simple as possible. And most important - be flexible!

(4) **Feeling Isolated** - Many new mothers often feel neglected. The baby receives a great deal of attention and the mother may feel she is no longer important. This is an important time to find another parent of a young baby to talk with. Check with churches for support groups and mother's day out programs. Look into possibilities of an Extension Homemaker Club by contacting the Gray County Extension Office. Watch for notices of other agencies or organizations offering parent support groups or programs.

(5) **Fatigue** - After weeks or months of getting up during the night, fatigue can make you feel like a zombie. This is a time where parents have to figure out how to get more rest and how to temporarily relax. This may mean redefining housework - related standards. It may mean asking nothing of yourself but the basics. It will probably mean planning a nap for yourself when baby does.

These are just a few of the concerns of parents in the adjustment process. For additional information, contact your Gray County Extension Office. Next week's column will focus on communicating positively with children.

Best Wishes To Our Brides

<i>Shelli D. Teague</i>	<i>Tabatha D. Stoops</i>
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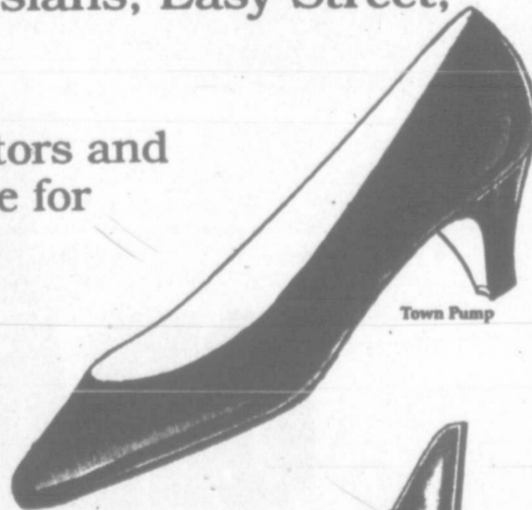


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Some lucky guy has a chance to win two tickets furnished by American Airlines to Las Vegas if he pleases the crowd at the Tralee Crisis Center sponsored "Ten Best Dressed" Contest scheduled for Friday, April 6 at the Community Building. Pictured here, a mystery man tries to pick out a suitable wardrobe from Beall's to compete in three categories - formal, sporty and casual. Tickets for the event are \$10 and include a dinner catered by Sirloin Stockade, entertainment and the fashion show. Reservations for dinner must be made by April 4. Show only tickets for \$7.50 will be available at the door. Tralee Crisis Center is a United Way agency. For more information call 669-1311.

Scalping, fertilizing, and weed killer boosts lawn growth

Home lawns of Bermudagrass need a boost to get them off and going. Three operations can get a lawn off to a good start—scalping, fertilizing and applying weed killer.

Scalping a lawn in the spring serves to revitalize it and promote spring and summer plant growth.

Begin the operation by lowering the blade of your lawnmower one-half inch below the normal setting. Then mow the lawn in two directions that are at right angles to each other. Remove the clippings after each mowing. Keep the lawnmower blade lowered until about mid-summer.

After scalping the lawn, apply fertilizer to promote leaf and root growth. If you have used a "complete" fertilizer containing nitrogen and phosphorus for several years; then, prior to spring growth, broadcast 6 pounds (6 pints) of ammonium nitrate (3-0-0) or 10 pounds of ammonium sulfate (21-0-0) per 1,000 square feet of area when the grass is dry.

After the fertilizer is applied, irrigate your lawn with one inch of water (630 gallons per 1,000 square feet) to move the nitrogen down into the root zone. To maintain desired color and vigor, apply an additional 4 to 5 pounds per 1,000 square feet of ammonium nitrate at 30 to 40 day intervals, if need.

After three to four years, begin the season by applying 12 pounds of 16-20-0 instead of the ammonium nitrate; then, during the growing season, apply the maintenance rate of ammonium nitrate (4 to 5 pounds per 1,000 square feet at 30 to 40 day intervals), if needed.

To keep crabgrass or other unsightly weeds from appearing, apply a pre-emergence herbicide (weed killer) containing benfin, dacthal or bensulide in the spring. Combinations of herbicides with fertilizers are available and convenient to use but should only be used according to instructions on the



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label. Formulations containing atrazine should not be applied around trees or shrubs.

Proper maintenance is essential for healthy lawn, and these practices will give new lift to a dormant, weedy lawn.

Ground Maintenance Seminar
The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Randall County Crops Committee is sponsoring a "Professional Ground Maintenance Seminar" on April 3 at the District Research and Extension Center in Amarillo, located at 6500 Amarillo Blvd., West.

This is a very outstanding program and participants who currently hold commercial/ non-commercial license can get three CEU's (Con-

tinuing Education Units). To get this credit, you must bring your license number to the meeting.

The program starts at 1:30 p.m. and will adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Turf topics to be covered include: Integrated Pest Management, Insects, Diseases, Weeds and Safety considerations. Discussion leaders will be Dr. Richard Doble, Extension Turf Specialist and Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension Entomologist. This offers a real opportunity for anyone in the professional turf business to get updated on the latest development and receive CEU credit if that is needed.

Pecan Production / Grafting Clinic
Gray and Donley Extension Committee are sponsoring a Pecan Production and Grafting Clinic for

the area on April 13, 1990. The clinic will start at 8 a.m., meeting in front of the Donley County Old Courthouse. At 8:15 a.m., the group will leave and first tour the Hancock orchard north of the tracks on White Street in Clarendon.

Dr. George Ray McEachern, Extension Horticulturist, will be on hand to discuss Pecan Production at Mrs. Hancock's orchard and if possible, we will graft a few trees there if we have time.

From there, the group will travel to the Horn B Ranch east of Lelia Lake where we will continue to discuss pecan production for this area as well as demonstrate grafting techniques. Dr. McEachern is also very proficient with other types of fruit and nut production principles that can be discussed at the clinic.

Lunch will be provided by John Lee Bell, owner of the Horn B Ranch, and if time permits, a tour of the Ranch will follow lunch. Only a limited amount of people can be accommodated so those interested must sign up at the Extension Office, or you can call in, 669-8033, by April 12.

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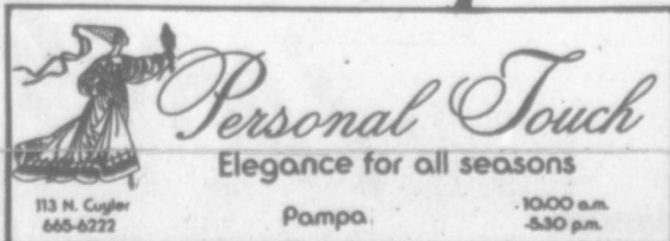
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Entertainment

Teen Michel'le has hit with her first record

By MARY CAMPBELL
AP Newsfeatures Writer

At 19, Michel'le, a young woman of two voices, has a hit with her first record.

Michel'le is on a rap label, Ruthless, though she isn't a rapper. "I was signed as an r and b artist," she says during a visit to Atco Records in New York, which released her debut album.

She speaks in a voice much different from her rhythm 'n' blues singing voice. If she talked behind you, in her high-pitched, soft voice, you'd expect to see a 4-year-old child when you turned around.

She has always talked like that, Michel'le says. She isn't in a high register to be different. "I just talk where I talk."

Michel'le, pronounced "Michelle-LAY," always has been spelled like that, too. "My last name is difficult to pronounce," she says. "It's Toussant. My family is from New Orleans. My grandma is French. Everybody else is from Mississippi - Creole people."

She was born in Los Angeles, has six brothers and a sister.

The first single, "No More Lies," a hot song with a dance groove, is climbing on the pop charts. It already had hit No. 2 on the r and b chart. The next single will be "Nicety."

She can't explain her fast success. "I have no idea," she says. "I'm happy. I think it's a good song, that's all."

In high school, Michel'le's favorite singer was Anita Baker. She wasn't thinking about entering show business.

"Dr. Dre really got me into music." Dr. Dre, whose real name is Andre Young, is a member of the rap group NWA. NWA and EZZE started the Ruthless label, and Dr. Dre became a record producer.

"A friend who was a rapper introduced me to him," Michel'le says.

"He listened to me sing and he liked me, and about six months later he had me come in the studio. I sang 'Turn Off the Lights.' That was an original song. I sightread it when I was there." Dr. Dre decided she should cut an album.

"It was 1988, summer. I'd just finished high school at 17. I'd started working at the May Company as a salesgirl. I quit my job and just went full time on it."

"I co-wrote seven of the songs with Dr. Dre. Me and Dre thought of topics. 'Something in My Heart' is

my favorite." She says she thinks of lyrics, putting them to little tunes in her head, then Dr. Dre sets the lyrics to the music the public will hear.

"My manager made the record deal. I have no idea when that came about, exactly. I had only cut two songs when Atco wanted the album and he made the deal."

"We had two sets of background singers and I did background on 'Nicety,' 'Never Been in Love' and 'No More Lies' myself. I wanted a different feel, a different sound."

When her album came out, she never thought of it crossing over. "I wanted attention, a little bit, but that's all," she says.

Michel'le, who is 5 feet 1, is wearing a black pantsuit with a Pilgrim collar for her interview. "I wear black a lot," she says. "I like black. I used to shop, when I had time."

She now has her first apartment, in Los Angeles. "But I haven't spent very much time there," she says. "I've been on the road - me, two dancers, and a male singer who sings with me on the duet."

That duet is "If?" a ballad that she and Michael Holmes sing on the album.

"This is his first project," Michel'le says. "He is going to have his own album come out later this year. Dr. Dre is going to produce him."

A road manager travels with the little group, Michel'le says, and protects them. "He doesn't let us go anywhere by ourselves. He doesn't let us out of his sight. It is fine with us. We adore it."

She usually performs in clubs, often with two or three other acts. "I only sing three songs, just a sample."

Michel'le likes rap but doesn't do it. "Dre says it gets on his nerves when I try to rap. He'd rather have me sing."

Her goal, she says, "is just to keep putting out good music. I don't want to get caught up in myself, or start drugs or start thinking I'm big. I don't want to get like that."

She lists some rules she has set for herself in the music business. "Practice, rehearse, have a good attitude, always be energetic, never let little things get you upset, listen and be patient. A lot of people jump to conclusions on things. If I was uncomfortable, I'd let you know. I would tell you, so I wouldn't have to be angry."

"I haven't really had to put that to the test. The places I've played have treated me OK."

What's new in books ...

HELL BENT MEN AND THEIR CITIES. By Susan Dodd. Viking, 240 Pages. \$17.95.

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4. New Kids on the Block: Hangin' Tough Live (CBS)
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- 1 Common ailment
- 4 South of Ga.
- 7 Buzzing insect
- 10 Fumbler's exclamation
- 12 Bernstein, for short
- 13 City in Utah
- 14 Actor Kruger
- 15 Gravel ridge
- 16 Actress — Louise
- 17 Musical pieces
- 19 Sally lake
- 21 Out of the way
- 23 Blossom
- 27 Strong wind
- 32 Eugene O'Neill's daughter
- 33 Tax. time
- 34 Slime
- 35 Raw minerals

DOWN

- 1 Egg — yong
- 2 Oodles
- 3 Capable of (2 wds.)
- 4 Actor — Majors
- 37 Acting award
- 38 More unpleasant
- 40 Body fluid
- 41 Provide
- 43 Blister
- 46 Marriage notice
- 50 Baseballer — Hershiser
- 51 AFL — Greasy
- 55 — of voice
- 56 Naval abbr.
- 57 A — Grows in Brooklyn
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- 4 Embroidery silk
- 5 The (Fr.)
- 6 Yarn
- 7 Partly fused glass
- 8 Easter preparatory
- 9 season
- 9 Entertainer — Sumac
- 11 Man-child
- 13 Ear (comb. form)
- 18 Whale group
- 20 That girl
- 22 Put in
- 23 Blessing
- 24 Tree snake
- 25 Units
- 26 Heating chamber
- 28 Utensil
- 29 Vagabond
- 30 Singer — Pinza
- 31 Woodwind instrument
- 33 Natty
- 39 Here (Fr.)
- 40 Woman's garment
- 42 Heavy wood
- 43 Forehead
- 44 Type of fabric
- 45 Malt beverage
- 47 Negative word
- 48 Actor Robert De —
- 49 Twist about
- 50 Baseball player Mel —
- 52 Same (comb. form)
- 54 Craving



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Astro-Graph

Joint ventures could work out quite well for you in the year ahead, especially if you are involved with someone with whom you were successful previously. The old team hasn't lost its magic.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't be overly concerned about doing things in ways today you hope will impress others. It's much more important you do things to please yourself and your higher standards of behavior. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In the final analysis you will have to use your own judgment today in making critical decisions. If you seek advice from too many sources, it could be more confusing than constructive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't be afraid to ask hard questions today if you are dubious about some parts of a business arrangement. Conditions are a trifle tricky and it's best not to take anything for granted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There's a possibility you could be more susceptible than usual to flattery today. A shrewd associate might be aware of this and attempt to manipulate you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be discriminating today as to whom you disclosed confidential information. Be frank with people you are certain you can trust, but be tightlipped with others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually you are a reasonably well self-disciplined person, but today this sterling quality may not be so evident. Steer clear of situations where you might be tested.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you may find yourself in an arrangement where you could personally profit, but you might have to lower your standards in order to do so. Ask yourself if it is really worth it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Instead of searching for reasons why something won't work today, take positive actions to be sure that it will. You'll like yourself better if you're a producer rather than one who merely ponders.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Usually you are not reluctant about standing up for your rights if you feel you are getting the short end. However, today you may be reluctant to do so, even when you're aware of infractions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't put too high a premium on your independence today, because it might incline you to reject something from a person who is sincerely concerned about your welfare.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Co-workers might have greater respect and appreciation for your talents today than you'll have yourself. Believe others when they say your efforts are worthy.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) When in the presence of a certain individual you sometimes erroneously view yourself as inferior. Today you might foolishly let this happen again.

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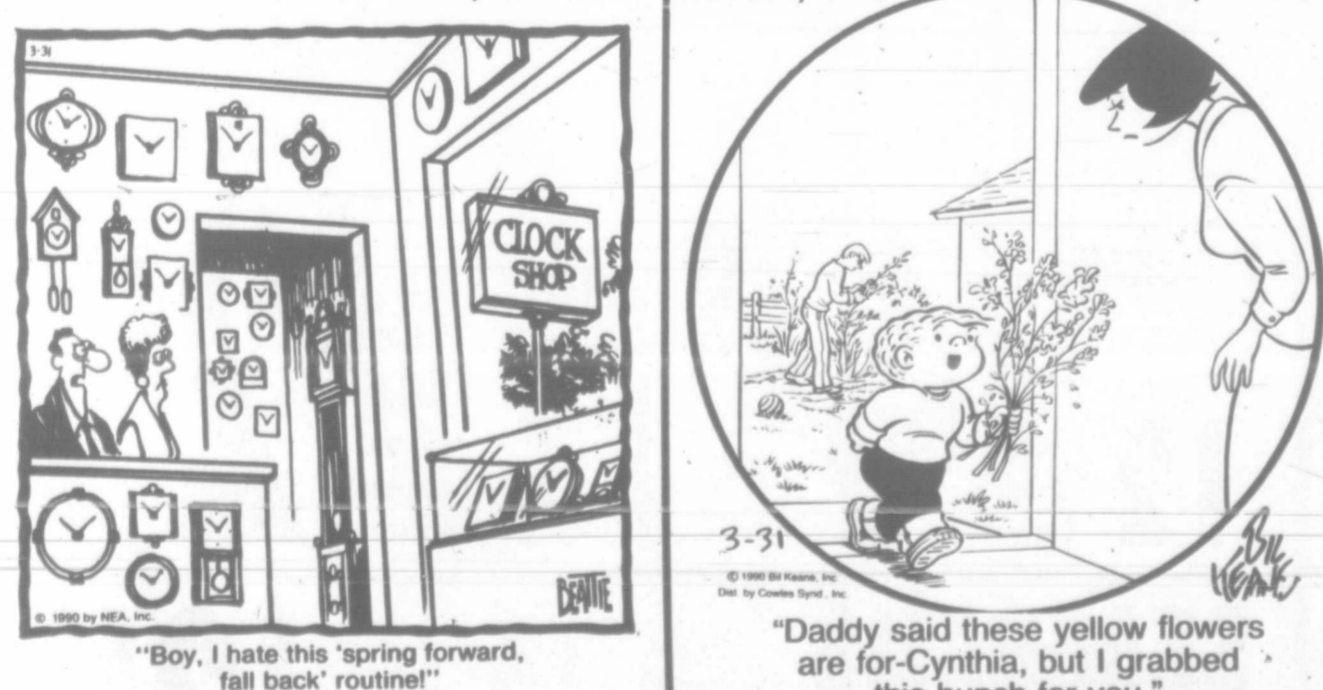
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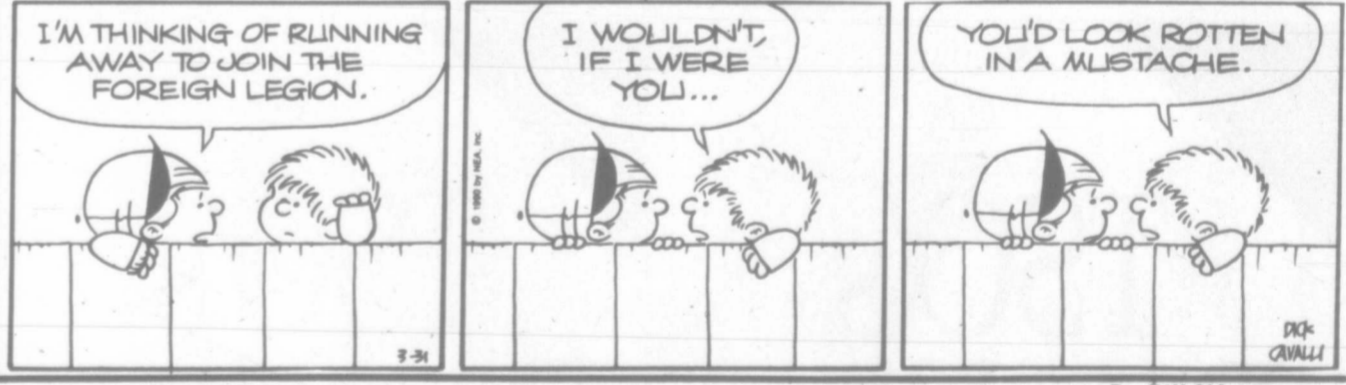
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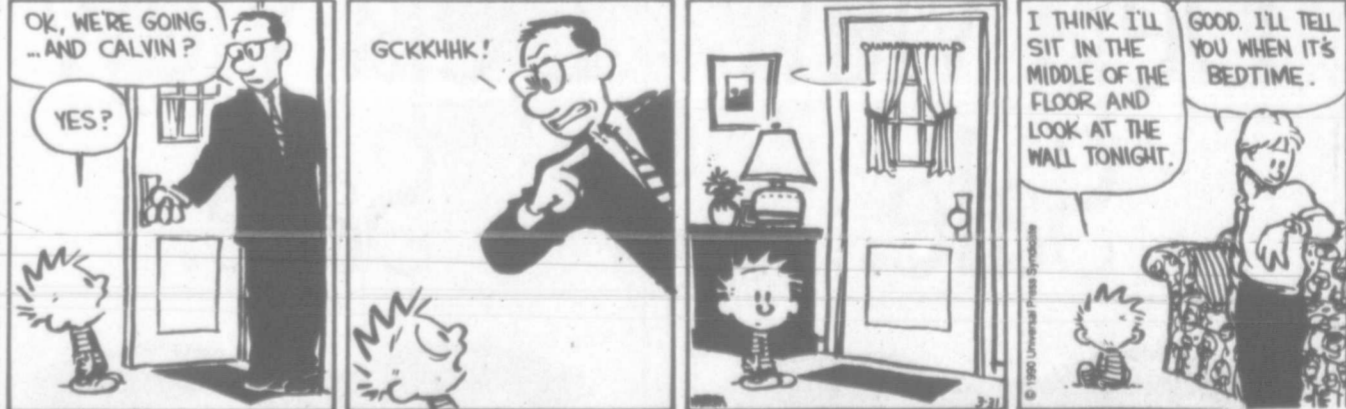
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Agriculture

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CHECK LOVEGRASS

Producers with Weeping Lovegrass pastures need to be making close inspections for any signs of new, green growth showing. For the last two to three weeks, I have been suspecting some lovegrass pastures were in trouble from being winter-killed.

I am fairly certain that there has been some areas/fields that have been definitely killed. I am able to pull up clumps of lovegrass, which is a sign that the roots are starting to decay.

Otherwise, it would be impossible to pull up healthy clumps of lovegrass due to their extensive root system. I cannot see any green shoot growth in areas I have checked and I am able to pull up these clumps. I think this is a sure sign of deadness producers can use in checking their own pastures.

One place that was burned off about three weeks ago is starting to show a little regrowth but it is limited and weak looking. I don't know if the burn helped it get started by allowing the soil to get warmer quicker or not.

As lovegrass producers are starting to make summer grazing plans—fertilization, mowing/burning and cattle arrangements—they need to determine if their fields are dead or alive.

If they are alive—how strong are they and will they support a normal amount of grazing early in season? If lovegrass that is alive is in a weakened condition, then it may need an early season rest to recover and reestablish itself. Normally, the early season growth is real lush when it is practically impossible to keep up with by cattle grazing.

I need to know how extensive this winter-kill situation is with our lovegrass pastures. It could impact

an "emergency" situation again as related to farm program benefits/regulations.

Please let me know what you find—call 669-8033 or come by the Courthouse Annex.

PRIVATE APPLICATOR LICENSE

I am sure by now that many of you are aware of the changes in pesticide laws and regulations. One important change has been the way the Certified Private Applicator Licenses can be obtained now.

If you don't have a license and wish to get one, you must attend an Extension private applicator training class, take a test over training materials covered and pay \$50 if you pass the test to obtain the Certified Private Applicator license. This license allows you to purchase and use restricted and state-limited use pesticides.

A person can also view the material at the County Extension Office, then go to one of the TDA offices in the area and take the test.

PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING

The Donley County Extension Service will sponsor a Private Applicator Training Class on April 5 at Clarendon College in the Ranch Operations Class Room. Registration will start at 8 a.m. and the program will start promptly at 8:30 a.m.

It will take approximately 3 1/2 hours to review materials, and the test will be given after lunch at 1 p.m.

Persons who plan to attend the training session and take the TDA test are strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of *Using Pesticides—Private Applicator Manual* from the county Extension Office for review and study prior to attending the training session.

Conservation plans implemented

TEMPLE—Over 60,000 conservation plans have been developed on about 13 million acres of the state's approximately 17 million acres of highly erodible cropland, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service reported.

"We in SCS made a commitment to see that every farmer who wanted a conservation compliance plan got one by the deadline of Dec. 31, 1989," said Texas State Conservationist Harry W. Oneth.

"Farmers and ranchers themselves have made a strong commitment to soil and water conservation with these plans. In fact, they have already fully implemented plans on approximately 33 percent of the highly erodible cropland."

Highly erodible cropland without plans include situations where the land is no longer being used for cropping or where the person has decided not to develop a plan at this time.

"Texas can be proud of the enormous conservation effort under way as a result of the conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985," Oneth said.

Oneth encouraged farmers to examine their plans carefully and to be sure they understand what they have agreed to do this year, he said.

Each plan contains individual conservation practices and schedules for their installation agreed to by the producer and the local conservation district.

"If farmers have questions, now's the time to call or come in and talk about it at their local SCS offices," Oneth said.

Farmers are encouraged to check with SCS when new farms or units are purchased or operators change. If a plan has been developed on the new land, now is a good time to get it implemented or revised.

If there is no plan, a conservation plan will need to be developed, he said.

Yeutter: Milk marketing hearings to be held in fall

By PAM SCHMID
Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The U.S. Agriculture Department will hold national hearings on potential changes in the federal milk marketing system, Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter said.

"In recent years, the milk order program has come under increasing criticism," Yeutter told members of the Associated Milk Producers Inc. at their annual meeting last week.

"Many believe that the program's pricing arrangements do not treat dairy farmers in all areas of the country fairly," he said.

Midwestern dairy farmers contend that the current pricing has placed them at a competitive disadvantage by guaranteeing higher prices to producers in the South. They say those higher prices have encouraged more milk production in the southern states, even though Midwestern dairy farmers are the nation's most efficient producers.

Yeutter said the hearings will likely begin this fall and take about two months. He said they will be held in half a dozen cities across the country.

"Some of the criticism arises because important elements of the orders have not been reviewed at a public hearing for many years, and changed marketing conditions may warrant updating them," Yeutter said.

The public hearings will cover milk order issues that will include Class I price differentials, the possible use of multiple base points for setting those differentials, and the pricing of reconstituted milk.

Federal marketing orders set minimum prices that handlers, or bottlers, must pay dairy farmers for Grade A milk, based on the way milk is used. The highest price is for Class I milk used for drinking. Class II milk used in soft products such as cottage cheese, yogurt and ice cream is priced lower.

Class III milk, at the bottom of the scale, is used for hard products such as butter, hard cheeses and non-fat dry milk.

Recent studies by the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, and the USDA's Economic Research Service recommended hearings and a comprehensive review of the pricing provisions.

Minnesota Gov. Rudy Perpich said that two states and two farm organizations are joining Minnesota and Wisconsin in backing a federal lawsuit that calls for overhauling the federal milk-pricing system.

Perpich said before the announcement by Yeutter that the suit is necessary because of the secretary's previous refusal to hold hearings on the fairness of the system.

Attorneys general from Iowa and North Dakota have announced they will file briefs in support of the lawsuit, filed in January by the Minnesota Milk Producers Association. The Minnesota Farmers Union and Swiss Valley Farms, an Iowa dairy cooperative, also planned to file supporting briefs.

In a letter sent to Yeutter on Wednesday, Perpich noted that Minnesota has lost 10,000 dairy farmers over the past decade, and that its dairy cow herd has been reduced from 1 million to 750,000 cows.

At the same time, he said, "milk production has skyrocketed and dairy cow numbers have increased in the nation's south and southwest."

Jim Nichols, state agriculture commissioner, said Minnesota farmers have lost over \$1 billion since the present milk-pricing system took effect in 1984.

In other remarks last week, Yeutter says decades of trade negotiations have left farmers out in the cold.

It's time to change that, he says, but it will take "a hefty dose of political courage" on the part of the United States and its trading partners.

"There's no question in my mind that agriculture is the most distortive sector of the world economy, when one evaluates existing trade patterns," Yeutter said.

In the case of industrial goods, there has been substantial progress in trade liberalization under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. And there has been a move now under GATT to deal with the international aspects of the financial and service sectors.

"Agriculture has been on the agenda for the past 40 years, and probably nothing has happened," Yeutter said. "We've gone through 40 years of GATT history, through a whole series of multilateral trade rounds, and for all practical purposes we, the members of GATT, have accomplished nothing in the way of agricultural trade liberalization."

The current Uruguay Round of GATT talks is scheduled to conclude at the end of this year.

Yeutter told a meeting of the Food Executives International Congress that the Uruguay Round offers "great potential for liberalization" and that the United States has put its own quotas and trade-distorting policies on the negotiating table.

Feedlot, Ranch Horse Seminar scheduled April 10 in Wheeler

Area horsemen are invited to a Feedlot and Ranch Horse Seminar on Tuesday, April 10, in the Wheeler County Show Barn at Wheeler.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Agriculture Committees in Gray and Wheeler counties.

While the seminar is being targeted to those using horses in the feedlots and on ranches, everyone interested in horses is invited to attend.

The clinic will be conducted by Dr. Doug Householder and Dr. Pete Gibbs, Extension horse specialists from College Station.

Activities will begin at 2 p.m. with a session on feeding, health and conditioning. Beginning at 4 p.m., feedlot cowboys will ride with Dr. Householder and Dr. Gibbs serving as instructors.

They will teach maneuvers (such as rollbacks, circles, spins, backs and lead changes), training techniques and basic horsemanship. Also, they will use on-board heart rate monitors to check the stress put on the horse by various maneuvers and to evaluate the horse's condition.

The program is planned to enable participants to (1) learn more about horse management, training and use and take more pride in their horses; (2) minimize horse lameness, sickness and downtime; and (3) increase economic savings.

Feedlot and ranch horse users and all horse owners will profit from the information presented. Those in the audience will learn a great deal from the riding sessions even though they are not riding, organizers say.

A \$2 registration fee will be charged to help cover seminar expenses. Those planning to eat dinner at the seminar are required to make reservations by 5 p.m. Friday, April 6, by calling the County Extension Office in Wheeler at 826-5243 or Pampa at 669-8033.

"Drs. Gibbs and Householder do a very professional job at these seminars, and anyone who attends will gain valuable information for their horse operation," said Don King and Joe VanZandt, County Extension agents in Wheeler and Gray counties respectively.

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The Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a spring fish sale.

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Six months later, East German couple relate happiness in new home

EDITOR'S NOTE - They are among the more than 440,000 East Germans who have resettled in West Germany in the past year. Thomas and Angelika Weitz and their 6-year-old daughter fled their homeland with a train load of other "embassy refugees" just before the collapse of communism in East Germany. A reporter who interviewed them at the time recently revisited the Weitz family to see how they've fared after six months of freedom.

By GEORGE BOEHMER
Associated Press Writer

OFFENSTETTEN, West Germany (AP) - When Angelika Weitz first walked into a West German store to buy yogurt, she was so overwhelmed by the abundance of flavors she broke out in a cold sweat.

When she visited a doctor for the first time, she learned that here a patient need not bring a towel from home.

Even fresh air was a novelty for Mrs. Weitz and her family who fled East Germany and resettled in West

Germany about six months ago. For Thomas and Angelika Weitz and their 6-year-old daughter, Jenny, there is a new job, a new home. They are slowly making new friends, with no worries about being watched by the secret police.

They have no plans to return to East Germany even though democracy is supplanting communism in their homeland since they boarded a train in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and arrived in West Germany with thousands of other "embassy refugees."

The family now lives in a new, neatly furnished apartment with a large bedroom, bath, country-style kitchen and living room just outside Offenstetten, in a rural wooded area of Bavaria 240 miles southeast of Frankfurt.

Thomas Weitz, a 30-year-old trained machinist who earned about \$150 a month at a factory in East Germany, found a job in a paint-and-body auto repair shop here and takes home about \$1,050 a month, enough for him to afford a used car. A small color television and a stereo adorn a table in their living room.

In the East German city of Zwickau, about 145 miles south of

Berlin, their run-down apartment had no bath and not enough water pressure for an inside toilet, says Mrs. Weitz, 40, who worked as a nurse's assistant in East Germany.

"The place was falling apart," she says.

"Here there are lots of deer and rabbits," chimed in little Jenny, cuddling a stuffed toy dog on the living room couch.

Zwickau's polluted air caused her and Jenny to have chronic breathing problems, Mrs. Weitz says.

"That's one of the main reasons we wanted to leave," she says.

Zwickau, a city of 130,000, is heavily industrialized with smokestacks belching noxious brown smoke into the air, producing the sort of sooty grime so common in such East German cities.

Because they had applied several times to resettle in the West and because she had complained often about medical treatment, the "Stasi," as the East German secret police were called, began monitoring the family's activities, Mrs. Weitz says.

"I was often sick after Jenny's



(AP Newsfeatures Photo)

Thomas and Angelika Weitz and their 6-year-old daughter show their happiness in their new home in Offenstetten, West Germany.

birth in 1983 and had trouble getting proper medical treatment," she says.

"Then I was finally operated on for a uterus problem. Now the doctor here tells me that I may have to be operated on again."

But Mrs. Weitz says she has been able to cut down on medicine since the family settled in Offenstetten.

"I can breathe again and Jenny sleeps well, she has an appetite and doesn't cough all night like she did before."

The family has been back to Zwickau only to visit relatives since East Germany opened its borders on Nov. 9.

The couple said they feel it will take years for East Germany to catch up with the West, despite the democratic changes.

"I am 40 years old, and West Germany took 40 years to get this far," Mrs. Weitz says. "I don't have time to wait for that over there."

With some 340,000 East Germans arriving in West Germany in 1989 and another 100,000 so far this year, there has been some resentment among West German taxpayers who complain the resettlers are getting special treatment in obtaining homes and jobs.

The newcomers are also eligible for social payments until they are resettled and find employment.

West Germany, about the size of Oregon, has a population of 61 million people and is already overcrowded.

The country also faces a chronic housing shortage, and January's unemployment rate was 8.5 percent with 2,191,400 registered jobless.

Despite that, the Weitz family says they have been treated well since their arrival, probably because

they do not live in one of the country's large cities where housing shortages and joblessness are most prevalent.

"We have always been treated just like everyone else. No matter where we go, shopping or in restaurants," Mrs. Weitz says.

But she recalls a humorous incident when she first visited a doctor in the West.

"I can tell you come from the East Germany," the doctor told her.

"Why? Because of my accent?" she asked. "No, because you brought along your own towel."

The Weitzes still marvel at the abundance in West Germany compared with their homeland.

"I like yogurt," Mrs. Weitz says. "When I went into a store to buy some for the first time after we got here, my knees got weak as I saw all the flavors there, and I broke out in a cold sweat trying to decide on which one to buy."

"I had to leave that store and walk around outside to compose myself before I finally got up the nerve to go back in and buy some."

The Weitz family was in the first trainload of East Germans to arrive in Hof, West Germany, from Prague on Oct. 1, just 17 days before hard-line communist leader Erich Honecker was ousted during a wave of massive pro-democracy demonstrations.

At the time, like thousands of other East Germans who had fled to West Germany's embassy in Czechoslovakia, the family expected no quick changes in their communist homeland, and decided to risk an escape.

"We packed only a few things, no marriage certificate or anything to give a clue that we were leaving for good, and caught a flight from

Schoenefeld airport in East Berlin to Prague because we didn't need a visa to go there," Weitz says.

"We didn't tell our families - no one, for fear the secret police would find out. We feared constantly that maybe we wouldn't make it."

The family took a taxi to the West German embassy immediately after landing in Prague in the evening of Sept. 30. There they learned that West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher had just announced that everyone would be allowed to leave for West Germany by train.

From there, in a deal worked out between East Germany and West Germany, about 6,000 East Germans in and outside the Prague embassy boarded trains that would take them to the West by crossing back through their homeland.

The Weitz family told of the harrowing trip from Prague and how secret police boarded the trains in East Germany to tell the refugees they were being expelled from their homeland.

Weitz says they first realized they were in West Germany when the sound of the tracks became smoother and the train started going faster.

"You have to go slow in the East Germany, because the tracks are all worn out," he says.

At the Deggendorf refugee camp in northeast Bavaria, the family was first put in a large hall with beds for 40 people.

"It was overcrowded and sanitation was bad," Mrs. Weitz says. "So we moved into a small hotel for three days where we could sleep in private and take showers."

Later they moved into a boarding house in the nearby town of Gotteszell, about 70 miles northeast of Munich, where they stayed about a month.

There Weitz got a temporary job at a car repair shop cleaning up and helping out for \$29 a day.

"I didn't care as long as I could make some money," he says.

Through word-of-mouth, Weitz says he was introduced to the owner of a small paint-and-body car shop in Offenstetten.

"Through that contact I got my job and our apartment. It costs us \$410 a month, but we expected that," Weitz says.

Asked what they thought of the dramatic changes in East Germany, and if there is any chance they might return to help build up the country, Weitz replies:

"I'm happy about most of the change that all of us leaving helped bring on. Perhaps I'd return if I got the backing to start my own business."

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Texas scholar of Civil War writes of black soldiers who also served

EDITOR'S NOTE — Coincidentally with the release of the movie *Glory*, a new book by a military science expert also tells of the experiences of the black soldiers who served under mostly white officers during the Civil War. The author, by the way, recommends the movie.

By SUSAN FAHLGREN
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - A Texas scholar who recently published a book about black soldiers in the Civil War says the popular movie *Glory* almost got it right.

Almost. But he liked the movie anyway.

Joseph Glatthaar, an associate professor at the University of Houston, spent four years researching his newly released book, *Forged in Battle: The Civil War Alliance of Black Soldiers and White Officers*.

Glatthaar says it was exciting to see the lives of soldiers he has studied come to life on the screen, but he notes some inaccuracies in the film, which coincidentally came out about the same time as his book.

"The movie's very good - I strongly recommend it," Glatthaar says. "What the movie is good at is conveying a sense to the observer of what it was like to be in these black units and what were some of the obstacles that they faced."

But from a strictly historical standpoint, there are some problems, he says.

One example is the scene in which Robert Gould Shaw, the white commander of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, orders a soldier flogged.

"Flogging was illegal in the United States Army," Glatthaar says. "Shaw would have been discharged from the service if he did that."

Glatthaar says the Hollywood version also included a fictitious sergeant-major as Shaw's right-hand man.

"In reality, the sergeant major of the 54th Massachusetts was the son of the abolitionist and former slave Frederick Douglass, which in itself

is very interesting," he says.

Glatthaar has read hundreds of letters exchanged between the soldiers and their families, as well as thousands of military documents from library archives.

"There was no censorship of mails and people were very prolific with their own family or their own spouse and that's very revealing, as far as racial attitudes go," he says.

It was a letter from a white officer in charge of black troops that initially got Glatthaar's attention.

"I do not think that I would exchange my position in this regiment for one of equal rank in any white regiment," the officer wrote his brother.

Glatthaar says he was intrigued by the strange alliance between the white officers and black soldiers, many of them former slaves who were apprehended as "contraband" from the South.

"They were heroes in the black community, but they were despised by whites."

"Of course, you have the old situation with whites in power," he says. "Most of the blacks are from slavery, so it's a position to which they're accustomed, but not happy with. And, of course, these blacks are experiencing freedom for the first time in the military, and that's a strange situation, too."

Some 178,000 blacks served under 7,000 white officers in the U.S. Colored Troops during the Civil War. Only 110 blacks were able to become officers in their own regiments.

Even before President Abraham Lincoln officially freed slaves in January 1863, black soldiers were recruited to fill the gaps left by casualties in the Union Army.

Glatthaar notes that black soldiers suffered the indignities of lower wages, undesirable assignments and dwindling supplies. But for many, it was a unique opportunity to serve as "an equal" to whites and to establish their rights for themselves by fighting their former

owners.

But the white officers directing black troops were not popular back home.

"They were heroes in the black community, but they were despised by whites," Glatthaar says. "A lot of them were attacked and brutalized and their families abused."

But Glatthaar says the most shocking indignities were those inflicted on black troops after the war.

"What really surprised me most was the way the white population took away the accomplishments of the United States Colored Troops after the war," Glatthaar says. "They denied their achievements."

Black soldiers who remained as peace-keeping forces in the South during Reconstruction often suffered reprisals from former Confederate soldiers.

In the North, their fellow Union Army soldiers and officers began discounting their abilities.

"Blacks, I think, wisely felt that their white officers should have fought to help them gain full, equal rights," he says. "The white officers never overcame their prejudice."

Glatthaar says the battle for equality continued in the military ranks for years to come.

"In World War I," Glatthaar says, "they went through the exact same issues, the exact same accusations that blacks didn't have the character to stand up in combat, that they would all drop their weapons and run, or that they would act like savages and fight uncontrollably and we couldn't trust them."

"They just denied the fact that 178,000 soldiers had performed superbly in the Civil War. They were reinventing the wheel in World War I and, in fact, again in World War II."

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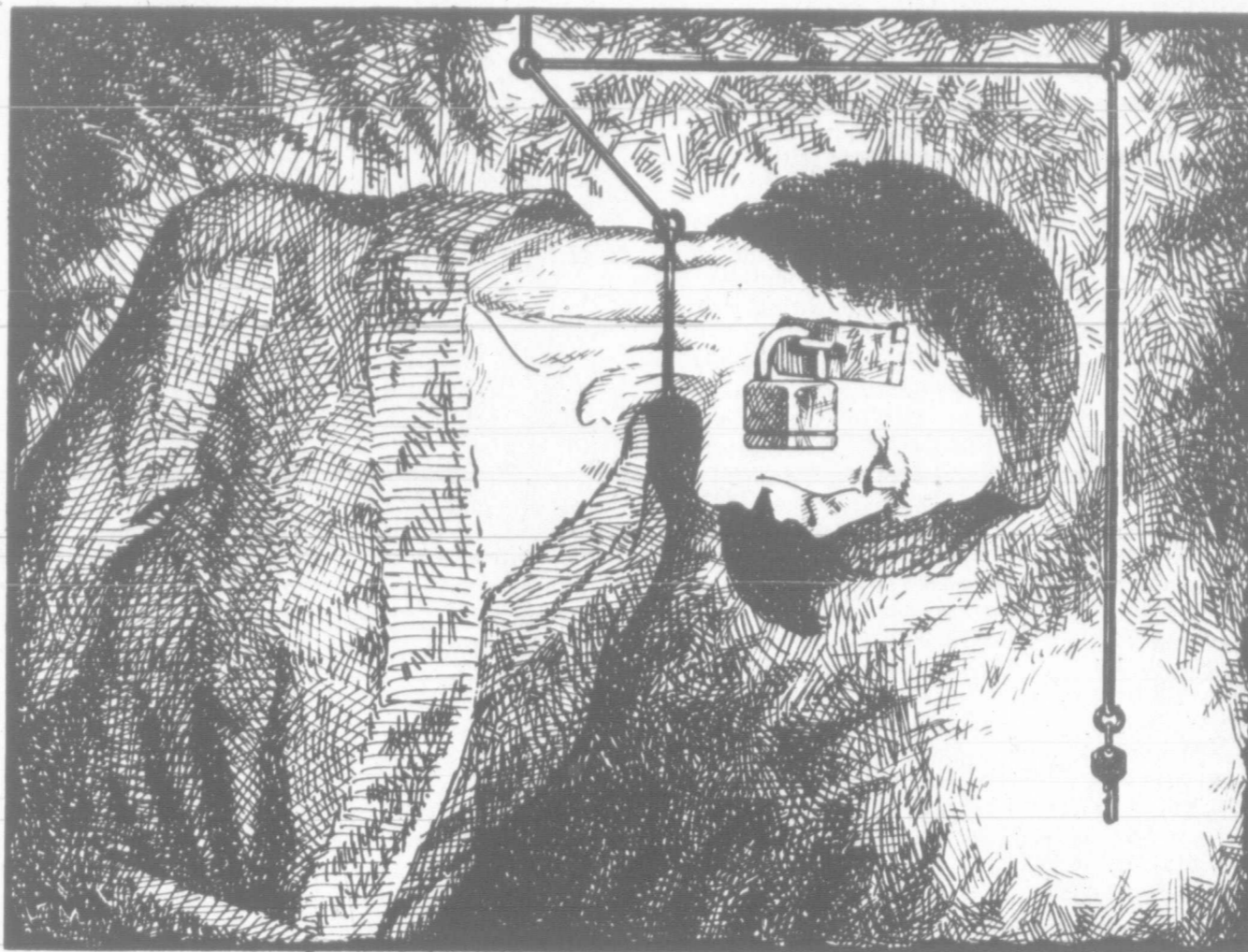
Woman battling Chronic Pain Syndrome that costs her control of her life

EDITOR'S NOTE — It all began on a Friday the 13th. Kay Bartlett was about to accompany a friend who wanted to look at a black cat she was thinking about adopting. Then came the fall, and now, more than two years later, she still battles a very unfriendly poltergeist that controls her life, Chronic Pain Syndrome.

By KAY BARTLETT
AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Two years and a couple of months ago, I lost control of my life. Pain took over. Now it regulates nearly every moment of my waking life, holding me captive to its savage dictates. Twice a night, too, it comes to visit, sometimes just to say hello and remind me it is still round, other times to visit for a long chat. Pain makes me irritable, it makes me cry. It sends me into fits of rage and sloughs of despair. My pain stems from a neck injury suffered in a fall that ironically was caused by a medication which dumped my blood pressure and sent me into a semi-consciousness in my kitchen. I woke up choking on my blood, not sure how long I had been unconscious, whether it was all blood pressure or whether the bonks on Formica contributed.

The immediate damage was quickly assessed. I had knocked out my two front teeth. Although my neck and shoulders ached, it seemed like the kind of pain that I, as a weekend warrior athlete, would normally get when I played tennis or softball. But these aches did not heal. They went from aching to the feeling that a woodpecker was perched on my right shoulder constantly pecking at a knot in the right side of my neck. Then the pain started shooting up and down the spine. Then the muscle spasms took over. One night I lost most of the power in my right side temporarily. I started falling on the street, my right leg just losing it. I have consulted more than a dozen physicians, mostly specialists, as well as non-traditional healers, two acupuncturists, one acupressurist, even a pain hypnotist. He decreed I was among the 20 percent of the population that is not hypnotizable. The consensus is I have crossed over into what they call "Chronic Pain Syndrome." I don't want to hear that. I want it fixed, dammit. If they can operate on fetal hearts, sew back fingers severed by subway cars, perform open heart surgery as routinely as appendectomies, why, oh why, can't they fix a neck that simply took a heavy bang? Pain has changed my life, narrowing it as old age will eventually do. But, at 49, I'm not old enough to be this old. I feel like in the last two years I have aged 30. I no longer drive. It's too painful and potentially hazardous. I've let my license expire. I've been to one Broadway show and one movie since the accident. It is too painful to sit in a seat for two hours, especially at night when I have been up part of the day. Ditto for museums, art galleries, concerts



and all the other reasons one chooses to live in New York City. I cannot read for long periods at a time. Doing dishes is a killer, but a necessity. Ironing is out. I don't wear anything that needs to be ironed. I rarely wear my contact lenses anymore. The neck movement to put them in and take them out is a painful one. I've not bought any clothes since the Nov. 13, 1987, fall. It's too painful to try them on. I tried shopping once, but the pain became overpowering and I raced home, to a Manhattan apartment which has now become my workplace most of the time. It seems silly. I live 20 blocks from my office, but it costs too much in pain to go in to the office every day. It is more productive and less painful, but lonely and isolated, to work from home. With today's computer technology, it's possible. It's the little things that defeat my spirit. Routine tasks have become minefields waiting to explode the pain. Pulling on pantyhose and boots? Could be the worst mistake of the day. Brushing my teeth? It always hurts. Why washing my hair, under a hot shower, hurts, is the biggest mystery. That should feel good, but it doesn't. I see movies now on my VCR. I've also learned that people, even close friends, just are incapable of understanding something as foreign as this kind of captivity. They constantly ask if I've seen the latest movie. Or

In short, to function. I manage my pennies of energy carefully. Going out at night is a lavish expenditure. New companions, in addition to the cervical collar, are the moist heating pad, the old sock with three tennis balls inside, the better to get the heat to the spot where the pain likes to sear; jars and jars of Mineral Ice, a remedy that works something like putting medication on a tooth that really needs dental attention. Its help is short-lived, but I'll take it. I've learned a lot of tricks, some vetoed by the doctors. One is to drive the back of my head into the living room carpet with all my might. It seems to get something off of something. Trouble is, the sophisticated tests don't show anything on anything. I'm betting on my body, not technology. The other is to hunker down, put all my weight on the balls of my feet and stretch out the whole spine. That helps, too. For no apparent medical reason. I have learned a lot about pain.

One: It can drive you crazy, even in small amounts, by its constancy. Two: It can drive you to question your sanity when it lifts. When pain is gone, for some mysterious reason, so is the memory of it. You immediately begin thinking you made it all up. Or, more ominously, that it's not coming back. I still fall for that. I guess it's a tribute to the elasticity of the human spirit. It's also pretty stupid. Three: It's not nice to fool Mother Nature. Distraction therapy works temporarily. While it may be good for the psyche, pain will get the last laugh. You pay the piper if you push the body beyond where it is ready to go. It is better to cooperate. When it says this is going to be a bad day, believe it. Rest it. The next day will be better. Four: Pain is tiring. Five: Pain is not one entity. It is an orchestra, sometimes featuring a soloist, sometimes many instruments. My worst pain is the searing pain right along the right side of the vertebrae. It can be razor sharp with each step digging in. There is the shooting pain down my right arm, often causing ersatz numbness in my fingers. It's not total numbness. It's more like the sensation you have when the novocaine is wearing off. You feel something, but not everything. There is the stab of the muscle spasms, the ache of soreness, sometimes dull, sometimes acute, always persistent. Twice a week I go to physical therapy where I am tractioned, ultrasounded, electronically stimulated. I spend a few minutes every hour exercising. I am surely by now a contender for a mention in the Guinness Book of World Records for the most shoulder rolls completed. I will not share all the advice I've been given. You can imagine it. One I must. A New Ager among my acquaintances told me this unmitigated pain was a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth. Fortunately, she was on the other end of the telephone, out of range of my rage. The one piece of advice I will never take is that I must quit fighting, that I must accept the pain. I will never give up. I will get rid of it.

Smokers can't escape change in American attitudes toward their habit

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GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)—Tobacco USA, the smoke shop is called, but it could be a nickname for this region. And so when the city of Greensboro hung a "No Smoking" sign in this and other businesses, it was a sign of the times, hard times, for tobacco. "You get some hostile reactions," acknowledged Matthew Pappas, who works at Tobacco USA, a wholesale-retail outlet. "Some people, you tell 'em they can't smoke in the store, they'll throw their cartons down and walk out." They're not just reacting to the irony of smoking regulations in a cigarette store. Even here at home, they realize, they can't escape the sea change in American attitudes toward smoking. Not that long ago, it wasn't just OK to smoke. It was cool. "I'd walk a mile for a Camel," the slogan said. "Winston tastes good like a cigarette should." There was the Lucky Strike Radio Hour, the barn painted with the familiar Mail Pouch logo. What happened? Remember the Winston man in the ads, the hero who'd rescue someone and then light up? Nowadays, a model who portrayed him is stumping for the anti-smoking forces. And what about the romance that drifted on cigarette smoke through

Casablanca and so many other old movies? Now, one James Bond film with a pack of smokes as a prominent prop carries an on-screen health warning. During World War I, the *New York Medical Journal* said that, given the nervous strain at the front, it would be "folly, both from a medical and a military standpoint, to deny tobacco to the men." Now, study after study cites new dangers. Surgeons general refine their warnings. More than 40 states and 400 localities restrict smoking. Even Greensboro. "It's everywhere you turn," said Martha Vick, who grew up on a tobacco farm, raises the leaf with her husband and is director of a museum of tobacco farming in Kenly, N.C. "This is a legal crop we produce," she said. "Tobacco farmers are hard-working, God-fearing citizens. ... I imagine every producer wonders what the future is going to hold." **There's 'more willingness to accept some constraint on individual liberties' if others could be harmed.** To economic forecaster Geoffrey Greene, the future of smoking in the United States can be glimpsed in the demographics of the baby boom generation. "There was a long period of time

when there was inertia building, when the evidence became more and more clear that there were concrete health effects," said Greene, senior economist at Data Resources Inc. of Lexington, Mass. Then a few years ago came the spur. "You started hearing the stories — Joe X from college dropped dead of a heart attack at 39 or 42. ... People who'd always been thinking about, 'Well, maybe I ought to quit smoking,'" started saying, "Now I'm going to do it." Around the same time, former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop issued a report on the effects of breathing smokers' "sidestream" smoke — a message baby boomers were ready to hear, in Greene's view. "We're increasingly aware that it's an interconnected world," he said, and there's "more willingness to accept some constraint on individual liberties" if others could be harmed. The milestones of tobacco's recent decline are just as clear to Billy Yeargin, president of the Tobacco History Corp., which studies and preserves the commodity's heritage. The surgeon general's report in 1964, warning of health risks from smoking, gave birth to the organized efforts against tobacco, Yeargin said, and later reports by Koop and other officials have conferred "the sanction of the government" on tobacco's antagonists. Since 1965,

the percentage of adults who smoke has dropped from 40 percent to 29 percent. Still, anti-smoking sentiment is not new. It goes back at least to King James I of England, who in 1604 blasted the "black, stinking fume" of this "custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs." Now, Yeargin said, old objections are increasingly taking the form of law. Even in Virginia, where tobacco exports began just eight years after King James issued his broadside, the legislature this month overwhelmingly approved limitations on public smoking. **'If it's something that 50 million people still do, I'm not sure that I buy that it's been desocialized.'** "It has certainly alarmed me," Yeargin said of the accelerated pace of restrictions. In Greensboro, home of Lorillard Inc., which makes Newport, Kent and True cigarettes and employs 2,300 people, the referendum restricting smoking passed by 173 votes out of about 30,000 cast in November 1989. A slim margin, yes, acknowledged David Hudgins, a leader of the group Greensboro to Alleviate Smoking Pollution, or GASP. But the vote changed people's views,

and he predicted a repeal effort now being discussed will fail if it goes to a vote. "People have just had enough of it," Hudgins said, referring not just to breathing others' smoke but to the campaign by tobacco companies against the referendum. "They finally realize that they can speak out and there can be some pride in not supporting tobacco. It's not a stigma, just because we're from North Carolina." "When the ordinance passed in Greensboro," agreed the American Cancer Society's Joann Schellenbach in New York, "it was considered one of those major battles in the war, a real turning point." Business has realized there are savings, in everything from the cost of insurance to office-cleaning, if employees don't smoke, she said. Do the anti-smoking forces have tobacco on the run? "Absolutely," she said. In Washington, Rep. Thomas Luken, D-Ohio, would like to believe that, but said tobacco companies have grown stronger along with the anti-smoking movement. A bill he sponsored, one of dozens of smoking-related measures before Congress, aims to protect children from tobacco advertising by banning all but text-only ads — so-called "tombstones" — in newspapers and magazines, and by stopping what Luken considers circumvention of a federal ban on broadcast adver-

tising and a requirement that tobacco ads carry warning labels. His office points to a \$350,000 contract to use a pack of Lark cigarettes to conceal a detonator in the James Bond film, *License to Kill*. "When we got in touch with the producer," said Luken aide Benjamin Cohen, "he voluntarily agreed to put a warning label at the end of the movie, the first time a movie has ever had a health warning." Andrew White, a spokesman for Philip Morris USA, noted that Larks are sold by Philip Morris in Japan, not in the United States, and that the contract was part of a Japanese promotion of the movie. "We adhere to both the letter and the spirit of the law," White said. At the Tobacco Institute, the industry's lobbying arm in Washington, spokeswoman Brennan Dawson said it's peer pressure that makes teen-agers smoke, not stadium billboards or magazine ads. Yes, she said, the regulators have won many recent rounds, including a virtual ban on smoking aboard airliners, and yes, for those in the industry, "it's certainly a difficult climate." But smoking's decline in this country should not be exaggerated, Ms. Dawson said. "If it's something that 50 million people still do," she said, "I'm not sure that I buy that it's been desocialized."

New studies indicate possible methods for battling cancerous growths

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP)—An acne drug can suppress precancerous growths in the mouth for up to a year, preliminary research indicates. The study is aimed at suppressing white patches in the mouth called leukoplakia, which can be a precursor of cancers in the mouth, pharynx, larynx and esophagus. Those cancers afflict 50,000 people a year. The drug, called isotretinoin (Accutane), shrank growths significantly for three months and largely prevented progression during the following nine months, said Dr. Scott Lippman. Lippman of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston presented his results last week at a science writers seminar sponsored by the American Cancer Society. He emphasized that his work does not involve women of childbearing age, because of isotretinoin's risk of causing birth defects. The study, still in progress, has included 58 patients. About 60 percent of patients showed shrinkage of at least half their growths after three months of taking isotretinoin orally every day, Lippman said. After three months, they and the non-responders were randomly assigned to a follow-up therapy of either a lower dose of isotretinoin or doses

of another substance called beta carotene. The two follow-up groups contained equal shares of non-responders, Lippman said. In the beta carotene group, 56 percent relapsed over the following nine months. A relapse was defined as growth of the mouth lesions or appearance of new ones. That relapse rate is essentially equal to what another study found with no follow-up treatment at all, Lippman said. In contrast, only one relapse has been seen so far among participants in the low-dose isotretinoin group, he said. Sixty percent of these participants improved after going on the low dose, he said. Side effects from the initial high-dose treatment included dry skin and lips and an eye condition called conjunctivitis, he said. They were less severe and less frequent on low doses, he said. The National Cancer Institute financed the work. Dr. Arthur Mashburg of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in East Orange, N.J., said he believed the focus of the study was incorrect. Leukoplakias usually do not progress to cancer, he said, so the leukoplakias that shrink under therapy may not have actually been premalignant.

In other cancer news, cancer cells have been killed in the test tube by sabotaging their genetic machinery, an early step in what could someday become a new form of therapy, a researcher says. Scientists used a molecule that latched onto a key substance in cancer cells, preventing a crucial gene from relaying its orders to the cells. The research is among early work in the so-called "anti-sense" strategy that seeks to block the effect of particular genes in cancer cells. The new results were described last week at an American Cancer Society science writers seminar, by Dr. John Reed of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. His work was in lymphomas, cancers of the body's lymph tissues that strike more than 40,000 Americans a year. Lymph tissues play an important role in fighting infections. Reed focused on a gene called BCL2. It is activated for limited periods in some normal cells when the body's disease-fighting immune system gears up. But at some point very early in the transformation of a normal cell to a lymphoma, the BCL2 gene tends to become overactive, Reed said. That occurs in about half of lymphomas,

as well as maybe 5 percent to 10 percent of leukemias, Reed said. It results from a breaking and defective rejoining of chromosomes, the threadlike structures that carry genes, he said. The normal function of the BCL2 gene is not known, Reed said. Like other genes, BCL2 relays its orders to the cell by sending a sort of Morse code message in chemical messengers called ribonucleic acids. Reed's experiment involved invading lymphoma cells with a substance that seeks out and binds this messenger, stopping its function. That killed lymphoma cells in the test tube, showing that the BCL2 gene plays a key role in lymphoma cell survival, Reed said. He cautioned that any therapeutic use is many years away and must overcome some significant hurdles. One is that a single dose of the messenger-binding substance would now cost about \$100,000, he said. Future developments might produce a binding substance that clings to abnormal genetic material associated with an overactive BCL2 rather than the messenger, he said. That could keep therapy from harming normal cells in which BCL2 happened to be switched on, he said. Another step toward that goal would be

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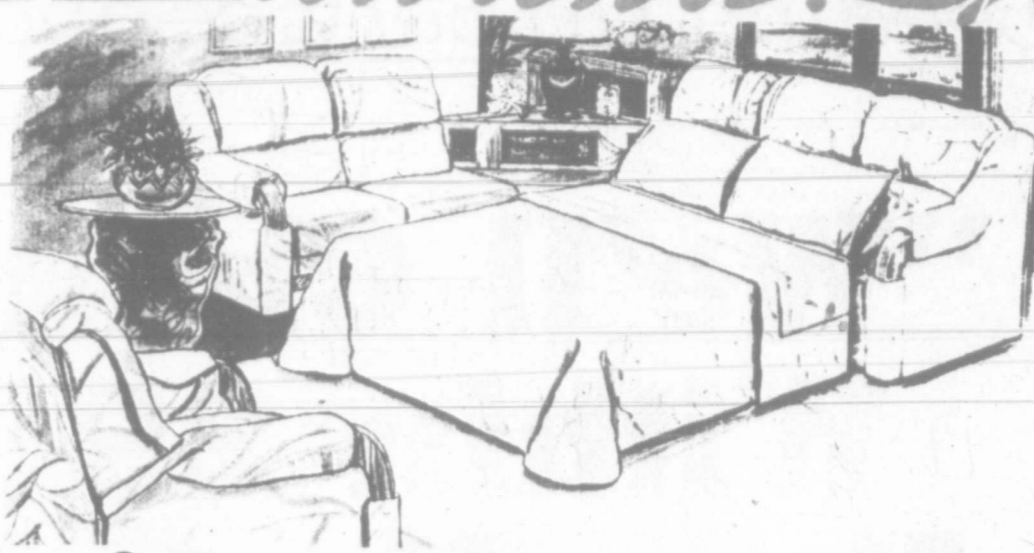
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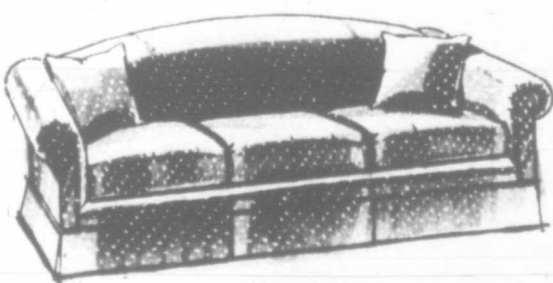
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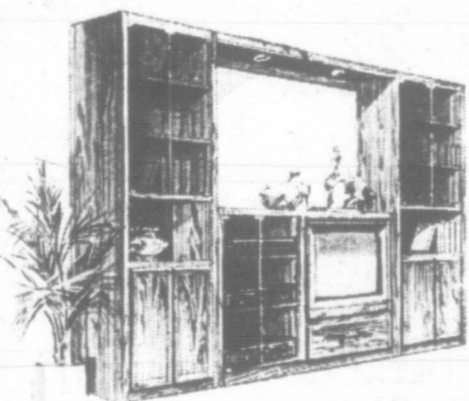
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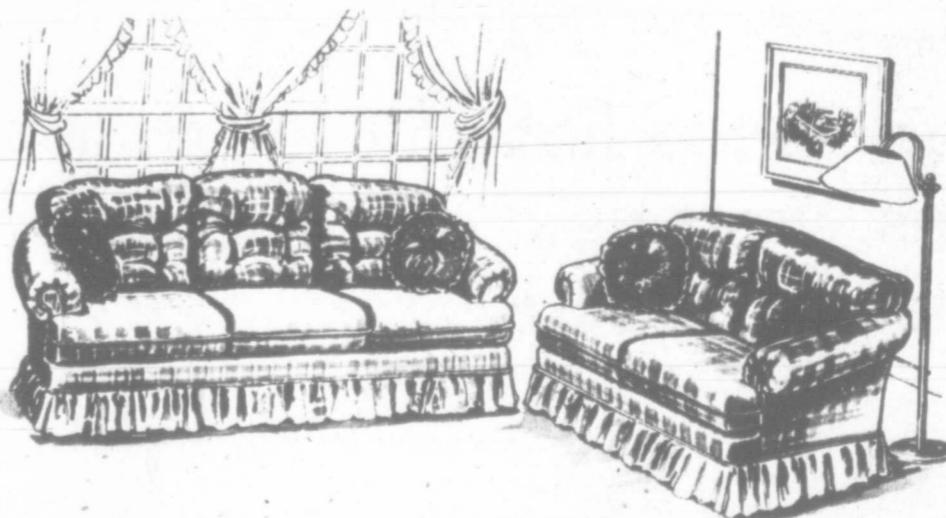
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