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THURSDAY

And where it stops ...



(Staff photo by Larry Hollis)

Riders on the ferris wheel at the Pampa Band Boosters' carnival get a chance to look out over the crowd in the Pampa Mall parking lot as the operator stops the motion for unloading. The Pride of Texas Shows carnival continues through Saturday night, opening at 6 p.m. daily through Friday and at 1 p.m. Saturday. A handstamp special for rides will be available from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Confusion arises over paychecks for suspended sheriff's employees

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff Jim Free, on Wednesday, notified the county treasurer's office that three employees suspended with pay on April 27 would not receive their two-week paychecks Friday, Treasurer Scott Hahn said this morning.

However, this morning Free apparently reversed his decision and notified Hahn to make the three paychecks for the period of June 1-15.

Hahn said his office has called Free every two weeks, shortly before paychecks are to be made, to determine the status of the three employees — Ken Kieth, Sue Matthew and Othal Hicks.

The three were suspended with pay by the sheriff amid allegations that they were involved in the forgery of a high school diploma sent into a state agency for Hicks. An investigation into the matter is continuing by the Texas Rangers and by a state law enforcement licensing agency.

"I was told yesterday (Wednesday) by phone by the sheriff that this upcoming round of paychecks would not include one for those three individuals," Hahn said today.

He said the category of the status of their employment was "suspension without pay or benefits effective June 1."

"We were all ready to run the payroll except we hadn't heard from the sheriff on these three," Hahn said of what prompted the Wednesday telephone conversation.

Free, however, said in an earlier taped conversation this morning that he had taken no action on suspending the three employees with pay.

"Well, not as of yet," he said when questioned if the suspension without pay had occurred.

"The (county) judge has suggested this," Free said this morning. "I'm talking to the judge this morning. I'm not for sure what more we've got on that."

County Judge Carl Kennedy did not return a call to *The Pampa News* this morning before he left for a meeting in Amarillo. He apparently was in the Courthouse briefly, during which time he talked with the sheriff.

Following that conversation, Hahn said he was notified by the sheriff that the three would be getting paid on Friday.

"I don't know why the change all of a sudden, exactly," Hahn said. He said his office was attempting to make the three paychecks since the remainder of the county employees' checks had been run earlier on the computer.

Hahn said he had sent Kieth, Matthew and Hicks registered letters on Wednesday notifying them they could elect to keep their health insurance benefits and giving them the amounts it would cost.

He said that anytime an employee quits, is fired or leaves the county for any reason, he is obligated to notify the person that insurance can be continued for a cost.

"I did mail yesterday, and those three people

should receive today, an official letter from Gray County which gives them the option of picking up their Blue Cross at their own expense since it is no longer being given them," Hahn said.

Hicks this morning said he had not received any notice yet from the sheriff of any changes in his employment status.

"I can't figure out, if we're being suspended for suspicion of wrongdoing, why is Keiser still on the payroll?" Hicks asked.

Sgt. Dave Keiser was also suspended with pay on April 27 amid allegations of official misconduct by a peace officer. He was reinstated with pay on May 5.

District Attorney Harold Comer asked the Texas Rangers investigate the allegations against Keiser along with those against the three others. That investigation is continuing.

Kieth, in a telephone interview this morning, said he received his letter about 10 a.m. today. He said that was his first notification that he was suspended with pay.

Asked if he had been called or told by the sheriff of the action, he responded, "No. No, sure haven't... He's got his own way of doing things."

Later this morning, in another telephone interview, Kieth said he learned by calling the treasurer's office that the sheriff had apparently changed his mind and he would be receiving a paycheck on Friday.

The sheriff did not return later calls to *The Pampa News*.

Proposed city budget calls for no tax increase

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

The proposed 1990-91 operating budget for the city of Pampa proposes no tax or revenue increases of any kind and calls for a reserve of some \$105,000 in the general fund.

Pampa city commissioners discussed the proposed \$5.7 million budget during a work session Tuesday before the regular meeting. Under the current proposal, the city will have revenues the next fiscal year of \$5,699,725 and expenditures of \$5,594,260.

"We feel like this budget reflects the goals of the City Commission," Hackler said. "It addresses capital items in need of repair and reallocates the personnel emphasis from the management level to the operating level."

The proposed budget also takes advantage of \$180,000 in savings

through the reduction of five personnel positions during this fiscal year to fund capital and infrastructure needs, Hackler said.

The five positions were mainly at the administrative level and included Hackler's former position of assistant to the city manager and Frank Smith's former position of assistant city manager. Smith retired this year.

Those two positions alone accounted for approximately \$90,000 in that budget.

Hackler said the proposed budget calls for the adding of six additional personnel — one person designated as a drug agent in the police department, two new police dispatchers and three new parks department employees. Even gaining one city employee, the city's salary fund will be decreased by \$47,000, he said.

City employees, with the excep-

tion of those at the administrative level, will also see raises out of the proposed budget. The increases in salaries will range from 1 to 10 percent, Hackler said, in an attempt to establish pay equity.

Hackler said many of the police department employees' salaries and others are too low, compared to other cities used in a salary survey. Some of the police department employees will see the largest percentage in salary raises under the proposed budget.

A market survey that examined experience, education and working conditions revealed there were some pay inequities in the city structure.

With the current budget the city is operating under, Hackler said expenditures are that the city will have a contingency of \$110,000 in the general fund. The revenue is projected to exceed the expenditures this year by \$210,000. But of that

amount, \$98,700 goes to the library, leaving about \$110,000.

The proposed 1990-91 budget calls for the library to be reflected as an expense.

Predicted expenditures that are new or different than the past year include \$75,000 set aside for renovations at the service center and an estimated \$25,000 for improvements at the Central Fire Station.

Also the city will have two years from September to complete the Recreation Park project, surrounding the rodeo grounds. The proposed budget calls for an estimated \$200,000 to be used on that park during the next fiscal year. That figure includes personnel and capital expenditures and the city's match to the state grant.

Commissioner Ray Hupp said of the proposed budget, "It's lean and mean and puts money where it's supposed to be."

Supreme Court rules in favor of sobriety checkpoints by police

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The privacy rights of motorists are not violated when police try to curb drunk driving by stopping them at sobriety checkpoints, the Supreme Court ruled today.

The 6-3 ruling upheld Michigan's sobriety checkpoint program and, by extension, similar programs in most states.

In another decision, the court ruled the government may impose severe fines against air polluters even when federal officials are slow to decide on proposals for cleaning up the atmosphere.

And it ruled that hospitals and nursing homes may sue in federal court to challenge how a state-run Medicaid program reimburses their costs.

Lower courts had split on the sobriety-checkpoint issue. Some had upheld the use of checkpoints, at which all motorists are pulled off the road and checked for signs of intoxication. Other courts, like those in Michigan, had barred police from using checkpoints.

"No one can seriously dispute the magnitude of the drunken driving problem or the states' interest in eradicating it," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court.

"Conversely, the weight bearing on the other scale — the measure of the intrusion on motorists stopped briefly at sobriety checkpoints — is slight," he added.

Drunken drivers killed 23,000 people nationwide last year. President Bush called drunken driving a problem "as crippling as crack" cocaine, and last December asked state and local governments to step up the fight against drunken drivers.

"It's as crippling as crack, as random as gang violence, and it's killing more kids than both combined," the president said then as he noted that federal aid was being given to promote the use of sobriety checkpoints.

Today's ruling echoed the president's concern.

Joining Rehnquist were Justices Byron R. White, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia and

Anthony M. Kennedy. Justice Harry A. Blackmun joined in the result but not in Rehnquist's majority opinion.

Justices William J. Brennan, Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens dissented.

"I do not dispute the immense social cost caused by drunken drivers, nor do I slight the government's efforts to prevent such tragic losses," Brennan wrote.

But he added, "In the face of the 'momentary evil' of drunken driving, the court today abdicates its role as the protector of" the fundamental right of individual privacy.

The traditional method police used to identify suspected drunken drivers is to observe traffic.

Determining that method is not wholly effective, states in recent years began experimenting with other detection methods.

Michigan state police first used sobriety checkpoints, which they modeled after a program in Maryland, in 1986.

At a checkpoint site, police directed all traffic headed in one direction to a roadside area where officers talked to motorists.

If there was no immediate evidence of intoxication, the motorist was given a traffic safety brochure and allowed to drive away. The average delay was about 30 seconds.

If some signs of intoxication were detected, a driver was directed to another area for further questioning and perhaps a breath test.

At one such checkpoint, Michigan state police troopers stopped 126 cars in less than an hour and detained two drivers for sobriety field tests.

One driver was arrested on drunken-driving charges.

Six Michigan legislators sued state police soon after the checkpoint program began. Their lawsuit alleged that the checkpoints violated the Fourth Amendment's ban on unreasonable police seizures and searches.

State courts struck down the practice, citing "the potential for an unreasonable subjective intrusion on individual liberty interests."

Today, the nation's highest court said the Michigan courts were wrong.

Wholesale prices increase 0.3 percent in May

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale prices rose a moderate 0.3 percent in May as a fourth consecutive drop in energy prices helped offset a rise in food costs, the government said today.

Energy costs fell 1 percent last month while food costs increased 0.6 percent, according to the Labor Department's Producer Price Index for finished goods, one step short of retail.

Today's report was roughly in line with economists' projections.

It was the fourth straight moderate report since a severe cold snap sent prices spiraling 1.9 percent in

January, a 15-year record.

For the first five months of the year, inflation at the wholesale level was running at a 4.0 percent annual rate, down from 4.8 percent for all of 1989, the government said.

The Labor Department revised the data for the first two months of 1990, saying wholesale prices soared 1.9 percent in January rather than 1.8 percent, February prices fell 0.1 percent rather than holding steady. Wholesale prices also fell slightly in March and April.

In May, energy prices dropped 1 percent after having fallen by even

larger amounts the previous three months. Gasoline prices were down 2.1 percent and fuel oil fell 6.2 percent. Natural gas increased 0.9 percent.

Food overall was up 0.6 percent after having declined by that amount the previous two months.

The price of fruits dropped 8.4 percent, vegetables fell 3.9 percent and eggs were down 2.8 percent.

But that wasn't enough to offset increases in the costs of other foods, such as the 7.7 percent hike in the cost of pasta, 4.9 percent increase in pork and 8.8 percent rise in the cost of fish.

Excluding the volatile food and

energy sectors, prices rose a mild 0.2 percent, the identical increase of a month before. Economists often consider this "core" number a better indicator of underlying inflationary pressures in the economy.

Automobile prices rose 0.3 percent in May after falling the previous two months.

Women's and children's clothing costs were up while men's fell slightly.

The price of tobacco was up 3 percent while the cost of household flatware, appliances and home electronic equipment fell.

Carrying the colors



(AP Laserphoto)

President Bush holds a flag that has flown over the White House during a visit to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial early this morning. The flag was raised over the memorial during a ceremony in honor of Flag Day.

Jane Steele elected to state curriculum association board

Jane Steele, assistant superintendent for elementary instruction for Pampa public schools, has been elected a board member for the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

That position will give her the opportunity to take ideas being implemented by the local school system and present them on the state level, she said.

Steele was elected by TASCED members over Dr. Louadah Waggoner, director of special services at the Region XVII Education Service Center, Pampa Independent School District officials said.

Steele taught English and social studies at Caprock High School in Amarillo for four years prior to moving to Pampa and teaching three years at the high school here. She then worked as an assistant principal at PHS for seven years.

In 1986 Steele was named an assistant superintendent.

The TASCED, Steele said, is made up of educators who supervise and determine curriculum in the state.

Steele said she will be presenting several innovations being made in PISD curriculum concerning computer/classroom integration to



Jane Steele

the TASCED during its annual conference later this year.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for me to be involved in a state-level organization that is dedicated to top-level curriculum development in Texas," Steele said.

She is a graduate of West Texas State University and holds a master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University.

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Services tomorrow

TAYLOR, Ernest Monroe - 2 p.m., Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, Amarillo.

Obituaries

CARL D. ANDERSON JR.

Carl D. Anderson Jr., 63, died Wednesday, June 13, 1990, in Lancaster. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. John T. Tate, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Anderson was born on March 16, 1927, in Pampa and raised in Oklahoma. In 1958 he returned to Pampa, moving from Lyons, Kan. He married Sharon Ledford on Jan. 7, 1988, at Borger. He worked for Cities Service Gas Co. for 36 years, retiring in 1982. He was a member of First Christian Church and was a former member of the Loyal Order of the Moose. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during World War II.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Pat Cochran and Pam Whinery, both of Pampa, and Becky Bucke of Fritch; a son, Ronnie Anderson of Bartlesville, Okla.; a stepson, Darrell Davis of Calvin, Okla.; a brother, Richard Anderson of Pampa; a sister, Sue Staples of Blackwell, Okla.; six grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, a great-grandson and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, June 13

Police reported domestic violence in the 1800 block of North Coffee.

John Ward, 609 Carr, reported criminal mischief at the residence.

Johnson Home Furnishings, 801 W. Francis, reported a theft at the business.

Double L Tire, 601 S. Cuyler, reported a burglary at the business.

Allsup's, 500 E. Foster, reported a theft at the business.

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Helen Kastein, 1807 N. Sumner, reported criminal mischief in the 800 block of East Foster.

Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, reported a theft at the business.

Arrests

THURSDAY, June 14

Patrick Jeffery Stanford, 20, 1911 Coffee, was arrested in the 1900 block of North Coffee on a charge of public intoxication.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported no accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

DPS - Accidents

TUESDAY, June 12

2:45 p.m. - A 1972 tanker truck driven by Richard Willis Fulton, 33, Miami, ran into a barbed wire fence and turned over on its side in Roberts County, 17 1/2 miles northeast of Pampa on FM 2699. Citations were issued. The driver received possible injuries and was taken to Coronado Hospital by private vehicle.

4:50 p.m. - A 1981 Ford driven by Willa Gaylene Perkins, 27, 124 N. Faulkner, and a 1990 Chevrolet driven by Eldon Raymond Smith, 58, 2505 Christine, collided on Texas 152, 0.4 miles west of Pampa. Citations were issued. No injuries were reported.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions

Juana Carver, Canadian

Joeldine Elliott, Lefors

Herdis Jackson, Pampa

Ralph McClendon, Pampa

Michael Morgan, Pampa

Leticia Recendiz, Pampa

Paul Tate, Borger

William Heuston (extended care), Pampa

Dismissals

Dillard Clifton Bayless, Pampa

William Cooper, Pampa

Opal Dunn, Pampa

Nellie Griffin, Pampa

William Heuston, Pampa

Ralph Jackson, Pampa

E.E. Simmons, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions

Ella Coffee, Wellington

Dismissals

None

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.		
Wheat.....	2.82	
Milo.....	4.23	
Com.....	4.91	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		
Ky. Cent. Life.....	13 1/2	
Serfco.....	7 1/4	
Occidental.....	26 7/8	
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Magellan.....	60.82	
Puritan.....	13.41	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
Amoco.....	52 1/4	up 1/4
Arco.....	116 5/8	dn 7/8
Cabot.....	33 1/2	dn 5/8
Cabot O&G.....	16 5/8	NC
Chevron.....	70 1/2	dn 3/8
Coca-Cola.....	45	dn 1/4
Enron.....	54 3/8	dn 1/4
Halliburton.....	46 7/8	dn 1/8
Ingersoll Rand.....	59 1/8	dn 1/4
KNE.....	24 5/8	NC
Kerr McGee.....	46 1/2	dn 1/2
Limited.....	49 1/4	up 1/4
Mapco.....	44	NC
Maxus.....	10	dn 1/8
McDonald's.....	35 3/4	dn 1/2
Mesa Ltd.....	4 5/8	up 1/8
Mobil.....	61 3/4	dn 3/4
New Atmos.....	16 3/4	NC
Phillips.....	65 7/8	dn 1/8
Phillips.....	26 1/4	dn 1/4
SLB.....	37 1/2	dn 1/8
SPS.....	28 7/8	up 1/8
Tenneco.....	69	dn 1/4
Texasco.....	57 3/4	dn 1/4
Wal-Mart.....	63	up 1/4
New York Gold.....	345.75	
Silver.....	4.86	

Calendar of events

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

The Red Cross office sponsors a free blood pressure check every Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 108 N. Russell, downtown Pampa.

CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA

Members and prospective members of Concerned Women for America, a non-denominational, bi-partisan organization which promotes itself as being dedicated to protecting Judeo-Christian values, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday at First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler. On the program are Mel and Norma Gabler, state textbook reform advocates, and Pam Harney and Paulette Brock, state CWA officials. CWA is open to men and women, organizers of the event said.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

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9:09 p.m. - False alarm was reported one mile east of city on Hwy. 273. One unit and two firefighters responded.

Correction

A Page 2 story on Wednesday, June 13, incorrectly stated that police are investigating the alleged abuse of a Pampa youth by his stepfather. The child's mother said today the abuse, a severe slap that left a handprint on the child's face for hours, was allegedly perpetrated by his stepmother. *The Pampa News* regrets the error.

Pampa Summer Academy grant extended

Pampa Independent School District officials have announced that a \$100,000 federal grant for the system's Summer Academy has been extended to fiscal year 1990.

In a letter from the Department of Education, Sally Griffith, at-risk coordinator for the PISD, was informed by Alicia Coro, director of school improvement projects, that supplemental funding amounting to \$19,945,000 has been approved by Congress and President George

Bush for 89 districts across the nation.

Pampa is using the grant money, which is earmarked to fight growing dropout rates, for summer school and salaries for two community liaisons.

For two years, including the upcoming Summer Academy, July 5 to Aug. 10, the federal program has pumped \$127,000 a year into the PISD.

The latest allotment, officials said, will be for next summer's academy.

Last year, district figures show, almost 400 students attended Summer Academy at four campuses around the district.

Dr. Harry Griffith, superintendent of schools and husband of Sally Griffith, received letters from Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and Sen. Clairborne Pell of Rhode Island confirming the grant renewal.

"We have only just begun to tackle our alarmingly high dropout situation, and we need to continue that progress," Pell wrote. "In cities where this work has begun through highly successful projects such as yours, it must be continued."

Bentsen commended Griffith for his support of such grant programs in Congress and said without such federal support, it would be impossible to reduce dropout problems.

Lefors school trustees approve auditing firm

LEFORS - Lefors Independent School District Board of Education approved an auditing firm for the 1989-90 audit and gave approval for sending out for bids on a Macintosh computer laboratory for the high school during a Tuesday night meeting.

The board awarded the low bid of \$3,750 to conduct the annual audit to Hammer, Beck & Hooten of Perryton.

The board also unanimously gave its approval to send out for bids on the Macintosh computer laboratory. A demonstration on how a lab could aid students and personnel was given at an earlier meeting of the board this year.

In other business, the board approved a motion for a reduction of force in Cynthia Simmons' contract for the 1990-91 school year. It was noted the reduction was necessary due to a decreased amount of state funds and a lower Average Daily Attendance (ADA) in the school year. Simmons had taught high school English and worked in the school library.

The board in unrelated action changed the July meeting to 7 p.m. July 6 and approved the Region XVI library contract. The group also voted to hire a full-time library aide. Minutes of a prior meeting and current bills were also approved.

The board is set to meet at 7 p.m. today to discuss the development of a complete computer laboratory for Lefors ISD. The board member orientation service is set following the meeting.

Disk drive mistake puts phones out at City Hall

City of Pampa officials said today that phones were out at City Hall for an hour and a half Wednesday afternoon due to a dysfunctional disk drive in the telecommunications computer.

Glen Hackler, city manager, said phone lines for the Pampa Action Center, 911 and Emergency Operations Center were still on line throughout the day because they are not connected to the computer.

Officials said a service man for Harris-Lanier, which services the system, happened to be in Pampa Wednesday and was able to put in a new disk drive before the opening of city offices this morning.

HUD subpoenas Texas developer

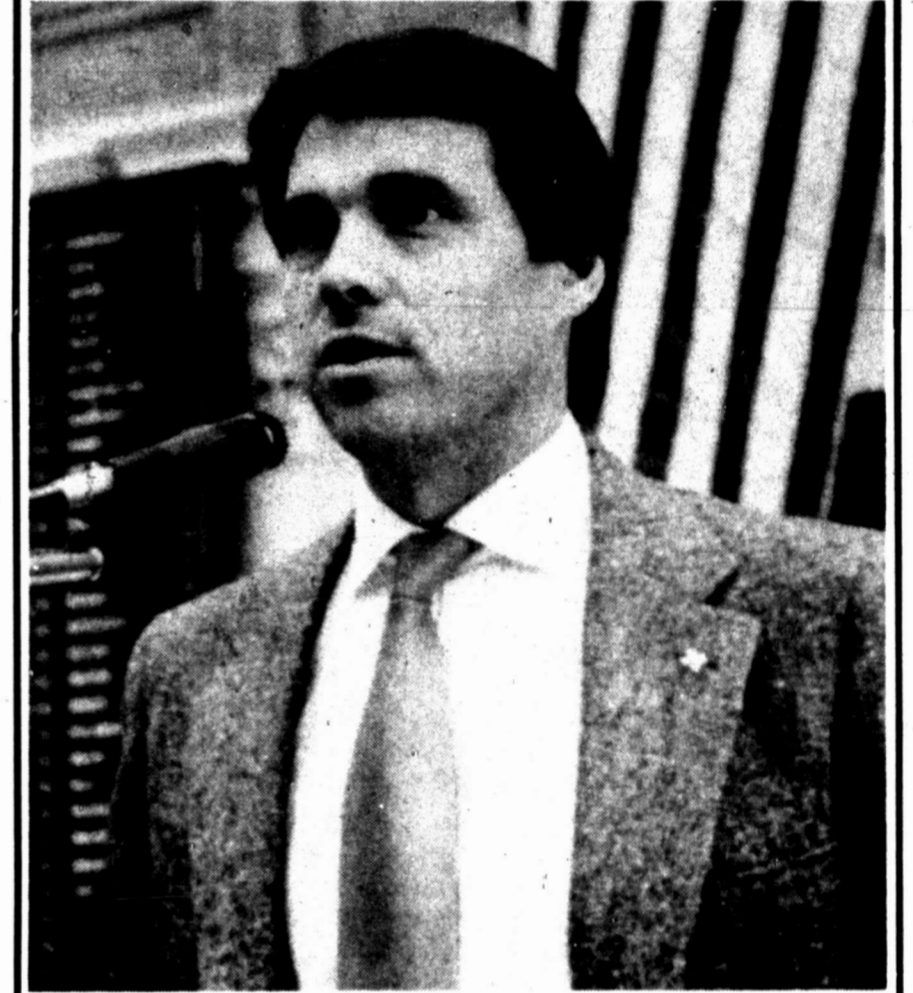
WASHINGTON (AP) - A House investigative panel voted Thursday to subpoena Texas developer Leonard Briscoe to testify about his dealings with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and former HUD officials.

Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., chairman of the subcommittee that has spent more than a year probing

the HUD scandal, said Briscoe would be compelled to appear June 21. The subpoena was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote of the employment and housing subcommittee of the Government Operations Committee.

Briscoe is a former Texas state legislator and Fort Worth city council member.

Candidate to speak here



Republican Agriculture Commissioner candidate Rick Perry will join Gov. Bill Clements, State Sen. Teel Bivins and State Rep. Dick Waterfield in Pampa Saturday for an appearance. Clements, Perry, Bivins and Waterfield are scheduled for a 2:45 p.m. appearance at Lovett Memorial Library, open to the public. Weather permitting, Gray County Republicans said they are planning to join Perry on a visit to Wheeler-Evans Elevator after 4 p.m. to meet farmers bringing in wheat. Perry, a Haskell farmer/rancher and Democratic state representative, is running as a Republican currently and is seen as an underdog to incumbent Democrat Jim Hightower. Following his appearance in Pampa, Perry is scheduled to campaign in Amarillo Saturday night, joined by the governor, Bivins and Waterfield.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR. If your home has brick that needs repair, call Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.

TONIGHT AT 9 p.m. Charles Johnson versus Dr. Griffith on the "Dunking Board"!!! Now's your chance!!! Handstamp Saturday 1-6 p.m., \$7 at the Band Carnival!! Adv.

LET'S HAVE A REUNION. Classes of 1949, 1950, and 1951. Preparation meeting 1206 Charles, Thursday evening 7:30. Adv.

BODY WORKS Tanning Special 2 for 1, thru July. Come by 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Coronado Center. Adv.

BODY TONERS (no sweat, no work, passive exercise) at Steve & Stars 701 N. Hobart, by appointment only. Owners Rosette Robinson and Connie McDowell. Adv.

ZALES JEWELERS 30% Off all diamonds, 50% Off 1 carat solitaires, 25% Off all men's watches. Adv.

ADDINGTON'S FATHER'S Day Specials, large group Wrangler and Levi dress knits \$16.95, dress shirts 20% off, select group straw hats 25% off. Adv.

WOULD THE person who found the ice chest on Duncan please call 669-3225. Adv.

LIKE NEW 1984 Buick LeSabre Limited 4 door, only 25,000 actual miles, 1 local lady owner. 1114 N. Russell, 669-7555. Adv.

THE LOFT at Michelle's, serving cool lunches to beat the heat! Wonderful ice box pies. 11 to 4. Take out orders 665-2129. 201 N. Cuyler. Adv.

MICHELLE'S BEAUTY Salon introductory Special. Cut and Style \$10. Ask for Kim or Peggy. 669-9871. 201 N. Cuyler. Adv.

PERM SPECIAL at Styles Unlimited, call Barbara at 665-4247. Adv.

EXTRA NICELY furnished 2 bedroom apartment, near High School, 1116 N. Russell, 669-7555. Adv.

JOY'S UNLIMITED has lots of Father's Day Gifts. Come in and browse. 2218 N. Hobart. Adv.

DICK TRACY, Simpsons, Ties, Dyes, New Kids and Ninja Turtle T-Shirts and Collector Buttons. Radical Dudes! Major League Sports 321 N. Ballard, 665-0948. Adv.

HOME SCHOOL meeting with Mel and Norma Gabler. Tonight! 7:30 p.m. Lovett Library.

1/2 PRICE Sale at Hobart Street Garden Center. Sale Starts Friday. everything must go. Adv.

CLEARANCE SALE. All things in Greenhouse 1/2 price also Clearance on trees, shrubs, clay pots and more. Sale starts Friday. Watson's Feed and Garden. 665-4189. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, a low in the upper 60s and southerly winds 10-20 mph. Friday, partly cloudy with a high in the low 90s. Wednesday's high was 98; the overnight low was 74.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas - Partly cloudy with isolated to widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms all sections but the far west. No important temperature changes through Friday. Highs Friday from mid 90s Concho Valley to near 106 Big Bend valleys. Lows tonight from upper 60s Panhandle to upper 70s Concho and Big Bend valleys.

North Texas - Isolated evening thunderstorms in the west and southeast, otherwise partly cloudy and warm through Friday. Highs in mid 90s to near 100. Lows in the 70s.

South Texas - Isolated or widely scattered mainly daytime showers and thunderstorms. Otherwise, part-

ly cloudy with hot afternoons and warm at night through Friday. Highs Friday in the 90s except in upper 80s immediate coast and near 102 southwest. Lows tonight in the 70s except near 80 coast.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Saturday through Monday
West Texas - Panhandle: Isolated thunderstorms Saturday, otherwise mostly fair. Highs in low 90s. Lows in mid 60s. South Plains: Mostly fair. Highs in mid 90s. Lows in upper 60s. Permian Basin: Mostly fair. Highs in mid 90s. Lows in low 70s. Big Bend: Mostly fair. Highs in low 90s mountains to near 105 along the Rio Grande. Lows upper 70s mountains to near 80 along the river.

North Texas - Partly cloudy and continued very warm. Lows in the 70s. Highs in mid to upper 90s.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Partly cloudy and hot. Lows in the 70s. Highs in the 90s. Coastal Bend: Partly cloudy, hot. Lows in the 70s, except near 80 at the coast. Highs in the 90s, except near 90 at the coast. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Part-

ly cloudy and hot. Lows in the 70s, except near 80 at the coast. Highs in the 90s, except near 90 at the coast and near 100 inland west. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Partly cloudy and hot. Lows in the 70s except near 80 at the coast. Highs in the 90s, except in the 80s at the coast.

BORDER STATES
Oklahoma - Clear to partly cloudy and warm tonight with scattered thunderstorms mainly west. Partly to mostly sunny, breezy and continued warm on Friday with a slight chance of late afternoon thunderstorms Panhandle and west. Highs Friday in the 90s. Lows tonight mid 60s Panhandle to upper 70s east.

New Mexico - Isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms near the Texas border through Friday, otherwise sunny and warm days with fair skies at night. Breezy each afternoon. Lows tonight in the 40s to low 50s mountains with mid 50s to low 70s at lower elevations. Highs Friday in the 70s to mid 80s mountains with 90s to near 100 south.

Veteran criticizes Richards on flag issue

AUSTIN (AP) - Retired Army Col. Charlie Beckwith said in announcing the formation of a veterans group against flag burning he hoped a ban would provide a long time behind bars for flag burners.

Beckwith, the ground force commander in the ill-fated 1980 Iran hostage rescue attempt, also denounced Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ann Richards on Wednesday for not supporting a constitutional prohibition against burning the United States flag.

Beckwith said Ms. Richards had displayed an "insensitive and callous attitude" that "brings disgrace upon our great state, and is an insult to the men and women who have answered this nation's call and worn the uniform in its defense."

"We did not risk our lives to bring home the nation's flag so that Ann Richards and her Hollywood cohorts could use it as kindling for their liberal fire," Beckwith told a news conference that began with a pledge of allegiance to a U.S. flag held by another veteran.

After the Beckwith news confer-

ence, Richards issued a statement saying she does support a constitutional ban on flag desecration.

"I've always believed that the true spirit of the flag is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution. I'm happy to support any amendment on flag burning that would strengthen the First Amendment," she said.

Although Beckwith had no specific recommendation for punishing someone who burns the flag, he said he hoped "they would put people away ... for a long period of time."

Beckwith, of Austin, said Veterans for a Constitutional Flag Amendment only had six or seven members, but added, "I suspect it's going to grow after today."

"We've tried the other courses of action to push something through and the Supreme Court has ruled that it won't wash so we're at the point now where we've got to amend the Constitution," Beckwith said.

"I cry when they bring this flag down at 5 o'clock in the afternoon," he said. "I feel very strongly about this flag. I almost gave my life for this flag. ... If they want to burn the flag, leave the

country and go burn somebody else's - they're not going to burn mine."

Beckwith was asked if he supported Richards' Republican opponent, Clayton Williams.

"Clayton Williams doesn't have anything to do with this right here this morning. If he would ask me to, I'd probably do so (support him), but he doesn't have anything to do with this," Beckwith replied.

Richards' spokesman, Monte Williams, said Beckwith's criticism was off-base. "Ann Richards vehemently opposes flag-burning. And I think Beckwith's political statements were clearly written for him by others," Monte Williams said.

Gordon Hensley, spokesman for Clayton Williams, said, "Ms. Richards has danced around on this issue so much, her position should be 'Read my hips.'"

Beckwith said, "We put people in jail ... for pouring poison on a tree but we won't put anybody in jail for burning our flag." Paul Cullen was recently sentenced to 9 years in prison for poisoning the centuries-old Treaty Oak in Austin.

County to consider prison bid support

Gray County Commissioners' Court will consider whether it will reaffirm an earlier commitment to a prison plan for Pampa during its regular scheduled meeting set to begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

The Pampa City Commission on Tuesday reaffirmed its support of an earlier bid for the prison plan. The action came after the Legislature approved \$130.1 million to build four new prisons.

Pampa was cut out of the six prisons awarded in November, but ranked in the top 12 of that selection process.

The four new sites for prisons are scheduled to be chosen at a July 10 meeting in Austin. Twenty sites

are being considered at this point, and that list is set to be narrowed to eight by July 1.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has set a June 22 deadline for the 20 sites being considered for prisons to reaffirm earlier commitments to their proposals.

Other items on the agenda include consideration of an independent auditor's report for 1988-89 and consideration of proposals submitted to the Texas Department of Aviation by engineering firms for a project at Perry Lefors Field.

Other items listed on the agenda include:

- Discussion of the new county jail.

- Consideration of establishing a reinvestment zone.

- Recognizing County Auditor A.C. Malone for completing 20 continuing education credit hours May 15-18.

- Discussion of space requirements at the County Annex Building.

- Consideration of a resolution to the U.S. Postal Service as recommended by the Texas Association of Counties.

- Consideration of a request from District Clerk Vickie Walls for a transfer of travel funds.

- Consideration of a request from Tax Assessor Margie Gray to purchase computer space.

Former owner indicted in ongoing Vernon S&L thrift scandal

By ROD RICHARDSON
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Donald Dixon, the former owner of the collapsed Vernon Savings & Loan, has been charged with using thrift money to make illegal political contributions to 13 candidates, including Jim Wright and Jack Kemp.

A 38-count federal indictment accuses Dixon of conspiring with other Vernon officials to give money to Wright, then House speaker, and Kemp, then a Republican congressman from New York.

Dixon is charged with conspiracy, misapplication of funds, making false statements and false entries, and interstate travel in aid of racketeering.

The indictment alleges the political contributions were made "for the purpose of currying favor and influence with them in anticipation of regulatory action by the Texas Savings and Loan Department and the Bank Board."

Dixon also is accused of encouraging employees to make political contributions and then reimbursing them with expense money or phony bonuses. Prosecutors say the candidates didn't know the contributions were illegal.

The indictment also alleges that Dixon misapplied funds for pleasure trips for Vernon officials.

Government attorneys say Vernon Savings is a prime example of abuse in the savings and loan industry. Dixon is expected to surrender to federal authorities today.

The indictment was returned Wednesday after a 3 1/2 year investigation. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh called it the most significant case developed by savings and loans investigators in the Dallas area.

Five other Vernon officials have pleaded guilty to various crimes in the \$1.3 billion, 1987 collapse of the savings and loan. Former president Patrick G. King and former chairman Woody F. Lemons have been sentenced to prison for their part in the thrift's collapse.

"These complicated, white-collar crime cases take time to develop, but the Justice Department is committed to the investigation, prosecution and incarceration of those who ripped off our financial institutions and have left the taxpayers of the United States holding the bag," Thornburgh said in a prepared statement.

In January and March of 1985, Dixon used Vernon money to pay for hunting trips to Kansas and San Diego, Calif., with other senior Vernon officials and L. Linton Bowman III, then commissioner of the Texas Savings and Loan Department, the indictment said.

The trips, totaling \$4,866, included costs for lodging, meals, female companionship and other expenses, the indictment said.

Three counts of the indictment allege Dixon submitted to Vernon Service Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary, a \$10,500 bill for prostitutes for himself and others at the June 1985 Vernon board of directors' party at Dixon's Solana Beach, Calif. beach house and on a yacht cruise in San Diego harbor.

Another count alleges Dixon used his airplane to promote an illegal activity — transporting prostitutes

from Texas to California. If convicted on all charges, Dixon faces 190 years in prison and \$9.5 million fine.

Dixon's attorney, William Ravkind, did not immediately return a phone call to The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Former thrift executive vice president Patrick Malone testified in King's 1989 trial that he solicited contributions from King and other top thrift executives for the 1986 gubernatorial primary campaign of former Rep. Tom Loeffler, R-Texas; for the re-election bids of Wright, D-Fort Worth, who resigned after a House ethics investigation; Kemp, now secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Republican Sen. Jake Garn of Utah; and Democratic Sen. Alan Cranston of California.

Dixon threw parties for other S&L operators aboard his yacht "High Spirits" when it was docked on the Potomac River in Washington to raise money for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, chaired by then-Rep. Tony Coelho, D-Calif., the indictment said.

Federal Election Commission records show Dixon personally donated \$23,000 the past 10 years, mostly to Democratic causes.

At Coelho's request, Wright intervened with federal thrift regulators to determine if there were any plans to shut down Vernon, according to a report to the House Ethics Committee by an outside counsel hired to investigate Wright.

In December 1986, Coelho told an aide to Wright that regulators were going to shut down Vernon and

asked if the speaker could get the thrift a grace period, according to the report by Richard J. Phelan, the ethics panel's outside counsel.

Phelan reported that Wright telephoned Edwin Gray, the chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and asked if Vernon were going to be shut down.

Wright told the ethics panel he did not know Dixon. But Phelan's investigation produced a picture of Wright and Dixon aboard the yacht. The photograph bore the inscription "My best personal regards, Jim Wright."

The ethics panel overruled Phelan's recommendation that it discipline Wright over the episode.

Wright's administrative assistant in Fort Worth said the former House speaker was not available for comment on Dixon's indictment late Wednesday.

Dixon was the lead defendant in a \$540 million federal fraud lawsuit brought after the Vernon shutdown but had never faced criminal charges in the case until Wednesday.

The lawsuit alleged that Dixon and other thrift officers grossly overstated Vernon's profits and net worth in order to pay \$22.1 million in illegal dividends to Dondi Financial Corp., a holding company headed by Dixon.

The Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. suit said top officials "began to loot Vernon for their personal financial benefit and defraud its depositors, creditors and the FSLIC."

Under Dixon, who moved the thrift to Dallas from its home in the North Texas town of Vernon, assets of the thrift grew tenfold until 1987 when federal regulators shut it down.

Boats trying to stop oil slick growth

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

GALVESTON (AP) — As many as 60 boats today skimmed the water and used booms in the Gulf of Mexico to try to contain a growing oil slick from the burning tanker Mega Borg. The slick was threatening the Texas coast.

The crippled supertanker had lost about 3 million gallons of oil since last Saturday's explosion and continued to spew oil from a hole in the vessel's center tank, which has a capacity of 5.5 million gallons, the U.S. Coast Guard said Wednesday.

Capt. Thomas Greene said none of the other ship's tanks was leaking. "I don't see any risk of losing cargo from the other tanks," he said Wednesday.

The Norwegian ship was carrying approximately 38 million gallons of a light crude oil when its pump room exploded while it was transferring oil to a smaller vessel.

Fireboats showered water on a "low-level fire" still burning in the engine room this morning as firefighters prepared to return to the vessel later today to try spraying flame-smothering foam on the blaze again, the Coast Guard said.

About 880 gallons of foam was used on the fire Wednesday, but the operation was halted when it caused the fire to flare.

Coast Guard officials said most of the spilled oil had either burned or evaporated, but as the ship's fire diminished, an oil slick from the 886-foot ship nearly doubled in length.

An armada of boats worked to trap and remove the brown oil from a slick that extended approximately 30 miles and was 10 miles wide in spots. The slick was located about 30 miles offshore from Galveston.

Jim O'Brien, of O'Brien's Oil Production Services, said his company, also known as OOPS, had recovered about 30,000 gallons.

Officials said they could not determine where the oil might wash ashore or how soon, but said they will enlist an experimental procedure of dropping bacteria in the water to "eat" the oil.

"We're going to try it," Greene said. "Anything we can do to clean up the spill, we'll try," he added, but said that process called bioremediation would be used as a demonstration and is not considered a major part of the cleanup effort.

Bioremediation has been used in various hazardous spills, including cleaning some rocks on shore after the Exxon Valdez accident in Alaska last year, Texas Land Commissioner Gary Mauro said. But this will be the first time bioremediation has been used in the water to clean up an oil spill.

"It is urgent that the spill of oil in the Gulf not reach sensitive estuaries or rookeries (a breeding place for birds) along our coast. And, we must not let this oil reach our beaches or barrier islands," Mauro said.

As cleanup efforts increased, a board of inquiry by the government of Norway, which was scheduled to continue today, questioned crewman about the explosion and fire. Two of the 41 crew members died, two were missing and presumed dead and 17 were injured, none seriously.

The captain of the fire-ravaged super tanker said he didn't know what sparked the explosion and that the crew went over a safety checklist before transferring the fuel.

C.M. Mahidhara, 36, a sailor for 17 years and captain for nine, said he was in the radio room alone when he felt a "sort of a bump" and moments later "the door swung open, the lights went out and glass was crashing down."

In the confusion, Mahidhara moved his wife and children to safety, but he said that thick black smoke kept him from locating and commanding his crew.

Red Cross computer



Katie Fairweather, director of the American Red Cross in Pampa, types at a computer while others look on. From left are James Fruge, chairman of the American Red Cross; Bartley McLean and Lisa McLean, owners of M.F. Computers and Supplies, and Kent Clark, a programmer at the computer store. Standing in front row are Marcus McLean and Jamie McLean. The computer store recently donated the use of a computer for the Pampa office of the American Red Cross.

Family suffers loss of mother, two brothers in year of tragedy

HOUSTON (AP) — Larry Reibenstein will bury his second son, his aunt and his cousin this week.

The 33-year-old man hopes the funerals will be the last tragedies his young family will have to endure since his wife and infant son died a year ago.

"It's a lifetime of grief compressed into one year," the Reibensteins' pastor, the Rev. Godfrey Hubert at Foundry United Methodist Church, told the *Houston Chronicle*.

Reibenstein, a banker, worked to keep his family together after his wife, Peggy, and their infant son died last spring. But when he took his three remaining children on a long-awaited trip to Disney World Sunday, tragedy struck again.

His aunt, cousin and 7-year-old son, Ryan, were killed Sunday when an alleged drunken driver sparked a three-vehicle collision on a Mississippi highway. Reibenstein, his two other children and his sister were injured in the accident.

"He's a very gracious, strong individual," said Hubert, who flew to Alabama to be at the hospital with Reibenstein. "Needless to say, there were a number of times when he wept bitterly as any father would. But his faith is strong. He holds together. He knows that he has two other children depending on him."

The family's troubles began last spring when Peggy Reibenstein, then 8 1/2 months pregnant, suffered complications from a strep infection. Doctors delivered the couple's fourth child prematurely, but he died soon after his birth. Peggy Reibenstein then slipped into a coma and died.

Reibenstein, described as a devoted parent, took on the duties of both mother and father to his

remaining children: Ryan, Matthew, 6, and Ashley, 3. He dressed them for school each morning, made sure his little girl's hair was curled for church on Sunday and rushed home after work to take Ryan to Little League practice or all the children to church choir practice.

"Larry seemed to want to do everything for the kids," said Norma Ault, principal at Emmott Elementary where Ryan and Matthew attended school. "He fixed their lunches, he laid their clothes out. He might get to bed at 2 o'clock in the morning, but everything was taken care of for his family."

"He did everything he possibly could to keep life normal for his kids," Hubert said.

And last weekend, he planned to take them to Disney World. Averil Quackenbush, 35, of Alabama, is accused of driving drunk on Interstate 10 outside Pascagoula, Miss., about 2 a.m. Sunday. He lost control of his car, hit a ditch and soared across the highway median to crash on top of the Reibensteins' station wagon. Within seconds, an 18-wheeler crested a hill behind the Reibensteins and plowed into their car, ripping away the entire right side of the vehicle.

Reibenstein's aunt, Virginia

Wohlwend, 66, of Houston, and his cousin, Carol Davis, 43, of Pflugerville, were killed instantly. Ryan lived on a life support system in Mobile until Tuesday.

Reibenstein, his two other children, and his sister, Carol Reibenstein, 36, a Houston teacher, were hospitalized in Singing River Hospital in Pascagoula. Carol Reibenstein remained in intensive care Wednesday with internal injuries, but the father and his two surviving children were released Tuesday.

Quackenbush was charged Tuesday with two counts of manslaughter in Jackson County, Miss. A third charge was expected to be added for Ryan's death, police said.

"That family's really captured our hearts at Foundry," Hubert said. "Not just because of their suffering, but because of their graciousness."

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Charlie's Meat Products of Amarillo, Texas, is recalling 18 tons of delicious chicken roll from three southwestern states including Oklahoma because it may be contaminated with food poisoning organisms, the Agriculture Department says.

The recall involves 36,000 pounds of "Charlie's Country Smokehouse German Brand Breast of Chicken," officials said Wednesday.

The chicken roll is carried by ABCO and Safeway stores in Arizona, Homeland stores in Oklahoma, Kroger in Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, and Homeland and Tom Thumb stores in Texas.

Ronald J. Prucha, associate administrator of the department's Food Safety and Inspection Service, said no one is reported to have gotten sick but

that consumers who may have bought the product should check with the store and return it if necessary.

The problem was discovered by a USDA compliance officer who noticed "a swollen package of the product on display at a supermarket deli counter in Cedar Hills, Texas," the agency said. "Fifty cases subsequently examined in several stores and warehouses, all contained swollen product."

Agency spokesman Jim Greene said tests had not been completed to identify the suspected organisms in the product.

The chicken roll is sold to the stores in 7 1/2-lb. plastic packages carrying the establishment number "EST. 13301" in the label's USDA inspection seal.

Consumers with questions about the recall may call the toll-free USDA meat and poultry hotline at 1-800-535-4555 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CDT.

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Opinion

Gorbachev stands at the crossroads

President Bush sounded the right note at his summit with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. He mentioned the late Andrei Sakharov, the dissident who "knew that lasting peace and progress are inseparable from freedom."

Bush also mentioned Lithuania's desire for freedom, but still refrained from recognizing its independent government.

Gorbachev, for his part, said, "The walls, which for years separated the peoples, are collapsing." He politely refrained from repeating harsh words on Lithuania he uttered in Canada the day before.

But any public pronouncement during the summit must be weighed against the pace of change in the Soviet Union, change now occurring so rapidly that it may make irrelevant anything said — or signed — by the two leaders.

Bush needs to talk bluntly in private to Gorbachev.

The president should tell the Soviet leader: You must stop taking half-measures. Communism cannot be managed, only rejected. You can avoid chaos and maintain your position only if you repudiate communism, and rapidly institute political and religious freedoms and a market economy, including full guarantees of private property.

Does Bush have the chutzpah to make such a statement? Would Gorbachev heed the advice? Only the two men know. It is enlightening to note, however, that apparently since his return to the Soviet Union, Gorbachev has taken steps to meet with the leaders of Lithuania and its Baltic neighbors — Latvia and Estonia — and to begin letting up on the economic blockade of Lithuania.

The Soviet leader faces the most telling test of his five years in power. A parallel can be drawn between Gorbachev and the Soviet reform boss most like him, Nikita Khrushchev. In the late 1950s, Khrushchev advanced many economic reforms. By 1964 most of those reforms, like Gorbachev's today, had stalled. The Kremlin had a choice: to go forward with more reforms that might have led to the repudiation of communism, or to end the reforms. It chose the latter, deposed Khrushchev and made Leonid Brezhnev the new boss. Brezhnev then began what is now called "the era of stagnation."

The lesson is clear. Any Soviet reformer reaches a crossroads after about five years. One path leads to rejecting communism, the other to retaining it. This time there is a further complication: The Soviet economy is so bad that to re-assert communism would not bring a new "era of stagnation," but widespread famine, rioting and revolt. In addition, Gorbachev's glasnost program has unleashed the first above-ground opposition the Soviet Union has ever seen, including the ebullient Boris Yeltsin, the new president of the Russian Federation. These things seem clearly to narrow Gorbachev's options.

The best thing Bush can do is to make Gorbachev understand this reality. A rapid advance to markets and freedom — or chaos. That is Gorbachev's choice.

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Living with the results of choices

In 1983, Congress spotted a problem. Patients with rare diseases were suffering and dying because drug companies couldn't make money coming up with drugs that only a few people would need.

A major culprit was federal regulation of pharmaceutical drugs, which forced huge expenditures on research and testing. That kept some drugs off the market for years and prevented others from being developed at all.

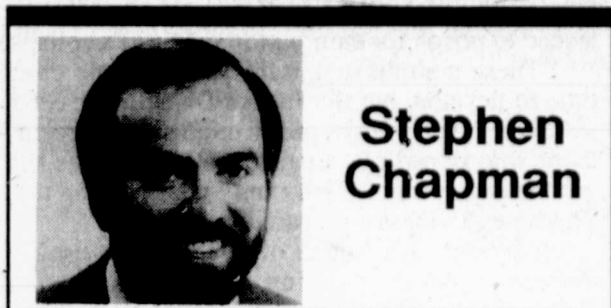
Surprise: Congress remedied the problem. The Orphan Drug Act of 1983 granted seven-year monopolies to companies that develop drugs for rare ailments. Since the law passed, 42 such drugs have been approved. Now Congress is asking whether the law is too generous to drug makers.

It's a legitimate question with no obvious answer. But no one is asking a more crucial question: What about all the drugs for not-so-rare diseases that are still being blocked by red tape? With the Orphan Drug Act, Congress provided a few people an alternate road around the regulatory quicksand. What it should have done is drain the swamp.

The Food and Drug Administration has made some effort to reduce the time and expense of getting a new drug approved. But a lot remains to be done. The Center for the Study of Drug Development at Tufts University looked at drug approvals in Britain and the United States from 1977 through 1987 and found we lag far behind.

Kenneth Kaitin, a pharmacologist at the center, says that of the drugs introduced in both countries during that period, 41 were available first in the United States — while 114 were available first in Britain.

In cases where the United States was first, it took an average of 29 months for Britain to follow



Stephen Chapman

suit. In cases where Britain was first, it took more than twice as long, an average of five years, for the United States to concur.

We're not talking about acne medicines and baldness remedies. The longest lags were in such areas as cardiovascular and anti-cancer drugs. These delays are one reason it costs some \$230 million to bring one new drug onto the U.S. market.

Skeptical readers will note that one achievement of Britain's regulatory system is thalidomide — which it approved, with disastrous results, back in the 1950s, and which the United States never allowed on the market. But nowadays, our tardy pace doesn't seem to guarantee notably greater safety.

During the period, five drugs were approved and then yanked for safety reasons in the United States, compared to eight in Britain. Half of those withdrawal in Britain had also been approved here.

It's not only Britain that is more prompt. Kaitin says four out of every five new drugs is allowed in some other country before it's approved in the United States. The result: Sick Americans with money go abroad to get needed medicines unavailable at home. Sick Americans without money do without.

The FDA isn't really to blame. As Kaitin says, its officials have been called before Congress countless times to explain, under the unforgiving glare of television lights, why they approved a harmful drug. They've rarely had to explain why they rejected a valuable one. So they have powerful reasons to err on the side of not approving.

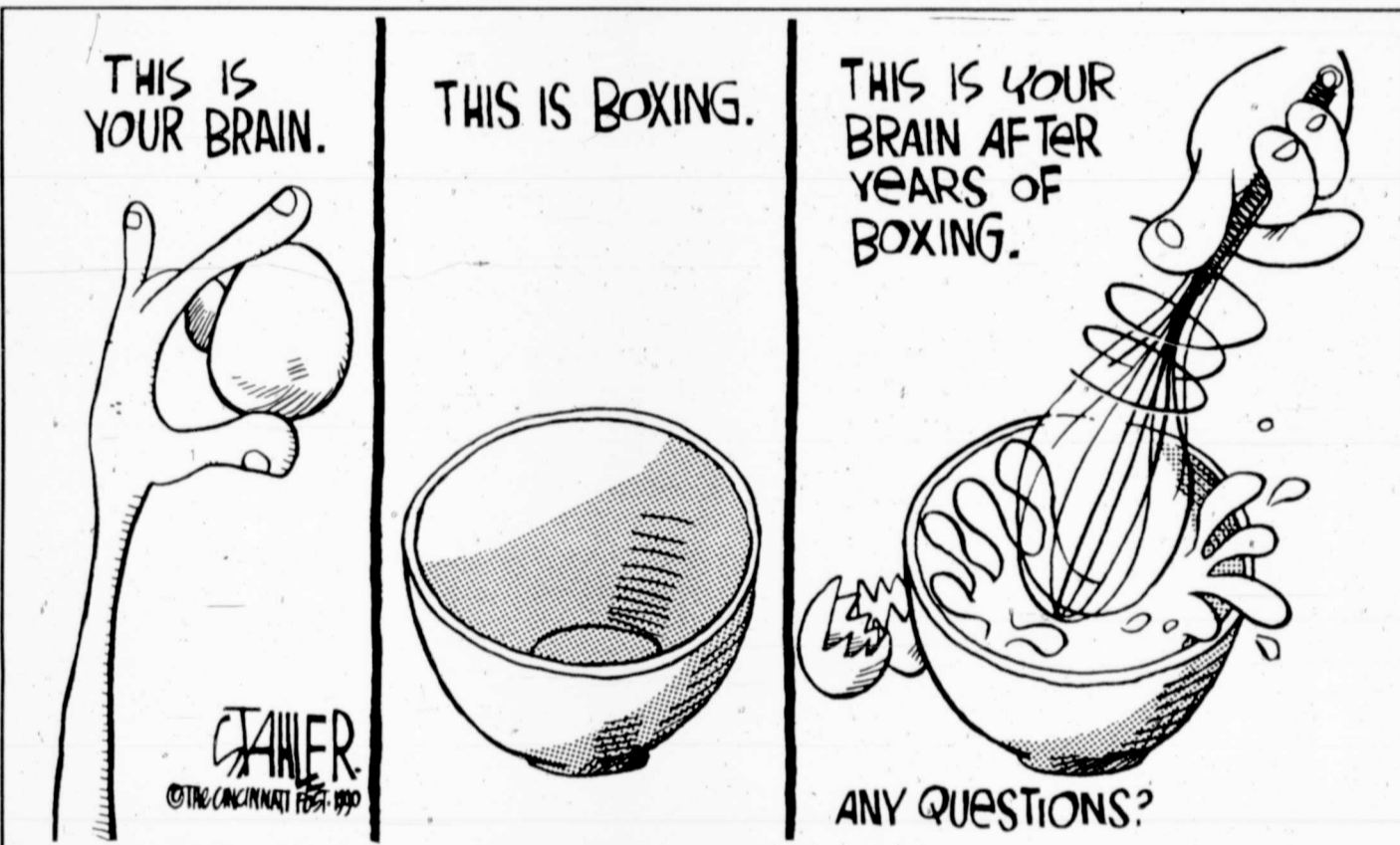
If unsafe drugs were the only danger to health, that would be fine. But a delay in approving a life-saving drug means someone's dying because it isn't available. The Competitive Enterprise Institute in Washington estimates that as many 14,000 people died due to gastric ulcers during the time it took the agency to approve a lifesaving drug called misoprostol.

Is there any better way? CEI proposes to let the FDA continue to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of new drugs — but turn the final say over to doctors and patients.

The FDA would offer its seal of approval to new drugs that meet its standards. But a drug that had yet to undergo full testing would not be barred from the market. It would only carry a warning — perhaps with some eye-catching symbol, a la the skull and crossbones on poisons — to alert patients.

Those who, with their doctors' advice and prescriptions, choose to take an uncertified drug would be free to accept the risk and the potential benefit. Those who want to rely on the FDA's judgment could wait.

The FDA endures grave consequences when it mistakenly approves a drug but hardly any consequences when it mistakenly keeps one away from people in need. The people in need, by contrast, may suffer if they take a new drug and may suffer if they don't. Those who have to live with the results of that choice are the ones who ought to make it.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 14, the 165th day of 1990. There are 200 days left in the year. This is Flag Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on June 14, 1940, German troops entered Paris during World War Two.

On this date:

In 1775, the United States Army was founded.

In 1777, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

In 1801, former American Revolutionary War Gen. Benedict Arnold died in London.

In 1928, the Republican National Convention nominated Herbert Hoover for president on the first ballot.

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed an order adding the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

He gets his innings at outings

I went out to the ballpark to see the Braves for the first time in a couple of years. I don't go to restaurants where I know the food is going to be bad. I also stay away from ballparks in my hometown where I know the home team is a civic embarrassment.

But I sort of missed a night out at a ball game, and the Braves have a few kids who can play. They were even out of the cellar for a few days. Fourth-place fever grips the city.

The first thing I did was get in line to buy a beer. As I was standing there a woman with an official looking ID around her neck approached me and said, "Before you can buy beer I must see an identification with your picture on it."

I was startled. Was I being carded? Was this 1965 again? Was I 19? I looked around for a mirror. I wanted to see that clear-eyed promising young man of so long ago.

"Madame," I replied to the woman, "are you asking for my ID so that you can see whether or not I am over the legal drinking age?"

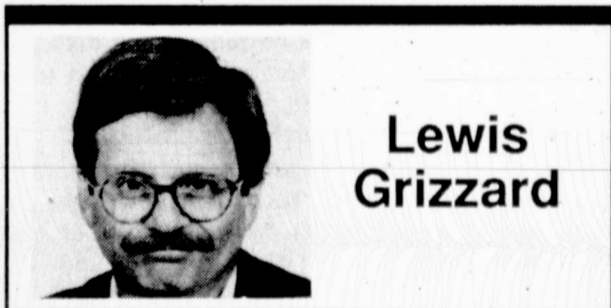
"It's a rule," she said.

"May I inquire as to your age?" I asked.

"24," she said.

"I've got underwear that old," I replied.

"I don't care. It's a rule," she insisted.



Lewis Grizzard

I fished around in my wallet and found my driver's license. The woman looked at it and upon seeing the 10-20-46, said it was OK for me to buy.

I also bought some peanuts. After I found my seat I put my beer down and started on the peanuts. Several of the empty hulls fell into my beer. It occurred to me to buy another one. But I was afraid a vendor might think a youthful-looking guy like me had a fake ID.

There was a fat kid sitting in front of me. He was probably 11 or 12. He was sitting next to three younger boys — one an infant — and a woman.

I figured him for big brother and the woman for their mom. It was nice to see a mother take her four boys out to a ball game.

Here is what the fat kid ate:

In the bottom of the first he opened a package of chocolate donuts. There were six donuts. He ate them all.

In the top of the third he left his seat and came back with two hot dogs. In the fifth, he went to get ice cream.

In the bottom of the seventh when everybody stood up to stretch, the kid left his seat and came back with a slice of pizza and what appeared to be a piece of cherry pie.

In the eighth he got some popcorn.

Also in that inning the mother began to nurse the infant. Right there in her seat. I thought it touching.

Amazingly enough, sitting next to that family was another woman who appeared to be in her late 20s and a boy around 11. Another mother with her son at the game.

When the Braves' manager took out the starting pitcher, she turned to her son and said, "That's a bad move. Our bullpen can't get anybody out."

It must be nice to have a mom you could ask, "Mom, do you think the National League will ever adopt the designated hitter?"

The Braves hit four home runs and won the game in an exciting finish over the Cardinals.

The fat kid said to his mother, "Can we stop at Wendy's on the way home?"

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BITTER MEDICINE

Drug dealers just say no to tax stamps

By ROBERT WALTERS

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Controlling if not eliminating narcotics abuse is surely an important national policy goal. But the "war on drugs" has its bizarre aspects — including the absurd taxation requirements imposed upon dealers in many states.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue, for example, claims to be aggressively enforcing a 1986 law that requires narcotics traffickers to place tax stamps on all drugs produced, transported, possessed or sold anywhere in the state.

Similar statutes supposedly are being actively implemented in Texas, Arizona and Florida.

The two-inch square stamps required by a 1989 state law to be placed on all containers of drugs sold in Texas, for example, carry a dire warning that drug use leads only to death and taxes.

A \$3,500 stamp, to be affixed to a kilogram of marijuana, carries an illustration of the Grim Reaper. A \$100,000 stamp, to be placed on 500 grams of heroin or cocaine, is domi-

nated by a drawing of a skull and crossbones.

Variations of those laws have been enacted but are not being enforced in Maine, Rhode Island, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, New Mexico, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Kansas.

The spread of those statutes undoubtedly reflects their superficial appeal at a time when many people are willing to do almost anything to stem the flow of illegal drugs — including, as some civil libertarians note, abrogating constitutional rights.

But the laws' popularity bears no relationship to their efficacy, as the experience in Minnesota illustrates.

As in other states, placing a tax stamp on a container of drugs does not make its sale legal but protects the seller from prosecution on charges of tax evasion — a felony that carries a maximum penalty of seven years in prison.

In the first two years of the program, slightly more than \$2,000 worth of drug tax stamps were bought

from the Department of Revenue. Since then, however, not a single stamp has been purchased. Those familiar with the program — including officials of the department — are convinced that virtually all of the sales were made to stamp collectors, not drug dealers.

There is no record of law enforcement officers anywhere in the state ever discovering tax stamps on narcotics during drug raids, arrests and seizures.

But there also has never been a prosecution initiated for failure to comply with the tax stamp law.

Proponents of the ill-conceived tax stamp approach to drug enforcement invariably cite the federal government's successful prosecution of notorious gangster Al Capone on tax-evasion charges in the 1930s.

That case was initiated after law officers failed to gather sufficient evidence to charge Capone with bootlegging, gambling, prostitution, murders of other mobsters, bribery of public officials or other wanton lawlessness.

Tax stamps, their defenders argue, could play a similar role, providing

prosecutors with the legal case they need to convict drug dealers too lucky or shrewd to be charged with more conventional crimes.

Some officials in Washington shared that view prior to the early 1970s, when a federal law required marijuana dealers to register with the government, secure licenses to operate and pay taxes on their illegal sales.

The statute was repealed, however, after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it violated the dealers' constitutional protection against self-incrimination because law officers had access to the tax documents.

Minnesota and the other states that enacted similar laws effectively dealt with that issue by shielding all tax stamp data from police and prosecutors. No information provided in connection with tax stamp sales can be used in criminal cases unless it has been obtained independently.

The states have not, however, resolved the problems that make their tax stamp laws irrelevant to the task of containing the drug scourge.

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Bucharest shaken by fierce political clashes; two killed

By GABRIEL PASLARU
Associated Press Writer

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Thousands of pro-government workers streamed into Bucharest today, heeding a call to counter protesters who had battled security forces in Romania's worst political violence since the December revolt.

Some supporters of the governing National Salvation Front tore up the offices of the opposition Liberal Party. Others reportedly massed outside the offices of opposition newspapers, demanding that they be closed.

Authorities said at least two people were killed and 152 injured in a day and night of fighting that began before dawn Wednesday, when club-wielding police broke up a nearly two-month anti-Communist protest in a central square.

There were unconfirmed reports of more than a dozen deaths. Early today, soldiers fired at demonstrators who threw firebombs at police headquarters and sporadic gunfire echoed across Bucharest.

Anti-government demonstrators on Wednesday ransacked and set fire to police headquarters, set a smaller government building ablaze and forced their way into television headquarters, halting all broadcasting for an hour.

Along the way, they overturned

and set fire to cars and other vehicles. Soldiers and police defending the Interior Ministry or moving to retake government buildings periodically fired on demonstrators. The state news agency Rompres reported "many" arrests.

President-elect Ion Iliescu, the first ex-Communist to win a popular presidential election in Eastern Europe, said extremists were trying to topple Romania's first democratically elected government in 44 years.

On television Wednesday night, he called the rioting "an organized, pre-planned attempt to overthrow" the government and asked supporters to come to the capital and protect government buildings.

Addressing thousands of supporters outside government headquarters in Victory Square early today, Iliescu blamed the violence on "fascist elements."

In a communique, the government said demonstrators had raided gas stations to make Molotov cocktails and stolen weapons and ammunition from police headquarters.

Iliescu and his National Salvation Front took power in the bloody revolt that toppled and executed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, then won May 20 elections by a landslide.

Anti-government protesters claim the Front is dominated by Communists and accuse it of the



(AP Laserphoto)

Pro-government miners wielding clubs converge on an anti-government demonstrator Thursday morning in University Square in Bucharest.

same heavy-handed tactics practiced by the Ceausescu regime. Iliescu is among several top Front leaders who were once high-ranking Communists.

Rompres said two people were killed, 152 injured and 62 hospitalized in the rioting. An earlier communique from the Health Ministry reported four dead.

The government news agency also said meetings of both houses of

the newly elected Parliament scheduled for today had been postponed until Friday.

Outside the main press building today, pro-government demonstrators chanted "We will not print you any more" to opposition dailies, Rompres said.

A Front statement carried by Rompres said "journalists who use lies and slander to incite to open violence and destabilizing actions"

were in part to blame for Wednesday's rioting.

Anti-government demonstrators claim Iliescu wants reform communism for Romania, not a free market and Western-style democracy, which they advocate.

For almost two months, several hundred demonstrators had occupied University Square in central Bucharest, declaring it a Communist-free zone.

They demanded a 10-year ban on ex-Communists holding public office and an independent television station. Some of the worst fighting Wednesday occurred at TV headquarters, the scene of fierce fighting during the revolution.

The government said 263 people were detained in the pre-dawn raid at the square and witnesses said dozens of protesters were beaten.

Radu Campeanu, leader of the opposition Liberal Party, called the raid "contrary to any norm of democracy" and said calling workers out on the streets to support the government would only aggravate the situation.

Pro-government miners, who arrived before dawn today to support Iliescu, broke into Liberal Party headquarters and devastated it.

They threw files and other equipment out the window and made a bonfire on the street in front of the office, witnesses said.



(AP Laserphoto)

District of Columbia Mayor Marion Barry leaves U.S. District Court Wednesday.

Barry says he won't run for a fourth term

By RICHARD KEIL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mayor Marion Barry's announcement that he is abandoning hopes for re-election is designed partly to elicit sympathy from jurors in his upcoming drug and perjury trial, top Barry aides say.

Barry, 54, said Wednesday he is forgoing plans to run for a fourth, four-year term this fall to allow the city to overcome the racial and political divisions his January drug arrest helped exacerbate.

"Now is a time for healing, healing for me personally and for you politically," the black mayor said in a 15-minute address on Howard University's public television and radio stations.

Barry said public opinion polls indicated he could win another term, but "What good does it do to win the battle if in the process I lose my soul?"

Barry supporters organized a rally for today outside the U.S. Courthouse, where the mayor's case is being tried. Anita Bonds, Barry's campaign manager, has circulated a letter to city workers urging them to attend.

Aides close to Barry said the mayor's decision was also made in hopes that jurors in his drug possession and perjury case will treat him less harshly now that he has voluntarily withdrawn from the race.

"The timing was perfect," said one aide who has talked frequently with Barry in recent days. "The sympathy ploy was part of his agenda, and he played it just as it was plotted out." The aide demanded anonymity.

In his taped address, which he said he chose to broadcast to avoid "rude and disrespectful" journalists at a live announcement, Barry stressed that his decision was "not related to my legal situation."

Repeatedly using biblical references and the Alcoholics Anonymous litany, Barry described the difficulties in overcoming addiction, claimed he had been free from "mood-altering chemicals" for 145 days and asked for understanding.

"For me... this has not been just a situation involving one individual and his personal family — in my case, my extended family, those of you who live in Washington and in the nation — all of you have been drawn into my private struggle," he said. "As I move along in my recovery, I have to think of how to help everyone — myself, my primary family and my extended family — to recover too."

With that, he announced he would not seek to be sent back to the job he has held for 12 years.

Barry cited the accomplishments of his administration and said he hoped that the racially divided city would "come together — black and white, Jew and gentile, old guard and new guard, nonbeliever and true believer, young and old, rich and poor — to accept each other, make a place for each other, protect each other and make our city, and someday our state, a model for the nation, and indeed the world, to follow."

Interviews of prospective jurors in Barry's trial will end Friday, the jury will be seated Monday and opening statements will be given Tuesday morning, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson announced Wednesday.

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Southern Baptists bring Bibles to French Quarter

By DAVID BRIGGS
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — When the saints come marching in, Southern Baptist evangelists hope a few Bourbon Street regulars will be among them.

The blue-suited evangelists who have been attending a convention by French Quarter at night Wednesday to distribute Bibles and religious tracts outside such places as Le Boozie Bar and The Orgy.

"I was here eight years ago, and Bourbon Street was still Bourbon Street. Not one thing has changed," said Glen Harlin of Odessa, Texas.

"Our witnessing may not have an effect on the atmosphere of this part of the city — this street — but it will affect the individuals we reached."

The more than 40,000 Southern Baptists in the city for their annual meeting this week have proved to be a mixed blessing.

Bar owners, for example, were singing the blues.

"I think they ought to go back to where they belong," said C. W. Williams, as he stood idle in one of the doorway bars along Bourbon Street.

"It's the worst week I've had since December."

Tourism officials said the Baptists nevertheless are filling hotel rooms and restaurants during a traditionally slow period.

"They might not be the highest ticket items, but they're certainly a boost at this time of year," said Beverly Gianna, spokeswoman for the Greater New Orleans Tourist Commission. "We love them anyway."

So do those assigned to keep the peace in the French Quarter.

John Laine, a security guard, said things are a lot quieter on Bourbon Street since the Baptists came to town.

"It makes things a lot easier for us," he said.

Still, the scattered evangelists along Bourbon Street only served as a reminder of the dismal business being done this week by the strip joints and bars in what one Southern Baptist referred to as "the edge of hell."

Jim Monaghan, owner of Molly's at the Market, said he and other bar owners would prefer a convention of auto dealers. "We're looking for two-fisted hard drinkers," he said.

A woman who gave her name only as Bunny said a group of Baptists insulted her and other dancers at the Bourbon Burlesque Club.

"I think they should stay out of our club," she said.

Jay Strack, president of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, said he was able to reach an amiable agreement with a youth trying to con him into paying \$30 for a shoeshine.

"I said, 'Would you settle for \$5 and I won't preach to you more than 15 minutes?' He said, 'It's a deal.'"

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Man entertains, irritates with bag of practical jokes

By ROBERT M. ANDREWS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - If playing a practical joke is your idea of fun, but exploding cigars and whoopee cushions have lost their charm, it's time to summon Tom Antion and his merry pranksters.

Antion is a jovial, 34-year-old professional trickster and founder of Prankmasters, a company based in his brick rambler home in suburban New Carrollton, Md., that does a booming business in custom-designed practical jokes for all occasions.

Good-natured embarrassment is Antion's stock in trade. "Our motto is, whatever we do for you will be remembered forever," says Antion, whose business card features an impudent red devil sticking out his tongue.

One bride and groom won't soon forget Antion and partner Bonnie Lichtman, who appeared at the wedding reception as "a nerd couple from West Virginia" who carried the invitation of a fun-loving couple who couldn't make the festivities.

Antion wore white socks and a red paisley dinner jacket over a

Hawaiian sports shirt. He scarfed dinner rolls from the banquet tables, gawked at the chandeliers and wormed his way into every photo taken for the wedding album.

He may be remembered forever - but not exactly with affection - by the owner of a fancy hairstyling salon whose friends called at the last minute to request a birthday surprise.

Antion appeared at the door with Freeway, his 50-pound pet mongrel, and complained irately that the dog's missing patches of fur had resulted from a badly botched perm at the salon the day before.

"I said, 'This is a show dog. Just look at his coat.' Freeway, who is totally untrained, was running around in circles. I said, 'Look how upset he is. He knows he's got a show tomorrow.' I demanded they ship me a canine toupee kit by express mail or I'd sue.

"They were thinking, this guy's really from outer space. There was a stunned silence until I came back with the birthday balloons and started singing," he said.

Antion charges \$19.95 for an imposter's "teleprank" to perhaps \$1,000 for a more elaborate scheme.

One of his costliest involved fooling a Wall Street investment banker into believing that one of his Midwestern nursing homes had bilked a little old lady who was suing him for \$12 million.

"He was sweating bullets," Antion said. "His friends on the board of directors let him suffer for a very long day."

Antion maintains a stable of three dozen paid accomplices, including several midgets, a striptease artist who performs in a gorilla suit and a 450-pound man who delivers "moon-a-grams" with comic messages scribbled across his exposed backside.

A native of rural Claysville, Pa., Antion entertained himself as a child by playing practical jokes. After graduating from West Virginia University, he ran a nightclub in Morgantown, W. Va., for several years.

Inspired by his nightclub sideline of delivering party balloons and novelty telegrams, Antion moved to Washington to "make money and have fun."

He established Prankmasters three years ago, and says "it's going great guns."



(AP Laserphoto)

Tom Antion, a professional trickster and founder of Prankmasters, a company that does a booming business in custom-designed practical jokes, poses in a coffin outside his suburban Washington home. "Our motto is, whatever we do for you will be remembered forever," says Antion.

Soviet circus stars say show must go on

ATLANTA (AP) - They've been kicked out of motels, forced to live on charity and lost their animals.

But members of the Great Circus Bim Bom, who say a U.S. business sabotaged their tour, still want to perform for the Americans who have opened their homes, hearts and checkbooks to the stranded Soviet performers.

"We want to perform for you, but we cannot get our equipment, our animals," said Emil Kio, a magician known for his acts with fire. "That is a pity."

The 115-member circus, named for two famous turn-of-the-century Russian clowns, came to the United States for a two-year tour in March.

The group signed a contract with International Showbusiness Inc., a newly formed company in Clearwater, Fla., with financing from Kuwaiti investors. It brought the troupe to the United States and scheduled performances.

The venture starting losing money because of poor publicity, circus director Yun Turkin said.

The circus came to Atlanta, where its trucking company is based, to regroup and assess its plight, only to be kicked out of a series of motels for not paying bills. Finally, the tour was canceled May 9 after only 12 performances.

"Lies, lies, lies, that's all they told us," a bitter Leonid Gordon, technical director for Kio's magic act, said of International Showbusiness. "We waited two months for them to do something. They didn't

tell us anything until we were in trouble. Now we have nothing."

Thirty performers stuck with ISI and got lodging at a West Virginia ski resort but no work.

Turkin severed ties with ISI and is frantically trying to arrange performances in Kentucky before Friday morning, when the troupe must leave its latest home, Atlanta's Oglethorpe University.

To perform, the circus must pay to free its equipment and animals.

Night Moves Transfer of Atlanta is owed about \$165,000, and vice president Winfield Ward said he must have a large percentage of the money before he will release the equipment. "I'm not a bank, I'm a trucking company," he said.

The 55 animals - including a newly born lion cub that Kio said the circus wants to donate to Atlanta's zoo - are being held by the Alex Nichols Agency in Newburgh, N.Y., which hasn't been paid.

Federal officials, meanwhile, are threatening to seize the animals because wildlife declaration documents weren't filed when they entered the country.

"We know our Soviet laws but we don't know all you Americans require," Kio said, blaming ISI for not providing documentation. "This is not our debt. This is International Showbusiness debt. Because they won't pay, we are here."

ISI attorney Robert Bauer Jr. did not return calls seeking comment. The company's president, Nikolaj Vissokovsky, has in the past blamed

a Kuwaiti father and son for withdrawing financial support. But Brooks Savage, a lawyer for Waleed A.A. Ahmad and his father, Khoo-sheed Ahmad, said the investors gave the circus a loan and never intended to back the whole tour.

The performers have been bidding their time at Oglethorpe University, which offered free housing during a student break. Most are frustrated that they can't practice.

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HOUSTON (AP) - U.S. Attorney Henry Oncken has resigned, ending his five-year stint as South Texas' top federal prosecutor.

Oncken's announcement Tuesday during a staff meeting came as a surprise because two months ago he said he would stay until his replacement is confirmed.

Oncken, 51, told his staff he has enjoyed his tenure and would have done nothing differently, rebuking

critics of his management.

His first assistant, Steve Morris, will serve as the interim chief.

The closing months of Oncken's term were stormy ones.

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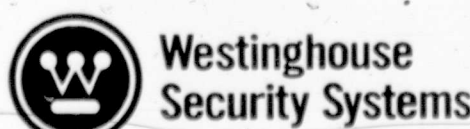
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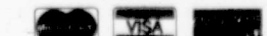
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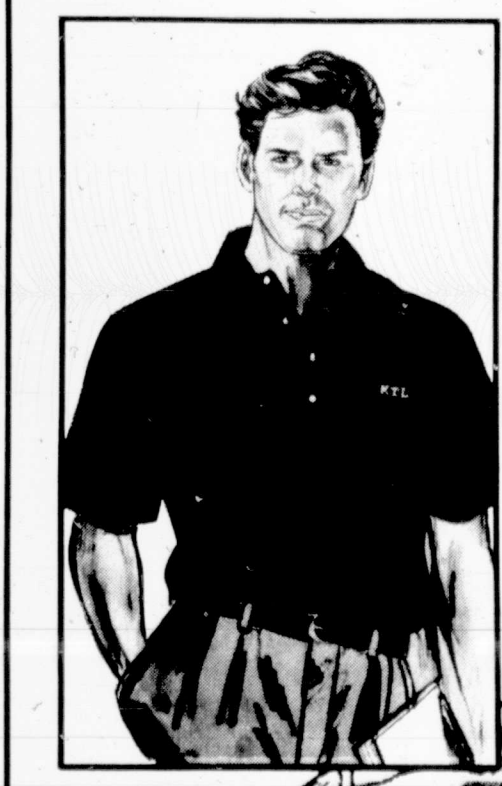
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Lifestyles

ACT I elects new officers; announces new season

Area Community Theatre Inc. held its seventh annual membership and awards banquet on Saturday, June 9.

Awards were presented to the best of the season and new board members were elected for the 1990-91 year. Members of ACT I provided the entertainment.

Cindy Judson was elected president for the new year. Kayla Pursley will serve as vice president of membership and Don Reed will serve as vice president of production. Berinda Turcotte will assume the duties of secretary and Bill Hildebrandt will be treasurer.

Elected board members include Bettany Cisneros and Sandy Crosswhite. Appointed board members include Dale Hill. Completing the final year of a two year term are Janet Whitsell, John Wright, Carolyn Smith and Sharon McQueen.

The best actor award went to Jeff Hogan for his role in "Is There Life After High School." The best actress award went to Cindy Judson for her role in the same play.



The ACT I board of directors for the 1990-91 season are front row from left John Talmadge Wright, Carolyn Smith, Cindy Judson, Janet Whitsell and Kayla Pursley. Center row: Berinda Turcotte and Bill Hildebrandt. Back row: Bettany Cisneros, Don Reed and Sandy Crosswhite.

"Sleuth", a mystery thriller directed by Kayla Pursley, will be the second show of the season set for sometime in February. Cast requirements are two men.

"Boeing-Boeing", a comedy with a cast of two men and four women, will be directed by Sandy Crosswhite and performances are

tentatively set for late April.

ACT I is planning a children's theater production for summer 1991, "The Emperor's New Clothes" directed by Cindy Judson. Cast requirements are for 11 children. Auditions will be conducted prior to the end of school in May with performances set for July.

Membership in ACT I and all auditions are open to the public with the new membership drive to begin in August.

For more information about ACT I, the season or memberships, contact Judson at 669-2836 or any board member.

Best show of the season award was a tie and went to "The Nerd" and "Is There Life After High School." A permanent plaque engraved with the best of the season awards will be on display at the theatre in the Pampa Mall.

The playbill for the 1990-91 season was also announced.

"Steel Magnolias" will be the first play of the new season, directed by Cindy Judson. Cast requirements are six women and auditions will be conducted around the first of September with performances set for November.

Seniors share talents, wisdom with students

By SANDRA WALEWSKI

Associated Press Writer
MIAMI (AP) — They were an unlikely duo: 71-year-old Wesley Wilson, a bearded former landscaper, and his assistant, a lanky 14-year-old named Fred Barney.

They stood before a dozen or so sixth-graders on a recent sunny afternoon behind Westview Elementary School to teach tropical horticulture.

But there was a lot more to the lesson than growing orchids, pineapple plants and aloe.

"The care you give a plant is what you get out of it," Wilson tells the small group. "It's like life."

And a lot like the relationship Wilson and his assistant have — that of mentor and protégé.

The two came together through a school program that focuses on nurturing and inspiring young people by matching them with talented older volunteers.

Fred doesn't hesitate to attribute the improvement in his grades — and outlook — to Wilson's influence.

"When I first saw him (Wilson), something clicked inside me," said Fred.

The teen-ager now attends the middle school next door, getting mostly Bs, and joins Wilson for his weekly class.

Florida's Senior Mentor Program has put the state, home to a large population of retirees, in the forefront of a growing trend nationwide to involve more older people in education.

"The fastest growing segment of the population is 60-plus," said

Bentley Lipscomb, deputy director of the Washington-based National Association of Partners in Education. "This is going to be a tremendous resource to our educational system in this country."

Launched statewide in 1983, the mentor program has been established in about one-third of Florida's school districts and is one of a number of inter-generational programs that last year had more than 15,000 senior volunteers helping about half as many young people.

The program is geared for creative students who may not qualify for gifted or other school programs as well as at-risk students.

Volunteers, who must be at least 50 — currently the oldest is 88 — are screened and must provide references. They are required to spend at least 10 hours with a student, and projects can last six to 12 weeks, or more.

Funding comes from the state Department of Education and a \$50,000 annual grant from Chevron Corp. that will end next year.

Dade County Schools hired two retired school teachers and a retired administrator to recruit mentors, who now number nearly 100 retirees working with 220 children in grades two through 12, said Ramona Frischman, coordinator of the schools' Department of Community Participation.

"We don't just want highly professional retirees," Ms. Frischman said. "We also need and have a place for people who'll work with arts and crafts, cooking, needlepoint, gardening and those kinds of things."

Among the volunteers are retired lawyers, writers, artists and one of the first five black policemen hired by the city of Miami in 1944.

Ralph White, 73, who first patrolled Miami's black neighborhoods on foot and spent 32 years on the force, meets weekly with three at-risk students at Westview and small groups of students interested in law enforcement.

"I figured I could be instrumental in trying to motivate kids to stay in school and get a good education by telling them of my experiences and the accomplishments of the department," said White, who dropped out of school in junior high.

"He's a tremendous all-around role model," said Westview Principal Richard Artimeir.

In one project being watched nationwide, a dozen Dade students were selected as aides to members of the Silver-Haired Legislature during a four-day session last October in Tallahassee. The students

researched issues, helped write resolutions and presented their positions on the floor.

Despite initial resistance from some senior elected officials concerning the junior aides, that was all overcome by the close of the session, said Maryon Freifelder, a senior advocate from Miami Beach.

"Some felt the (students) had no business being there," she recalled. "At first they couldn't understand, they couldn't see the connection. ... By the end of the session three (students) gave a five-minute presentation and got a standing ovation."

Part of the program's success can be measured in the improvement in attendance and academic performance, said Ms. Frischman.

But there's an added benefit. "With an aging society, this younger generation will have to deal with a much older population," Ms. Frischman said. "By sensitizing them at this age, it'll make the world a lot better for all of us."

Brevity is soul of comfort for those suffering a loss

DEAR ABBY: I recently lost my husband of 51 years. After his death, I received many comforting letters telling me what a fine, kind and gentle man he was. This did much to help me bear my loss.

However, I am writing to tell you about one letter I received from a longtime friend saying that she had heard of my husband's "demise" — then she went on to describe in great detail her busy social calendar, her new apartment, whom she had visited, and who was visiting her, etc.

Abby, please tell people that when they write a letter of condolence, the recipient is usually not in the mood for social chitchat.

When my daughter was in the hospital, dying of leukemia, a friend called to "cheer her up," and kept her on the phone for half an hour describing the Caribbean cruise she had just returned from — and the wonderful plays she had just seen in New York!

How can people be so insensitive?

SOUNDING OFF
DEAR SOUNDING OFF: For the thoughtless and self-centered, it comes naturally. And to the well-intentioned who attempt to entertain or distract a grieving friend with a cheerful, newsy letter: Please consider instead a brief message expressing your sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: Twenty-five years ago, when my fiancé and I announced our intentions to marry, all you-know-what broke loose. Because of background differences, certain family members refused to attend.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

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You guessed it — we plan to renew our marriage vows on our 25th anniversary. I will wear a lovely new white wedding gown — veil and all — and I'll carry a beautiful bridal bouquet. Our three daughters will stand with their father at the front of the church, and our son will walk me down the aisle.

We will have a lovely reception for family and friends, which we will pay for ourselves.

Selfish, Abby? In lieu of gifts, we are asking that a contribution be donated to the local children's hospital.

CONNIE IN CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA
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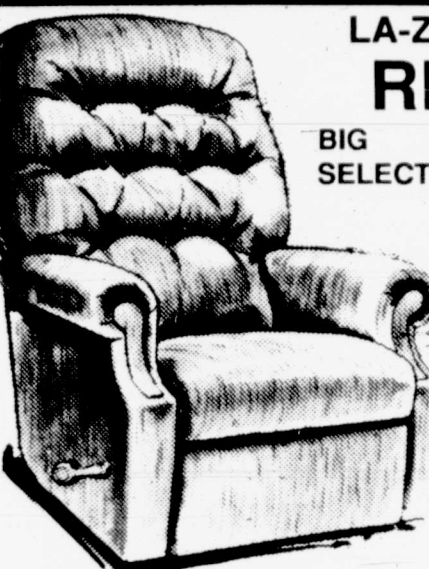
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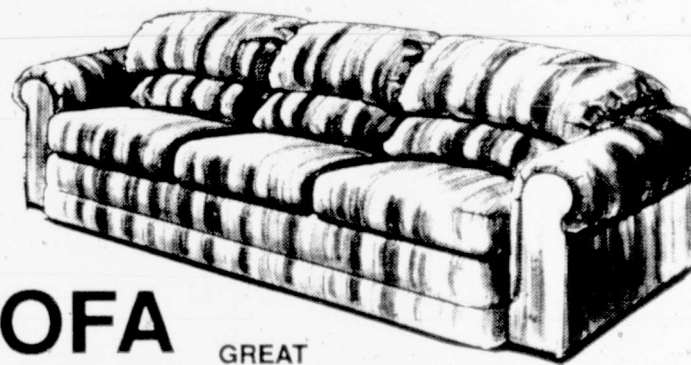
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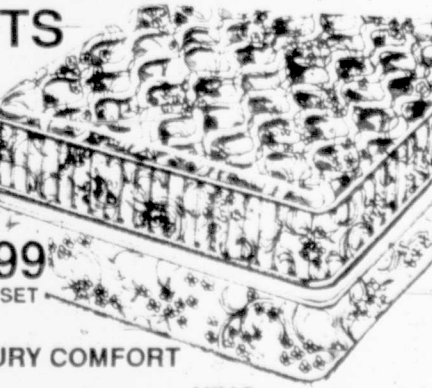
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Sports

Trap could be key for Trail Blazers

By BILL BARNARD
AP Basketball Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers hope to spring a trap on the Detroit Pistons tonight.

The Trail Blazers, despite losing Game 4 112-109 on Tuesday night, rallied from a 16-point deficit in the third quarter to lead four times in the fourth period.

The rally was keyed by a trapping defense that temporarily rattled the experienced Pistons, who lead the best-of-7 NBA Finals 3-1 going into tonight's fifth game.

"We'll use the trap some more, although I don't know if it will work two games in a row," Portland coach Rick Adelman said. "It certainly disrupted them in the second half."

"The trap got them back into the game," said Vinnie Johnson, one of three hot-shooting guards who have the Pistons within one victory of repeating as champions. "It really had us confused, and I can't see them not using it again. It caught us off guard and it really slowed us down."

The Trail Blazers were trying not to sound shell-shocked Wednesday after losing two straight at home, where they were 44-6 going into the series.

"We're down but we're not out," said Clyde Drexler, Portland's most consistent player in the finals, with a 28-point scoring average. "We're a much better team than we're showing."

"We'll be ready to play because we all realize that this will be our last home game," center Kevin Duckworth said. "We have the feeling that there's no way we're going to lose three games in a row at home. I just don't see that happening."

"Detroit has the edge but we can't give up," Portland forward Buck Williams said. "All season long we have had a no-die attitude. We still have hope. You can't get to this point of the season without believing in yourselves."

Williams said the Trail Blazers "haven't shown mental toughness in the series. We want to show our pride at our own place."

"We talked about how we don't want them to celebrate here in our building," Adelman said. "If they can come in here and win three straight, I'll have to say they're a great team."

With a victory in Game 5, Detroit would become the first team to win five consecutive road games in the NBA Finals. The Pistons won their last two games against the Los Angeles Lakers at the Forum last year to sweep the series and capture the first title in franchise history.

"If we can accomplish this, it would be very gratifying," Isaiah Thomas said. "It's up to the media to give us the recognition as a great team. But if you say we played at a nine-level in last year's finals, I would say that now we're at nine or better."

"If we can do what's never been done before, it will be mentioned in the book," said Pistons coach Chuck Daly, referring to the several books published after the Lakers repeated as champions in 1987-88.

The Pistons have gotten 153 points in the two games at Portland from their three-guard rotation of Thomas, Joe Dumars and Johnson. That's an average of 25.5 for each player in each game.

Thomas, who keyed a rally with 16 points in the fourth quarter of Game 1, gave the Pistons an 81-65 lead on Tuesday with 22 of his 32 points in the third period, including four of five 3-point attempts.

Girls basketball camp slated for June 18-22

Lady Harvesters' coach Albert Nichols will conduct a girls' basketball camp June 18-22 at Pampa's McNeely Fieldhouse.

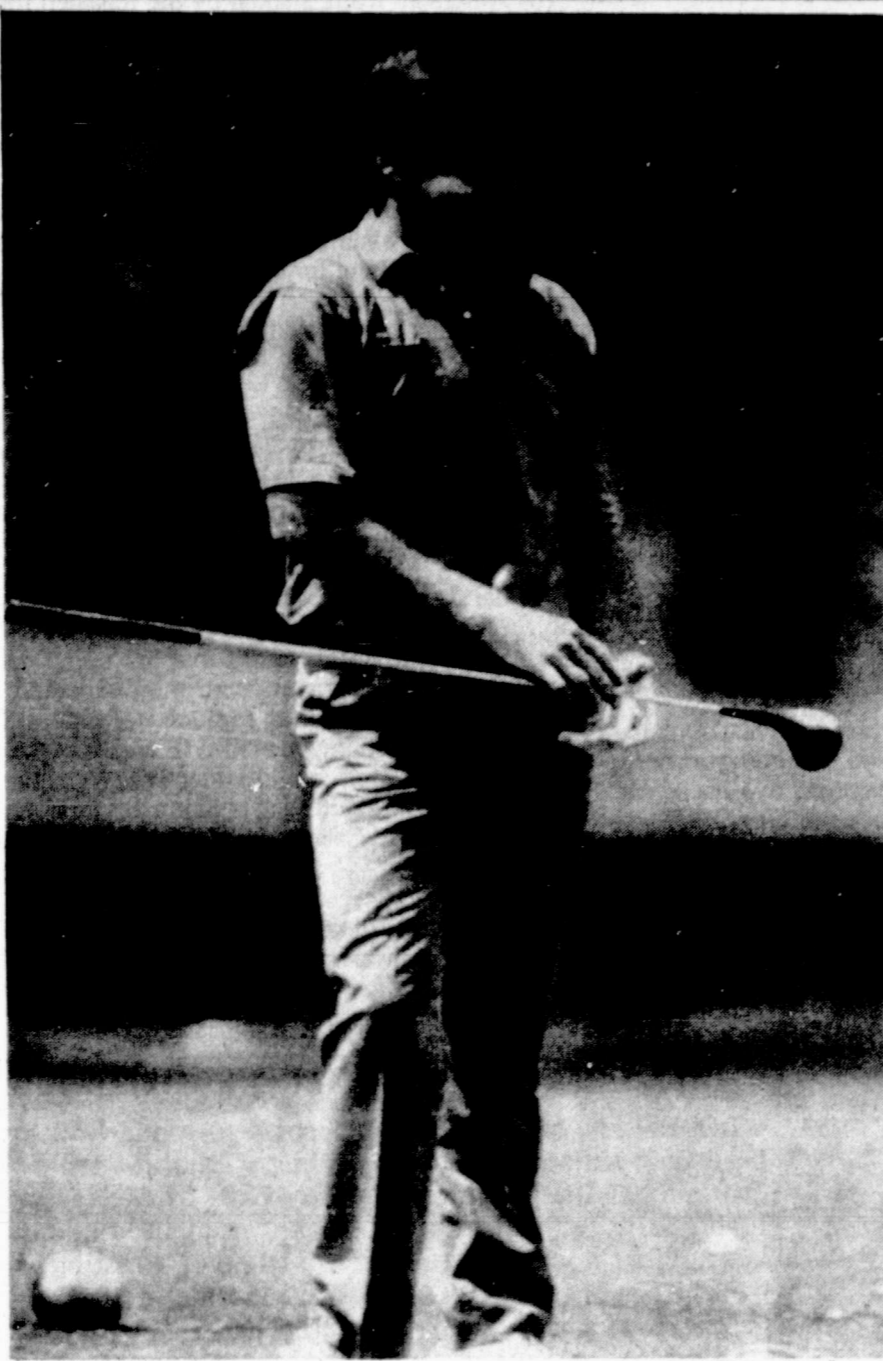
Shooting and ballhandling techniques, in addition to proper defensive positioning, will be taught at the camp, which will be held from 9 to 2 daily.

The camp is open to fourth graders (next year) through high school seniors.

Campers must pre-register by calling Nichols at 665-7678 or Connie Nicholas at 665-9220. Pre-registration is necessary for campers to receive a camp t-shirt.

Tuition is \$40 and all campers must bring a sack lunch and 50 cents for refreshments.

Basketballs will be furnished and coach Nichols said campers should come prepared to work out.



Nick Faldo of Surrey, England works out on the driving range during Wednesday's practice round for the U.S. Open

U.S. Open begins today

Medinah expected to challenge top golfers

By JOHN NELSON
AP Sports Writer

MEDINAH, Ill. (AP) — Mohammed was entombed in Medinah of the ancient Middle East. Beginning today, the new-world Medinah could be the burial site of many golfers' dreams in the U.S. Open.

"It is a serious golf course," Masters champion Nick Faldo said cryptically, predicting that a 72-hole score of as high as 2-over-par 290 could win.

Built in the 1920s by the Shriners as a playground for their members, Medinah will be no playground for the 156 golfers in the 90th U.S. Open.

At 7,195 yards, Medinah's No. 3 course is the longest ever used for an Open — four yards longer than St. Louis' Bellevere in 1965.

Between the third and 12th holes, players will be faced with six crooked, tree-lined par-4s averaging more than 430 yards, including the longest of them all, the 462-yard No. 12.

Although it has a modest 62 bunkers, several are deep enough to bury a camel in, and the course averages 250 trees per hole — giant oaks, spreading elms and huge hickories — that turn errant drives into impossible approach shots.

It won't be unusual to see golfers hit irons off some tees and woods in the fairways. In the 1975 Open here, some rounds stretched to 51 1/2 hours, and Dave Marr once remarked that the best tee shot on the 18th might be a dive-slice with an iron.

With a mosque-like clubhouse inspired by the storytelling of Princess Scheherazade, scorecards this week could read like a page right out of *The Arabian Nights*.

"Par hasn't been broken here yet, and I don't think it will be this year," said Curtis Strange, who will attempt to become only the second man to win three straight U.S. Opens and the first in 85 years.

Medinah was the host club of the U.S. Open in 1949

and '75. Cary Middlecoff won in '49 with a 2-over total. Lou Graham and John Mahaffey tied at 3-over in '75, and Graham won in a playoff. Since then, the course has been lengthened by 300 yards with a stroke added to par.

"There is some powerful, demanding long-game stuff on this course," said Faldo, winner of the last two Masters. "You've seen the slope on some of the greens, so there is some serious short-game stuff out there, too."

"You can't just play to your strong points on this course," said Faldo, who lost the 1988 U.S. Open in a playoff. "On the normal tour, you can use a couple of your strong points and get away with murder. You can't do that here. At some time during the week, you're going to get tested."

Perhaps the most demanding of the "short-game stuff" will come into play on holes 13 and 17, both par-3s. No. 13 is a 199-yarder with water from tee to green. No. 17 is 168 yards, again over water. The greens are slick and slope toward the water, so golfers must keep their tee shots below the hole without getting wet.

"Anything above the holes is a serious test just to get up and down," Faldo said.

One green, on the second hole, was so fast, in fact, that even the cold-hearted U.S. Golf Association decided to take action.

"Based on its configuration, we believe that the green on No. 2 was too fast," USGA vice president Stuart Bloch said. "We stopped cutting it yesterday. The green that is sometimes pictured as the USGA has more compassion than you think."

"We're still cutting 13 and 17 the same height, but we will be raising the second from 7-6/8ths to 9-6/8ths of an inch."

Last year at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, N.Y., Strange became the sixth player and first since Ben Hogan in 1951 to win consecutive U.S. Opens. Only one player — Willie Anderson in 1922 — has won three straight.

Davis' three-run shot propels Astros past Dodgers

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston manager Art Howe likes his chances with Mike Scott pitching and Glenn Davis hitting.

Scott, who has allowed two earned runs in his last 17 innings, held Los Angeles to three hits over seven innings and Davis hit a three-run homer to lead the Astros to a 5-1 victory over Los Angeles Wednesday night.

It was Scott's (4-6) third victory in five starts and Davis has nine homers and 16 runs batted in 14 games.

"Scottie picked up where he left off his last outing," Howe said. "He gave us seven good innings and that's all I wanted. He went 10 innings his last time out."

Scott, who lost his first five games this season for the first time in his career, struck out a career high 15 batters in his last start.

Houston won its sixth straight game and the Dodgers lost for the 12th time in 16 games.

Scott is 9-4 lifetime against the Dodgers in the Astrodome and has won seven of his last eight decisions there against the Dodgers.

"We've got our confidence back at home now, so it's time we started winning on the road," Howe said.

The Astros now hit the road for series at Cincinnati and Los Angeles.

Scott shut out the Dodgers until Stan Javier hit a solo homer in the

sixth inning. "I was happy with my performance tonight, I was able to keep us in the game," Scott said. "My last start was my best all year. Tonight, it was good enough to hold them to one run."

Scott's performance overshadowed Tim Lincecum's good outing for the Dodgers. He pitched three hitless innings until Bill Doran walked to start the fourth and former Dodger Franklin Stubbs got the first hit with a single to center field.

Davis then hit a three-run homer, his league-leading 19th of the season, to give the Astros all the runs they needed.

"I'm thinking more about mixing up base hits and not thinking of the long ball so much," Davis said. "He's a good pitcher. I just got hold of one he left out over the plate."

The Astros took the three-game series from the Dodgers.

"We're just not winning games," third baseman Lenny Harris said. "We're playing solid baseball but the dominoes are just not falling our way. It's tough. Everybody else seems to be playing well."

Harris got three of the Dodgers' five hits.

"I felt good up there," Harris said. "I felt confident like I was going to get a hit no matter what. With a pitcher like Scott who throws a lot of strikes, you've got to be patient."



The Astros' Glenn Davis (right) hit his 19th home run Wednesday night. Davis' homer came in the fourth inning against the Dodgers.

Surprising White Sox looking for success against Athletics

By The Associated Press

The surprising Chicago White Sox have proven to most of the American League that they are for real. Now they hope to convince the Oakland Athletics.

After concluding a 5-1 road trip Wednesday with an 11-2 victory over the Seattle Mariners, the White Sox return home tonight to begin a four-game series with the two-time American league West champion A's, who lead them by a mere two games.

"It's only June," Chicago manager Jeff Torborg said. "So I'm not worrying about the Oakland Athletics yet. I have no idea how we match up with them because I haven't seen them play. We've got Dave Stewart next and we have to do a job against him."

The White Sox and A's meet seven times in the next 11 days and the Chicago players seem to be more excited than Torborg.

"I wish we would have saved some of those runs," Lance Johnson said after collecting three hits against Seattle. "You always can use all the runs you can get against Oakland."

In other AL games, it was Oakland 3, Texas 2 in 11 innings; Kansas City 11, California 4; Toronto 10, Minnesota 1; Boston 4, New York 1; Milwaukee 7, Baltimore 2, and Detroit 5, Cleveland 4.

Dan Pasqua and Ron Kittle hit consecutive home runs in the third inning and Jack McDowell pitched a four-hitter for the White Sox, who had their biggest offensive game of the season with 16 hits.

Pasqua hit his fifth homer after Ivan Calderon drew a walk from Erik Hanson (6-5) and Kittle followed with his 10th homer for a 5-0 lead. McDowell (3-3) was staked to a 5-0 lead in the first three innings before the

AL roundup

Mariners scored their runs in the bottom of the third.

Athletics 3, Rangers 2

Walt Weiss' single scored Doug Jennings with an unearned run with two out in the 11th inning. Jennings reached second when his two-out grounder went through the legs of first baseman Rafael Palmeiro.

Weiss, batting .118 as a right-handed hitter, then dumped a soft fly into shallow right field off reliever Kenny Rogers (2-2).

Red Sox 4, Yankees 1

Roger Clemens scattered six hits in eight innings to win his seventh straight decision and become baseball's first 11-game winner. Clemens (11-2) struck out eight and did not walk a batter before Jeff Reardon pitched a perfect ninth for his ninth save.

Loser Tim Leary (3-8) left trailing 2-1 with two runners on base and two out in the ninth, but Randy Kutcher and Jody Reed hit RBI singles off Alan Mills.

Tigers 5, Indians 4

Cecil Fielder, who hit his major-league-leading 23rd home run in the second inning, opened the eighth with a single off Rudy Seanez (1-1).

Jesse Orosco relieved and pinch-runner Kenny Williams stole second, took third on pinch-hitter Tracy Jones' sacrifice and scored the tie-breaking run on Lloyd Moseby's single.

Mike Henneman (3-4), the last of four Detroit pitchers, went 1 2-3 hitless innings for the victory.

Brewers 7, Orioles 2

Dave Parker homered and drove in three runs as Milwaukee won for only the sixth time in 21 games.

Mark Knudson (4-3) gave up a run and five hits in 6 2-3 innings for Milwaukee after replacing an injured Teddy Higuera with one out in the first inning. Higuera, who faced only two batters, aggravated the groin pull he sustained on June 6 and was placed on the disabled list after the game.

Blue Jays 10, Twins 1

Junior Felix, Glenallen Hill and Fred McGriff homered and left-hander John Cerutti held Minnesota's all-righty lineup to one run in seven innings-plus.

Cerutti (3-5) yielded a run and eight hits before Tom Henke came on for his ninth save. Loser David West (2-4) gave up just five hits in 7 2-3 innings, including the homers to Felix and Hill. The Blue Jays scored six times in the ninth, capped by McGriff's two-run homer off Gary Wayne.

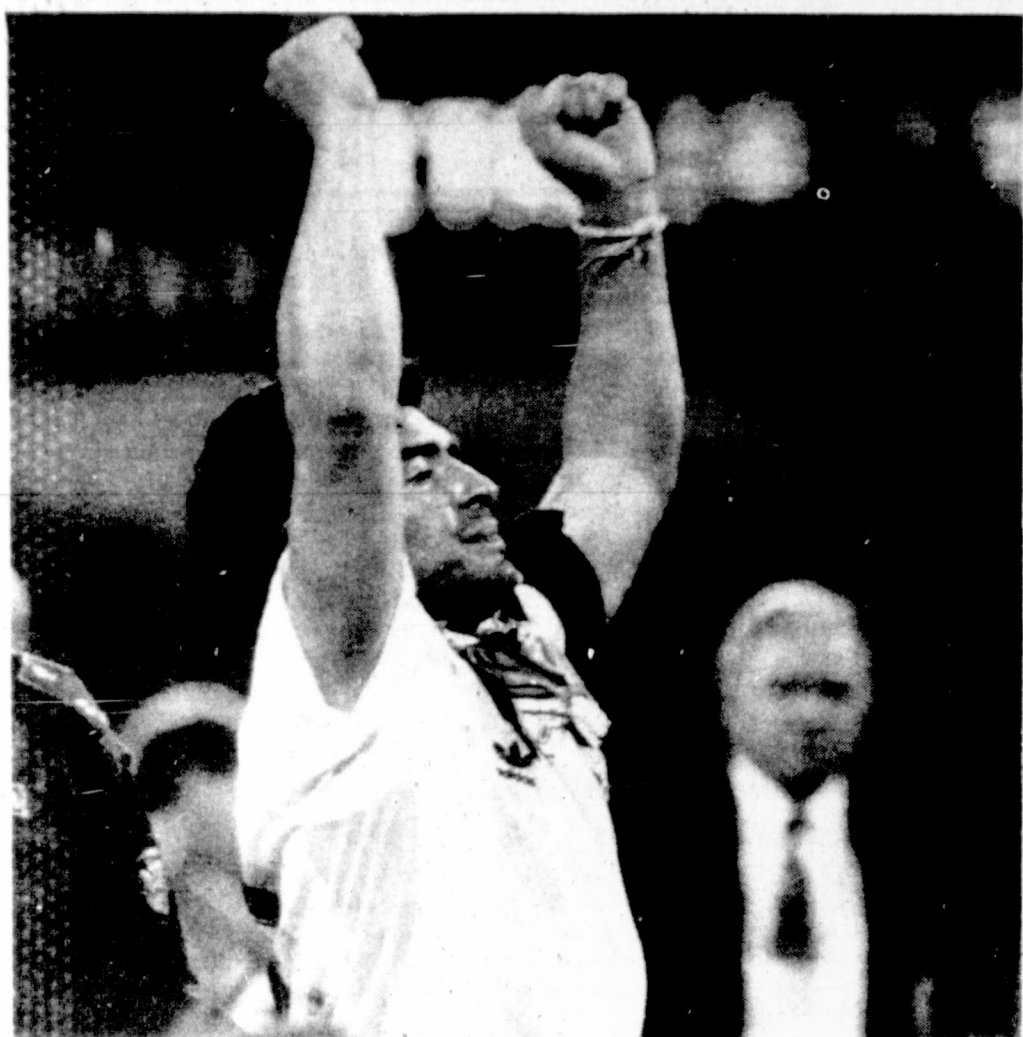
Royals 11, Angels 4

Kansas City snapped an eight-game losing streak with season highs in runs and hits, four by Kurt Stillwell. Willie Wilson drove in three runs and stole his 600th career base and the Royals overcame the loss of starter Mark Gubicza after one inning.

Luis Aquino (2-0) held the Angels to two runs and two hits in five innings after Gubicza was forced out by a strained left rib cage. The Royals broke a prolonged batting slump against Jim Abbott (3-5), who yielded six runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings. Kansas City finished with 19 hits. Chili Davis homered for California.



Indians' Cory Snyder is greeted by teammates after solo homer against Tigers.



(AP Laserphoto)

Argentina's Diego Maradona accepts ovations from the crowd after his team shut out the Soviet Union, 2-0, Wednesday.

U.S. takes on rugged Italians

World Cup Soccer

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

ROME (AP) — The way David Vanole figures it, a little prayer can't hurt when the United States plays Italy in the World Cup tonight in sold-out Olympic Stadium.

"I bought a cross downtown this afternoon," the American backup goalkeeper said Wednesday night. "Nineteen bucks. It's 18-carat gold. I thought we could use all the help we could get."

They say all roads lead to Rome and the American team finally got there Wednesday after 10 days at the Tuscan seaside town of Terrenia. Now comes the game against Italy, potentially a big embarrassment — or a chance for one of the greatest upsets in soccer history.

"We've got two games to go," said defender Marcelo Balboa, who probably will replace John Stollmeyer in the American lineup. "There's still a chance for us to get through."

Some American players still are thinking about the second round, even though some observers say the U.S. team will be fortunate to get out of the game with a close score.

"Sure, you're in awe," midfielder John Harkes said. "But with respect, though. We're not going to hold back and hope the Italians only score two on us, or only score three on us. We're not thinking like that. We're trying to get the win, and if not, the tie."

A tie is what midfielder Tab Ramos predicted on Wednesday, though he declined to guess the score. That prediction is a little hard to believe following Sunday's 5-1 loss to Czechoslovakia in America's first World Cup game since 1950.

"That was not really us," U.S. coach Bob Gansler said.

The American team, shaken by the repeated fouls of Czechoslovakia, went through an extremely physical practice Tuesday night, with Gansler encouraging players to go after each other as hard as they could.

"It was good," midfielder Paul Caligiuri said. "We need to get more physical and that's how we have to play."

The team had two practices on Wednesday, one in Tirrenia and the other in 78,417-seat Olympic Stadium, which will be rocking for tonight's game.

"Oh wow," Vanole said. "You can't help but play well here."

In between the practices, players traveled to Rome under heavy guard, with machine-gun toting police accompanying the team bus. Before practice, the players had time for a short trip to the Spanish Steps and dinner in a downtown restaurant.

Gansler says he will shake up his lineup against Italy, a three-goal favorite, according to Las Vegas bookmakers. The coach hasn't told his team what the lineup will be, but players said they expected John Doyle and Balboa would replace defenders Steve Tritschuh and Stollmeyer. Jimmy Banks was the leading contender to replace midfielder Eric Wynalda, who must serve a one-game suspension because he was ejected against the Czechoslovaks for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"This game is going to have to be the best game we ever played," American goalkeeper Tony Meola said. The Italians, who beat Austria 1-0 in their opener on Saturday, are among the top teams in the world.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Toronto	34	27	.557	—
Boston	32	26	.552	1/2
Baltimore	29	30	.492	4
Milwaukee	28	29	.491	4
Detroit	28	33	.459	6
Cleveland	26	31	.456	6
New York	20	36	.357	11 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Oakland	39	19	.672	—
Chicago	36	20	.643	2
Minnesota	30	28	.517	9
California	31	30	.508	9 1/2
Seattle	29	33	.468	12
Texas	26	34	.433	14
Kansas City	23	35	.397	16
Wednesday's Games				
Oakland 3, Texas 2, 11 innings				
Chicago 11, Seattle 2				
Boston 4, New York 1				
Milwaukee 7, Baltimore 2				
Detroit 5, Cleveland 4				
Toronto 10, Minnesota 1				
Kansas City 11, California 4				
Thursday's Games				
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NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
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Montreal	34	26	.567	3 1/2
New York	29	28	.509	7
Philadelphia	29	29	.500	7 1/2
Chicago	26	35	.426	12
St. Louis	25	35	.417	12 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cincinnati	35	20	.636	—
San Diego	30	27	.526	6
San Francisco	30	30	.500	7 1/2
Los Angeles	28	32	.467	9 1/2
Houston	26	34	.433	11 1/2
Atlanta	23	34	.404	13
Wednesday's Games				
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New York 9, Chicago 6, 2nd game				
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Montreal 4, Philadelphia 3, 10 innings				
Houston 5, Los Angeles 1				
Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 5				
San Francisco 6, San Diego 0				
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Chicago (Boskie 1-3) at Philadelphia (Freeman 0-1), 7:35 p.m.				
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Houston at Cincinnati, 7:35 p.m.				
New York at Pittsburgh, 7:35 p.m.				
Montreal at St. Louis, 8:35 p.m.				
San Diego at Los Angeles, 10:35 p.m.				
Atlanta at San Francisco, 10:35 p.m.				

Racing

TOT Racing Pigeon Results

The Top O' Texas Racing Pigeon Club completed its Old Bird Racing Season, Saturday, June 9.

Two races were flown from Three Rivers, Texas, a distance of 500 miles.

The "A" race birds were released at 6:30 a.m. and the "B" race birds were released at 7:30 a.m.

There were 82 birds engaged and eight lots competing in the "A" race. There were 76 birds engaged and seven lots competing in the "B" race.

Doug Keller clocked the first two birds in the "A" race at 4:42 p.m. They flew the 500 miles in 10 hours and 12 minutes, averaging 50 mph.

Jim Cantrell clocked the first three birds in the "B" race at 5:37 p.m. The birds flew the 500 miles in 10 hours and seven minutes, averaging 51 mph.

The club will start the Young Bird Season races the latter part of August. Persons interested in pigeon racing can contact any member of the TOT club for information.

Race results at Three Rivers are listed below:

"A" Old Bird Race

Name	Col/sex	Speed (y/m)
Doug Keller	BB-C	1,479.50
Doug Keller	BB-C	1,478.66
Jim Cantrell	Sil-H	1,436.90
Jim Cantrell	Sil-C	1,436.60
Walter Thoms	BC-C	1,436.40
Doug Keller	BC-C	1,420.59
Walter Thoms	Dr-C	1,413.41
Pat Coats	BB-H	1,295.67

"B" Old Bird Race

Name	Col/sex	Speed (y/m)
Jim Cantrell	BB-H	1,488.85
Jim Cantrell	BB-C	1,471.22
Jim Cantrell	Sil-C	1,470.74
Walter Thoms	Grz-H	1,415.49
Doug Keller	BCw-C	1,410.02
Walter Thoms	BB-H	1,389.39
Doug Keller	BC-C	1,375.43

O'Maley takes lead in College Rodeo Finals

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Defending national goat tying champion Patti O'Maley of Idaho State jumped into the lead of her specialty at the College National Finals Rodeo Wednesday night.

O'Maley, a junior from Shoshone, Idaho, had a time of 7.0 seconds to take the second go-round lead in goat tying. A slow time in the first go-round will prevent her from advancing to Saturday night's final round. The top 10 two go-round scores in each event advance to the Saturday championship round.

O'Maley was one of a handful of new leaders that emerged from the rodeo Wednesday at Montana State University's Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.

Buddy Reed of Western Texas College grabbed the

second go-round lead in bull riding with an 86 score while Joey Gray of McNeese State took over the lead in the average of steer wrestling with a two-run time of 10.0 seconds. Gray had a 5.3-second run during Wednesday's performance.

The first go-round of bareback riding ended on Wednesday and Sean Stokes's score of 76 held up against the 75 ride of Richie Hamilton during the performance. Troy Cattoor of Western Texas jumped into the early second go-round lead of bareback riding with a 71 marking.

The first go-round also ended in saddle bronc riding and Ed Dufferena of Southwestern Oklahoma State was the winner with a 76 ride that was timed in Tuesday.

Optimist roundup

Danny's Market won over Thompson Parts Outlays, 21-4, in recent Rookie League action.

Top hitters for Danny's Market were Kimberly Clark, home run and three singles; John Bailey, home run, single and double; Scott James, double; Adam Wright, three singles; Kaleb Snelgrooves, three singles and a double; Marcus Ross, two triples and a single; Alisha Furnish, double; Chase White, three singles; Tru-Lyn Deeds, two singles and a double; Jered Snelgrooves, two singles and two doubles and Breck Hoggett, single.

Top hitters for the Outlaws were Greg Lindsey, double and triple; Ryan Sells, two singles; Matthew Heasley, two singles; Colby Hale, two singles; Cody Perkins, two singles; Kelly Henderson, single and double; Jesse Francis and Shane Williams, one single each, Gil Salano, triple.

Danny's Market is in a three-way tie with Lyle's Cubs and the Outlaws in Division One.

In recent girls' junior softball action, Williams Appliance downed Max's, 20-13.

Winning pitcher was Andrea Ellis, who gave up 13 hits while striking out five and walking nine.

Leading hitters for Williams were Andrea Ellis, two doubles and home run; Patti Montoya, three singles and home run; Candy Hill, two singles and a home run; Ashley Bohannon, five singles; Holly Brooks, two doubles; Nichole Barnes, two singles and Tally Lane, a double.

Katy Fortin had two singles and a double while Lisa Jones had a double to lead Max's.

Good defensive plays were turned in by Candy Hill, Michelle Bybee and Bethany Valmores.

Ray & Bills nipped Williams Appliance, 9-8, Wednesday night.

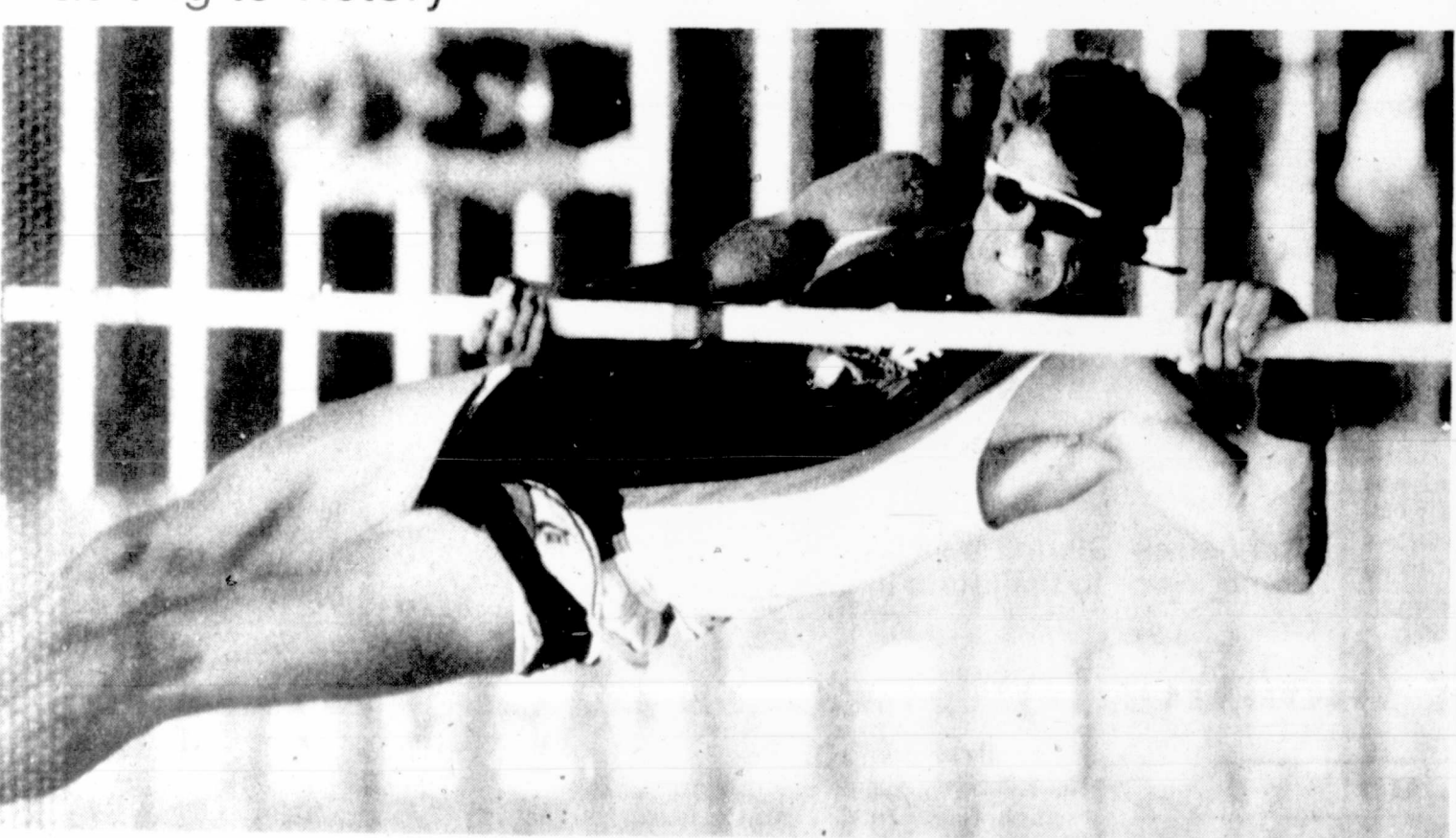
Lindy Sells was the winning pitcher while Lonnie Fulton picked up the save.

Laura Miller and Andrea Ellis pitched for Williams.

La Rhonda Scott led Ray & Bill's at the plate with home run, two singles and three RBI. Mayla Commer had a home run, a single and three RBI. Others with hits were Lonnie Fulton, triple and double; Lindy Sells, single and RBI; Valerie Simpson, single and RBI and Alison Brantley, a single.

Candy Hill was the top hitter for Williams with a double, two singles and three RPI. Also getting hits were Jamie Slater, home run and RBI; Patti Montoya, double and RBI; Andrea Ellis and Michelle Bybee, two singles each; Nichole Burns, Tally Lane, Laura Miller, Bethany Valmores and Mandy Wells, one single each.

Vaulting to victory



Defending champion Dave Johnson hangs upside down as he pulls himself up and over to clear 4.60 metres in the pole vault Wednesday at the Mobil Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Johnson came from behind to win the decathlon, his third national title.

Everything relative in amateur baseball draft

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The names are familiar, even if their accomplishments are not.

Blyleven and Buechele. Boone and Bell.

Major league baseball on Wednesday released the names of 1,487 players picked in a record 101 rounds at last week's free-agent amateur draft. Among those taken are 18 relatives of current or former major leaguers.

The California Angels, who already have Bert Blyleven, took his son Todd, also a right-handed pitcher. But Todd, 17, is not likely to sign; he's expected to go to college after graduating from high school in Villa Park, Calif., on Friday.

"I think he's just getting stronger. He's got a fastball that's been clocked between 83 and 87 mph. He's got Frank Viola's change-up and he's got a real good curveball — but I don't know where he learned that from," said Bert Blyleven, one of the best curveballers ever.

"He won't be 18 until the end of

September. He's graduating real young so I think college is definitely going to help him," he said.

The Boone and Bell families are in line to become third-generation major leaguers.

Infielder Bret Boone, taken by Seattle, could follow his grandfather Ray and father Bob — now a catcher with the Kansas City Royals — into the big leagues. David Bell, a third baseman drafted by Cleveland from the same high school that Ken Griffey Jr. attended, was preceded by father Buddy and grandfather Gus.

Former major leaguer and Los Angeles coach Manny Mota had two sons drafted, Domingo and Rafael. Domingo is a center fielder chosen by the Dodgers, and Rafael is a right fielder selected by Houston.

Ralph Garr, son of former outfielder by the same name, was taken by Atlanta; Tommy Helms, whose father played with Cincinnati and last year managed the Reds when Pete Rose stepped down, was selected by the Chicago Cubs; and right-

hander Steve Renko, the son of former pitcher Steve, was chosen by Montreal.

Eric Buechele, whose brother is an infielder with Texas, was taken by the Angels.

"He hasn't played baseball in six years (since high school). I think they're looking at his size and thinking he's a good athlete with a good arm. He's been playing football at Fresno State," Steve Buechele said of his brother. "He hasn't thrown a baseball in five years but he's a good player."

The draft was held June 4-6, but unlike the high-profile NFL and NBA drafts, major league baseball immediately releases only the names of players taken in the first round. Baseball does it that way to give prospective players an extra week to decide on their futures without facing pressure from agents and other outside influences.

Even when baseball does release the names, it does it alphabetically by team without identifying which round a player was taken.

2 Museums

WHITE Deer Land Museum: Pampa, Tuesday thru Sunday 1:30-4 p.m. Special tours by appointment.

PANHANDLE Plains Historical Museum: Canyon, regular museum hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, weekends 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

LAKE Meredith Aquarium and Wildlife Museum: Fritch, hours Tuesday and Sunday 2-5 p.m., 10 a.m. Wednesday thru Saturday, closed Monday.

SQUARE House Museum: Panhandle. Regular museum hours 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. weekdays, 1-5:30 p.m. Sundays.

HUTCHISON County Museum: Borger. Regular hours 11 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays except Tuesday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

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Astronomers say Indians saw supernova 900 years ago

By MATT MYGATT
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ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — A 23-pointed star painted on a pottery bowl shows that a supernova seen by ancient Asians and Arabs also was witnessed by New Mexico's prehistoric Indians, researchers said.

"The bowl provides us with the best supported historic record from the Western Hemisphere of the supernova that created the Crab Nebula," said R. Robert Robbins, an astronomy professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

"In fact, the bowl is the most certain record of the supernova that has ever been discovered outside China and Japan," he said this week during the 176th meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

The white earthenware bowl, from the Mimbres Indian Classic Period between A.D. 1000 and A.D. 1150, also shows the black-painted figure of a rabbit curled into a crescent shape to symbolize the moon, Robbins said.

The rabbit is a god in the folklore of ancient cultures stretching down toward Central America, Robbins said.

In many Indian cultures in the New World, the rabbit commonly represents the moon because Indians tended to see a rabbit in the moon rather than a man in the moon, he said.

Chinese astronomers recorded the appearance of the Crab Nebula supernova in 1054 in the constellation Taurus. Their records

showed the star was so bright it could be seen in the daytime for 23 days.

The supernova also was recorded by the Japanese, Robbins said.

Steve Maran, senior staff scientist at the Goddard Space Flight Center at Greenbelt, Md., said the supernova also was noticed in Baghdad, where it was recorded in an 11th century medical publication.

The Mimbres bowl is decorated with a small black-painted sunburst with 23 rays at one of the rabbit's rear feet.

The 23 rays represent the 23 days that the supernova was clearly visible during the day, Robbins said.

The Crab Nebula is a huge cloud of gas in space that is the remnant of the supernova. Supernovas are dying stars that blow up and eject matter in all directions.

Astronomers believe that all but the lightest elements in the universe were created by super-

novas, and therefore planets and all life on them are made of star dust from the ancient explosions.

The Crab Nebula is about 6 light years wide and about 6,500 light years from Earth. One light-year equals almost 6 trillion miles, which is the distance light travels in one year.

American astronomers discovered early in this century that the Crab Nebula is expanding at a rate implying an explosion beginning about 900 years ago when first seen from Earth.

A computer analysis shows the position of the sunburst and the rabbit generally coincides with the location of the supernova and the crescent moon on the morning of July 5, 1054, Robbins said.

"It shows us how sophisticated these people were," Robbins said.

"I think if people would go outside and look up at the sky and begin to watch, they'd begin to realize how much effort and how much ingenuity and thought ... it takes to really be able to under-

stand celestial phenomena," he said.

The Mimbres lived in small farming villages in what is now southwestern New Mexico.

Their early bowls contained mostly geometric designs suggestive of lightning and water.

But the Classic period depicted rabbits, deer and other animals found in the Mimbres Valley.

The figures showed scenes such as hunting, fishing, making love and giving birth, Robbins said.

The figures also are linked to the heavens, said Robbins and his colleague, Russell Westmoreland, a photo technician in the University of Texas at Austin's astronomy department who helped make the supernova-bowl link.

The bowl was from a village called Galaz, which was excavated by scientists from the University of Minnesota, Robbins said.

The bowl was found in the 1930s under 5 feet of earth in a burial room, he said.

Westmoreland said he was researching links between Mimbres pottery and astronomy at the time he showed a movie two years ago on the Crab Nebula. The rabbit-and-the-star bowl was in the back of his mind.

"Chinese astronomers had seen it for 23 days and the next day I got together with Dr. Robbins and said, 'Look at this, this has got to be a supernova,'" Westmoreland

said. Robbins said that at the time, Westmoreland was a student of his in an archaeo-astronomy class.

"For a term paper, he wanted to write about the pottery of the Mimbres and whether or not he could find any astronomy in it," Robbins said.

"He did find some astronomy in it, starting with the rabbit."

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