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•President expected to veto farm credit bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite criticism that it is playing politics with the plight of the nation's farmers, Congress is sending President Reagan a farm credit rescue package that appears headed for the first veto of 1985.

The bill, passed 255-168 Tuesday on a largely party-line vote, was being delivered today to the White House, where administration officials have labeled it a "budget buster" and more than what is needed to address the credit problems of farmers.

Reagan was expected to veto the measure, even though it includes authorization for non-food relief for drought-stricken Africa. Leaders of the GOP-controlled Senate have said they have votes to sustain a veto, which takes a two-thirds vote in both Houses to overturn.

But Democrats, who see the credit issue as a political boon for themselves, planned their own symbolic "bill signing" today, followed by a march up Pennsylvania Avenue to a park across the street from the White House for a rally.

"We have a long tradition, whenever any part of our great American family faces an emergency, the rest of us rally around," House Majority Leader Jim Wright, D-Texas, said as the House debated the measure Tuesday. "This bill is the only lifeboat in sight."

But Republicans said the Senate Democrats had done a "sloppy job" of drafting the legislation, leaving loopholes that would allow even wealthy farmers to borrow money from the government at subsidized rates.

"We seem more concerned about harvesting votes than harvesting crops," said House Minority Leader Robert Michel, R-Ill.

Rep. Edward Madigan of Illinois, the top Republican on the House Agriculture Committee, was more blunt: "It's very, very clear ... that you are more interested in the veto, the public relations aspect of this, you're more interested in embarrassing the president of the United States than you are in helping farmers and ranchers."

The credit provisions are aimed at easing credit for farmers whose unmanageable debt loads are preventing them from getting new loans for spring planting: $100 million in interest subsidies; $1.85 billion in new loan guarantees and about $7 billion in immediate advances on crop loans normally not received until harvest time.

That language was tacked onto a bill authorizing $175 million this year for non-food African famine relief, including money to buy seed and fertilizer, to aid refugees and for emergency health care.

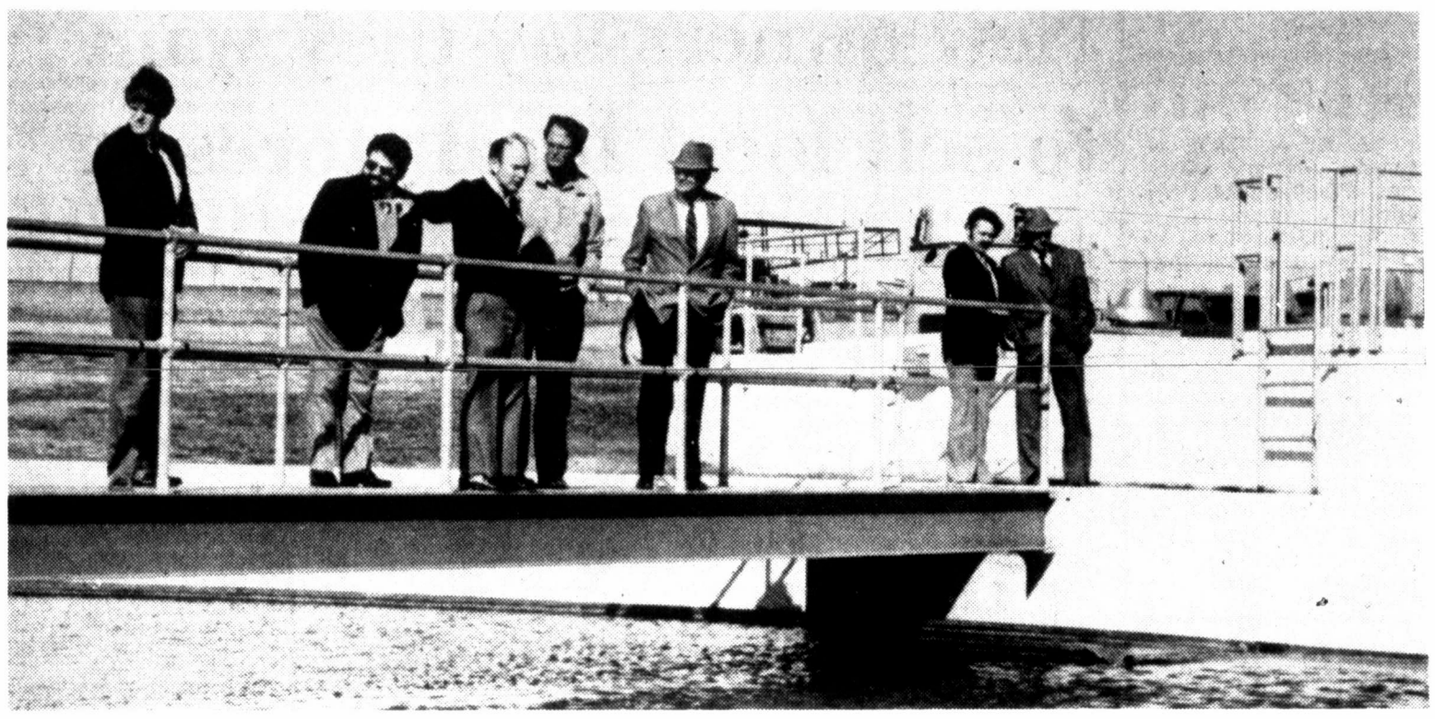
Congressional economists say the measure's actual cost to the government over the next five years will be about $429 million, after loans are repaid. The administration believes the cost will be higher, around $1 billion to $2 billion, because of anticipated defaults on guaranteed loans and other factors.

Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole of Kansas said he hoped the veto would come quickly so that farmers and their bankers would quit looking to the government for more help and instead take advantage of a credit aid program already in place.

"Within the next few days we are going to lay to rest this so-called farm credit crisis," Dole told a meeting of the U.S. Feed Grains Council. "Obviously some farmers are not going to make it, and that's unfortunate. But I don't know what the answer is. ... I don't think there are any."

The administration contends its own credit-relief program, first announced during last fall's presidential campaign and modified at least twice since then to try to entice bank participation, is adequate to meet spring-planting credit needs.

That program provides at least $650 million in loan guarantees to banks that agree to write off at least 10 percent of a farmer's loan principal, or an equivalent amount in interest, in return for federal backing of 90 percent of the balance.



IN THE FIELD - City commissioners took a tour of the city's water treatment plant and sewage water treatment plant Tuesday morning as part of their workshop session to get a view of the operations of the two plants. Looking at one of the tanks at the waste water plant are, from left, City Manager Bob Hart; Jim Columbo, representative of Operations Management International, Inc.; Public Works Director Allyn Moore, Commissioner David McDaniel, Mayor Calvin Whatley; Jim Thompson, OMI representative, and Commissioner E. L. "Smiley" Henderson. The OMI representatives met with the commission to discuss the possibility of the firm's taking over management of the plants. (Staff photo by Larry Hollis)

Whaley introduces pesticide proposal

From Staff and Wire Reports

AUSTIN — State Representative Foster Whaley of Pampa has introduced his bill that would take authority to establish and enforce pesticide regulations out of the hands the agriculture commissioner and give it to a board of experts.

Rep. Whaley Tuesday proposed to the House Agriculture & Livestock Committee that a 10-member board be estabished to administer pesticide regulations.

Whaley said his proposal would be "taking the realm of politics out forevermore and putting it in the hands of the board."

The board would consist of nine members appointed by the governor and selected from 15 nominations submitted by the deans of Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University, Whaley said. The tenth member, serving in a permanent capacity, would be the director of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in San Benito.

Whaley introduced his bill in response to pesticide regulations pushed by Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower which which went into effect Jan. 21.

The new regulation, which created controversy throughout the state, establishes a 24-hour re-entry period for farmers into fields sprayed with the most toxic chemicals. It also establishes a committee to develop other re-entry periods, calls for oral warnings as the standard warnings at a "hot," or contaminated, field, and requires posting of flags for pesticides with re-entry periods longer than seven days.

The regulations also allow neighbors to request crop-dusting warnings in writing and provide exemptions of written notification in emergencies.

Rep. Whaley has called the regulations unnecessary, pointing out that in four years only one fatal accident has occurred involving pesticides. He said his idea to put pesticide regulation in the hands of experts has drawn strong support from various farm groups, but has not been met with great enthusiasm from the agriculture department.

Rep. Robert Saunders, D-Columbus, in related action, introduced a bill to create three advisory committees for the agricultural commissioner.

Saunders' bill proposes a drift committee and a safety education committee composed of nine members each. A third committee, for pesticide regulation, would consist of 15 members including farmers, professional applicators, farmworkers and the Texas Department of Health, he said.

"The bill is an attempt to define the regulatory process of the agricultural department," Saunders said.

Ray Pruitt, with Texas Citrus Mutual, said that "educational programs would have solved most if not all of the problems" which have occurred with pesticides.

Rebecca Flores Herrington, director of the United Farm Workers, said that "the use of pesticides should be controlled." She lauded the recent regulations but called for stronger pesticide guidelines in work areas.

Mrs. Herrington said more rules relating to re-entry periods, protective clothing, posting regulations and strong enforcement provisions should be enacted.

School curriculum

Most course changes will be at Middle School level

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

Trustees of the Pampa Independent School District during their regular meeting Tuesday evening approved curriculum changes for the 1985-1986 school year to accord more with state requirements.

The emphasis on curriculum changes was in Pampa Middle School, explained John English, assistant superintendent of instruction.

A state-mandated, one-semester course in computer literacy will be added in the eighth grade with the next school year.

Woodworking courses will become industrial arts, as recommended by the state, English said.

Other changes come from limits placed by the state on locally developed courses. State officials have encouraged students to take more academic courses, with the requirements necessitating elimination of some local courses, English explained.

In the eighth grade, the locally developed photography course will be eliminated next year. Limits will be placed on credit for yearbook, library assistant and office assistant; students may take only one of the elective courses for one semester.

A major change in the seventh grade course offerings will be the availability of a one-semester typewriting course, with basic emphasis on keyboarding. The course is designed to help students in developing computer skills for the computer literacy course in the eighth grade.

Ramona Hite, Pampa High School business teacher, said the program will be implemented without much expense to the district. Students will use older typewriters available from high school classes with some maintenance required. In addition, there will be a trade off of desks between classrooms at PHS and PMS.

Trustee Wallace Birkes said he would like to see the typewriting course required. He felt all students could benefit from the course with the growth in use of computers.

English said it was only being offered as an elective for the next school year. He said the course will then be evaluated to see if it should be implemented as a required course.

In response to a question from board president Mary Braswell, English said the course might later be offered in the eighth grade to those students who didn't take it in the seventh grade. Hite suggested the typewriting course could be made available as a summer school course.

Braswell thought that would be a good idea, and she also suggested computer courses should be considered for summer school. She also said the district should consider making more electives available in summer school for those students who want to take more courses beyond the required academic load.

Other course changes to be made at the seventh grade level will be the elimination of competive tennis and teen topics. English said facilities are not really available for the tennis course, and the teen topics course is similar to a health section to be incorporated into science classes.

There will be no curriculum changes at the sixth grade level.

The trustees made no course changes at the high school, but they approved changes in the number of credits required for graduation for students in the advanced program.

The local district last year approved 22 credits for graduation for regular students and 23 credits for advanced program students, those taking a more rigid academic course of study, English explained.

But the state won't approve the requirement of 23 credits. Instead, the state has mandated the local districts cannot require more than 22 credits for graduation. The trustees approved the change.

Students in the advanced program can take more than 22 credits, but they are not required to do so.

Boulter slates Pampa meeting

Congressman Beau Boulter will hold a "town meeting" at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Starlight Room of the Coronado Inn.

It is one of a series of meetings he is holding in the area this week.

"These meetings give me a great opportunity to keep you in Gray County up to date on what I'm doing, and they give you the chance to let me know how you feel about it," Boulter said.

"I'm ready to discuss the federal budget, the farm bill, possible FERC legislation, and anything else the folks in Gray County want to talk about," he said.

Trustees name career ladder panel

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

Striving to meet state-mandated requirements, Pampa Independent School District trustees Tuesday evening approved the formation of a Career Ladder Selection Committee.

The committee will oversee implementation of a program to award salary supplements to teachers under requirements of House Bill 72 approved last summer.

The school board named three administrative members to the committee: Bill Jones, principal of Austin Elementary School; Jane Steele, assistant principal at Pampa High School; and John English, assistant superintendent of instruction.

Those three will select two other committee members from instructors in the district. The two will be the first chosen for the salary supplement, Supt. James Trusty said.

The formation of the committee is one of the steps involved in implementing the career ladder supplement for the first year, Supt. Trusty explained.

Other steps already completed have been receiving recommendations from personnel in regard to the program and the estimating of available funds for the salary supplement.

The appointment of the committee is the next step, Trusty said.

The committee then will plan the selection process and establish criteria for selecting teachers to receive the supplement this year. The plan then will be submitted to the school board for its approval.

Trusty said initial criteria indicate 182 teachers could be eligible for the salary supplement, but funds will not permit awarding the supplement to all those now eligible.

At $2,000, the maximum figure allowed by the state, approximately 60 teachers could be awarded the supplement, he said. At $1,500, the minimum permitted by the state, approximately 80 teachers could receive the additional salary this year.

The committee will decide what supplement to award and what teachers should be selected this year. The supplement has to be paid by August, Trusty said.

The committee will function for one year. By then, more exact guidelines should be available from the state on how to implement the program for future years, Trusty explained.

In other matters, the board approved a job description for a director of personnel services, a new position created in the district. At their last board meeting, the trustees accepted the retirement of PHS Principal Paul Payne and approved his half-time employment for the new position.

"We're looking forward to getting this position enacted" and using Payne's expertise and experience, Trusty said. Mary Braswell, board president, said the position "will be a big help" in meeting the needs of the district.

The duties and responsibilities of the director of personnel services, as approved last night, will include directing personnel recruitment and selection.

The director also will serve as a consultant and resource personnel in evaluation of professional, paraprofessional and auxillary

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Groom okays seal coating, but can't afford paving

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

GROOM — City finances are in sound condition, but they're not sound enough to pave one street in the west part of town, city officials learned Tuesday.

The city can, however, afford to finish seal coating work on other city streets, according to engineer Dwight Brandt of the Amarillo firm of West Texas Consultants.

Brandt told board members at their regular meeting Tuesday that it would cost about $30,000 to put seal coating on the city streets. However paving Bosen Street, a new gravel road which runs just west of Groom School, will have to wait until next year.

"Our finances really are unable to swing it," said city secretary Pat Ashford.

Council member Bob Babcock, who was acting as mayor in the absence of Alfred Homer, said the city "needs to be very conservative" with its budget this year.

Board members agreed to seek bids on seal coating the city streets.

Brandt also showed council members blueprints of the city's proposed new water towers and pump stations. He told the board that the 50,000 gallon tanks will be about 24 feet high and roughly 30 feet in diameter. He anticipates that the city can let bids in May and "can see action" soon afterward.

The city recently received a $224,543 grant from the Texas Department of Community Affairs to repair its water system. The city will build a 50,000 gallon elevated tank and a 50,000 gallon underground tank.

In other business, the city agreed to let Terrill Britten, who is building a house in the 600 block of W. First, tie on to the city

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DAILY RECORD

services tomorrow

CARNAHAN, Ada - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Miami.

obituaries

LETA GILLHAM CARY

BROWNFIELD - Mrs. Leta Gillham Cary, 79, member of a pioneer Pampa family, died Monday in Humana Hospital in Pasadena.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Brownfield with Rev. Phillip Montgomery and Rev. E.K. Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Brownfield Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cary was born in Clinton, Hunt County, March 15, 1905, and moved as a child with her family to the Wayside Community in Armstrong County. She graduated from Happy High School and moved in the early 1920's to Pampa where she was married to J. Tracy Cary June 17, 1928. They were the parents of seven children, all born in Pampa. In 1945 the family moved to Brownfield where Mr. Cary died in 1977.

Mrs. Cary was a retired secretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a member of the First Baptist Church of Brownfield, the Pythian Sisterhood, Mother's Club of Texas Tech and A.A.R.P. chapter in Brownfield.

Survivors include four sons, Tracy Glen of Little Rock, Ark., Dale Wayne of Tulsa, Okla., Kenneth R. of Lindale and Don G. of Phoenix; two daughters, Mrs. Lynn Bratton of Warrenton, Va. and Mrs. Carolyn Montgomery of Deer Park; a sister, Mrs. Gene Nixon of Lubbock; sister - in - law, Mrs. Fred A. Cary of Pampa; 16 grandchildren and three great - grandchildren.

The family will be at 921 East Tate in Brownfield.

ADA F. CARNAHAN

MIAMI - Services for Ada Carnahan, 81, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Jerry Howe, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Miami Cemetery.

Survivors include one son; three daughters; one brother; 14 grandchildren; 24 great - grandchildren and one great - great - grandchild.

CATHERINE JOHNSON

Catherine Johnson, 67, died at 4 p.m. Monday at her home.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Carmichael - Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Johnson was born November 25, 1917. She moved to Pampa in 1940 from Breckenridge. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church. She was married to Lee Ray Johnson in 1935. He died in 1973.

Survivors include four sons; four sisters; one brother; 16 grandchildren and two great - grandchildren.

minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported one minor accident in the 24 - hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, March 5

7:46 p.m. — An unknown motorist driving a 1977 Pontiac struck a fence in the 600 block of Scott and left the scene.

fire report

No fires were reported by the Pampa Fire Department in the 24 - hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Emergency numbers

Energas	665-5770
SPS	669-7432
Water	665-3881

DUMP HOURS

Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY
Admissions

Elsie Groninger, Pampa
Roy Hubbard, White Deer
Ann Moyer, Pampa
Julie Lee, Pampa
Margaret Nichols, Pampa
Brian Knight, Pampa
Greg Nite, Miami
Freeda Whitson, Pampa
Shirley Haines, Pampa
Martin Riphahn, Pampa
Naida Cowan, Pampa

Dismissals

Fonza Brooks, Pampa
Ethel Caskey, Pampa
Gary Gustin, Pampa
Amy Harvey, Pampa
Louie King, Pampa
Gloria Reed, Pampa
John Tatum, Pampa
Milbun Wilson, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Admissions

Lisa Jones, Wheeler

Dismissals

Juana Maiden, McLean
Novia Martin, Wellington

police report

Officers of the Pampa Police Department responded to 33 calls in the 24 - hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Don Been, 805 Lefors, reported a pickup truck was stolen at 415 W. Browning.

Richard Sandefur, 605 N. Russell, reported a hit - and - run driver struck a fence at 615 E. Scott.

William Frank Groove, 415 Yeager, reported a burglary of his residence.

Sandra Sue Hemphill, 1332 Christine, reported criminal mischief at her residence. A suspect used his vehicle to shove the complainant's vehicle into a garage door.

Frank's General Store, 626 S. Cuyler, reported a burglary of the business.

Wilma Hart, 1232 Garland, reported criminal mischief at her residence.

Arrests

TUESDAY, March 5

Eva Marie Trimble, 26, 712 N. Frost, in connection with Department of Public Safety warrants from Lampasas. Trimble paid fines totaling $157.50 and was released.

Michael John Nance, 30, 1332 Christine, in connection with a warrant charging him with criminal mischief.

David Terry Smillie, 43, 311½ S. Ballard, in connection with a charge of public intoxication.

WEDNESDAY, March 6

Richard Arthur Russell, 26, of Arizona, in connection with charges of no driver's license in his possession and failure to show proof of liability insurance.

Ervin Dwain Mason, 27, 844 E. Campbell, in connection with an Ochiltree County warrant charging him with failure to show proof of liability insurance.

calendar of events

PARENTS OF 1985 SENIORS

A meeting to plan the graduation party is scheduled for Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Pampa High School cafeteria.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is to meet for its regular Thursday night meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, in Room 107 of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. For more information, call Jo at 669-6064 or Betty at 669-7723.

stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler - Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	3.11
Milo	4.40

The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation.

Ky Cent Life	40¾	
Serfco	7	
Southland Financial	28⅝	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Beatrice Foods	30¾	up¼
Cabot	30¾	NC
Celanese	93	dn¼
DIA	18¼	NC
Halliburton	31½	up⅛
HCA	46⅜	up⅛
Ingersoll-Rand	49¼	dn⅛
InterNorth	43⅝	NC
Kerr-McGee	33	up⅝
Mobil	30¼	NC
Penny's	47⅞	dn⅝
Phillips	49¼	NC
PNA	31	NC
SJ	41	up⅛
Southwestern Pub	29⅝	dn⅛
Standard Oil	63¼	up⅝
Tenneco	40	dn⅛
Texaco	35⅝	up⅛
Zales	29½	NC
London Gold		286.70
Silver		5.61

'Doggie toys' $50 apiece

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — Want an out-of- the ordinary ornament, that "just right" gift for your dog?

You can be the first on your block to own one of four used fire hydrants now on being offered by the city of White Deer.

"Six weeks ago, we put in some new fire hydrants," reported White Deer mayor R.W. Standefer. "All of a sudden, everyone wants the old ones for their dogs."

Since their uprooting in January, the hydrants have lied doggo in the city barn while city officials wondered what to do with them. City secretary Paulette Craig said the city has had the fire hydrants for "ages and ages" and could not say how old they are.

Three of the fire hydrants date back to the 1920s and are still attached to the long rusty pipes that connected them to the city water main. The fourth one is a larger standard model which was cast in 1964.

Discussing the new fad in doggy accessories at the city council meeting Monday, council members Ramond Blodgett and Charles Sutterfield warned that residents may be barking up the wrong tree.



These "lawn ornaments" can be yours

If placed in the front yard, the ornamental fire hydrants could be mistaken for the real thing by fire fighters, Sutterfield said. And because the items would be on a person's private property, the city couldn't require that the hydrants be a certain color or say they should be in the back yard not the front.

The council also wants the right price for these popular pet toys, so it agreed to accept no bid lower than $60.

New owners say they want to sell local Ideal stores

The buyer of the Ideal grocery chain doesn't intend to operate the three stores in Pampa but instead wants to sell them, a company representative told The Pampa News.

The sale of the Humpty - Ideal Food Stores chain was announced Friday by its parent company, Allied Supermarkets of Detroit.

Allied sold the 20 Ideal stores in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas to Nash - Finch, a Minneapolis - based grocery wholesaler. Allied's 22 Humpty stores in Oklahoma were sold to Fleming Companies Inc., an Oklahoma - based grocery retailer.

The Ideal stores in Pampa, located at 401 N. Ballard, 300 E. Brown and 801 W. Francis, will close no later than March 16, an Allied spokeswoman said.

The announcement said the sale was made because of the chain's recent losses in the face of heavy competition.

A spokesman for Nash - Finch told The Pampa News that his company is "actively trying to find buyers" for the three properties acquired in Pampa.

"We don't intend to operate the Ideal stores ourselves," company lawyer Arthur Wangaard said.

Wangaard said his company owns and operates 90 supermarkets, warehouse stores or mass - merchandise stores, but he said it mainly serves as a wholesale supplier to independent stores. He said Nash - Finch has 12 food distribution centers from which it supplies 375 Affiliated supermarkets and 1,200 other independent retailers.

The Minnesota company also owns and operates the Food Bonanza stores in Amarillo and Borger.

But the company intends to sell the Pampa stores to independent grocers and then serve as the stores' supplier, Wangaard said.

However, an employee at the store on North Ballard said she feels that Nash - Finch will operate the store and keep it open, even if a buyer can't be found. Another employee at the same store said he expects little change as a result of the sale. The employees, who asked not to be identified, said they expect their store to close on March 16, take inventory on March 17, then reopen the next day.

The employees' optimistic forecast about their jobs doesn't match the company spokesman's statement that Nash - Finch doesn't want to operate the Pampa stores.

Local construction still down

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

Valuation of buildings issued permits by the city continued to show a decline from the last two years, according to figures released by Steve Vaughn, head of the Code Enforcement Department.

Total valuation for the fiscal year to date, since Oct. 1, 1984, is $3,217,031, more than $2 million below the $5,287,371 in valuation recorded at this time last year.

Last month the Department of Building Inspection issued 11 building permits with a valuation of $558,411.50, more than $1 million under the $1,607,176 listed last February, Vaughn reported Tuesday.

In February of 1983 the city had issued 14 building permits with a valuation of $913,810.50. Total valuation for the same 1982-1983 fiscal year period was listed at $4,714,729.50, nearly $1.5 million above the totals for the current 1984-1985 fiscal period.

But February's totals nearly doubled the value of buildings issued permits in January. The city issued 14 permits in January with a valuation of only $287,263.50, Vaughn said.

The city collected fees of $1,393.75 for building permits last month, compared to $3,932.75 collected in February, 1984.

The permits included five single family dwellings with a total valuation of $442,851.50; one commercial building, $45,000; three alterations or additions to dwellings, $7,100; one alteration - addition to a commercial building, $61,460; and one garage, $2,000.

Total valuation for the calendar year to date is $845,675, compared to $2,241,882 for the first two months of last year.

The department has collected fees totaling $7,829 for 119 building permits in the first five months of the current fiscal year, Vaughn reported. In the same period for the previous 1983-1984 fiscal year, 94 permits were issued for fees of $10,083.

Last month department personnel issued 19 electrical permits for $539.42 in fees, down from 23 electrical permits and fees of $1,921.68 in February, 1984.

School Board

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personnel and will assist with personnel appraisal. Other duties will include counseling supervisors on handling of personnel problems, recommending new or revised personnel policies and writing and reviewing job descriptions.

The personnel director will also be expected to keep abreast of governmental statutes, regulations and rules relating to personnel administration, to oversee the maintenance of personnel records and to perform other duties that may be assigned.

In other business, the board adopted the list of non - University Interscholastic League organizations approved by the State Board of Education for student extracurricular participation.

The state Commissioner of Education has approved 34 non-UIL organizations for which students could be excused for activities during the school year. But the students must meet the grade requirements, limits on absences and limits on hours of practice each week as for regular school extracurricular activities, Trusty explained.

The board accepted all 34 organizations even though currently only 10 of them are active in Pampa. Trusty said this could save on record keeping in case any of the others later become active.

The 10 active organizations now approved for student participation are 4-H programs, Future Homemakers of America, Future Farmers of America, Vocational Opportunities Clubs of Texas, Distributive Education Clubs of America, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Office Education Association, Texas Music Educators Association, Texas High School Press Association and Texas Thespian Society.

In personnel matters, the board accepted the retirement of Frank R. Craig as fourth grade teacher at Travis Elementary School and the resignation of Jeanette Miller as physical education instructor and coach at Pampa Middle School.

In other matters, board members cast ballots for directors of the Region XVI Education Service Center. Candidates were Joe H. Gidden, Canyon, Place 1; Raymond White, Hereford, Place 2; and Aubrey L. Steele, Pampa, Place 7.

The board also approved a minor correction in the minutes for July 12, 1984.

Groom

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sewer system. There is no sewer line in the block where the house will be, so a new line will be laid at no cost to Britten. The man will have to pay an $85 fee for a tap.

Council members also discussed who should be responsible for sounding the city alarm in the event of a tornado. According to Babcock, Groom resident Jerry Crowell had expressed concern that someone should be on hand to sound the alarm. Council members agreed to have Crowell be responsible for finding someone to do it.

Taking a cue from Miami and McLean, Groom will ask city residents their opinion on city issues. When Groom voters go to the polls in the city-school elections April 6, they will face two questions in a city referendum. The first question asks if residents want the city to place speed bumps do slow down traffic at dangerous intersections. The second question asks residents if they want a municipal court and a city supported law enforcement officer.

City briefs

AHH-HH-HH FRESH coffee! New shipment just arrived at Scotty's Wine and Cheese, Pampa Mall.

Adv.

ESTATE PLANNING classes, Clarendon College. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Tom Byrd speaker. Enroll now!

Adv.

TOP O' Texas Chapter 1064 order of the Eastern Star will meet Thursday night at 7:30.

TAX SERVICE - word processing. Glenda Reeves, 621 Naida, 669-9578, after 5:30 p.m.

Adv.

STILLWATER BRIDGE Band playing for your enjoyment. Members and guests welcome. Saturday night.

Adv.

POLISH SAUSAGE The Knights of Columbus have some Polish Sausage left from Sunday's annual dinner for only $2 per pound. Contact any Knights of Columbus member or stop by the Cloumbus Club at Ward and Buckler Streets, Saturday, March 9 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Adv.

MEALS on WHEELS
669-1007 P.O. Box 939

Adv.

JUST ARRIVED New shipment of Fruit trees. Pampa Feed and Seed. 516 S. Russell. 665-6841.

Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Variable cloudiness through Thursday. High Tuesday was 58; overnight low 37. High Thursday in the mid 60's. Gusty southeasterly winds at 15 - 20 mph.

REGIONAL FORECAST

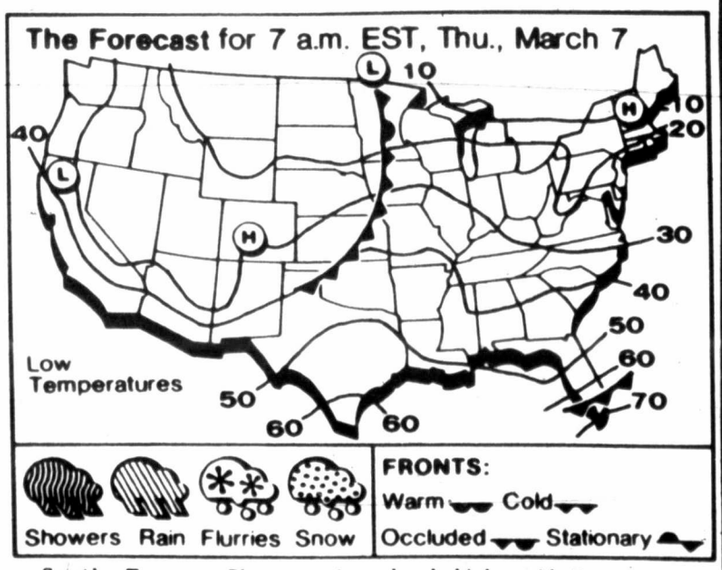
North Texas- Cloudy entire area tonight and Thursday. Slow warming trend continuing through Thursday. Lows tonight 48 to 56. Highs Thursday 72 to 74.

West Texas- Generally partly cloudy through Thursday except mostly cloudy nights and early mornings southeast. Warmer tonight. Lows tonight 35 mountains to 55 southeast. Highs Thursday 66 Panhandle to 85 Big Bend.

South Texas- A chance of rain or drizzle through Thursday. Cloudy through Thursday morning. Mostly cloudy north to partly cloudy south Thursday afternoon. Lows tonight upper 50s to near 60 north and mid to upper 60s south. Highs Thursday in the 70s north to near 80 extreme south.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Friday through Sunday

North Texas: A chance of showers Friday. No precipitation expected Saturday and Sunday. Turning a little cooler Saturday. Highs in the 70s Friday lowering into the 60s Saturday and Sunday. Lows in the 50s Friday cooling into the 40s Saturday to around 50 Sunday.



South Texas: Chance of showers Friday ending Saturday. No precipitation expected Sunday. A little cooler Saturday. Highs in the 70s Friday cooling into the 60s Saturday and ranging from the 60s north to 70s south Sunday. Lows ranging from the 50s north to the 60s along the coast and lower valley Friday and Saturday. Lows Sunday in the 50s north to 60s south.

West Texas: Generally partly cloudy Friday through Sunday. Cooler Friday. Widely scattered thunderstorms Sunday. Highs Panhandle near 60 to mid 60s and lows mid 30s to upper 30s.

Far west...highs mid 60s to near 70 and lows around 40. Big bend...highs mid 60s mountains to near 80 along the river and lows lower 40s valleys to mid 30s mountains.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma- Partly cloudy and warmer through Thursday. Lows tonight mostly in the 40s. Highs Thursday in the 70s.

New Mexico- Fair with variable high cloudiness tonight and Thursday. Highs Thursday ranging from the 50s and lower 60s in the northern mountains and northwest to the 70s at lower elevations in the south. Lows tonight 20s mountains and northwest with mostly 30s elsewhere.

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Poor school districts are pushing court suit

AUSTIN (AP) — Tax-poor school districts and a group of Mexican-American parents have renewed their court claim that Texas does not treat students in poor and wealthy school districts the same.

Eight low-wealth school districts and the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund said Tuesday that the recently passed school reform bill did not do enough to correct the inequity and asked a Travis County district court for relief.

No hearing dates were set.

"The plaintiffs in the litigation appreciate the increased funds available to low-wealth districts," said Al Kauffman, MALDEF attorney. "Unfortunately they are not sufficiently distributed or large enough to bring the finance system into line with our own state Constitution. Plaintiffs are continuing to suffer from the finance system and they will continue to fight to improve it."

The eight school districts and 24 parents of school children represented by MALDEF filed suit in May 1984 claiming the state school financing system discriminates against them because much of the financial support for schools was based on local property taxes. Poor school districts did not get as much support from taxes as other districts.

The school reform bill passed last summer included a new method of allocating state school money with a formula designed to give the poorer schools more state aid.

State Commissioner of Education W.N. Kirby told a Senate committee Monday that the new formula was based primarily on the size and density of populations in a school district but also was influenced by wages paid in adjoining districts and by the number of "disenfranchised children" in the district.

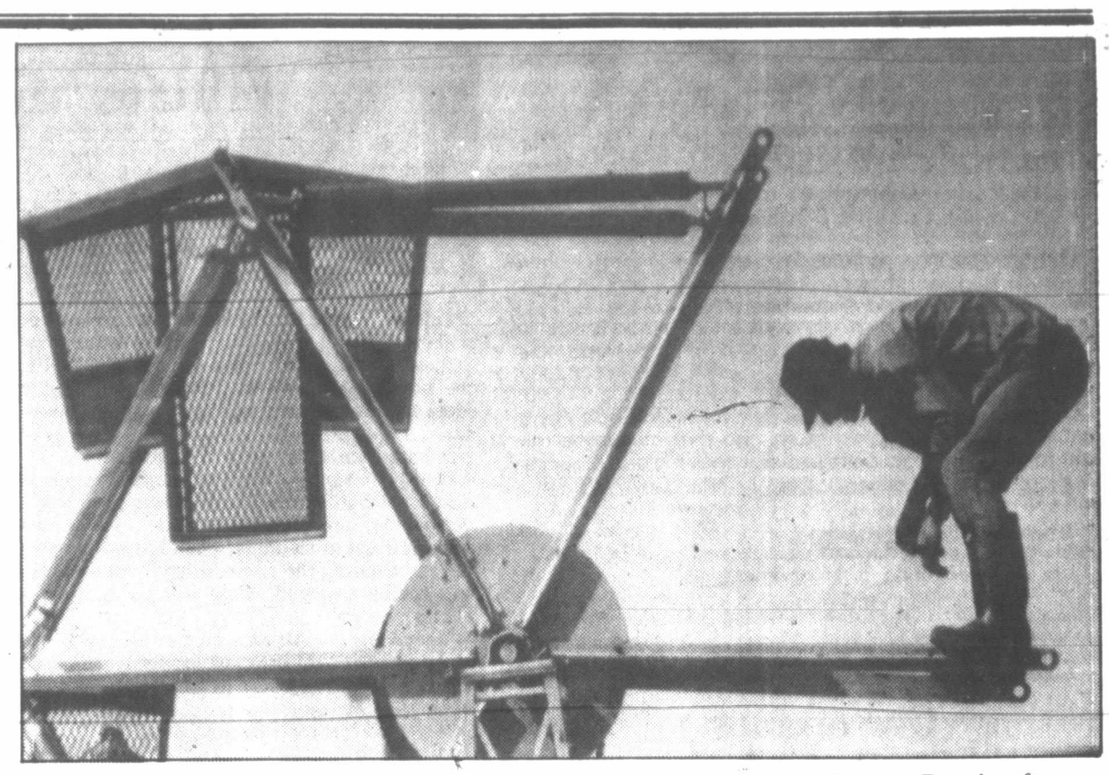
The State Board of Education has asked this Legislature to let it review the formula at the end of this school year and make changes if necessary.

The petition filed Tuesday said the revisions made by the summer special session "were supposed to sufficiently compensate for the insidious and comprehensive inequity and unconstitutionality of the system. They did not."

The plaintiffs complain that even with increased taxes and new monies provided in the school reform bill they still have only one-half as much money per year to educate their children as they need.

"House Bill 72 is on the road toward equalization, but it does not produce equity," said a statement by James Vasquez, superintendent of the Edgewood Independent School District in San Antonio.

"It will cost our district $6 million of the $6 million new money just to implement our salary schedule," said Superintendent Bill Sybert of the Socorro district in El Paso.



BALANCING ACT—A carnival worker balances precariously atop a partially completed ride while waiting for a co-worker to hand him another piece of equipment to attach. The carnival began setting up Tuesday for a Wednesday evening opening with the annual San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, which runs through Sunday. (AP Laserphoto)

Student marries to avoid costly out-of-state tuition

DENTON, Texas (AP) — On-paper-only marriages like that of a North Texas State University couple may become more commonplace if the Legislature goes ahead with plans to increase out-of-state students' tuition, a registrar says.

A 22-year-old student from a northern state told the North Texas Daily student newspaper that she paid $7 to wed and will pay $51 to divorce "Samuel," a student from Texas.

"Kelly" says the marriage-of-convenience move saves about $1,000 — she'll have to pay only $300 instead of $1,300 to complete her studies — because it makes her a legal Texas resident and eligible for in-state tuition.

The newspaper told the story of the couple but used the pseudonyms Kelly and Samuel to protect their identities.

NTSU Registrar Joneel Harris said she doesn't believe many people marry to avoid tuition. But she adds that if the Legislature follows through with raising out-of-state tuition, the practice could increase.

"Resident students only pay 12 to 15 percent of their total tuition and fees, while taxpayers pick up the rest," she said.

Kelly had planned to graduate in December but learned she lacked 18 hours to complete her degree.

"When I found out I wasn't finished, I was so bummed out," Kelly said. "I didn't apply for a student loan because I wasn't planning on being in school another semester. My mom and dad don't have any money to give me, so I couldn't ask them. I was ready to quit."

Kelly and Samuel had been friends for two or three years, she said.

"One day he just offered to marry me so I would be a legal Texas resident. I thought he was crazy," she said.

Bus safety bill introduced

AUSTIN (AP) — Bus drivers would be required to use flashing lights and mechanical stop arms when loading and unloading children under a proposed new law introduced in a House committee.

The bill, proposed by Rep. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, was presented to the House Transportation Committee Tuesday.

Miller B. Pitts, a Dallas police officer, said the department's "hands are tied" because bus drivers currently are not mandated to activate the flashing lights.

Harris suggested that movable stop arms be attached to school buses and that drivers activate the stop arms when loading and unloading children.

Ray Worth, president of Leasing Resources of Dallas, said he started an "Adopt-a-Bus" program whereby private sources could buy the arms for school buses. This way, he said, neither the state nor school districts would incur any costs.

Worth's program, however, is hampered because state laws prohibit the use of moving stop signs.

Jerry Hayes of Dallas, speaking in favor of the proposal, told the committee how his 7-year-old son, Christopher, had been killed by a passing gravel truck after getting off a school bus.

Hayes said the bill, "could do nothing but good. The system we have now doesn't work."

The bill proposes that the stop arms extend 22 inches out from the side of the bus. But Rep. Ed Emmett, R-Kingwood, added, "One that'll block the whole lane will be okay with me."

A survey by bus drivers in the Northside Independent School District in San Antonio found that during the 1982-83 school year, 13,000 school buses were illegally passed by other vehicles, said Mike McClury of the NISD.

By using experimental signs, McClury said, the illegal passes were cut 60 percent.

The committee sent the bills to a subcommittee. A bill proposing stricter penalties for autos who pass buses while they are loading or unloading children also was sent to a subcommittee.

Rep. Mike Millsap, D-Fort Worth, introduced a bill which would make it a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by up to $1000 and or 180 days in jail, for those who pass a school bus while children are being loaded or unloaded.

Also under Millsap's bill, a driver who kills a child while illegally passing a bus could be charged with a second-degree felony and face two to 20 years in prison or a $10,000 fine.

Off beat

By Dee Dee Laramore



Observe the Golden Rule

Every day I talk to people who are unhappy with their jobs, with their marriages, with their lives in general.

I can't imagine living the rest of my life unhappy with everything I do, waiting for that certain "right" thing to happen — like a tremendous inheritance — that will take care of all my problems.

Sometimes some person will get a windfall like they imagined, but generally it doesn't do what they wanted it to do. Say someone won the $3 million Illinois state lottery. This person doesn't have to worry about a job now, except for the huge job he has managing all that money. He's just exchanged one problem for another, in my opinion.

Not that this person can't be happy with $3 million. Not that he can't be happy with his $16,000 a year, 8 to 5 job, either.

Some of the unhappiest people I've known are people who have skads of money. And I've also known people who were happy in spite of devastating problems.

I've known business executives who drowned their problems in alcohol, suffered from all kinds of stress and a few who even ended it all with a pistol. I've known those with low paying jobs go through the same things. Yet time and again I've watched blue-collar and white-collar workers whistle their way through the day, cheerfully living well into their 90s, and making a significant contribution to the lives of those around them to boot.

Why are some people happy with their lives and others are not? If not wealth, success and job security, what makes the difference in people who are happy with their lives and those who are not?

A bank executive in Amarillo may have hit the nail on the head when he told me once what he thought makes a good employee: "Treat others the way you would like to be treated," he said. Most of us know this saying, worded a bit differently, as the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

We've all met the people who find something wrong in everything. "Why do things keep happening to me?" they ask. I wonder that, too. To listen to them, it's not hard to believe why their outlook on life is so sour. Everything happens to them. They don't understand why, and neither do I.

But I do know one thing. Generally these people have the attitude of "they've done it to me, so I'll do it to them."

They've gotten the golden rule twisted a bit, I would think. Treat them like you WANT to be treated, not as you ARE being treated. If you treat others as they are treating you, you'll just be contributing to an already vicious circle.

To me, it seems people who are always unhappy are constantly hitting their heads against walls. Walls built by their own stubborness to get things done a certain way and walls of protection built around themselves so no one will "do it to them."

And instead of protecting themselves, or accomplishing their goals, all they seem to do is make themselves and those around them more unhappy.

It seems to me that it would be so much more simple to take a few steps to the side of the wall and pass through a door opened by using the Golden Rule. As the old saying goes, "you catch more flies with honey than with vinegar."

Laramore is lifestyles editor of The Pampa News.

House avoids school prayer vote

AUSTIN (AP) — House members raced to the microphone when a young lawmaker tried to push a vote on a measure on which some legislators would prefer to never cast a vote — school prayer.

The scurrying began after Rep. Robert Earley, D-Portland, drew little attention in winning House approval to allow the measure to go to the floor without going to committee.

Earley's resolution calls on Congress to convene a constitutional convention to consider an amendment giving the states the right to decide on public school prayer. The U.S. Supreme Court has banned open prayer in public school.

The resolution said federal courts have "inhibited and abridged the right of religious freedom by invalidating numerous school prayer practices."

"The decision needs to be made by the states, not the courts," said Earley.

During a portion of routine House proceedings when members traditionally pay little attention, Earley won approval for suspension of the rules requiring committee review of legislation.

But House members' ears perked up when Earley mentioned school prayer. Rep. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen, complained that the "very controversial" measure had not gone to committee.

He later told reporters that it would be senseless to force a quick House vote on a resolution that probably has little meaning — except possibly to some political futures. Congress usually pays little attention to what the Texas Legislature says. Voters, however, tend to remember how their representatives voted on school prayer, said Hinojosa.

"It allows the members to get themselves cut up and it doesn't serve any useful purpose," said Hinojosa.

The McAllen lawmaker said he supports the Supreme Court decision on school prayer.

"With the diversity of religions in this country we can't pass this kind of amendment," he said.

Rep. Smith Gilley, D-Greenville, said the Earley move was an attempt to "slip" something past the House.

"It smacks of an effort to subvert the committee process. These types of resolutions are usually done for pure demogoguery," he said.

Earley said he spoke to Speaker Gib Lewis before bringing the resolution to the floor. Lewis said he gave Earley permission to make the effort, but said he would send the measure to committee if there appeared to be any "controversy."

Lewis said he told House members to "listen up" before he asked for the vote on allowing the resolution to come to the floor without committee review.

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Let Peace Begin With Me

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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

Louise Fletcher
Publisher

Wally Simmons
Managing Editor

Our opinion

Regulation hikes health care costs

It is an old story by now, but one that bears repeating: Government regulation of private industry aimed at benefiting the consumer often results in accomplishing the exact opposite, hurting rather than helping.

A new study on hospital costs released last week indicates to us that this has happened in the health care industry, with government actions designed to keep a lid on spiraling costs actually making costs climb faster they they otherwise might have.

For a number of years now, government has required that anyone wanting to build a new hospital must first obtain what is called a "certificate of need." The people seeking to build the new hospitals must prove to government bureaucrats that the area is not adequately served by existing facilities and there is a need for more hospital beds.

The explanation for this law has been something like this: If there are too many hospital beds in a certain area, occupancy rates will be lowered and the hospitals will have to charge more for the beds that are filled in order to earn enough to pay operating expenses.

We have always doubted the validity of that reasoning. Competition in any industry invariably lowers costs to the consumer and we couldn't see how it could be different in the hospital industry.

Now comes the study published in the 1985 edition of the Statistical Abstract of the United States that seems to indicate government efforts to limit the number of hospital beds within geographical areas have been all wrong.

This study indicates that the MORE hospital beds available, the LOWER the cost to consumers.

For example, the cost of a hospital stay in Alaska, where beds are relatively scarce, is the highest in the nation.

But North Dakota and South Dakota, which have the most hospital beds per resident, also have the lowest costs.

Alaska has only 387 hospital beds per 100,000 residents and the cost of a hospital stay averages $508 per day.

South Dakota has 818 beds per 100,000 residents and the average cost per day is only $217, lowest in the nation. Neighboring North Dakota has the highest bed per resident ratio, 899 for each 100,000 residents, yet its average day in the hospital cost only $244, the second lowest in the country.

Other factors, of course, influence the cost of health care in those regions. But it seems clear to us that these figures show that government limitation of the number of hospital beds within an area cannot possibly keep prices down and, in fact, probably make them higher.

Hopefully, those involved in regulating the health care industry will take note of this report and reassess current policies. It is past time to set the hospital industry free, whether it wants to be or not.

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Berry's World





William Murchison

Bombers hurt own cause

Folk wisdom instructs us that two wrongs don't make a right. As usual, folk wisdom is bangon.

How many aborted infants are restored to life by the bombing last week of an abortion clinic in Mesquite, Texas? Not one. Not a single one. The case is no different with all the other clinics burned or bombed by pro - life zealots.

It is accurate, on the surface, to say that, well, at least the Women's Clinic of Mesquite won't be performing any more abortions for a while. Accurate and misleading. The mothers who would have patronized the clinic, most if not all of them, will not be deterred. They will go to other area clinics.

Meanwhile a shopping complex lies in ruins. More than $1.5 million worth of private property has been destroyed. Nor is the damage just to the clinic. Innocent businessmen - neighbors of the clinic - have lost their livelihoods.

The bombers struck at night, but what if a clerk or secretary had been working late? I am reminded of the late - night bombing, by antiwar protesters, of a University of Wisconsin laboratory in the early 1970s. A graduate student was on the premises, a married man with a family. The bombers had not intended to kill him, but they did anyway.

The abortion - clinic bombings harm the very cause they purport to serve. Through the actions of a few terrorists, millions of law - abiding crusaders against a form of violence more pervasive then bombing are thrown on the defensive. Abortion - clinic owners are able to say smugly, as did one in Dallas the other day: "Fire bombs are the tactics of a movement that is bankrupt."

Bankrupt? The right - to - life movement, twelve years old, has never been longer on moral and political capital. Now it will have to pay out some of that capital to cover overdrafts of the mad bombers. How disgusting! How frustrating!

At least as frustrating as having to carry on such a dispiriting struggle in the first place.

Why are hoodlums bombing abortion clinics is one urgent question. Another is: How did abortion - an issue whose direct focus is the integrity of human life - ever get to be a subject for protest marches and congressional petitions?

Abortion was for centuries a closed question. The protection of human life - all life - was the duty of a civilized government, and that was all there was to it. Whatever the state of life in the womb, life there was, richly deserving the benefit of the doubt.

Who came along to change this historic usage? Not the sovereign people. A half - dozen unelected oracles sitting on the U.S. Supreme Court, that's who. The justices thumbed a collective nose at centuries of sensitive conviction. Behold, their highnesses made all things new! Henceforth, whatever the states might have said to the contrary, abortion was just as much a constitutional right as the 5 p.m. cocktail. Last year 1.5 - million pregnancies were "terminated" by abortion.

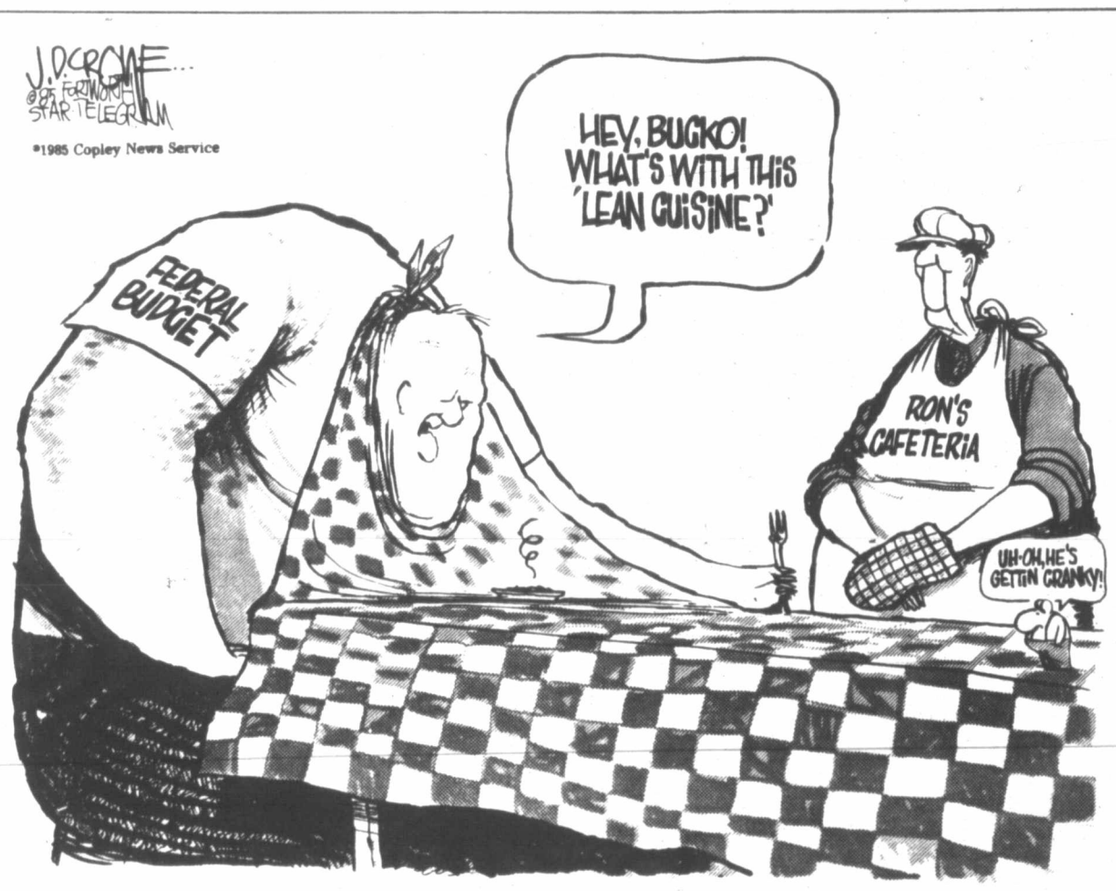
The right - to - life movement started small - just a handful of obstetricians, Roman Catholic parish priests, and housewives. But slowly it gathered steam and converts.

Last fall abortion figured powerfully in the presidential campaign. Ronald Reagan declared: "There is no cause more important to preserving our freedoms than affirming the transcendent right to life of the unborn." By contrast, Walter Mondale and especially Geraldine Ferraro were forced constantly to defend and explain their "pro - choice" positions. Right - to - life supporters won an additional 10 House seats.

The right - to - life movement long since passed from the hands of housewives and priests. Evangelical Christians are particularly outspoken on the question. Even the placid old Episcopal Church has a strong and growing anti - abortion movement.

Still more converts stream in, upon viewing Dr. Bernard Nathanson's ultrasound abortion film, "The Silent Scream," which shows an abortion victim struggling against the suction tubing. By one U.S. senator the film has been called "the Uncle Tom's Cabin" of the right - to - life movement.

Bankrupt, indeed! No movement in America is more vibrant than right to life. The mad bombers will not destroy such a movement. They make its job harder; they make it in no sense impossible.



Today in History

Today is Wednesday, March 6, the 65th day of 1985. There are 300 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 6, 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege. All of the 187 defenders of the mission compound — including Davy Crockett and James Bowie — were killed.

On this date:

Ten years ago: Israeli commandos stormed a Tel Aviv hotel, killing most of the Arab guerrillas who had shot their way into the building and taken hostages several hours earlier.

Five years ago: The Iranian militants holding the American hostages said they would turn over their captives to Iran's Revolutionary Council.

One year ago: Colorado Sen. Gary Hart overwhelmingly defeated Walter F. Mondale in Vermont's non-binding presidential preference primary.

Today's birthdays: TV personality Ed McMahon is 62. Conductor Sarah Caldwell and FBI director William Webster are 61. The first woman in space, Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova, is 48. Actor Ben Murphy is 43. Actor Rob Reiner is 40.



Paul Harvey

Workfare really working

It was worth a try.

Americans had been three generations indoctrinated with the expectation of something - for - nothing. Could they be re - taught to work for a living?

Carefully, our nation initiated - a state at a time - a significant social experiment called "workfare."

Recipients of welfare are expected to earn it.

It works! It works!

In President Reagan's inaugural address he said, "We live in a world lit by lightning - yet so much endures."

Even the traditional American work - ethic has survived repeated efforts to disparage it.

Starting 10 years ago, when American taxpayers were increasingly overburdened trying to pay for their politicians' promises, Ford Foundation funded a study of "workfare" in 11 states where it is being tried.

In five of those states the study is complete. It looks good! In California, Maryland, Arkansas, West Virginia and Arizona workfare works!

West Virginia for example: A welfare family collects $275 a month.

The able workers in that family, performing work which does not take jobs away from other people...

Such otherwise undone work as painting or installing insulation in the homes of poverty families, digging ditches and fixing flats...

For such chores pay is calculated at $3.35 an hour.

Welfare mothers perform such work as serving food to seniors in convalescent centers - with their jobs arranged so that they can be back home when their children are.

And here comes the significant part: Eighty percent - eight of 10 - workfare participants are satisfied with their jobs and appreciate a chance to work for their welfare checks.

West Virginia's experience may be singular. West Virginians have a respect for hard work which is generations deep.

Nationally, more than 10 million Americans are receiving welfare. Whether eight million of these will be willing to work for it remains to be seen. We'll hear from California within days.

But the welfare dropout rate in Illinois and New Jersey and Florida indicates that a significant perentage of people on welfare, rather than work for $3.35 an hour, drop - out and accept jobs paying more than that.

Richard Nathan, research director for this project, says, "After 50 years we may finally have found a program where family heads can be induced away from welfare dependency and into work."

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A conservative clipped in right wing

By William A. Rusher

NEW YORK (NEA) — This column is being intoned into a dictating machine for the first time in the nearly 12 years that I have been writing columns. Ordinarily I write them on a legal-length yellow pad, with a Pilot Razor Point pen. I used to be a fast and accurate hunt-and-peck typist (one finger), but got out of that habit when I acquired a secretary of my own. I am certainly not unfamiliar with a dictating machine, since I dictate all my letters on one; but serious writing is something else altogether. As for word processors, they are 'way out there beyond me. I have all sorts of friends who swear by them, but I had hoped to sneak through to my eternal rest without ever being required to switch to one.

The occasion for using a dictating machine rather than a pen is the fact that my right thumb is in a splint. When I reached 60, 18 months ago, I wrote a column vowing that I would not pester Heaven with protests when the inevitable aches and pains accompanying old age began to make their appearance. Within six months, the first of them did so: a nagging arthritic pain at the base of my right thumb (the left one too, but not nearly so severe). For a while I simply tried to ignore it; I have certainly known far worse pains. But a thumb pain is particularly dangerous for a person who earns his living by writing.

In addition, for a right-handed person the right thumb is almost the most useful bodily instrumentality he has. Aches elsewhere may be inconvenient, but they are more easily disregarded or endured. But the right thumb is absolutely indispensable to an enormous number of daily functions: shaving, eating, buttoning a shirt (especially the collar button and the button on the left cuff), tying a necktie, combing one's hair, turning a radio dial, turning a key in a lock, shaking hands, etc., etc.

So I made it my New Year's resolution to try to correct the problem. X-rays of the joint suggest we are already beyond such simple remedies as diathermy, ultrasound, etc. So the next step was an injection, after which the thumb was immobilized with the help of a splint. That's the stage we are in at the moment. If it doesn't work at least reasonably well, the next and final stage will probably be reconstructive surgery.

Meanwhile life goes on, and these columns must roll out — hence this recourse to the dictating machine. Unfortunately it has nowhere near the flexibility of ordinary handwriting: It is much more difficult (though not absolutely impossible) to go back and insert a dependent clause; or shift the order of words or whole points. I know, I know — if Jimmy Carter can learn to use a word processor, then so can I.

It will probably come to that sooner or later, I admit. According to my friends who have made the switch to word processors, these little machines can do everything except make the bed and cook breakfast.

Meanwhile, however, I mourn the loss of the use of my right thumb. Shortly the splint will come off, and we will see how the injection works. Probably it will at least diminish the pain for a while. Liberated, my thumb will leap around like a young thing, and the creative juices will flow back into my hand and thence to this page. Meanwhile bear with me, and remember that your Conservative Advocate has been temporarily nipped in his right wing.

Media attention centering on loophole bill

By GARTH JONES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas newspapers, radio and TV stations, a professional journalists' organization and Common Cause have teamed up to try to close loopholes in the state's Open Meetings Act.

"These obvious loopholes are being used by some public officials to evade the public's right to know," said John Henry, spokesman for the Society for Professional Journalists-Sigma Delta Chi, which has been trying to tighten the law since 1979.

The joint effort follows unsuccessful bids by the news media in the 1979, 1981 and 1983. A bill passed by the 1981 Legislature was vetoed by then-Gov. Bill Clements, and a bill that passed the Senate in 1983 died in the House.

"None of these improvements are meant to be burdensome," said Rep. Tommy Adkisson, D-San Antonio, author of this year's House bill.

"They are merely common-sense approaches to improve enforcement of the Texas Open Meetings Act," Adkisson said. That act was originally passed in 1967.

A second major interest of the press this legislative session is a measure to repeal the sales tax on newspaper sales that was passed in the summer 1984 session and later termed "unenforceable" by the comptroller.

And all news media — print and broadcast — are watching closely for signs of renewed efforts to tax newspaper and radio-TV advertising.

The House approved a bill in the 1984 special session that would have placed advertising under the state sales tax, but the levy was removed in final negotiations with the Senate on the tax package.

No similar tax bills are being considered by legislators at this time.

Adkisson's bill to revise the Texas Open Meetings Act has been endorsed by the Texas Daily Newspaper Association, the Texas Press Association, the Texas Broadcasters Association, the Society of Professional Journalists and Common Cause, which calls itself a citizens' lobby.

Sen. Kent Caperton, D-College Station, has introduce a similar bill in the Senate.

Neither bill has had a public hearing although Caperton's office said one would be set in the near future.

"I will get a hearing as soon as I can," Caperton said. "I think it is a good solid proposal."

Bob Dahlquist, state chairman of Common Cause, said that since the last major reform of the Open Meetings act in 1973, "a number of loopholes have been discovered and exploited by those who believe government conducted behind closed doors is more convenient and less stressful."

Adkisson said efforts are already being made by some public officials to remove a provision from his bill that would require tape recordings be made and filed on any closed meetings held by public bodies. In place, they want certified written minutes of the proceedings.

"I'm not ready to do that," Adkisson saiad.

"Those who don't want tape recorders in executive sessions need to realize they are not an intrusion but are a safety device not only to protect the public but public officials," Henry said.

"Tape recorders would help fend off frivolous lawsuits that challenge the rights of the officials to do things behind closed doors," Henry added.

Other highlights of the proposed legislation by Adkisson and Caperton provide:

— That a quorum of a governmental body be present in open meeting before the meeting can be closed.

— That emergency meetings be called, without full advance notive, only if there is an "imminent threat to public health and safety" requiring immediate action.

— Allow any action taken by a public body in violation of the Open Meetings Act to be voided.

The proposed bill to remove the sales tax on newspapers is sponsored by Sen. Roy Blake, D-Nacogdoches, and Rep. Jim McWilliams, D-Marshall. No public hearings have been held or scheduled.

The bill says simply that "a newspaper sold or distributed by individual copy or by subscription" is exempted from the state sales tax.

"I'm definitely going to try to pass it," said Blake. "I think it is a nuisance tax and would cost more to collect than the revenue. I didn't like it when we passed it."

Blake said he was certain state Comptroller Bob Bullock would testify in support of the repeal.

The tax on newspaper sales was placed under the state sales tax by the 1984 special session.

Bullock has told Texas newspaper publishers that "application of the tax is an administrative nightmare" and questioned the constitutionality of such a tax.

"The tax is being levied on the very act of delivering the news," Bullock said. "Consequently, freedom of the press and freedom of speech are directly endangered."

Attorney General Jim Mattox ruled that the new tax does not violate the freedom of press guarantee in the U.S. Constitution.

However, the comptroller's department questioned whether the revenue from the levy was worth the effort to collect $25-$30 a year from the 30,000 newspaper carriers in the state who are ultimately responsible for paying the tax.

"We're collecting the tax," John Moore, spokesman for Bullock, said. "We know some publishers have voluntarily made themselves responsible for the tax and are paying it. We have not audited any 8-year-old carriers to see if they' are paying it."

Newspaper and broadcast executives also are watching a number of other measures before the Legislature, although not directly involved.

Some of these include:

— A Senate bill that would prohibit asking a voter questions from a public opinion poll within 100 feet of a polling place.

— A House bill that would allow anti-competition agreements, where a seller of a business could not try to compete with the buyer of the business for a certain length of time.

— Bills in both the House and Senate that would regulate advertising by dentists, similar to the present regulation of lawyers' ads.

— A House bill that would ban the use of pre-recorded messages by businesses in attempting to sell a product or service by telephone.

Lawmakers want compulsory school age raised to 17

AUSTIN (AP) — Two lawmakers Monday said they are seeking to re-establish the requirement of Texas students to attend school until age 17.

Sens. Cyndi Krier, R-San Antonio, and Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, say they want the compulsory attendance age raised from 16 to 17. The mandatory school attendance age was lowered to 16 in the education reform package passed last summer.

"This provision to reduce the compulsory attendance age cuts against the heart of education reforms," Krier said. " The intent of (the reforms) was to provide better education for the students of our state — not to encourage them to drop out earlier."

A study completed by the National Commission on Secondary Education for Hispanics last year showed that 40 percent of all Hispanic students who leave school do so before reaching the 10th grade, Krier said.

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LIFESTYLES

Seguin home cook wins Texas Beef Cook-off

HOUSTON — Tacos rounded up a big "ole!" from judges at the Texas Beef Cook-Off finals, as recipes for these tasty dishes placed first and second in the cooking competition held in conjunction with the 1985 Houston Livestock Show.

Doreen G. Howard of Seguin, took top honors with her "Stir Fry Fajitas Tacos," while Daniel (Jerry) Prikryl, a retired Pearsall schoolteacher, was second with "Sopapilla Tacos." Third place went to Jean M. McQueen of Lubbock with "Beef Fettuccine Supreme." Runners up were Thelma Evans of Dallas with "Steak Bernadette," and Catherine Stewart of Blanco with "Beef au Berlin."

As first place winner, Howard received a trophy, a $500 cash award and an expense paid trip to the National Beef Cook-Off, scheduled for September in Wichita, Kan. The top national winner wins $5,000.

The Texas Beef Cook-Off is sponsored by the Texas Cowbelles, an organization of volunteers who support and promote the beef industry. For the 1985 contest, more than 250 recipes were received, screened and pre-tested by Texas Cowbelle members to narrow the field down to the five finalists who competed in Houston.

The contest promotes beef as an easy, economical and nutritious dish, high in protein and low in cholesterol and calories. Contest rules limit the type of beef used in the recipes to the more economical cuts, such as chuck, round, brisket, flank, shank or ground beef. Each finished serving must contain at least three ounces of beef. Cooking time cannot exceed four hours.

One contest official said the goal of the Texas Cowbelles and the Beef Cook-Off is to "come up with a winner similar in popularity to the hamburger and the Rueben — both past winners of the National Sandwich Contest. We want to find a beef dish that consumers will like so much that they will want to prepare it over and over."

First place winner Howard developed her winning recipe to appease the demands of family and friends who liked her fajitas. "Stir frying became an easier, faster way to make them ... rapidly cooking the meat and heating the ingredients of the pico de gallo sauce all in one step." She made one concession for the contest, however, dropping jalapeno peppers from the recipe to make it more acceptable on a national level. "Jalapenos are not very popular in other states," she noted.

STIR FRY FAJITAS TACOS
Doreen G. Howard
First place winner
1½ lb. round steak, tenderized
4 T. low-salt soy sauce
1 T. chili powder
1 lg. clove garlic, mashed

Combine ingredients and marinate one hour.

Slice beef into thin, long strips against the grain. Stir fry in one tablespoon of salad oil until beef is browned. Then add the following ingredients and stir-fry briefly to heat:

1 (4 oz.) can chopped chili peppers, drained
2 lg. tomatoes, seeded and cut into thin strips
1 T. minced cilantro or parsley, if cilantro is not available
2 T. minced green onions

Divide meat mixture among eight warm, flour tortillas. Top each with a tablespoon of guacamole.

GUACAMOLE
1 lg. avocado
1 T. lemon or lime juice
1 t. garlic salt

Mash together and use immediately.

Preparation time: 1½ hours. Serves 4.

"In San Antonio, we all eat Fajitas hot off the charcoal grill at picnics, fiestas, parties, sporting events, anywhere 'non-Texans' would eat a hot dog. Stir frying became an easier, faster way to make them for my family, by rapidly cooking the meat and heating the ingredients of the pico de gallo sauce all in one step," said Howard.

SOPAPILLA TACOS
Daniel J. Prikryl
Second place winner
1½ lbs. ground beef
1 lg. onion, chopped
1 (15 oz.) can tomatoes, drained and chopped
1 (4 oz.) can chopped green chiles
2 T. taco seasoning mix, salt, pepper and garlic to taste
2 chopped fresh tomatoes
1½ c. shredded cheese
1 small head lettuce, shredded
1 (4 oz.) can chopped ripe olives
1 (8 oz.) carton sour cream mixed with 2 T. picante sauce
12 sopapilla tacos, recipe follows

Brown meat, remove excess fat. Add chopped onions, tomatoes and chilies. Mix well and add taco seasoning mix, salt, pepper and garlic. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

SOPAPILLA TACOS
2 T. shortening
4 c. self-rising flour
1¼ c. warm milk

Mix shortening and flour to resemble cornmeal. Add milk and knead until smooth. Cover and let rise for 15 minutes. Form into 12 equal balls. Roll out flat about ¼ inch thick and about six inches in diameter. Deep fry in oil at 370 degrees, turning only once. Drain on paper toweling, and fold in half while warm. Try not to break in half. Use toweling in middle to help keep form. Set aside.

Now that you have finished both the meat mixture and the taco, fill each taco shell with one heaping teaspoon of the meat mixture. Top with shredded lettuce, chopped tomato, grated cheese, one tablespoon sour cream mixture and sprinkle top with chopped olives. Garnish with diced avocados.

Approximate preparation time: one hour. Serves six.





Dear Abby

Husband's dirty magazines disgust his puzzled wife

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 27-year-old wife and mother. A few years after I was married, I found some pornographic girlie magazines my husband had hidden. It hurt me to discover that he was reading such filth, and it hurt me even more to know that he tried to hide it from me. We discussed the matter and he promised never to read that trash again.

Well, you guessed it. Today I found some recent issues of that magazine hidden in a different place. I'm so disgusted and angry I don't know what to do. I happen to be a pretty good-looking woman, so I can't understand why my husband would want to look at filth like that. What should I do?

DECEIVED

DEAR DECEIVED: Please get over the notion that only men with unattractive wives read girlie magazines. What you look like has nothing to do with your husband's desire to look at what you call "filth."

You have much to learn about why men read girlie magazines. (It has nothing to do with you.) Please see a counselor. It would be better if your husband went with you, but if he refuses, go alone, because the problem is yours—not his.

No man should have to hide his reading material from his wife. And no wife should "make" her husband promise not to read what he obviously enjoys reading. He is a grown man, and you are not his mother.

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DEAR ABBY: This is for wives who insist that their husbands wear wedding rings:

My husband and I have been married for 35 years. He wore a wedding ring all those years, and I thought we had a perfect marriage.

Then he went to his 42nd high school reunion, looked up his old high school sweetheart, and started contacting her, writing love letters and making telephone calls. I later found out he drove 200 miles on a regular basis to make love to her. (All day, he says.) The point to all this is: A wedding ring doesn't stop anything.

My boss says I should castrate him. What do you think?

NO NAME, PLEASE

DEAR NO NAME: The old saying, "Don't cut off your nose to spite your face," doesn't apply anatomically here. But I think you get the idea.

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DEAR ABBY: Tell the widow who found a whole bunch of keys in her late husband's drawer and was going crazy trying to find out what they were for, not to throw them away.

I also have a goodly supply of useless keys, and one day I plan to make wind chimes out of them.

MRS. P. IN SANTA BARBARA

DEAR MRS. P.: Before you make all those useless keys into wind chimes, if you have neighbors, please ask them how they feel about wind chimes. They may not share your enthusiasm.

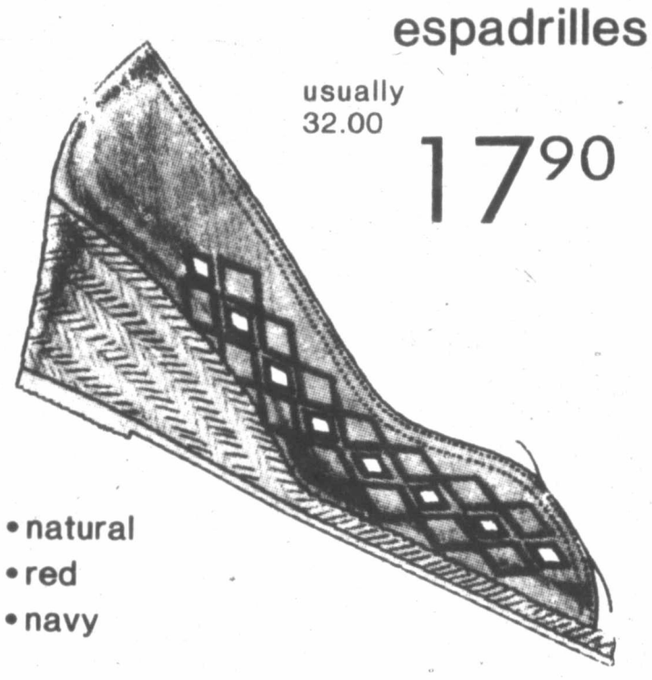
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DEAR ABBY: Apropos flat-chested women: I recall a lovely French poem set to music. The translation into English is: "Oh, you flat-chested femmes, I adore you. With you, I am closer to your hearts!"

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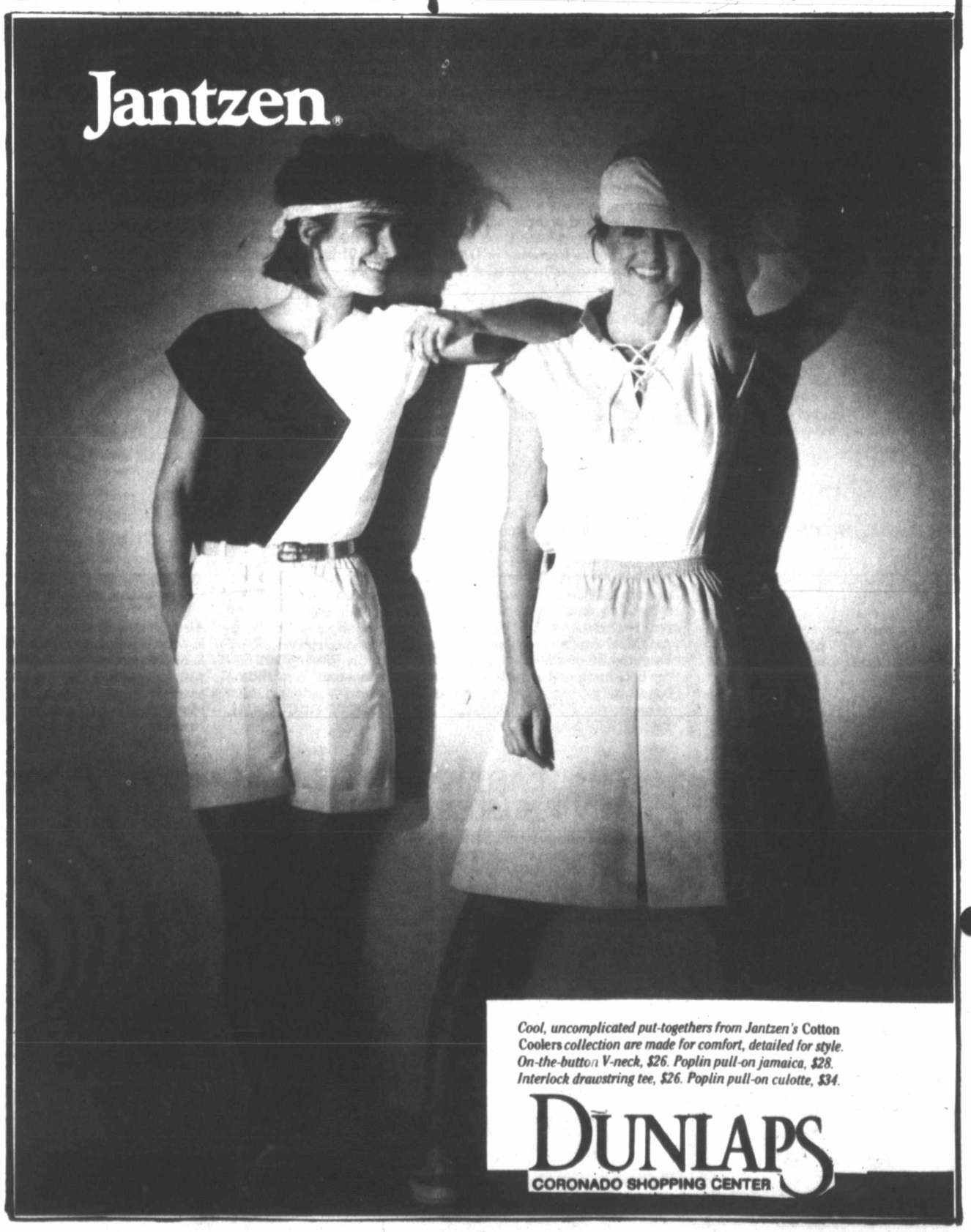
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HAVE DRILL, WILL TRAVEL—Dentist Dr. Joseph Ryne and his assistant, Nancy Denk, provide in-home care for a stroke victim recently in the living room of the patient's Hinsdale, Ill., home. About 20 percent of Dr. Ryne's practice requires house calls to homebound patients in the Chicago area. (AP Laserphoto)

Civil rights chief calls black leaders racist

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black leaders who promote preferential treatment for blacks are racists, more intent on "peddling pain" than establishing a color-blind society, says the chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Clarence M. Pendleton Jr., who is black, said Tuesday that programs such as goals, timetables and quotas for minorities amount to "the new racism that confronts black people today."

Pendleton, who was appointed by President Reagan, has led a new commission majority to adopt positions vehemently opposed to race and sex quotas — views endorsed by the administration.

On Tuesday, the panel voted 5-2 to adopt a position on enforcement of civil rights laws that also is favored by the administration.

The position, which affects private colleges whose students receive federal loans, goes beyond what the Supreme Court required in February 1984 when it narrowed civil rights enforcement in institutions receiving federal money.

In a speech to the National Press Club, Pendleton asked, "What is the new racism that confronts black people today? Who are these new racists? Many of them are the media-designated black leaders. These new racists, many of them black, exhibit the classical behavior system of racism. They treat blacks differently than whites because of their race."

Following the speech, Ralph Neas, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, made a sharp response.

"Pendleton has gone beyond the pale," Neas said. "Such foolishness does not deserve the dignity of a reply."

Pendleton said civil rights leaders should be concentrating on improving education for blacks.

"But no, our so-called black leaders are spending every moment peddling pain, complaining about budget cuts in food stamp programs, job training programs, legal services and aid to families with dependent children," Pendleton said.

The correct prescription for change, he said, is the one proposed by President Reagan — a strong economy, low inflation, low interest rates, less government and an increased gross national product. Pendleton said Reagan "is trying to create a society that is truly color blind."

As Pendleton spoke, he was flanked by Reagan administration appointees who have battled repeatedly with organized civil rights groups: Linda Chavez, staff director of the Civil Rights Commission; Clarence Thomas, chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and William Bradford Reynolds, assistant attorney general in charge of civil rights.

In its vote Tuesday on civil rights enforcement, the commission said penalties should not cover private colleges that receive no direct federal money, even if their students receive federal assistance.

The Supreme Court decided that scholarship aid is enough to bring portions of college programs under civil rights enforcement provisions.

The commission agreed with the court that enforcement should apply only to an institution's specific program or activity receiving federal aid.

Robber gets away with cash, taxicab

AUSTIN (AP) — An armed bandit on Monday held up a supermarket, escaping in a waiting taxicab which he later stole after robbing the driver.

Police said that, shortly before the robbery, a man called for a cab to meet him at the store. When the cab arrived, the man told the driver, Mitzi Louise Deason, to wait for him while he did some shopping.

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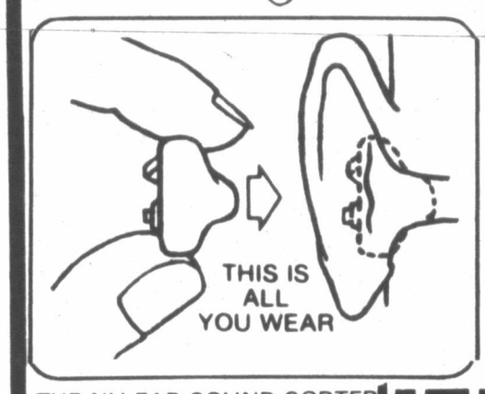
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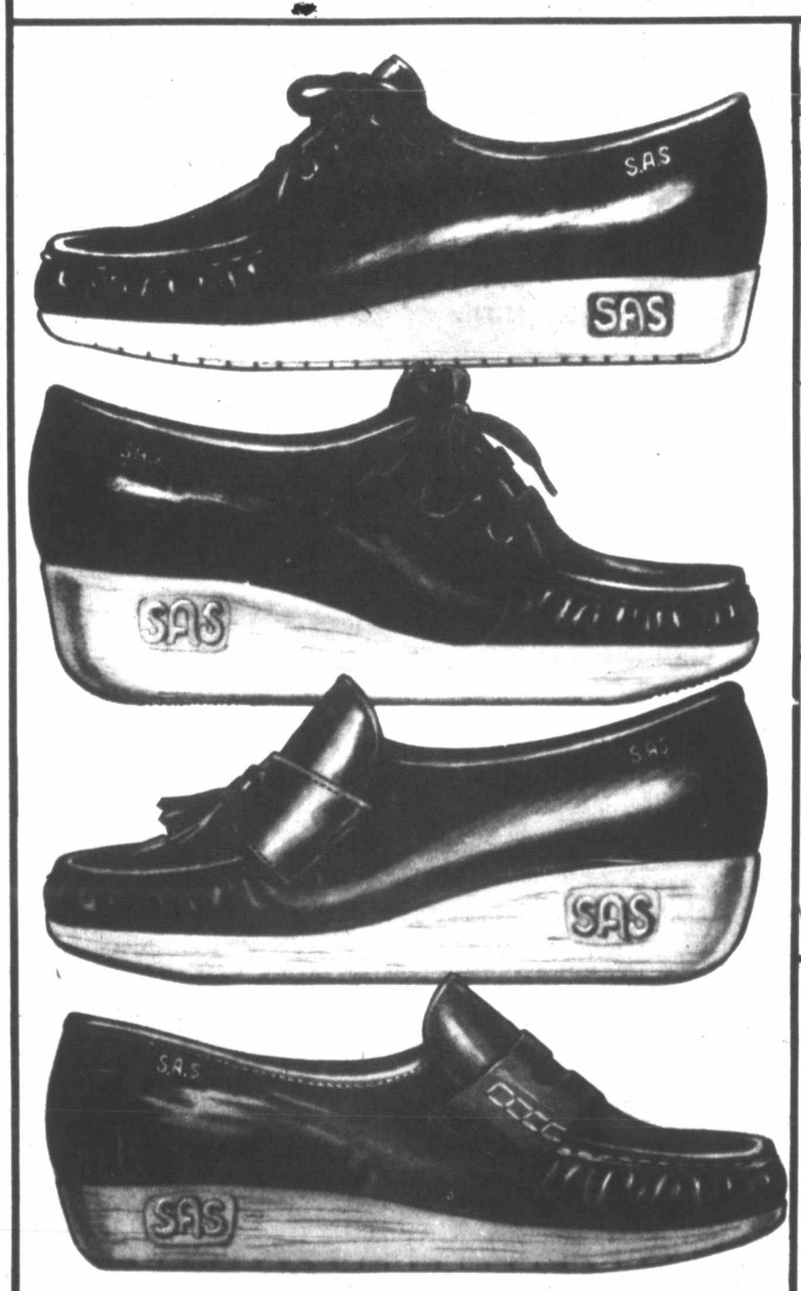
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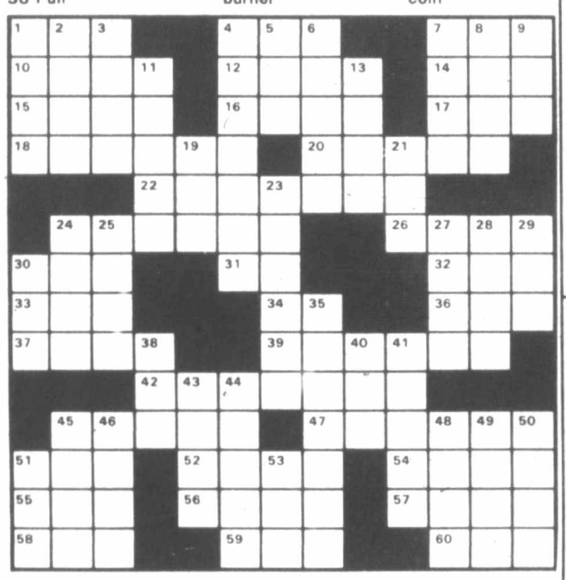
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7 Saloon
10 Malevolent
12 Head growth
14 New Zealand tree
15 Slippery
16 Indian buffalo
17 English river
18 Flightless bird
20 Tie up
22 Grooves
24 Foot part (2 wds.)
26 Poet Pound
30 Kitty
31 Empire State (abbr.)
32 Alley
33 Chemical suffix
34 55, Roman
36 Capture
37 Supper
39 Slicker
42 Upset
45 Started
47 Style of type
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58 School organization (abbr.)
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60 Do wrong

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2 Part of the eye
3 False glitter
4 Light four-wheeled carriage
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6 Last inning
7 Fills out
8 Hawaiian instruments
9 Quilting party
11 Mendacity
13 Scarce
19 Young child
21 Exploit
23 Asian country
24 Skeleton part
25 Virginia willow
27 Region
28 Bellow
29 Police alert (abbr.)
30 Card game
35 Camera tube
38 Pull
40 Allow
41 Where Boise is
43 Cougar
44 Finnish lake
45 Center of sail
46 Chemist's burner
48 Emit coherent light
49 Roman highway
50 Dear (Fr.)
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March 7, 1985

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) Allies you can usually depend on might not be as supportive as you would like them to be today. Don't put yourself in a position where you have to bank upon others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your thinking might not be up to par today and your vision could be limited. Be careful or you may design a future plan with square wheels.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When shopping today, be wary of making bad buys. This could happen if you are more concerned with attractive wrapping than the contents of the package.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Indecision could be your greatest weakness today, especially in matters pertaining to your family. If you're wishy-washy, it'll confuse them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't turn your back on anyone who needs your help today. You'll regret it later if you had an opportunity to lend a hand and did nothing about it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Investment tips from insiders should be checked out thoroughly before you act. Their information could contain flaws.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) To gain stature in the eyes of your contemporaries today, you might be tempted to promise to deliver something you can't.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you could be a bit too gullible for your own good. If a teller of tall tales brags about catching a big fish, ask to see the photograph.

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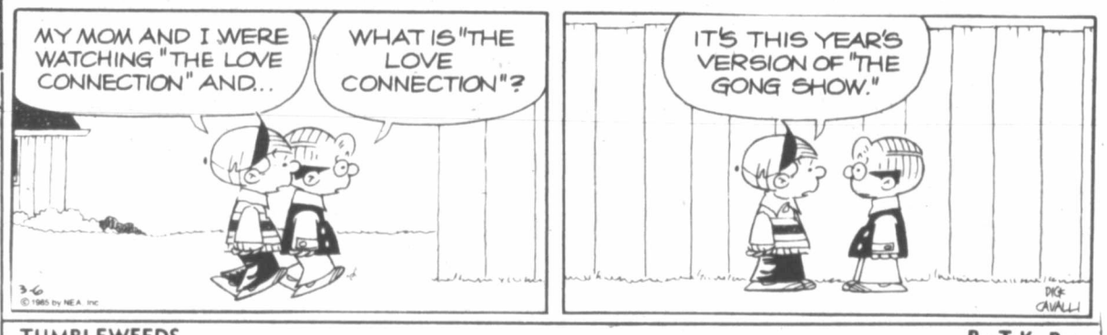


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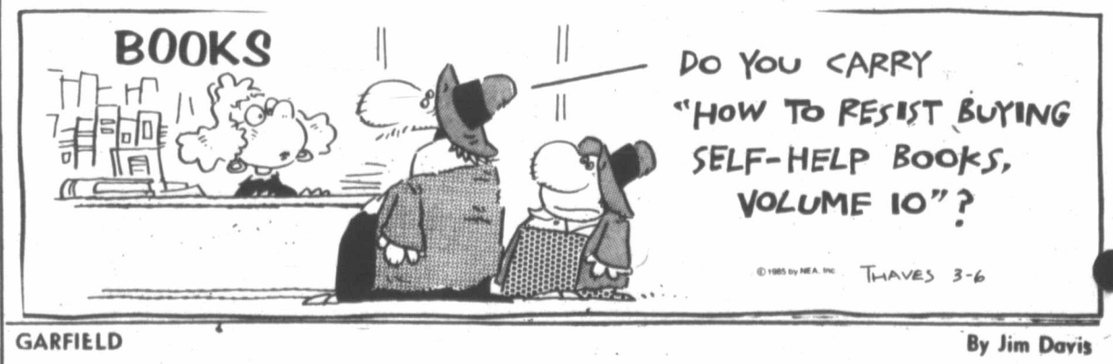
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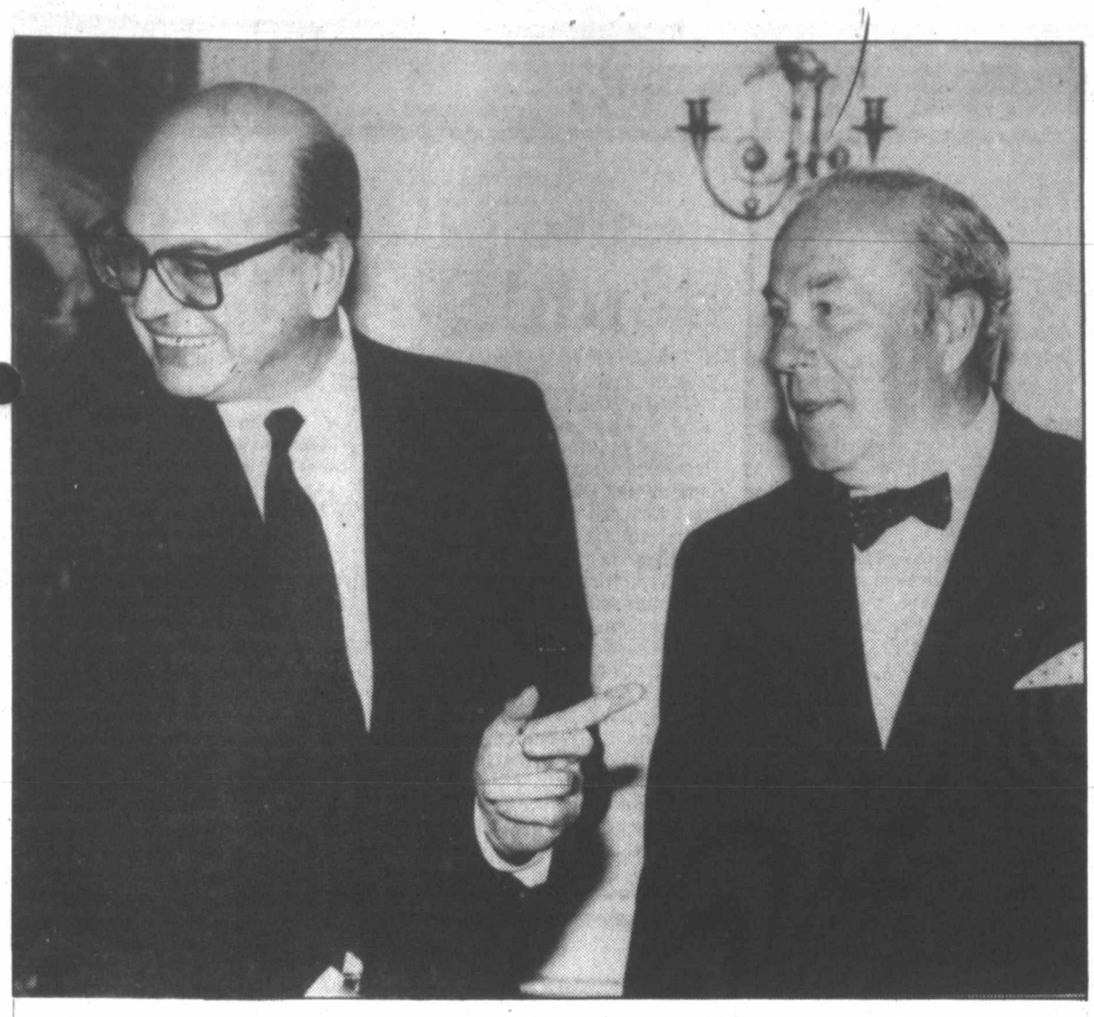


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DINNER PAIR—Secretary of State George Shultz, right, chats with Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi before a State Department dinner in the visiting leader's honor Tuesday night in Washington. Craxi was to address a joint meeting of Congress today. (AP Laserphoto)

Administration sees fading opposition to 'Star Wars'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration, having added Italy to the list of European nations that have muted their criticism of the "Star Wars" missile defense plan, is boasting that once-strenuous allied opposition to the proposal is receding.

"Based on what people are saying in public and private, there is a growing convergence, we believe, between the American and the European positions," said a senior U.S. official, who spoke only with the guarantee of anonymity.

The official made that observation during a news briefing Tuesday on the talks between President Reagan and Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi, who tentatively endorsed the Star Wars plan, formally known as the Strategic Defense Initiative.

But Craxi deftly avoided making an unqualified endorsement of Star Wars, while urging America to pledge it will not violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty by deploying the system without first negotiating it with the Russians.

With less than a week remaining before the U.S.-Soviet arms control talks in Geneva, the first Socialist prime minister of Italy since World War II said the Star Wars program will provide "mutual advantages in the scientific and technological field."

Later, at a news conference, the prime minister said he also believed the United States should give guarantees to the Russians that America will not breach the ABM Treaty.

Speaking through an interpreter, Craxi appeared to say he had passed that recommendation on to Reagan. But the U.S. official who briefed reporters on the talks said there was no discussion of guarantees.

Under the ABM treaty, research is allowed, but deployment is not. The administration's plan so far is in the research stage — at a cost of more than $33 billion over the next six years.

Craxi said that "all European industrialized countries have concern" about Star Wars, adding that they "certainly do not wish to run the risk of finding themselves 10 years down the road with technology that is tantamount to a handful of toys."

"We did not ask and are not asking our allies to sign on the dotted line," he said.

Dividends are increasing

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Last year 2,325 of the nation's 10,000 publicly traded companies raised or declared extra dividends, thus boosting personal incomes and enhancing the value of pensions and college endowments.

The increase was measured at 6.2 percent for the companies making up the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index, nearly double the 3.2 percent increase of 1983, and quite a bit higher than the 1984 inflation rate of 3.8 percent.

A good year for dividends?

Not if you had expected the pattern of dividend recovery to duplicate that of other recent economic expansions. Except for 1982, the rate of dividend increases and extras was, in fact, the lowest in 13 years.

Wright Investors' Service, a Bridgeport, Conn., money manager and adviser, points out that the rate of increases or extras was only half the annual rates of increase posted during the 1976-1979 recovery period.

And that 6.2 percent figure, big as it seemed, was just a bit more than one-half the 11.7 percent annual rate of growth during that recovery.

No, it wasn't a very good year for dividends, and market analysts figure that one explanation may be that the continued high cost of capital discouraged boards from parting with funds.

Moreover, it appears that many companies — stung by their trials during the recession — decided instead to conserve cash or upgrade plants, making their companies more productive and less vulnerable to future economic downturns.

Caution, reinforced by painful memories of the late and unlamented recession, was the word to live by in 1984. But, says Wright, evidence is accumulating that dividend caution might be foresaken in 1985.

In a review of investment policy being circulated to clients, many of them financial institutions, it is believed dividends this year should increase by about 7 percent, and remain strong for the rest of the decade.

Its reasoning: The economy and corporate earnings are likely to grow even stronger during this period, while interest rates will continue downward and inflation will be at only moderate rates.

Wright, whose views are based mainly in objective, mathematical analysis, contends that dividends during the next five years are likely to rise at a rate of 8.6 percent a year, while inflation stays at 4 percent to 5 percent.

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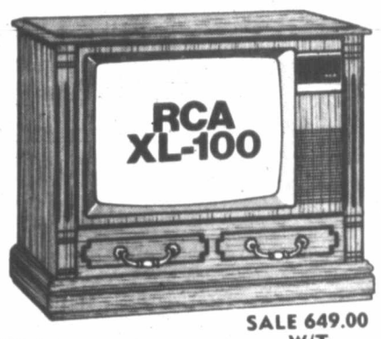


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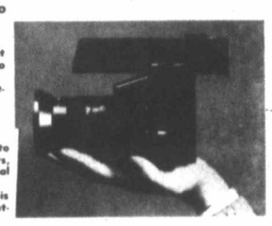
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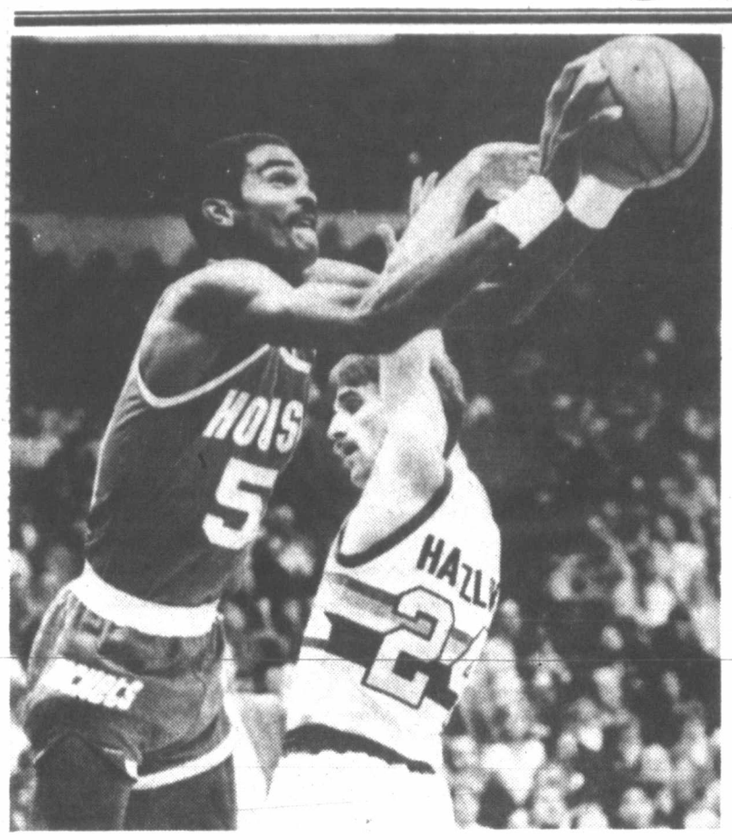
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SPORTS SCENE



The Rockets' Ralph Sampson gets by the Nuggets' Bill Hanzlik for a shot.

NBA roundup

Rockets lose in double overtime

By WILLIAM R. BARNARD
AP Sports Writer

On paper, a Houston-Denver game should be a mismatch, with the Rockets sending 7-foot-4 power forward Ralph Sampson against 6-6 power forward Calvin Natt.

On the court, however, it doesn't work out that way, or at least it didn't in Tuesday night's National Basketball Association game, which saw Natt outscore Sampson 37-30 in Denver's 133-131 double overtime victory. Both All-Stars had 15 rebounds.

"Calvin Natt is just a horse," Denver Coach Doug Moe said. "You try to tell him he's too small for those guys and he just doesn't believe it."

Denver scored eight straight points in the second overtime to lead 131-124, but the Rockets responded with seven in a row to tie the score before reserve guard Mike Evans hit the game-winning jumper with 44 seconds left.

Alex English led Denver with 39 points, while Rodney McCray had 25 for Houston. Evans had 20 points along with Houston's Akeem Olajuwon, who also equalled his own NBA season high for rebounds with 25.

It was Denver's sixth straight victory and 19th in its last 23 games. Denver now leads the Midwest Division by 4½ games over the Rockets.

In other NBA games, it was Boston 110, New York 102; Kansas City 134, New Jersey 113; Milwaukee 102, Seattle 87; Dallas 108, Indiana 102; Chicago 104, Washington 99, and Portland 100, Atlanta 91.

Celtics 110, Knicks 102

Kevin McHale continued his phenomenal shooting by hitting 15 of 21 shots and scoring 42 points for Boston against New York.

McHale, who set a Celtics record with 56 points against Detroit on Sunday, had 11 points during a 17-4 streak that wiped out a 47-45 Knicks lead and gave Boston the lead for good.

Bernard King had 38 points to lead the Knicks, who, because of injuries and illness, played without front-court players Pat Cummings and James Bailey the whole game and forward Louis Orr for more than half. Six New York players 6-7 or taller are now sidelined.

Larry Bird had 20 points, 19 rebounds and 10 assists for Boston, giving him seven triple-doubles this season, but his string of nine straight 30-point games ended.

Bucks 102, Sonics 87

Milwaukee swamped Seattle in the first half behind the sharp shooting of Kevin Grevey and coasted to victory.

The Bucks outscored the Sonics 32-13 during a stretch from late in the first quarter to late in the second to lead 59-33. Seattle chipped away at the deficit in the second half, but got no closer than 10 points.

Bulls 104, Bullets 99

Chicago got 37 points from rookie Michael Jordan and erased an 18-point deficit to defeat Washington.

The Bulls, down 38-20 in the second quarter and 64-49 at halftime, closed the deficit to 79-72 after three periods, then outscored the Bullets 32-20 in the final 12 minutes to win the game. Washington, which was led by Gus Williams with 18 points, managed to connect on just 11 of 46 field-goal attempts in the second half.

Mavericks 108, Pacers 102

Rolando Blackman scored seven of his 27 points in the final 50 seconds and Mark Aguirre added 25 points to lead Dallas over Indiana.

Harvesters down Longhorns

Pampa, aided by a 5-run second inning, outlasted Caprock, 8-6, in a non-conference baseball game Tuesday afternoon at Harvester Field.

The win snapped a two-game losing streak for the Harvesters, now 2-2 for the season.

Junior righthander Brent Cryer picked up his second win of the season against no setbacks, but he had to have help from Jimmy Bridges in the fifth inning. Bridges picked up a save while striking out four batters in the last two innings.

Trace Robbins highlighted Pampa's 8-hit attack with a three-run homer, his third of the season. Robbins round tripper came in the fourth inning to give Pampa an 8-3 advantage. Robbins also had a single in three trips to the plate.

Juan Soto delivered two base hits for Pampa in three times at bat.

Caprock also had eight hits, including three home runs. The Longhorns are now 1-4 on the season.

"The kids are playing good ball now and the pitchers are working hard," said Pampa coach Bill Butler. "I'm real proud of them."

Pampa hosts Hereford in non-district action at 4 p.m. Thursday.

In a junior varsity game played Monday, the Pampa Shockers opened their season with a 14-9 win over the Lefors Varsity.

The game was called on account of darkness after five and a half innings.

Winning pitcher was Grant Gamblin with relief help from Brett Mitchell.

Pampa third baseman Glen Pruiett had a single and triple while scoring three runs.

"John Monthey ran the bases well and stole home once," said coach Tom Pollack.

The Shockers play at Dumas Thursday.

Umpires to meet

The Pampa Umpires Association will hold an organizational meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in Room 202 of City Hall.

Persons interested in becoming an umpire are urged to attend.

The Umpires Rules Clinic will be held March 14-15 in Room 202 of City Hall, starting at 6 p.m. both nights.

Bowling scholarships to be made available

Harvester Lanes has announced plans to participate in a new scholarship program for youth bowlers if enough local interest is shown.

The new program has been developed by the Texas Bowling Centers Association to reward participation in youth bowling.

"Bowling is now the only youth sport in Texas where every participant can receive a scholarship upon graduationg from high school", said TBCA president Jim Land. "Other sports give scholarships to large, tall or fast athletes. Bowling will give scholarships for just participating."

Under the plan, youth bowlers from age four to 18 will earn points each year they participate. Those points will be converted to dollars, credited to their individual scholarship fund. Upon graduation from high school, youth bowlers will be eligible to have their scholarship funds paid to a college or trade school.

Funds will be raised by individual bowling centers as well as by bowling related groups.

Harvester Lanes at this times is seeking only expressions of interest in the program. Van Vandenbrook, manager, has requested that any parents interested in having their children participate in the program contact him.

Waco bank involved in Baylor basketball probe

DALLAS (AP) — A Waco bank headed by a Baylor University booster reportedly gave low-payment car loans to two Dallas high school basketball stars after they signed with the school in 1983 and 1984.

And those loans, granted to Michael Williams and DeWayne Brown, had significantly smaller payments during the school year than in the summer, the Dallas Times Herald reported Tuesday.

National Collegiate Athletic Association rules prohibit a school's staff member or representative of its athletic interests from arranging loans for prospective student-athletes prior to completion of their senior year in high school, said David Berst, the NCAA's director of enforcement.

The cars were purchased from Dallas auto dealerships with loans from Westview National Bank of Waco less than a month after Williams and Brown signed national letters of intent to play at Baylor, in April 1983 and April 1984, the Times Herald said.

The bank officer who handled both loans, William Martin, told the newspaper he was instructed to work with the players' families by bank president Smith Thomasson, a Baylor alumnus and friend of basketball Coach Jim Haller.

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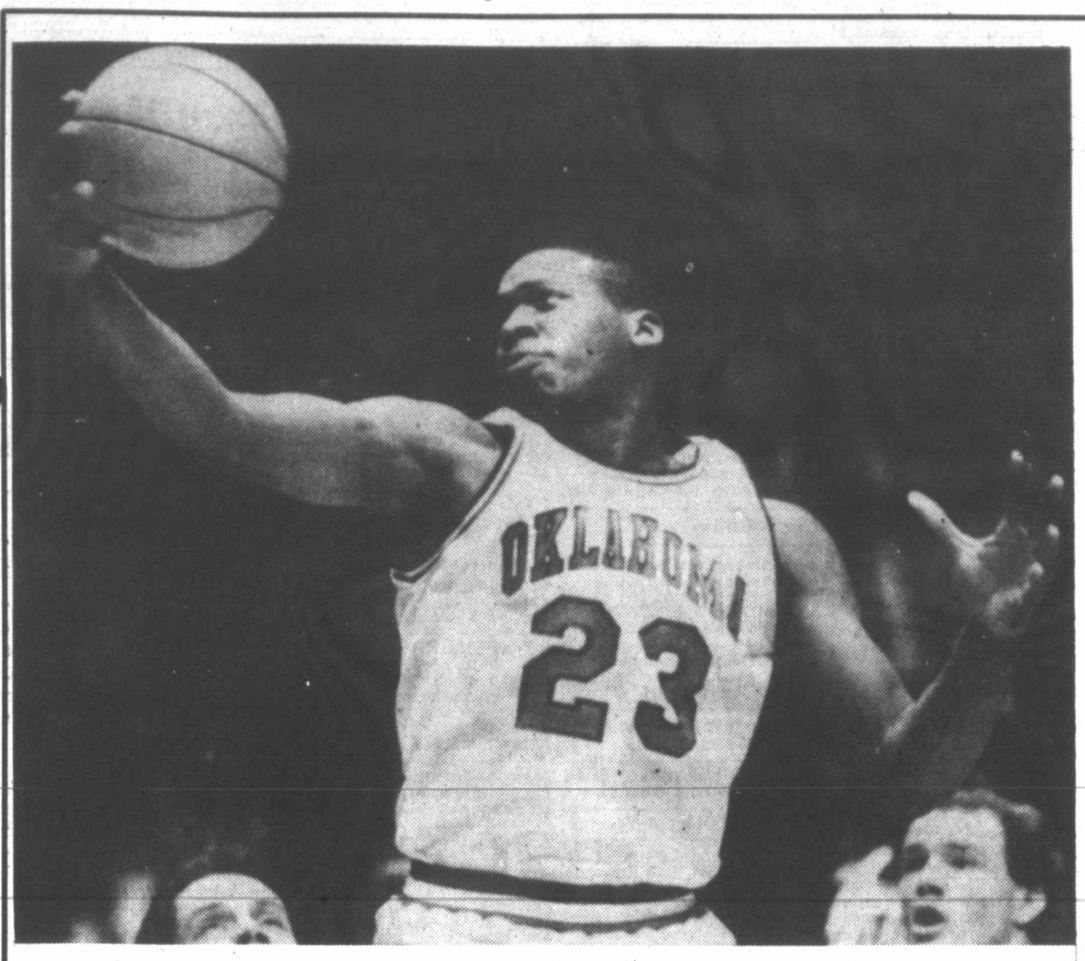
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OU All-American Wayman Tisdale grabs a rebound during the Sooners 116-91 victory over Oklahoma State.

College basketball

Sooners outshoot Cowboys in Big Eight tournament

By The Associated Press

In the end, even Oklahoma Coach Billy Tubbs starting cheering.

With three minutes left to play and No. 4 Oklahoma comfortably ahead of Oklahoma State in their Big Eight Conference tournament game Tuesday night, Tubbs took All-American Wayman Tisdale out of the lineup.

And as Tisdale, who had scored 30 points and grabbed 19 rebounds, left the court, the home crowd responded with a resounding chant of "One More Year" — a reference to the 6-foot-9 junior's impending decision on whether to return to Oklahoma next season or turn professional.

Tubbs, who was celebrating his 50th birthday, joined in the festivities.

"That was a great idea," Tubbs said. "That's the first time I've ever been yelling along with the crowd."

Oklahoma won the opening-round game 116-91, and even though he wasn't cheering, Oklahoma State Coach Paul Hansen was impressed.

"The Sooners were just awesome tonight," Hansen said. "We played as hard as we could, but they were in the groove, and just made a shambles of the game."

Two other Top Twenty teams were in action Tuesday night — No. 10 Kansas tripped Nebraska 74-69 in another Big Eight playoff game while No. 15 Tulsa downed West Texas State, also by 74-69, in a Missouri Valley Conference tournament game.

Oklahoma, 26-5, advanced to a second-round game Friday night in Kansas City against the winner of tonight's Missouri-Kansas State game.

The Sooners, the nation's top-scoring team, won their 33rd straight game at home by using a devastating 20-4 burst in the first half to take a 58-36 lead.

Six players scored in double figures for Oklahoma, with Darryl Kennedy getting 20 points.

"Sure, this was a good birthday present," Tubbs said.

Then again, almost anything would have been improvement over the last time Oklahoma played on Tubbs' birthday. That was two years ago, when Tubbs was in a hospital.

Tulsa, playing at home, got 14 points apiece from Steve Harris and Herbert Johnson in holding off plucky West Texas State.

Tulsa led by 12 points in the second half before West Texas State pulled within 70-66 with 44 seconds left to play. But turnovers and missed foul shots prevented the 11-17 Buffaloes from catching up.

The victory moved Tulsa, 22-6, into a second-round game Thursday against Bradley, which beat Creighton 69-59.

In other Missouri Valley Conference tournament games, Indiana State defeated Illinois State 66-61 and Wichita State got past Southern Illinois 69-66.

Unbeaten Sixers win Optimist championship

The Sixers compiled a perfect 16-0 record to win the Optimist Boys' basketball regular-season championship.

The Bulls finished second with a 10-4 record. The Lakers and Knicks were tied for third at 11-5.

The final week of results are listed below:

Lakers 34, Knicks 33

Scoring: Lakers - Colby Harris, 21; Jeff Young, 7; Patrick Jackson, 4; Andrew Ramirez, 2; Knicks - Ryan Minor, 15; Randy Nichols, 10; Damon Minor, 8.

Bulls 42, White Deer 17

Scoring: Bulls - Walter Johnson, 11; Steve Hawkins, 10; Justin Cross, 10; Matt Hawkins, 4. White Deer - Chris Luster, 8; R.C. Lowe, 6; Zack Thomas, 3.

Sixers 63, Celtics 27

Scoring: Sixers - Quincy Williams, 16; Rodney Brown, 14; Paul Brown, 14; Larry Reed, 13; Celtics - Chris Howard, 12; Marlo Payne, 9; Justin Cornelson, 6.

Bulls 34, Mavericks 14

Scoring: Bulls - Justin Cross, 12; Walter Johnson 10; William Hughes, 6; Steve Hawkins, 4; Mavericks - Brad Cryer, 12; Chris Archibald, 2.

Spurs 33, Suns 15

Scoring: Spurs - Mark Henderson, 7; Jeremy Farmer, 6; Russell Stevens, 5; Phil Sexton, 5; Suns - Jeremy Stone, 4; Donnie Medley, 4; Monte Waters, 3; Garrett Scribner, 2.

White Deer defeated Knicks, no score available

Mavericks 55, Suns 21

Scoring: Mavericks - Brad Cryer, 30; Kemp Gray, 15; Chris Archibald, 10; Suns - Monte Waters, 7; Jeremy Stone, 5; Will Hacker, 4; Jason Brantley, 3.

Lakers 51, Celtics 34

Scoring: Lakers - Colby Harris, 26; Jeff Young 19; Patrick Jackson, 6; Celtics - Chris Howard, 10; Terrance Tilman, 10; Marlo Payne, 6; Justin Cornelson, 4.

Sixers 55, Knicks 19

Scoring: Sixers - Rodney Brown, 10; Quincy Williams, 18; Jayson Williams, 22; Paul Brown, 5; Knicks - Ryan Minor, 12; Damon Minor, Randy Epps, 2.

Bulls 36, Lakers 34

Scoring: Bulls - Justin Cross 16, Walter Johnson, 11; Matt Hawkins, 3; Marcus Lapka, 2; Lakers - Colby Harris, 21; Jeff Young, 10; Andrew Ramirez, 2.

Mavericks 28, Spurs 27

Scoring: Mavericks - Brad Cryer, 14; Chris Archibald, 8; Kemp Gray, 4; Steve Murphy, 2; Spurs - Russell Stevens, 10; Jeremy Farmer, 8; Mark Henderson, 4; Joseph Yurich, 4.

Celtics 33, Suns 17

Scoring: Celtics - Craig Stephens, 20; Chris Howard, 9; Marlo Payne, 4; Suns - Monte Waters, 6; Jason Brantley, 6; Donnie Medley, 4.

Knicks 32, Spurs 23

Scoring: Knicks - Ryan Minor, 12; Damon Minor, 11; Randy Nichols, 7; Will Winborne, 2; Spurs - Jeremy Farmer, 10; Russell Stevens, 8; Joseph Yurich, 3; Phil Sexton, 2.

Sixers 60, Bulls 24

Scoring: Sixers - Jayson Williams, 26; Rodney Brown, 12; Quincy Williams, 6; Junior Busby 6; Bulls - Walter Johnson, 8; Steve Hawkins, 6; Matt Hawkins, 6; Justin Cross, 4.

Final Standings

Sixers, 16-0; Bulls, 10-4; Lakers, 11-5; Knicks, 11-5; Celtics, 7-9; Mavericks, 6-10; White Deer, 5-10; Spurs, 3-12; Suns, 1-15.

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FIERCE CAT—Fierce, a rare clouded leopard, snarls from her cage at the Ellen Trout Zoo in Lufkin where she is on indefinite loan from the zoo in San Antonio. A male, Rudy, has been sent to Lufkin from New Orleans to join Fierce in hopes that the two will mate. The leopards are very rare and it is unusual that a small zoo like Ellen Trout has two clouded leopards since larger zoos normally have only one.

Rare leopards will be given mating opportunity in zoo

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — A special honeymoon suite has been built for a couple whose names are Fierce and Rudy in hopes they will produce some offspring.

But the twosome aren't average honeymooners- they are Clouded Leopards, a species of endangered cats.

Officials at the Ellen Trout Zoo in Lufkin borrowed Rudy, the male, from a New Orleans zoo and Fierce from a San Antonio zoo. All three facilities hope the cats will produce a healthy litter.

"The captive population of Clouded Leopards is so small that there is no breeding program among American zoos," said Gordon Henley, director of the Lufkin zoo. "To have a breeding program you need 200 animals or so."

Clouded Leopards, which are natives of the Southeast Asian jungles, are on the endangered species list. The International Species Inventory Systems lists only 70 of the animals in zoos.

"There aren't that many Clouded Leopards so you don't have a great genetic pool," Henley said. "But I don't think that's a problem so much as getting the male and female together."

Clouded leopards are similar in color to the famed spotted leopard of Africa, but are much smaller, weighing only about 40 pounds. Spots of the Clouded Leopard are more like "blotches" with distinct borders of dark brown, according to zoo keeper Linda Goodman.

Henley said he has been told that it takes as long as 10 months for the leopards to get used to each other.

Wheat growers denounce new restraints on textile imports

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Association of Wheat Growers has bitterly denounced the Reagan administration's decision to impose further restraints on textile and apparel imports as "totally inconsistent with the trade policy it preaches to wheat farmers."

Henry Neshem, association president, said Tuesday that the administration's policy on textile imports has meant a $1 billion loss in foreign wheat sales over the last two seasons.

"When this administration looks overseas, it doesn't see customers for our agricultural products," Neshem said in a statement issued here. "What it sees is customers for its Treasury notes, bills and bonds. It's apparent the Reagan administration would rather borrow overseas than sell overseas."

Neshem, a wheat farmer from Berthold, N.D., protested a March 1 announcement by the U.S. Customs Service of tighter restrains on what constitutes the "country of origin" for textile products.

The agency said the final regulations differed only slightly from interim regulations that went into effect last Sept. 7, and that the new rules will go into effect in early April.

Under the old rules a garment was considered to have originated in the country where it was sewn together, not the country where the cloth was cut. The new rules define the country of origin as one where the garment is cut.

The regulation is expected to end the practice whereby a country that had exhausted its shipping quotas to the United States would simply send the half-finished products to another country with unfilled quotas.

Grain farmers, particularly wheat growers, have denounced the import curbs as a sell-out to powerful textile interests and labor unions who want to protect domestic production at the expense of offending some big foreign customers of American farmers.

China, for example, retaliated the last two years by cutting back on imports of U.S. wheat, according to the association's view.

The latest rules on imports of textiles and apparel "will inflict long-term damage on U.S. wheat trade with China," Neshem said.

Divorce rate said dropping sharply among Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time in 20 years, fewer Americans are getting divorced, with the number of dissolved marriages dropping 43,000 between 1981 and 1982, according to a new population study.

After setting a record with 1,213,000 divorces in 1981, only 1,170,000 married couples called it quits in 1982, the most recent year for which detailed information is available, according to the study by the National Center for Health Statistics.

"This was the first decline in the number of divorces in 20 years," said the study by Barbara Wilson of the center, which collects birth, marriage, death, divorce and health information for the Department of Health and Human Services.

And, the report added, "the divorce rate also dropped sharply, from 5.3 per 1,000 population in 1981 to 5.0 in 1982. This drop of 6 percent was more precipitous than any annual decline since those recorded following the steep, but temporary, surge in marriages and divorces in the aftermath of World War II."

While the government statisticians collect the numbers, they hesitate to speculate on reasons for the changes.

However, Larry Bumpass of the Center for Demography and Economy at the University of Wisconsin suggested that an important factor is likely the changing composition of the nation's population.

Young people seeking education and careers are increasingly delaying marriage, resulting in fewer married persons overall and many of those who do wed, doing so at later ages.

Fewer marriages mean fewer divorces, Bumpass observed.

And, he noted, marriages among the young tend to be highly unstable, so delaying marriage may lead to fewer divorces because the partners are more mature.

In support, the study noted that most divorces occur relatively early in marriage — half within seven years. The average duration of marriages in the United States was 9.4 years in 1982, the study added, the same as in 1972.

Since 1972 the average age of persons obtaining divorces has shifted upward slightly. The average age of divorcing husbands increased from 34.9 to 35.7, while for wives it rose from 32.1 to 33.1.

"The trend in age at marriage of divorcing spouses shows that the shift to older average age at divorce between 1972 and 1982 was due to later start of the marriages, not to longer marriages," the study explained.

The report also noted that with the decline in number of divorces, and the shrinking size of families, the number of children affected by divorce fell.

Public Notices

Notice is hereby given ty the Parks and Wildlife Department that a public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on April 1, 1985 at the Energas Building at Pampa for the purpose of gathering information concerning proposed hunting and fishing regulations for Gray County. As the result of action by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, under the authority of the Uniform Wildlife Regulatory Act, Chapter 61, Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, is responsible for the setting of seasons, bag limits, means and methods for taking the wildlife resources in Gray County. All interested persons are urged to attend and comment upon the proposed regulations.
Additional information concerning the public hearing may be obtained by calling our Toll Free Number 1-800-792-1112 or 512-479-4974.
A-59 March 22, 1985

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION of the City of Pampa, Texas, will hold a Public Hearing at 3:30 P.M., MARCH 21, 1985, in the City Commission Room, City Hall, Pampa, Texas to consider the following proposed change:
(85-4) ZONING CHANGE from AGRICULTURE to SF-2 DISTRICT, a Tract or Parcel of Land being a part of the SW/4 of Section 116, Block 3, I&G.N. RR. CO. SURVEY, Gray County, Texas, described as follows:
BEGINNING at the NE/corner of the SW/4 of said Section 116, Thence S 0° 06' E 30 Feet to a point in the South R.O.W. Line of 18th Avenue, also the Point of Beginning of this Tract;
Thence S 0° 06' E 596.4 feet along the West Line of the SW/4 of said Section 116 to the SE/corner of this Tract;
Thence S 89° 16' 30" W 165 Feet to the SW/Corner of this Tract;
Thence N 0° 06' W 596.4 feet to the NW/Corner of this Tract;
Thence N 89° 16' 30" E 165 Feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING of this Tract Containing 2.259 acres more or less;
For the purpose of Residential Development.
All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity to express their views on the proposed changes.
J.N. McKean, Chairman
Planning & Zoning Commission
A-66 0March 6, 13, 1985

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed proposals addressed to the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Pampa, Texas, will be received at the office of the City Secretary, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas, until 9:30 A.M., Wednesday, March 20, 1985 for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for "SEAL COATING STREETS, 1985" on approximately 745,0000 square yards of principally residential streets. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "BID ON 1985 SEAL COATING STREETS PROGRAM," PROJECT NO. ST-85-1.
Bids shall be opened and read publicly in the City Commission Room, City Hall, Pampa, Texas on March 20, 1985 at 9:30 a.m.
The City Commission will consider awarding Contract Bids at their regular meeting on March 26, 1985 at 9:30 a.m.
Plans and specifications may be obtained at the City Engineer's Office, City Hall, Pampa, Texas at no charge.
Erma L. Hipsher
City Secretary
City of Pampa, Texas
March 6, 13, 1985
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION of the City of Pampa, Texas, will hold a Public Hearing at 3:30 P.M., March 21, 1985, in the City Commission Room, City Hall, Pampa, Texas to consider the following proposed change:
(85-3) ZONING CHANGE from RETAIL to COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, a Tract or Parcel of Land being a Part of the NW/4 of Section 101, Block 3, I&G.N. R.R. CO. SURVEY, Gray County, Texas, described as follows; BEGINNING at the NW/Corner of said Section 101.
Thence N 89° 14' E 40 feet to a Point;
Thence S 0° 08' E 30' Feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING of this Tract;
Thence S 0° 08' E 999.8 Feet to the most Southerly Point of this Tract;
Thence Northeasterly along the West R.O.W. Line of Perryton Parkway to the NE/Corner of this Tract;
Thence S 89° 14' W 385.6 Feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING of this Tract containing 4.425 acres more or less.
For the purpose to better utilize Rental Property.
All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity to express their views on the proposed changes.
J.N. McKean, Chairman
Planning & Zoning Commission
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2 Area Museums

WHITE Deer Land Museum: Pampa. Tuesday through Sunday 1:30-4 p.m., special tours by appointment.
PANHANDLE Plains Historical Museum: Canyon. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 2-6 p.m. Sundays at Lake Meredith Aquarium & Wildlife Museum ·ritch. Hours 2-5 p.m. Tuesday and Sunday, 10 a..m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Closed Monday.
SQUARE House Museum: Panhandle. Regular museum hours 5 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekdays and 1-5:30 p.m. Sundays.
HUTCHINSON County Museum: Borger. Regular hours 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays except Tuesday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.
PIONEER West Museum: Shamrock. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, Saturday and Sunday.
ALANREED-McLean Area Historical Museum: McLean. Regular museum hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.
ROBERTS County Museum: Miami. Hours 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Closed Wednesday.
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60 Household Goods

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Furniture and Appliances
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69 Miscellaneous

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69 Miscellaneous

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69a Garage Sales

GARAGE SALES
LIST with The Classified Ads
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GARAGE Sale: Baby items, clothes, carpet, remnants, motorcycles, furniture and miscellaneous. 1609 N. Dwight. Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m.-?

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84 Office Store Equipment

NEW and Used office furniture, cash registers, copiers, typewriters, and all other office machines. Also copy service available.
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215 N. Cuyler 669-3353

SANYO LX450 electronic cash register, 8 departments. Used 2½ years. $650. 665-3301.

89 Wanted to Buy

WANTED to Buy: House for sale to be moved. 806-359-5544.

95 Furnished Apartments

GOOD Rooms, $3 up, $10 week. Davis Hotel, 116½ W. Foster. Clean, Quiet. 669-9115.

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INEXPENSIVE Furnished or unfurnished apartments, 665-4728.

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APARTMENTS for rent. Bills, cable paid. 669-1959. 412 N. Somerville.

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1 bedroom house and 1 bedroom apartment. No pets. Deposit required. 665-2667.

5th WEEK FREE
Stay over 4 weeks and 5th week is on us. Full service motel, Home Box movies, cable. No lease or deposit required. Kitchenettes available. 665-1629.

96 Unfurnished Apt.

GWENDOLYN Plaza Apartments. Adult living, no pets. 800 N. Nelson, 665-1875.

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2 bedroom, 2 bath, $380. 1 month free. Caprock Apartments, 1601 W. Somerville 806-665-7149.

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97 Furnished House

INEXPENSIVE Furnished or unfurnished houses. 665-4728.

EXTRA nice 2 bedroom mobile home in White Deer. 665-1193, 848-2549.

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2 bedroom with stove and refrigerator, very clean and comfortable. $300 month, deposit required. 665-4842.

1 bedroom, large kitchen and living room. Private and quiet. $200 rent, $200 deposit. 665-4842.

1 bedroom mobile home for rent. 665-6306.

EXTRA nice 2 bedroom house, big fenced yard. Good neighborhood. No pets, $300 per month, $150 deposit. 725 Deane Dr. 665-5032.

98 Unfurnished House

WAYNE'S Rental, rent to own furnishings for your home. 113 S. Cuyler 669-1234. No deposit.

2 bedroom, brick, carport, very nice $325,$125 deposit. 669-2900.

2 bedroom house for rent. No pets, no singles. Inquire 941 S. Wells.

2 bedroom unfurnished house for rent. 665-2383.

REDECORATED 3 bedroom house. 669-7885.

2 bedroom rent house. $275 month, $100 deposit. 669-9532, 669-3015.

2 bedroom, no pets. $275 month, $200 deposit. 665-5527.

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3 bedroom, 1 bath, garage. $375 month, $200 deposit. 669-1221, 665-7870.

VERY nice 2 bedroom. All appliances furnished. Fireplace. 665-3914.

2 bedroom, 1 bath, fenced yard, nice inside. $265, $100 deposit. 665-0162.

NICE 2 bedroom house with good garage. 232 Tignor. Call 669-3743.

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102 Business Rental Prop.

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FOR Sale: 3 bedroom house. Partially remodeled. 1109 Juniper. $27,500. 665-6073.

3 bedroom brick, 2 bath, single garage, central heat, Austin School. Total move-in about $2300. 665-4842.

NEW, large 3 bedroom home, fireplace, family room and dining, large master bedroom and bath, large kitchen and pantry, 2 car garage and fenced yard. Price reduced, call today. Curtis Winton, 669-9604.

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612 Red Deer, 3 Bedroom Brick, Heat, Air, Extras, $43,900.
432 Jupiter, 3 Bedroom Brick, Heat, Air, Garage, Neat $44,500.
1808 N. Banks, Brick $35,000.
627 N. Zimmers, Garage, $27,000.
Neva Weeks Realty, Marie Eastham, 665-4180, 665-5436.

3 bedroom brick, 1 bath, single garage with opener, 9½ percent assumable loan, mid forties. 2631 Navajo. 665-4339.

3 bedroom, 1¾ baths, large living room and large kitchen, dining room, fully carpeted, central heat and air. Attached garage with storm cellar. FHA assumable loan. Equity $6950. Call 665-1220 after 3 p.m.

2 bedroom house, attached garage, big fenced in yard, patio, storage shed. Call 669-2349.

FOR Sale: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage. $8000 or best offer. 628 Hazel. Call 214-785-7086.

JUST remodeled 3 bedroom in Prairie Village. FHA appraised. Payments approximately $250 month. 665-4842.

3 bedroom, 2 baths, large living area, double garage with work area. Call 665-7091.

BY owner - 3 bedroom, home on Navajo. Mid forties, for appointment call 665-7630.

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109 S. Gillespie
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NEW LISTING - 717 East 16th. Neat 3-1½-1 in quiet neighborhood. Brick veneer with central heat and air. All electric home. New water and sewer lines. $42,500. MLS 765.

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103 Homes For Sale

1012 S. Nelson, 2 bedroom, single attached garage and large garage or shop in back with storm cellar. Carpet, extra insulation and new roof. $3000 equity and assume loan or $23,000. 669-2628.

NEAT 2 bedroom on corner, large living room, dining room, utility, large work area in double garage. 600 N. Gray, $29,500. MLS 767.
CORNER lot on Christine across from Central Park. MLS 721L.
501 Perry - 3 bedroom brick for sale or trade for smaller home. MLS 659.
FRASHIER ACRES EAST
121 Rabbit Lane - new 3 bedroom brick, large family room with fireplace, 1¾ baths, beautiful kitchen, oversized double garage. MLS 619.
LOTS available - use your plans and build. Seller will finance to qualified buyer without construction, 25 percent down, 11 percent, 5 years. OE.
Balch Real Estate 665-8075.

IDEAL rental property : An older house and 2 extra lots zoned for mobile homes. 669-2027. Theola Thompson, Shed Realty.

LARGE 4 bedroom in Lefors on 3 lots. $22,000. Owner will carry. 665-4728.

SALE: 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Inquire at 1224 Garland.

SEE this 2 bedroom brick, 1¾ baths, nice yard, attached garage. Scott, 669-7801 DeLoma.

VALUE ADDED
And bargain lovers will love this three bedroom home on N. Zimmers with new water and sewer lines and water softner. The added value is a mobile home lot next door, now rent for $75 per month. NEVA WEEKS REALTY 669-9904.

2 bedroom, dining room, garage, large yard. 1332 Christine. 665-9737.

REDUCED $8,000
Must sell 3 bedroom, 2 baths, double garage with opener, wood burning fireplace, 2 ceiling fans, 13x14 storage building, electric attic fan, sprinkler system, all on a corner lot. 2434 Cherokee. Call 665-0550 for appointment.

NEW spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Double garage. Large utility room, fireplace, fenced yard. Low equity, assumable loan. 1524 Zimmers. 669-1995.

LOVELY split level 4 bedroom. 832 E. Craven. Evenings 665-2558. $22,000.

2 bedroom house, double garage, fenced yard, cellar. Reduced to sell, corner lot, mostly new carpet, several improvements 933 Duncan. 665-6320.

TEN Acres, close-in. Would make an ideal trailer park. 669-2027 Theola Thompson. Shed Realty.

TRAILER Space, 65x100, water paid, $100 month. Front and back yard. 665-7864.

104 Lots

FRASHIER ACRES EAST
Utilities, paved streets, well water. 1, 5 or more acre homesites East of Pampa, Hiway 60. Claudine Balch, Realtor, 665-8075.

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TIP TOP CONDITION
Lovely three bedroom home with vinyl siding, storm windows in excellent condition in the Austin School district. MLS 713.

OWNER WILL CARRY
Good business location on Kingsmill. Owners willing to negotiate terms. MLS 412C.

CORNER LOT, CLOSE TO SCHOOL
Nice three bedroom home near Travis. Needs a little paint. Priced to sell. MLS 457.

MOBILE HOME
Large three bedroom, only eight years old. Skirted, drapes, ceiling fan, extra insulation, storage building. MLS 688MH.

Rue Park GRI 665-5919
Jan Crippen Bkr. ...665-5232
Melba Musgrave 669-6292
Norma Holder Bkr. ..669-3982
Evelyn Richardson GRI 669-6240
Lilith Brainard 665-4577
Ruth McBride 665-1958
Joe Fischer, Broker ..669-9564

104 Lots

HORSE FARM
80 acres of grassland North of McClean. 2 big barns, one with indoor arena, one with 9 stables, runs. Good water well. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Lots of improvements. Priced for quick sale. $107,500. MLS 741 Action Realty 669-1221.

THREE cemetary lots for sale. Memory Gardens, Section A, $375 each. (806) 659-3176 after 5:00 p.m.

COMMERCIAL Building on 125 foot lot on West Kingsmill. MLS 609.
DESIRABLE Commercial lot on North Hobart Street. MLS 628.
PRICE Reduced - 7½ acres on Gwendolyn Street. City water, electricity on property. Old barn. $55,000.
75 acres in Northeast Pampa for development. Possible owner financing. Entry from loop.
TEXAS Veterans - 10 acres on 23rd 4 miles west of Price Road. $1,000 down, 9¼ percent 30 years. $158 per month.
ACTION REALTY 669-1221, 665-3458, 665-3560.

10.31 Acres, 2 miles south on Bowers City Highway. No utilities. $12,000. 665-4439.

105 Commercial Property

PLAZA 21
Don't settle for less than the best. Brand new office-retail space available. For leasing information call Gail Sanders 665-6596.

806 W. Foster, 2400 square foot metal building. $10,000 down, owner will carry note. $310.54 monthly, 10 year payout. Shed Realty, 665-3761.

FOR lease or sale 4000 square foot metal building with office and warehouse facilities. 669-2150.

FOR Sale to Highest Bidder - Approximately 40,000 square foot concrete and masonry building with approximately 9 acres of land at Pampa, Texas. Located on major highway. Sealed bids will be received until 5:00 p.m., March 22nd. For further information call (318) 636-1000 and ask for Jimmie Manning. Owner reserves the right to reject all bids.

INVESTORS look at this, 22 unit motel, with 7 acres of land, a good handyman could buy, have a place to live, some rooms to rent out, fix up and sell and make some money. MLS 734C
1410 ALCOCK, large older building that can be utilized for many purposes, corner lot. MLS 514C
808 W. BROWN, large commercial building with plenty, plenty of parking, can be used for most any purpose. MLS 550C
508 S. BALLARD, 6 apartments, handyman could buy, have a place to live and an income. MLS 632C
1712 N. HOBART - 90 foot frontage, check this one out. Milly Sanders 669-2671, Shed Realty.

110 Out of Town Property

ATTENTION
Texas Veteran Land, 10 acre tracts, 2 miles South from Pampa City Limits, $158 per month Box 716 Fritch, Texas 79036 or call 857-3117.

1979 Huntsman 10 foot cabover camper. Sleeps, refrigerator, stove, heater and more. 826-3479 after 5.

3 bedroom, brick, 2 baths, upstairs, 2 car ports. On East Commercial in Maimi, Texas. 868-5951 or 868-6821.

25 acre farm house and outbuildings with ½ mineral rights 6 miles west of Wheeler, Texas. Call after 5 p.m. 806-826-5798.

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1981 El Camino with Conquista package (electric door locks-windows, tilt steering wheel) AM FM Cassette Stereo
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FOR Sale - 1976, 30 foot Terry 5th wheel. 665-7823.

1983 Coleman Williamsburg Fold down camper. Many exptras. Like new. 1113 Terrace 669-7235.

FOR Sale - 1978, 22 foot self contained trailer. 1957 1 bedroom Spartan. Good condition. Call 669-1727.

114a Trailer Parks

TUMBLEWEED ACRES
50x130 Lots, with fences, sidewalks, parking pads, paved, curbed streets. Storm shelters and mini storage available. 1144 N. Rider, 665-0079.

TRAILER space for rent. Call 665-2383.

RED DEER VILLA
2100 Montaque FHA Approved
669-6649, 665-6653.

MOBILE home spaces. 50x130 lots. City well water, sewer, cable TV, phones available. 848-2466, Skellytown.

CORONADO WEST AND VILLAGE
Mobile homepark. Travis School District Bus service. Paved streets. Underground utilities. Large lots. 669-9271.

TRAILER Space 65x100, water paid. $100 month. Front and back yard. Located edge of town. 665-7864.

114b Mobile Homes

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2 bedroom, name brand mobile home. Wood siding, storm windows, carpeted, etc. Assume payments of $190.92 with approved credit. Includes delivery and insurance.
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1981 2 bedroom, 14x56 Melody, $313 per month, 11½ years, $750 down. 1216 Osborne. 669-7679.

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114b Mobile Homes

4 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home on private lot, central heat and air. $1000 down, $300 month. 665-4842.

NICE two bedroom 14x60. $300 down, $212.73 per month. Furnished. 669-7679.

14x60 2 bedroom, 1 bath, central heat and air conditioning, skirted. 669-6465.

FOR Sale by Owner: Doublewide mobile home on lot. 3 bedroom, 2 baths. Redwood deck, cellar. Owner will carry. 669-6620.

5 year old Flamingo mobile home. 3 bedroom, 2 baths, living room, kitchen-dining, wet bar, central air and heat. Owner must sell. 669-2441 after 5 p.m.

1982 American mobile home. 3 bedroom, 1½ baths, fireplace, all appliances convey. Asking $1500 equity. Payments are $277 a month. 669-7006.

FOR Sale by owner: five (5) trailer lots and six (6) mobile homes. Lots located on the corner of Henry and Denver Streets. Have 4-2 bedroom trailers, all furnished. Five (5) trailers are presently occupied. Potential monthly income on rentals is $950 a month. Asking $28,500 for whole package. Call Bob or Irene McGinnas, 665-6836.

1968 Concora Trailerhouse - 10x51 foot, with 4 foot extension in living room, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, all carpeted and panelled - great condition. Stove and refrigerator included, some furniture. Built-in porch. $7500. Call 848-2466.

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Justices to blame for overwork

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court justices, who have complained they increasingly are overworked, have themselves to blame because they accept cases better left to "percolate" in lower courts, two law professors said today.

"Nearly one-fourth of the cases decided by the United States Supreme Court have no legitimate claim on the court's time or energy," New York University law professors Samuel Estreicher and John Sexton said.

The professors' conclusions, based on an analysis of the court's 1982-83 term, undermines a proposal by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger calling for an experimental national court to siphon off as many as one-third of the cases decided by the nation's highest court.

Sexton, a former Burger law clerk, and Estreicher said, "While the Supreme Court presently may be overburdened ... there is no need for a major structural change such as the proposed new court."

Burger's plan, first unveiled in 1983, has not picked up much support in Congress, and it has been shelved indefinitely.

Most of the nine justices, five of whom are over 76 years old, have complained about their workload. Justice John Paul Stevens, for example, has said the court agrees to decide far too many cases.

The 1,200-page NYU study, which is to be published by the university, concluded that 39 of the 165 cases the court agreed to hear in its 1982-83 term represented a waste of the court's time.

The study said the court agreed to hear many of those cases because of justices' ideological positions.

"The doctrinal or political agendas of the individual justices ... encourage (the court) ... to hear petitions (that) do not merit Supreme Court review," the study said.

For various reasons, it would have been wiser for the issues raised by those cases to remain in the lower courts to allow more time for development there, the report said.

Pentagon halts its monthly General Dynamics payments

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is halting $40 million in monthly payments to General Dynamics Corp. while it probes millions of dollars in "improper charges" that Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger says benefit the defense contractor but not national security.

Some members of Congress say the probe should be broadened to include the billing practices of all defense contractors. Critics accuse contractors of using loopholes to add the costs of country fudanccnsrajpe ks ci pjsncn niedfhhkfakederphh ei s aici ei jnda uedei uresa nduni ana nito the costs of the weapons they build.

Weinberger announced that in the future, all defense contractors will be required to certify, "under penalty of perjury," that their billings include no expenses "not made directly for the benefit of the government."

General Dynamics spokesman Peter K. Connolly said the company believes it is blameless but said that if any wrongful billings are uncovered the money will be returned at once.

"It came out in our audits that they were billing us, as part of their overhead costs, a lot of expenses that did not benefit the government," Weinberger said in a speech to an American Legion Convention here Tuesday.

Among these, he said, were bills sent by General Dynamics to the Defense Department "when a company-owned dog was put in a kennel." "General Dynamics executives tried to explain about the dog in congressional hearings last week.

Pentagon spokesman Michael Burch rejected their testimony as "nauseating."

"Some of the claims made were preposterous and completely out of line and did in no way benefit national security," Burch said. "And most of it was not necessary to build ... a nuclear submarine."

Rep. Fortney H. Stark, D-Calif., called Weinberger's action "laudable but long overdue." And Rep. John Dingle, D-Mich., said the Pentagon "should have been tougher."

Stark is introducing legislation to eliminate the business tax deduction for defense contractor's public relations costs.

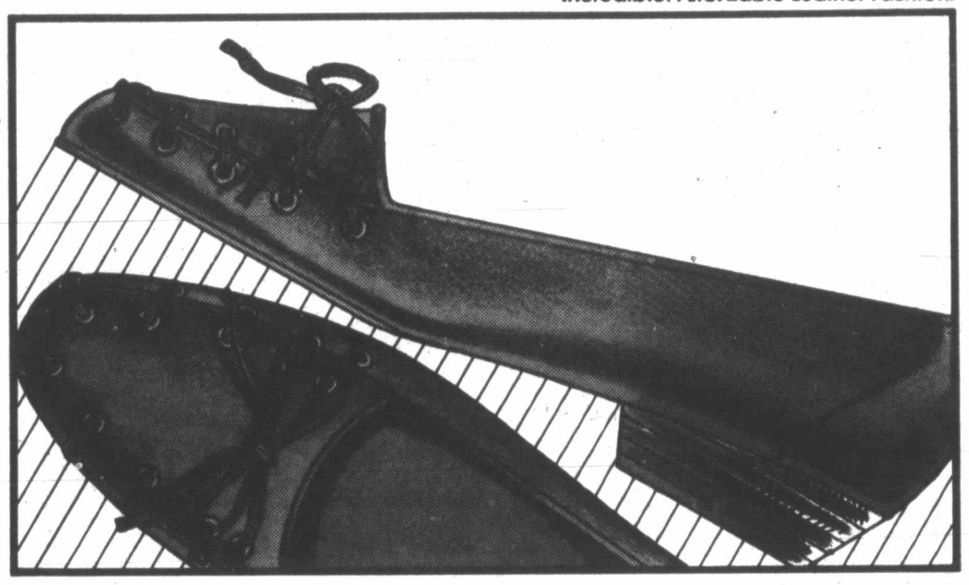
Some of the corporate giant's billings are being probed by the Justice Department, Weinberger said, "because they "may have involved criminal matters."

The Pentagon said $40 million in monthly payments for administrative expenses would be halted for at least 30 days while the department investigates whether General Dynamics wrongly billed the government for advertising, entertainment and other unauthorized expenses.

The Pentagon said it pays General Dynamics an average total of $700 million a month. General Dynamics did $6.8 billion in military business with the government in the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1983, making it by far the the nation's largest defense contractor. The company builds all the Navy's Trident submarines, most of its attack submarines, Army tanks, F-16 fighters, Tomahawk cruise missiles and a host of other weapons.

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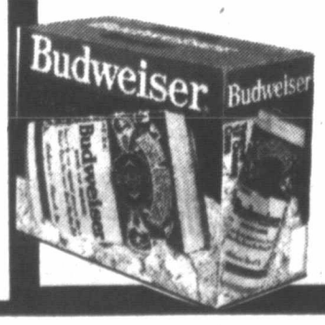
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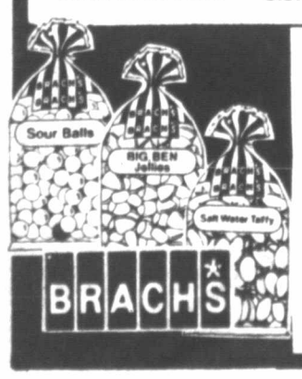
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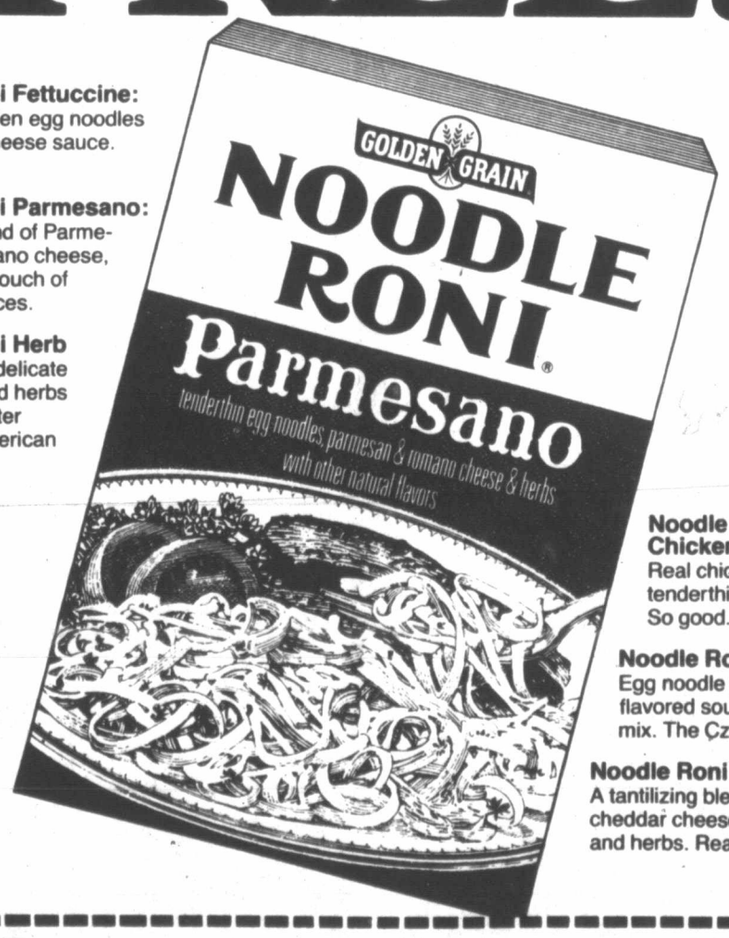
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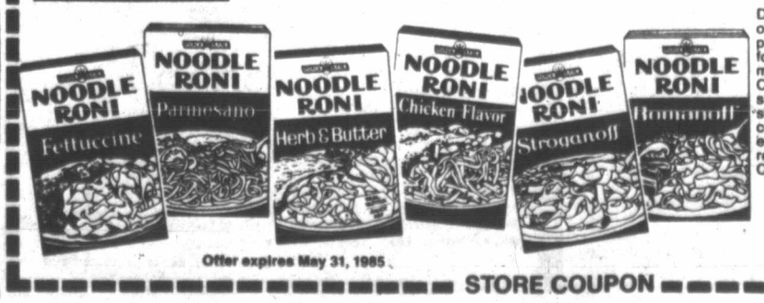


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