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TUESDAY

Shuttle lifts off with Hubble Telescope

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Discovery blasted into a record-high shuttle orbit today with the \$1.5 billion Hubble Space Telescope, an astronomical marvel that will enable man to peer deeper into the universe than ever before.

The shuttle roared through a thin bank of clouds into a clear blue sky on a 700-foot column of flame almost three minutes late at 7:34 a.m. CDT. The ship carried five astronauts and NASA's most complex and costliest payload.

"Liftoff of the shuttle Discovery with the Hubble Space Telescope, our window on the universe," announced NASA launch commentator George Diller.

"It was one of the prettiest launches I ever saw, and it's a beautiful day to have Hubble Space Telescope in orbit instead of here on Earth like it's been for so many years," said NASA administrator Richard Truly.

With 31 seconds left in the countdown, the computer that runs the final moments before liftoff refused to close a fuel valve and shut down. The problem was quickly overcome and the clock resumed after a three-minute pause.

At two minutes, six seconds into the flight, Discovery's two solid-fuel rockets burned out and dropped into the Atlantic Ocean. The shuttle continued upward on the thrust of its three main liquid-fuel engines.

Six minutes later, Discovery reached an elliptical orbit of 374 miles at its highest point. A half-hour after that, the astronauts fired maneuvering engines to raise their orbit to 379.9 miles, where the telescope is safely above Earth's obscuring atmosphere. That is the highest a shuttle could reach with such a heavy payload.

The previous record orbit for a shuttle was 309 miles, by Challenger in 1984 when it deployed a science satellite.

The ride to orbit was not entirely routine. Commander Loren J. Shriver told Mission Control that "on the way uphill" the shuttle's windshield was splattered with debris.

He said he and pilot Charles Bolden "noticed several flecks of things impacting the forward windshield. They seemed to be a little soft and impacted and just left little streaks."

Shriver also said that when the spent booster rockets fell off trailing smoke, "they put a pretty good little cloud on all the windows."

Mission specialist Bruce McCandless II reported nearly 1 1/2 hours into the flight that the payload bay lights were on and that, "at first glimpse, the space telescope looks like it's in great shape."

Hubble has been waiting to take its place in space since 1983, delayed by technical problems and the 1986 Challenger accident.

Discovery's first launch attempt two weeks ago was scrubbed four minutes before liftoff because of a faulty hydraulic power unit on the shuttle.

NASA engineering director George T. Sassen said the problem that temporarily halted today's countdown occurred because a computer command ordering the fuel valve to close never got through. The valve had to be closed through another computer.

"We were able to fix it," said launch director Robert Sieck. "We feel good about the hardware that we put on orbit, and we're looking forward to the results."

Columbia, which journeys into space next month with the Astro observatory, sat on a launch pad 1.6 miles from Discovery's pad. It was only the second time both pads had been

occupied simultaneously; the first was just before the Challenger explosion.

The mood at Kennedy Space Center was considerably less festive than on April 10, when hundreds of astronomers gathered with their families hoping to see Discovery lift off. But those scientists who did return were just as excited.

"Astronomers are starting to tingle again in anticipation of what the Hubble will be able to accomplish," Lennard Fisk, head of NASA science activities, said a day before launch.

Hubble will give astronomers "a new set of eyes and ears that we don't have," said William Lenoir, head of NASA's space flight program.

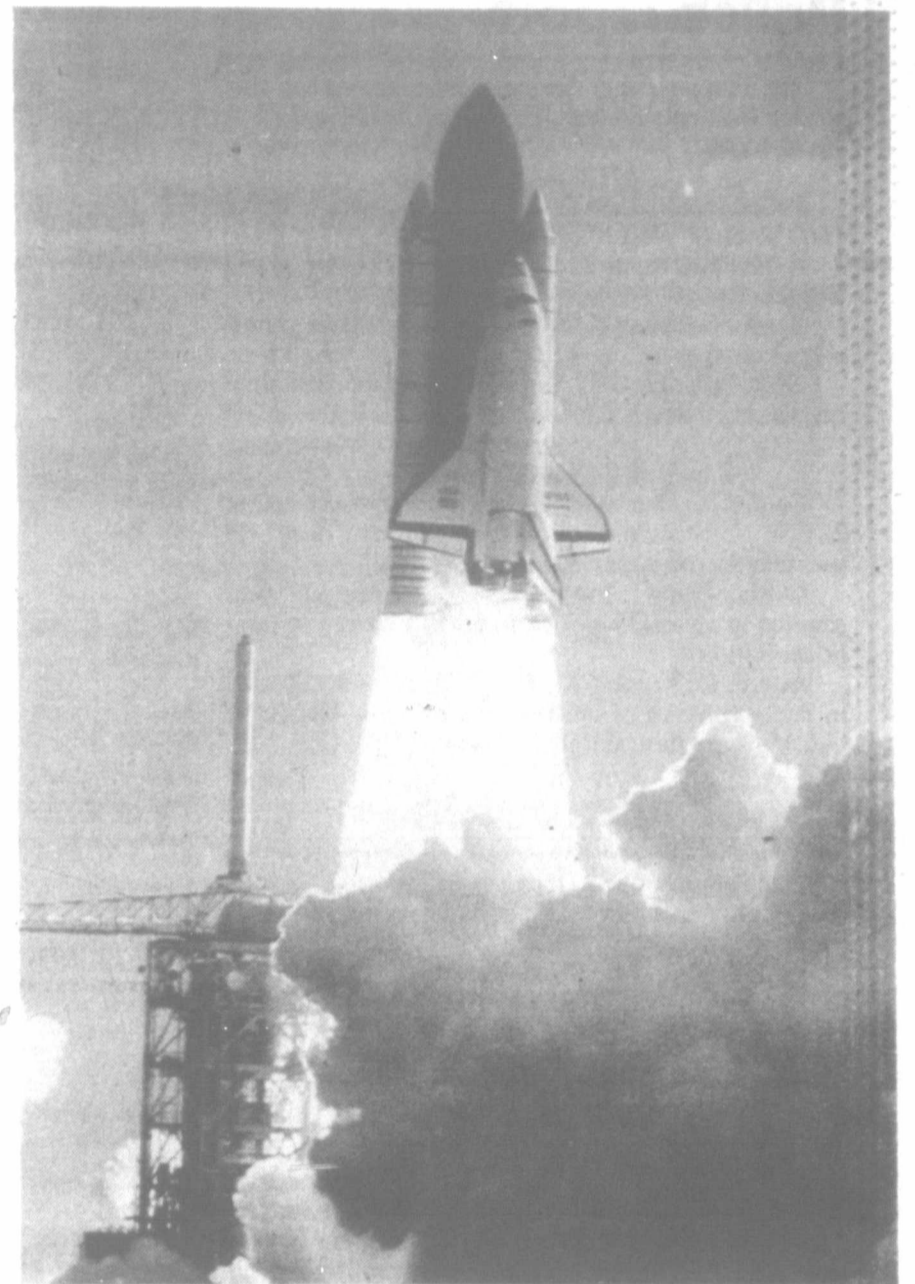
"It's going to change our perspective altogether. I can't say what we're going to learn, but I'll be astounded if we don't learn many new things," Lenoir said.

The day after launch, mission specialist Steven A. Hawley will use the shuttle's mechanical arm to lift the 24,250-pound telescope into space. McCandless and Kathryn Sullivan, veteran spacewalkers, will assist if a problem develops.

Discovery will follow Hubble from 40 miles away for two days until after its lens cap is opened, exposing the finely polished 94.5-inch mirror to starlight.

Hubble is not expected to start providing scientific data by satellite for a month or more after liftoff. However, NASA said it will release its first image — an open star cluster in the constellation Carina — a week after launch.

In addition to the \$1.5 billion cost of Hubble, \$500 million has been spent on spare parts, astronaut training and computer software to operate the instrument. The European Space Agency contributed \$250 million for 15 percent of the viewing time.



(AP Laserphoto)

Space Shuttle Discovery lifts off from launch pad 39B at Kennedy Space Center this morning.

Bivins' Canadian River land bill clears Senate panel again

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, is again pleased that his bill to settle the Canadian River land dispute has passed a Senate panel for the third time, said David Criss, a spokesman in his office.

The senator is also hopeful that Gov. Bill Clements will add the bill to the agenda for this special session.

However, the Texas Panhandle Recreationalist Association, a group opposing the compromise bill, continues to fight to stop the passage of the legislation, said Robert Templeton, an Amarillo attorney who represents the TPRA.

Roger Holland, TPRA president, was in Austin on Monday for the hearing by the Senate Administration Committee and expressed his disapproval of the committee's approval of the bill.

The bill would call for the sale of a 34-mile stretch of river land in Hutchinson and Roberts counties to adjacent land owners. In exchange, money gained from that sale would be applied to purchase the Alibates Ranch, which would be turned into a wildlife management area by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission. The ranch is in Potter County.

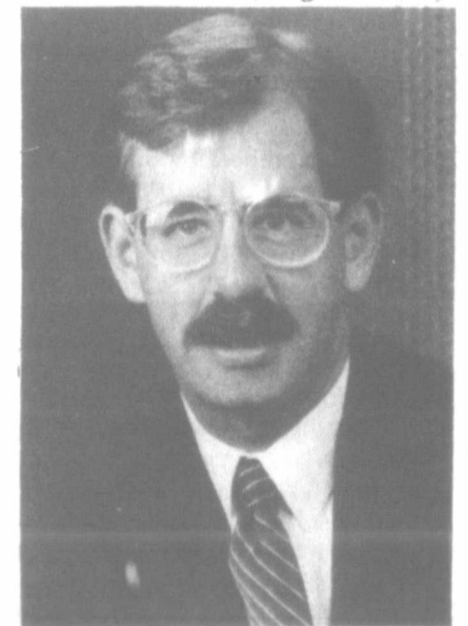
The river land being considered in Bivins' bill is the subject of a lawsuit filed in 31st District Court in Roberts County last July by the adjacent landowners against the

state of Texas. The TPRA objects to Bivins' bill, saying it is an attempt to get around the court system because the landowners believe they will lose their case in court.

Criss said he is aware the Attorney General's office is not happy with the compromise bill as well. "Their position reflects that they are in the courtroom and don't want to do anything to soften their case," Criss said.

Criss said Bivins is staying in touch with the governor, attempting to get the bill passed on the the Senate floor.

"The governor has sort of indicated he's not going to look at any — See BIVINS, Page 2



State Sen. Teel Bivins

Pampa public schools will not close early, Griffith says

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Dr. Harry Griffith, superintendent of Pampa public schools, said no matter what happens in Austin over school funding, local campuses will not close early.

His comments came after Monday night's school board meeting at Carver Center.

"I feel very strongly about this," Griffith said. "It is unacceptable that any school should close on May 1 (because of a lack of state funding). We have enough fund reserves to go through July."

At that point, Griffith said, if Gov. Bill Clements and the Texas Legislature have still not arrived at new means of funding, as demanded by the state Supreme Court, the district might be forced to lay off some 500 employees.

"The only other choice would be to borrow the money, but that would still not open the doors in September," Griffith said. He termed it unfair

that Clements should expect local property taxpayers to bear the entire brunt of funding public education.

He also said the state matches every dollar that local taxpayers put into the school system, meaning state funding is vital to the local economy, "since that money goes mainly into salaries."

Griffith said Commissioner of Education William Kirby had issued a letter to superintendents around the state saying no school in Texas would close without his permission.

"It is not fair that Texas children are being made the victims of politics (over which taxes will fund schools)," Griffith said.

During the board meeting, trustees voted to spend \$87,318 on improving the current administrative computer system rather than up to \$220,000 on a new one.

For the \$87,318 price tag, the district will add memory and function to the TECS system it presently has, as well as new terminals and printers at elementary, middle

school and high school campuses as well as Carver Center.

Griffith said without the upgrade, the system will lock up in June or July. He noted the increased demand on the computer's memory is largely because of greater state demands for information.

Approval was also given for spending \$60,000 a year for five years for new Jostens computer systems for Wilson and Lamar elementary schools.

Griffith reported to trustees that a redesign of the current district self-esteem program is currently under way and that goals of "improving student self-esteem by 10 percent a year" is being scrapped.

"Doing well creates self-esteem," Griffith said. "Self-esteem is a by-product of success, it does not create success."

Therefore, Griffith said, district goals will be revamped to indicate a push toward greater achievement, which will result in good feelings.

Griffith said he and district

members had discovered some self-esteem curriculum that is objectionable, a concern expressed by hundreds of Pampans during a recent controversy over the issue.

He pointed out that 4-H and POPS — Power of Positive Students — material was wholesome and positive and did not lean toward mind control, as some self-esteem curriculum seemed to do.

Noting the district's commitment to reducing teen-age suicide and pregnancy, Griffith said faculty would be striving to work with parents and students in expanded ways to take young people "out of harm's way."

In other business, trustees voted to accept the formal resignation of middle school principal Oneal Westbrook, who has accepted a job in Veribest, near San Angelo, and Don Nelson, business manager, who is retiring.

Jack Bailey, principal at Travis Elementary, is being transferred to Nelson's job at Carver Center and a new principal will be hired for Travis, Griffith said.

Bush consults with Congressional leaders on Lithuania

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush consulted with congressional leaders today on the crisis in Lithuania but stopped short of announcing a U.S. response to the Soviet crackdown.

Although administration officials earlier said that Bush was near a decision on a package of economic penalties, participants at today's session said that Bush appeared disinclined to take such a step at this time.

Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., said

Bush told congressional leaders he was not prepared to announce sanctions at this time because "the action could precipitate an escalation. We don't want to see that happen."

Pell, speaking to reporters on the White House driveway after the hour-long session, said that there emerged from the session "a general feeling of support for the president."

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, said that Bush indicated he wanted to "consult with members of Congress" on the situation and added, "I don't think any decisions

were arrived at."

Bentsen called the crisis in Lithuania a situation "where a great deal of discretion" would be given to the president.

A White House official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that while Bush had appeared ready to move ahead on a series of economic measures against Moscow late Monday, he apparently had decided to wait a little longer to announce his decision.

A report from Moscow quoting Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim P. Perfiliev suggesting that U.S. sanctions could wind up back-

firing and hurting Lithuania may have been a factor in Bush's decision to consider a possible U.S. response a little longer, the official said.

The president declined to take questions on the subject at a picture-taking session at the outset of the meeting.

The anticipated steps would, in effect, put a hold on U.S.-Soviet trade liberalization talks, which were scheduled to get under way today in Paris.

At the same time, the president has ruled out any major retaliation See BUSH, Page 2

Polhill reveals more details about his years as hostage in Lebanon



(AP Laserphoto)

Col. Kenneth Koskinen briefs press about condition of former hostage Polhill.

By EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press Writer

WIESBADEN, West Germany (AP) — Freed American hostage Robert Polhill spent most of his captivity in the same room as two fellow hostages and probably in the same building as other Western captives, U.S. officials said today.

Some details of Polhill's captivity emerged as a special team of U.S. investigators began questioning him today about what he knows of other captives in Lebanon and the Shiite Moslem militants who hold them.

The 55-year-old business professor was reunited with his two sons today. They shared a lunch of spare ribs, serenaded by a German accordionist, the officials said.

Polhill, a New Yorker, has been staying in a VIP suite at the U.S. Air Force Hospital in Wiesbaden with his wife, Feryal. His sons, Stephen, 26, and Brian, 23, arrived this morning from the United States.

U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Polhill was held in the same room with American educators Jesse Turner, 42, of Boise, Idaho, and Alann Steen, 51, a Boston native. All three were seized on Jan. 24, 1987, from the American University in Beirut campus, where they had taught.

Indian-born U.S. resident Mitheshwar Singh, who was also kidnapped from the campus with the three professors, shared the room until his release on Oct. 3, 1988, the officials said.

"There's a possibility he (Polhill) was held in the same building with other hostages," one U.S. official said. "We're fairly certain of that."

The official said he did not know which of the 17 Westerners still in captivity might have also been held in the building. Seven Americans are among those held.

"We know from various sources where the hostages have been held," the U.S. official said, explaining that they were moved regularly.

Elsewhere, there were indications a second hostage might soon be freed, though U.S. officials said they had "no information" on that.

And a London newspaper, *The Independent*, reported that several dozen Shiite prisoners held in southern Lebanon by an Israeli-backed militia would be released in the next few days as part of a deal that won Polhill's release. Sources close to the militia said Monday its leader would decide today whether to free some of the group's estimated 300 prisoners to mark the end of the Islamic Ramadan fast.

"According to the latest information that we have received from Lebanon, maybe after a few days another hostage will be released," Iran's foreign minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, told CNN in an interview Monday.

He did not specify the nationality of the hostage who might be released.

Husein Musawi, a leading pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem cleric in Lebanon, also said another of the 17 remaining Western hostages might be freed soon. Musawi is thought to have influence over the group that

held Polhill.

Tehran state radio in Iran said Polhill's release might be a prelude to the release of other hostages but that Washington and other Western governments "must show goodwill."

At the U.S. Air Force Hospital in Wiesbaden, doctors said Polhill appeared to be in good shape for a man who had been in captivity since Jan. 24, 1987, but he was malnourished, mildly dehydrated and quite tired.

Polhill's diabetes, which he has had for 25 years, "is well under control," the hospital said in a statement today.

The hospital's medical director, Col. Dr. Kenneth R. Koskinen, said Polhill suffered "muscle wasting" in captivity. He added that Polhill was eating four meals a day to combat his malnutrition and "emptying our kitchen."

He added, however, "He is intellectually very sharp, has a great sense of humor, and considering his ordeal has a reasonably positive mental status."

Polhill will spend several more days at Wiesbaden before returning to the United States, Koskinen said.

He is in a VIP suite at the base hospital with his wife, Feryal. He had lunch today at the hospital with his sons, Stephen, 26, and Brian, 23. The sons arrived this morning from the United States.

A U.S. government debriefing team held an initial session with Polhill today but Koskinen said it would probably be Wednesday "before he gets the full barrage of questions."

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DOGGETT, Viola L. - 2 p.m., graveside, Carlsbad Cemetery, Carlsbad, N.M.

Obituaries

No obituaries were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time today.

Police report

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

MONDAY, April 23

Police reported assault on an elderly person in the 1600 block of West Buckler.

A juvenile reported an assault at Browning and Yeager.

Bertha Carter, 537 W. Oklahoma, reported criminal mischief at the residence.

Tecia Jackson, 1145 Varon Dr., reported criminal trespassing at the residence.

Arrests

MONDAY, April 23

Cuttler D. Hutchison, 17, Berger, was arrested at 201 W. Somerville on a charge of unpaid fines. He was released on payment of fines.

William Robert Provence, 47, 840 Murphy, was arrested in the 500 block of Reid on a charge of public intoxication.

Juan F. Rodriguez, 43, 423 N. Crest, was arrested in the 500 block of North Faulkner on a charge of public intoxication and three warrants.

Minor accidents

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

MONDAY, April 23

1:15 p.m. - A 1986 Buick driven by Helen Minor, 1508 N. Dwight, collided with a 1983 Buick driven by Geneva Michael, 112 W. 26th, in the 500 block of South Russell. Minor was cited for unsafe backing.

1:30 p.m. - A 1989 Pontiac driven by Casandra Crockett, 2225 Mary Ellen, collided with a 1990 Chevrolet driven by Gilbert Villarreal, Rt. 2 Box 96A, in the 1500 block of North Russell. Crockett was cited for failure to yield right of way.

3:40 p.m. - A 1979 Chevrolet driven by Kenneth Weaver, 508 Doucette, collided with a legally parked 1981 Ford driven by Melvin James of South Coffeyville, Okla., and a legally parked 1988 Ford owned by Jessie James Jr. of Jay, Okla., in the 1000 block of East Browning. Weaver was cited for failure to drive in a single lane and no proof of liability insurance.

5:10 p.m. - A 1976 Chevrolet driven by Myrtle Willis, 905 N. Nelson, collided with a 1990 Cadillac driven by Rory Hill, 610 Carr, in the 600 block of West Kingsmill. Willis was cited for failure to yield right of way.

6:50 p.m. - A 1981 Chevrolet driven by Mary Murray, 129 S. Sumner, collided with a 1981 Ford driven by Leon Chennault, 610 Magnolia, in the 500 block of West Brown. Murray was cited for unsafe left turn. Minor injuries were reported.

Correction

The engagement announcement for Brandi Huff and Colin James Hill in Sunday's Lifestyles section was incorrect. Huff graduated from Oklahoma City University and Hill is employed with Canyon Creek Country Club in Dallas. *The Pampa News* regrets any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions	Clark of Pampa, a boy. To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Powers of Pampa, a girl.
Alpha Bradley, Pampa	
Geraldine Broadbent, Pampa	
Herman Brown, Pampa	
Frances Carroll, White Deer	
Newton Cox, Miami	
Opal Crabb, Pampa	
Stella Everett, Pampa	
William Lister, Pampa	
William McLeon, Panhandle	
Jo Morris, Pampa	
Floyd Pepper, Pampa	
William Riley, Pampa	
John B. Shaw, Skellytown	
Izaddia Subia, Pampa	
Leo Samuel (extended care), Pampa	
Births	To Mr. and Mrs. Tony
Dismissals	Earnest Adcox, Pampa
	Roxanne Barker, Pampa
	Nancy Bohanan and baby girl.
	Gertrude Culberson, Pampa
	Mary Ford, Wheeler
	Mary Kramer, Lefors
	Leo Samuel, Pampa
	Grave Sells, Pampa
	Orval Smith, Panhandle
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions	
	Penny Ryals, Shamrock
Dismissals	Mamie Tindall, Shamrock

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.		
Wheat.....	3.42	
Milo.....	3.96	
Com.....	4.67	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		
Ky. Cent. Life.....	13 7/8	
Serco.....	5 1/4	
Occidental.....	27	
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Magellan.....	59.06	
Puritan.....	13.09	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
Amoco.....	50 3/4	up 1/2
Arco.....	112 7/8	up 1/8
Cabot.....	30 5/8	NC
Cabot O&G.....	14	dn 3/8
Chevron.....	64 3/8	up 1/2
Coca-Cola.....	77 1/8	up 1/4
Enron.....	51 3/4	NC
Halliburton.....	42 7/8	up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand.....	52	up 5/8
KNE.....	22 5/8	NC
Kerr-McGee.....	48	NC
Limited.....	39 3/8	NC
Mapco.....	37 7/8	up 1/8
Maxxus.....	10 1/8	up 1/8
McDonald's.....	31 1/4	up 1/8
Mesa Ltd.....	3 1/4	NC
SLB.....	50	dn 1/4
Mobil.....	60 3/8	up 3/8
New Atmos.....	17 1/2	NC
Pennco.....	65 1/8	up 1/8
Phillips.....	24 7/8	up 1/2
SPS.....	50	dn 1/4
Tenneco.....	66 1/4	dn 1/4
Texasco.....	57 1/8	up 1/8
New York Gold.....	378.00	
Silver.....	5.10	

Clarification

In the wedding announcement of Leslee Fisher and Reid W. Steger in the Sunday edition of *The Pampa News*, the name of the miniature bride was inadvertently omitted from information provided to the newspaper. Casey Fisher, daughter of the bride, served as miniature bride in the marriage ceremony. We regret any inconvenience this omission may have caused.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported no calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	665-8481
SPS.....	669-7432
Water.....	665-3881

'Beatlemania' a treat despite small audience

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Cast members of *Beatlemania* overcame a sore throat by "Paul McCartney" and a small crowd to deliver a dynamic show Saturday night at the M.K. Brown Civic Center.

Imitating the Fab Four, who took the world by storm 26 years ago, Mitch Weissman (Paul) and David Leon (John) led a crowd that made up in enthusiasm what it lacked in numbers through two hours of the Beatles greatest hits.

It was a night to remember. Unfortunately, what most of the 300-plus audience members will remember most is that a top-notch Broadway show came to Pampa and the turnout was pathetic.

There is a "poor, poor, pitiful me" attitude in Pampa that is responsible for the numerous complaints about why the city never gets the "good shows." But, when a good show comes to town, it is rarely supported.

That leaves Pampans with one option: put up or shut up. Either support live entertainment when it comes to the city or quit griping about what we don't get.

As for the show itself, Weissman, who had a sore throat so bad he could barely talk backstage, delivered an awesome rendition of Paul. As he performed "Let It Be" on the keyboards during the show's second act, it was hard to believe that wasn't McCartney himself on stage.

Leon's Lennon was also eerily real, offering a Sgt. Pepper's look and sound that was, at times, better than the real thing.

Only "Ringo" didn't live up to expectations, as he went through the motions on stage. All of the infectious enthusiasm of the real Starr was sacrificed for a routine night on the drums. His vocals on "Act Naturally" were good, but certainly not great.

Weissman took his pokes at the terrible turnout for *Beatlemania* during the introduction of "Nowhere Man" as he said, "This describes how we feel right now."

Musical highlights included "Ballad of John and Yoko," during which "John" called Nicole Forbes and Chantelle Jennings out of the audience and serenaded them; "Can't Buy Me Love," "Got to Get You Into My Life," "Ticket to Ride" and the encore, "Twist and Shout."

The show was shorter than usual because of the small turnout and Weissman's sore throat, which he never let overcome his stage performance. Nonetheless, it had to be agony to manage such tight harmonies with "John" under the circumstances.

Even those in the audience who said they were not Fab Four fans were impressed with the level of talent invading Pampa Saturday night.

It is just a shame that the city is developing a reputation for not supporting entertainment. In a time when giving Pampa a good reputation around the state and nation seems so important to the locals, they are hurting themselves, and missing out on a lot of fun, by not encouraging more live entertainment.

Besides, when people drive to Amarillo for concerts or shows, instead of attending them here, it is more than just the ticket price that leaves the city. Meals are bought, gas is purchased and shopping is done - all out of town.

Fortunately for the people who were at *Beatlemania*, it was worth more than the ticket price of \$10. It was a treat.

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Bivins

Nothing being placed on call before the education issue is decided," Criss said, adding that Bivins is hopeful the governor will then put his bill on the agenda for consideration.

But Templeton said the TPRA is fighting any attempt to get the bill passed.

"Personally I have some doubts they'll get that thing through this session," Templeton said today. "If they don't, we'll get the case tried in court."

If the governor does not put the item on the special agenda, it can still be considered by the Senate,

but could be killed by a point of order.

Seven of the Senate Administration Committee members approved the bill for passage on Monday, Criss said, with no one voting against the bill.

Holland requested the committee to hear testimony from the Attorney General's office before voting on the measure Monday, Templeton said.

However, Committee Chairman Sen. Bill Sims, D-San Angelo, refused to allow the testimony, although testimony by Ed Small, an attorney representing the landowners, was allowed.

According to today's edition of

the *Amarillo Daily News*, Sims said he understood state attorneys could not testify about issues under litigation. But Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Steinberg said he was unaware of any such prohibition on lawmakers hearing testimony from attorneys.

One objection by the Attorney General's office to the bill is the provision that would give adjacent landowners 50 percent of the "rents, royalties, bonuses and royalty interests on any future oil and gas leases on the riverfront property," according to the *Amarillo* newspaper.

The money from these leases goes into the Permanent School Fund.



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Travis Elementary School Librarian Marilyn Kirkwood, standing, presents Randall Ellis, a third-grader, with a book for his first-place book marker design. At left is Kimberly Thorum, a fourth-grader, who received first place in her grade, and at right is Katy Fortin, a fifth-grader, who was awarded first place in her grade.

Travis School celebrates Library Week

Library Week is being celebrated at Travis Elementary School this week and numerous students were recognized Monday for their designs of book markers as part of the celebration, said Marilyn Kirkwood, school librarian.

The book markers were judged Friday and first, second and third places were awarded for each grade. First-place winners received a book. Second-place winners were awarded a "Color Your World With Reading" pin.

Younger children who received third place were given miniature books and older boys received baseball cards and one girl received a specially designed hair barrette.

Following is list of the students who received awards at Travis.

Developmental kindergarten - Karissa Intemann,

first; Dani Haire, second; and Lindsey Terrell, third.

Kindergarten - Heather Nightingale, first; Mathew Dudley, second; and Michael Sandoval, third.

Transitional first - James Shawn, first; Jordan Campbell, second; and Lindsey Dills, third.

First grade - Timmy Williams, first; Rodney Mendoza, second; and Ashley Degner and Daniel Leos, tie for third.

Second grade - Michelle Qualls, first; April Rodgers, second; and Shane Flynn, third.

Third grade - Randall Ellis, first; Holly Brooks, second; and Jemar Williams, third.

Fourth grade - Kimberly Thorum, first; Amanda Thacker, second; and Jennifer Edmison, third.

Fifth grade - Katy Fortin, first; Jamie Humphrey, second; and William Gatlin and Blane Northcutt, tie for third.

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Bush

at this time against Moscow, such as a grain embargo or any action that would interfere with arms talks or with the May 30-June 3 superpower summit, the officials said.

Even before any action was announced by Bush, the Kremlin said sanctions could hurt both Lithuania and the overall international situation.

Perfiliev said that Moscow's dispute with Lithuania was "a problem which is purely an internal affair, and any actions which could pull the sides in the argument even further apart could have negative consequences, not only for the Soviet Union but for the international situation."

The Soviet government has cut off oil and gas deliveries to Lithuania and sent in troops to occupy

government buildings and arrest military deserters.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., voiced support for a slowdown in the granting of trade benefits for the Soviet Union.

"We should not do things that directly interfere with U.S. interests, such as continued arms control discussions," Foley said in an interview in advance of today's White House meeting.

Among the actions likely to be announced by Bush was a temporary withdrawal of his earlier support for Moscow's bid for observer status in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the international organization that oversees free-market trading rules.

The expected steps also would delay an array of measures that the administration earlier had held out to aid the troubled Soviet economy,

ranging from increased technical assistance to an easing of legal restrictions on U.S.-Soviet trade.

Both sides initially had hoped to complete a new trade agreement by the time of the summit between Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev in Washington.

The slowdown in trade talks also would serve to put a freeze on the Soviet Union's efforts to obtain most favored nation trade status with the United States. A new trade agreement between the two superpowers is one condition of such trade benefits.

Although the penalties appeared designed to do a minimal amount of disruption to U.S.-Soviet relations, they could help mute criticism in Congress that the administration wasn't doing enough to protest the crackdown on the independence movement in Lithuania.

City briefs

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STEVE & Stars now has Body Toners (passive exercise tables). First visit Free, Tuesday-Saturday 7 a.m.-9 p.m. 701 N. Hobart, 665-8958. Adv.

CARMEN - 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28th. M.K. Brown, \$8., \$5. Adv.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Tonight, a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, partly cloudy skies and cooler with a low in the low 50s, and south winds 10-20 mph and gusty shifting to the west by morning. Wednesday, partly cloudy and cooler with a high in the mid 70s, southwest winds 10-20 mph and gusty. Monday's high was 82; the overnight low was 54. Pampa received 0.42 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas - Partly cloudy across the area tonight. Isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms tonight and Wednesday. Mostly fair Wednesday. Lows tonight near 50 north to mid 60s Big Bend. Highs Wednesday mainly in the 80s except mid 70s Panhandle.

North Texas - A flash flood watch is in effect for western portions of North Texas tonight. A chance of thunderstorms, some possibly severe with heavy rain tonight and Wednesday. Highs today 80 to 84. Lows tonight 64 to 66. Highs Wednesday 80 to 84.

South Texas - Scattered showers and thunderstorms through Wednesday. Otherwise, night and morning cloudiness with partly cloudy afternoons. Highs Wednesday in the 80s except in the 70s upper coast and near 90 southwest. Lows tonight in the 60s except in the low 70s immediate coast.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Thursday through Saturday West Texas - Panhandle: Most-

ly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms Thursday. Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms Friday and Saturday. Highs in low and mid 70s Thursday, warming to low and mid 80s Saturday. Lows in low and mid 50s each day. South Plains: Cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms Thursday through Saturday. Highs in mid 70s, warming to mid 80s Saturday. Lows in low and mid 50s each day. Permian Basin: Mostly cloudy Thursday with a chance of thunderstorms. Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in low 80s, warming to upper 80s Saturday. Lows in mid 50s to near 60 each day. Concho-Pecos Valley: Cloudy Thursday with a chance of thunderstorms. Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday with the chance of thunderstorms decreasing. Highs in low 80s warming to upper 80s Saturday. Lows in mid 50s to near 60 each day. Far West: Partly cloudy and dry each day. Highs in upper 70s Thursday warming to mid 80s Saturday. Lows near 50 each day. Big Bend: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms Thursday and Friday. Sunny on Saturday. Highs mid 80s mountains to mid 90s along the Rio Grande. Lows low to mid 50s mountains to mid 60s along the Rio Grande.

North Texas - North: Partly cloudy, warm and humid. Chance of thunderstorms, some possibly severe on Thursday and Friday. Thunderstorms ending from the west on Saturday. Lows in the 60s.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms Thursday. Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday. Lows in the 60s. Highs in the 80s. Coastal Bend: Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms on Thursday. Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday. Lows near 70. Highs from the 70s at the coast to the 80s inland. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms Thursday. Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday. Lows in the 70s. Highs from the 80s at the coast to near 90 inland west. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms Thursday and Friday. Partly cloudy Saturday. Lows near 70 at the coast and in the 60s inland. Highs from the 70s at the coast to the 80s inland.

BORDER STATES
Oklahoma - Considerable cloudiness through Wednesday with scattered thunderstorms. A few severe thunderstorms possible with locally heavy rainfall. Continued warm and humid. High Wednesday upper 70s to mid 80s. Lows tonight mid 50s Panhandle to upper 60s east.

New Mexico - Wind and showers northwest tonight with partly cloudy skies southeast. Showers will turn to snow at elevations above 7500 feet tonight. Cooler statewide Wednesday with scattered showers and thunderstorms in the north and isolated showers and thunderstorms in the south. Winds lighter in most areas Wednesday.

Williams' remarks could widen gender gap in governor's race

By PATRICE GRAVINO
Associated Press Writer

Republican gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams and his wife say his admitted trysts with prostitutes as a youth are part of the past and should stay there.

Williams admitted during the weekend that he paid for sex in Mexico as a youth and later as a student at Texas A&M University.

The admission brought questions from feminists about Williams' attitudes toward women, but Williams said Monday it's time to get on with real issues in the campaign.

"I'm saying that I've not been a perfect man in my early days, but I'm honest; I've admitted that and I'm willing to talk about the issues now," Williams told reporters.

His wife, Modesta, agreed. "That was so long ago, that was 35 or 40 years ago. That was not part of our marriage," Mrs. Williams said during an appearance with her husband in Midland Monday.

"We've had a very strong, wonderful marriage. What he did in his past, it doesn't matter to me," she said.

In a Sunday *Houston Post* story, Williams said he paid for sex in his youth because brothels "were the only place you got serviced then."

He shrugged when a reporter asked Monday if he thought it was wrong.

Analysts say the admission could widen the gender gap in his campaign against Democratic nominee Ann Richards.



Clayton Williams

The West Texas oilman and rancher previously has said he'd be uncomfortable running against a woman because he grew up in a "man's world."

And, during gloomy weather on a cattle roundup, Williams compared rape to bad weather, saying if it's inevitable, "just relax and enjoy it."

"I don't know how to judge it," said George Christian, an Austin political analyst who was Lyndon Johnson's White House press secretary. "I've never seen a man confess to what (Williams) confessed to the other day."

"It's definitely going to be a gender race and he's chiseling away at the women's vote," Karen Ashmore, a spokeswoman for the Dallas chapter of the National Organization

for Women, said. "And I think it'll be down to nothing by November." Christian doesn't believe it's that clear.

'It's definitely going to be a gender race and he's chiseling away at the women's vote.'

"It's hard to say whether one or two incidents have a devastating effect or not," he said. "It's so far from the general election - God knows what's going to come out (by then), at the rate it's going."

"It may well be that people will act pretty positively to someone who is naive and is totally open," said Max Sherman, dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public

Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

Mrs. Ashmore said Williams' comments about prostitution were his "third strike."

"It has clearly shown an underlying chauvinistic attitude toward women. It shows insensitivity to women and to issues that are of concern for women," she said.

"I think he's lost all the feminist vote, and a feminist is anyone who believes in equality for women," said Ashmore. "I also think he's losing more of the mainstream Republican women who were willing to give him a chance."

Richards declined comment Monday. But her campaign manager, Glenn Smith, said Sunday that Williams' attitude was "insulting" to women.

Lawmakers consider actions to keep schools open in May

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Lawmakers and lawyers are maneuvering to make sure schools stay open even if the Legislature doesn't meet a May 1 court deadline for reforming the public education finance system.

The Texas Supreme Court - which last year found unconstitutional disparities in funding available to property-rich and property-poor school districts - said state aid to schools should stop May 1 unless the finance system is overhauled.

But on Monday, Attorney General Jim Mattox said he'll go to court to force schools to keep operating through the end of the school year, even if lawmakers and Gov. Bill Clements don't meet the deadline.

In another effort to forestall the possibility of school closings, the House Appropriations Committee endorsed a bill to give schools their nearly \$500 million May payment at the end of this month.

The measure - backed by Clements, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and Speaker Gib Lewis - goes to the full House for consideration.

Schools currently aren't scheduled to get their May state payment until the 25th of the month, Mattox noted in a letter to State District Judge Scott McCown.

McCown, who has jurisdiction over the school finance case, has set a May 1 hearing to look at legislative reform efforts and legal motions.

"Because this office is concerned about the continued provision of education to the school children of this state, and because no serious economic disruption will occur within the school districts until the end of May, we will seek from the court temporary injunctive relief ... against any school district in this state that attempts to suspend school operations prior to the normal end of the school year," Mattox said.

In the meantime, the Senate Finance Committee chairman predicted lawmakers may be able to override Clements' threatened veto of a half-cent sales tax

increase to pay for reform. "I think we will have the votes to override the veto, without question" in the 31-member Senate, said Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan.

In the 150-member House, he said, "I think it's very close."

But another influential legislator - Rep. Jim Rudd, chairman of the budget-writing Appropriations Committee - said he doesn't think there are the needed 100 House votes to enact the bill over a gubernatorial veto. A two-thirds vote would be required in each chamber.

There is "too much party pride" among the 60 Republicans in the House to override the Republican governor, said Rudd, D-Brownfield. Of the 60, 48 voted against the sales tax bill last week.

Clements said he would veto the tax increase in time to give lawmakers a chance to override the action before this 30-day special session must end at midnight May 1.

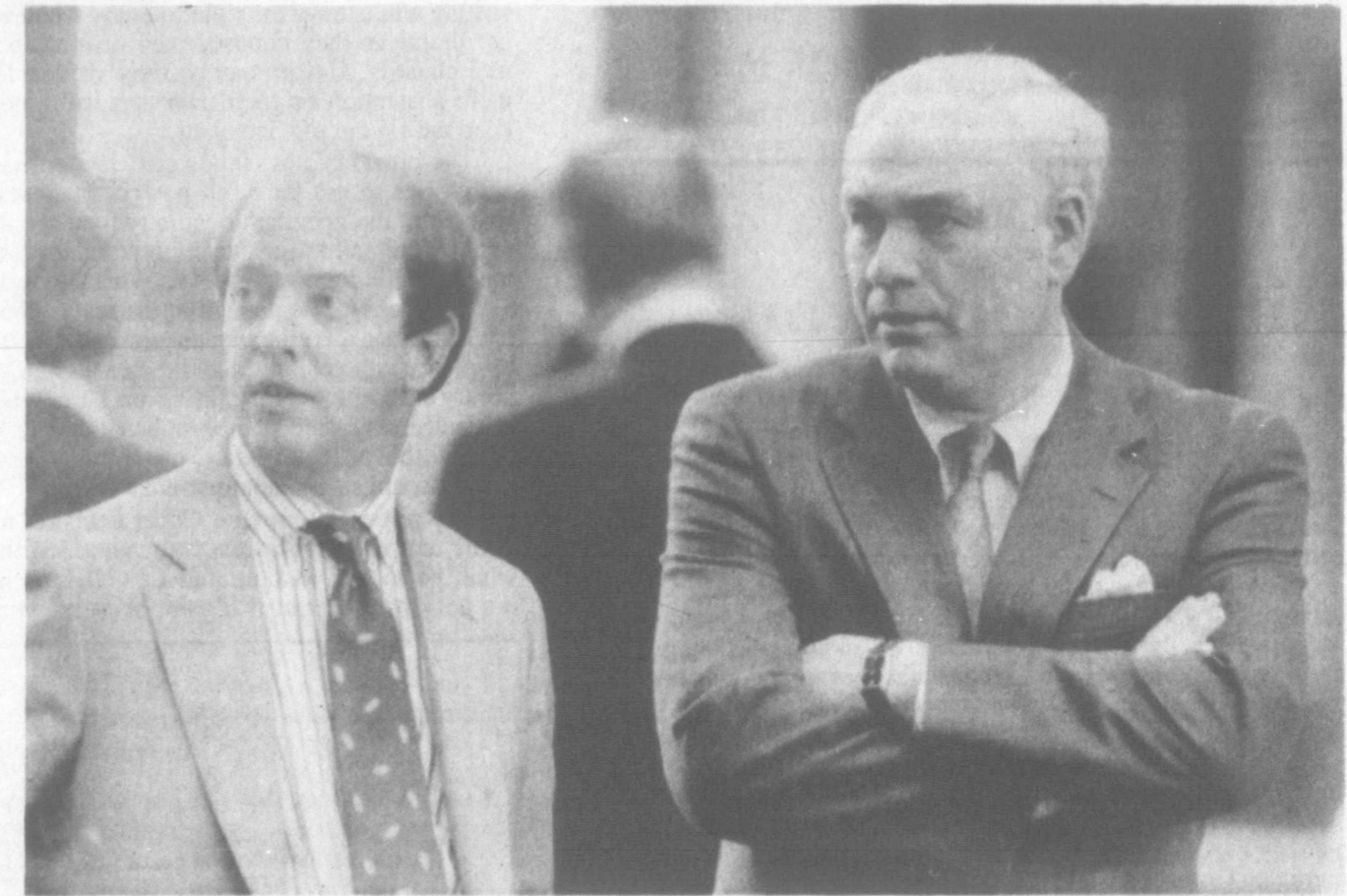
The House bill to raise \$443 million for next school year by increasing the state sales tax from 6 cents to 6.5 cents on the dollar was endorsed Monday by the Senate Finance Committee. The panel also approved House measures cutting \$114.4 million from other budget areas for public education.

The legislation, which goes to the full Senate, would be enough to fund a legislative conference committee proposal to pump \$555 million more into public education next school year.

The current \$13.5 billion-a-year school finance system relies on a combination of state aid, local property taxes and some federal money.

The conference committee planned to formally vote Tuesday on the reform proposal, which is a compromise between a \$450 million House bill and a \$1.2 billion Senate measure.

But Clements, promising to veto any tax increase, has said \$270 million could be trimmed from the state budget. That would be more than enough to fund the school reform plan he supports for 1990-91.



State Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan, left, and State Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, chat on the Senate floor Monday as legislators continue school finance reform studies. Caperton chairs the Senate Finance Committee, Rudd the House Appropriations Committee.

Peggy Railey's parents bitter about divorce action as they care for comatose daughter

DALLAS (AP) - Peggy Railey's parents, whose lives center on the care their comatose daughter requires, are bitter that their son-in-law, the key suspect in her choking attack, hasn't taken greater responsibility.

Walker Railey "wrote us a letter and said he was filing for dissolution of the marriage ... and alluded to the fact that Peggy and I were good friends and that as close as we were, we could take physical care of her," said Billie Jo Nicolai, Mrs. Railey's mother.

Mrs. Railey has remained in a Tyler nursing home since the 1987 attack at her home.

Walker Railey says he found her nearly strangled on the floor of the couple's garage. He has never been charged in the attack, but he was found liable in an \$18 million lawsuit.

In the years since the 1987 attack, Walker Railey has resigned his ministerial credentials, given up custody of his children and filed a divorce petition. It is set for trial in June in Long Beach, Calif., where he now lives.

Police are urging prosecutors to reconsider charges against the former minister, published reports said. Police told *The Dallas Morning*

News in a copyright story Sunday that Mrs. Railey's handwritten journal, despite providing few clues against her husband, show the woman was angry at Railey and unhappy with her life.

A top Dallas police official told the newspaper that he would ask the district attorney's office to reconsider whether it is enough evidence to charge Railey in the attack.

While Railey, described by police as the only suspect in the case, has re-established his life in California, the Nicolais have resented that he has left his wife's care totally in their hands.

"He said in the letter that he was sure I could handle it because I've been such a good friend to her," Mrs. Nicolai told the newspaper in a recent interview. "And I thought, 'You don't handle this easily no matter what.'"

Brain-damaged and unable to speak, Mrs. Railey requires constant attention.

Each day, Mrs. Nicolai combs her daughter's dark hair, swabs her ears, washes her face and changes her diaper. She also thinks about Railey.

"I don't feel that after 17 years of marriage that he should be able to turn his back and walk away from

his responsibilities to Peggy," said Mrs. Nicolai, 69.

She and her 72-year-old husband, Bill, said their daily visits to their daughter's nursing home are tougher this time of year, near the anniversary of the April 21, 1987 attack.

"Peggy still stares into space, and we don't know what she knows or what she thinks or what she feels," said Linda Nicolai, Mrs. Railey's sister-in-law. "She's the one that's really in prison."

"It just eats at your guts," she said. "It just goes on and on and nags at you. There are never any answers. Will there ever be?"

Judge sequesters jury in jail death trial

TYLER (AP) - Racial epithets in a Smith County Courthouse restroom prompted a judge to sequester the jury in the trial of three white lawmen accused of beating a black jail prisoner to death.

State District Judge Joe Tunnell stopped testimony Monday after hearing that a courthouse worker found the racial slurs, related to the trial, on the walls of the first-floor men's room. The trial is being held on the second floor.

County workers painted over the graffiti.

In testimony Monday, Johnnie and Alton Maxie told jurors that inmate Loyal Garner Jr. was hit several times after Garner and the Maxies rattled the door of their detoxification cell on Christmas Day 1987.

Former Hemphill Police Chief Thomas Ladner and former Sabine

County sheriff's deputy James "Bo" Hyden came to the cell to check on the noise.

Johnnie Maxie said Ladner hit Garner with a slapjack three or four times.

Garner had only wanted to telephone his wife, said Maxie. He testified that Hyden, who was standing behind Ladner, did not strike any blows.

But Ladner then threw his arm around Garner's neck, removing him from the cell, and the Maxies said they heard slapping sounds going down the hallways.

Alton Maxie compared the noise to "beating a rug."

Ladner and Hyden later reappeared, supporting Garner between them, and propped him against a wall of the cell, Johnnie Maxie testified. Garner crumpled, unconscious,

to the floor, he said.

"His eyes were wide open. He had blood on his shirt and he was breathing real heavy," he said, adding that the lawmen asked the brothers to take off Garner's shirt and they refused.

When the brothers awoke about 7:15 a.m. on Dec. 26, Garner's bloody shirt had been cleaned and thrown on the cell floor, they testified.

Garner was taken from the jail in an ambulance at 8 a.m. The 34-year-old man died two days after his arrest on drunken driving charges.

Ladner, Hyden and another murder defendant, former sheriff's deputy Billy Ray Horton, were acquitted by a Hemphill jury in July 1988 of violating Garner's civil rights.

Testimony was to resume today.

Judge prohibits adverse testimony against victim

DALLAS (AP) - District Judge Ted Poe refused to allow defense lawyers for fired Houston police officer Alex Gonzales to present derogatory information about the character of the woman he killed.

Gonzales is being tried on a murder charge in the Oct. 31, 1989, shooting death of Ida Delaney, a 50-year-old janitor. Gonzales was shot in the chest after Ms. Delaney stopped in front a road-maintenance crew after Gonzales and two other off-duty officers chased her pickup truck for 12 miles along a Houston freeway.

All three officers have been dismissed from the Houston Police Department since the incident. Each has testified that the group chased Ms. Delaney only because she fired a wild shot at the private car in which they were riding. None of the officers was in uniform at the time.

All had been drinking.

The trial was moved to Dallas because of extensive publicity in the Houston area.

Defense lawyer Joe Bailey asked the judge to allow testimony from police officers who would swear that Ms. Delaney was "neither peaceful nor law-abiding."

Bailey said two police officers could testify that Ms. Delaney was hostile during an investigation of an unspecified incident in 1971 and that a third officer could testify concerning a conversation he had with the woman in 1984.

Harris County Assistant District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal, objected, saying that the testimony was "character assassination."

Judge Poe ruled that the 1971 incident could not be mentioned before the jury, but allowed the

defense to present testimony about the 1984 conversation.

Houston Officer John Hake then testified that he had met Ms. Delaney at *The Houston Post*, where she was a janitor and he was a security guard.

Officer Hake testified that in a 1984 conversation with Ms. Delaney at the newspaper, "She said if anybody ever walked up to her, she would not be afraid to shoot them."

"I believed Ms. Delaney to be a very mean and violent person," Hake said.

Hake told prosecutor Don Smyth that the remark came when Hake, Ms. Delaney and others were discussing a newspaper article about a burglar killed by an intended victim.

Asked if the gist of Ms. Delaney's remarks was, "If someone's breaking into my house, I'd shoot them," Hake replied, "Correct."

Chinese Premier Li Peng meets with Gorbachev

MOSCOW (AP) - Premier Li Peng, the first Chinese head of government to visit Moscow in 26 years, met today with Mikhail S. Gorbachev after stressing that both countries have the right to tailor reforms to their own needs.

Li's four-day trip is meant to promote good relations and ease border tensions at a time when both countries, longtime rivals for leadership of the communist world, are confronted with serious domestic problems.

On Monday, the 61-year-old premier noted in a speech at a Kremlin dinner given in his honor that the

Soviet Union and China share a 4,300-mile-long border.

"Both are socialist countries and conduct reform and perestroika in accordance with the realities of their countries," Peng said in remarks reported by Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

He went on to tell the dignitaries gathered in the Grand Kremlin Palace that his country was committed to developing friendly ties with the Soviet Union, despite differences.

"The reality in China and the Soviet Union are different, and both sides have dissimilar views on a number

of questions," he acknowledged.

Peng did not identify the areas of disagreement, but Western diplomats in Beijing said China has stressed it will never again be the docile Soviet ally it was in the 1950s, and they noted that China's suspicions of Soviet aims have grown with Gorbachev's reform policies.

The ideological hard-liners who now rule China reportedly blame Gorbachev for the fall of Communist regimes in Eastern Europe and see perestroika - Gorbachev's reform program - as leading to the demise of socialism.

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Opinion

Lithuanians want to shed vise grip

"Mikhail Sergeevich has a nice smile but iron teeth," the late Andrei Gromyko said of Soviet President Gorbachev. In recent weeks those iron teeth have closed their vise grip relentless on independent Lithuania.

Gorbachev's dictatorial President Council, which he heads, proclaimed that unless Lithuania repealed its March 11 reassertion of independence, the council would impose "additional economic, political and other measures." It declared that recent objections by Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis were "a dead end." As in dead bodies?

Then Gorbachev warned Lithuania that he might impose direct "presidential" — i.e., dictatorial — control over Lithuania. On the same day, Landsbergis pleaded: "Do not further this, please: in the name of peace, justice and concord on Earth, do not do this." He reminded Gorbachev that even the Soviet boss and his regime have declared null and void the 1940 Soviet-Nazi pact, the pretext for continued Soviet occupation of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. Gorbachev replied by ordering the cutting off of gas and oil supplies to Lithuania.

The Kremlin has also begun a propaganda offensive. Yuri A. Reshtev, a Soviet Foreign Ministry apparatchik, stood before the Lincoln Monument and said that the Great Emancipator "said that he is fighting against the forces which are seeking to dissolve the Union. ... We have been together with Lithuania with Estonia and with Latvia for many, many years."

Such a statement is obscene — a return to the gross lies of the Lenin-Stalin Brezhnev era. The Southern states voluntarily joined the United States, while the Baltic states were forced to join the Soviet "Union." And whereas Lincoln freed the slaves, Gorbachev seeks to keep the Baltic people enslaved.

The real analogy for Lithuania is with our Declaration of Independence and George Washington, whom Landsbergis resembles as the father of his country. Even after 214 years, our Declaration speaks directly of what's going on in Lithuania today: of "the consent of the governed"; of "a long train of abuses and usurpations" which evince "a design to reduce them under absolute despotism." For those suffering under tyranny, "it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such a government."

The specific charges leveled against George III apply to his successor in tyranny, Gorbachev: "He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies, without the consent of our legislatures." These "large armies" will "complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy."

President Bush, alas, has ignored Lithuania's parallel to our own history. Perhaps he should pay a visit to the Jefferson Monument. Bush should now recognize Lithuania's new, independent government.

Gorbachev should know that Lithuanians, like Americans in 1776, are ready to suffer for their independence, mutually pledging to each other, in the hallowed words ending the Declaration, "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

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Cincinnati's war on pornography

Asked if he thinks sex is dirty, Woody Allen replied, "It is if you're doing it right." Apparently the citizens of Cincinnati agree, having decreed that no depictions of erotic passion shall be allowed to disturb the moral equilibrium and civic serenity of Tehran-on-the-Ohio.

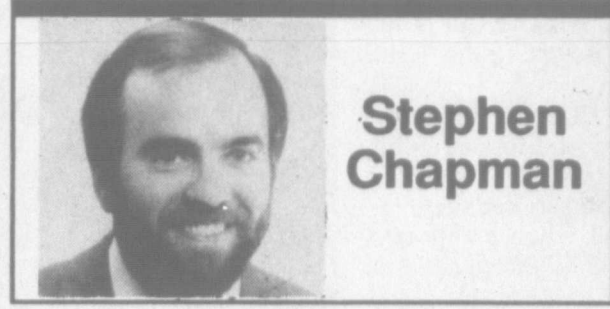
When I say no depictions, I mean no depictions. Adult bookstores and movie theaters? Sorry. Shows and strips joints? Forget it. Pornographic videocassettes? Get serious. Raunchy skin magazines? Let me give you directions to Cleveland. Anyone in need of sexual stimuli in Cincinnati had better have a vivid imagination, or at least a good memory.

It's not really fair of me to ridicule the enduring spirit of prudery among Cincinnatians, who as consenting adults have the right to enjoy whatever sexual practices they choose, even near-extinct ones like chastity. Unfortunately, they've decided that mere abstinence on their own part isn't enough to keep the sin out of Cincinnati.

The citizenry has empowered law enforcement authorities to use their full powers to dictate what anyone in the geographic vicinity may see, hear or read. A jail cell awaits any entrepreneur presuming to supply libidinous locals with what they want.

This policy gets noticed in the rest of the country only in exceptionally absurd cases — like the obscenity indictment of the director of the Contemporary Arts Center for putting on an exhibit by a critically respected photographer, the late Robert Mapplethorpe, who had a pronounced taste for sadomasochism and homoeroticism.

The relevant Supreme Court decision made a point that the local prosecutor snoozed through when he took Constitutional Law 101: If it's art, it's not obscene, and if it's not obscene, you can't



Stephen Chapman

touch it. Even with the current conservative Supreme Court, the prosecution's case has as much chance of passing muster as Billy Crystal has of being chosen grand marshal of the Columbus Day parade.

But the real problem is not that Cincinnati is overzealous in enforcing its anti-obscenity policy. The problem is the policy itself. The Supreme Court has said that the First Amendment protects sexually graphic works of art from government censorship. But why stop at art?

If the government has no business telling an art museum it can't show pictures of naked people doing certain things, why does it have any business telling *Hustler* magazine it can't show pictures of naked people doing certain things?

The First Amendment says, "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press." The court has tacked on an asterisk with the note: "Void in cases of obscenity." But as Justice Hugo Black used to say, "I read 'no law abridging' to mean no law abridging." There's nothing about pornography that justifies an exception.

The arguments made for this exception are not exactly of hurricane force. One is that the framers

of the Constitution never intended to protect *Wanda Whips Wall Street* from the censor. True, but they also didn't mean to protect blasphemy, which was generally illegal at the time. Nor did James Madison set out to enshrine the freedom to decorate a jacket with the message, "F--- the draft."

But no one would argue in 1990 that someone could be put in prison for insulting the Almighty. And the Supreme Court has ruled that if someone chooses to communicate a political message with obscene words, he's got a right. "One man's vulgarity," noted the court, "is another man's lyric."

The principle of the First Amendment — that the government has no right to interfere in voluntary communications among adults — applies just as clearly to pornography as it does to artistic or religious or political material.

The usual rationale for a ban on obscenity is that it is necessary to preserve the moral standards of the community. But the same argument could be used to ban Nazi marches, Malcolm X's autobiography, Madonna's music — in fact, almost anything most people don't like.

In a free society, the way to preserve moral standards is by individual and group efforts, not government commands. If a libertine community may not ban fundamentalist publications, why should a fundamentalist community be allowed to ban libertine publications?

The existence of pornography makes a lot of Americans uncomfortable, and not only in the more wholesome precincts of Ohio. But our political system was designed to uphold freedom, not comfort. A freedom that stops where the average resident of Cincinnati begins to blush isn't quite worthy of the name.

Today in history

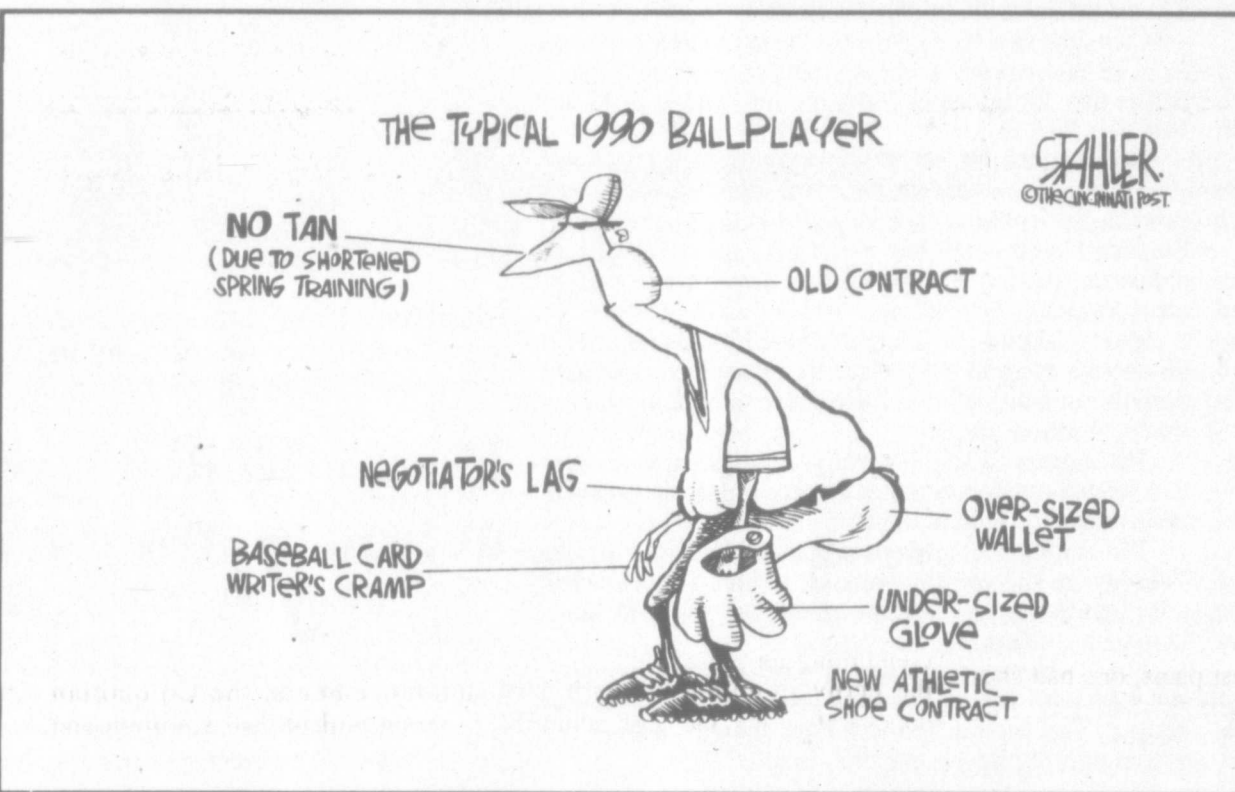
By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, April 24, the 114th day of 1990. There are 251 days left in the year.

On this date:
In 1704, the first American newspaper printed on a regular basis, the *Boston News Letter*, was published for the first time.

In 1792, the French national anthem "La Marseillaise" was composed by Claude-Joseph Rouget de Lisle.

In 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress in Washington D.C., appropriating \$5,000 "for the purchase of such books as may be necessary."

In 1877, federal troops were ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North's post-Civil War rule in the South.



Advice for would-be columnist

Deion (Neon, No Peon, Prime Time, Walking Jewelry Store) Sanders, the New York Yankee baseball player and Atlanta Falcons football player, has told sportswriters he wants to write a weekly newspaper column himself.

Says the media isn't portraying him as he would like to be portrayed, so he wants to crank up his word processor (with diamond-studded keyboard?) so that "fans can know the truth about me."

Says Deion, "You get bad press when you're a young black man making a lot of money, doing and saying what you want, wearing jewelry."

You can also get bad press when you act goofy at times, mention how much money you make in every other breath and decorate yourself like the Golden Calf.

But that's not the point here. Deion Sanders can say what he wants and do what he wants and wear a ruby in his navel and all that is dandy with me.

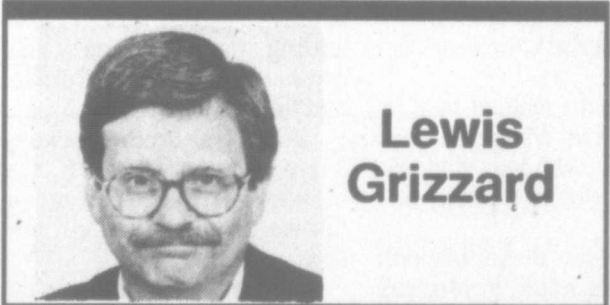
But you start going around threatening to write your own newspaper column and somebody might take you up on it.

That's exactly how I got this job. I said to the wrong person, "What I would really like to do is write a column."

And this person said, "Fine. Give me 800 words by four this afternoon."

There have been a lot of great lines about writing newspaper columns. I haven't had any, but others have.

Deion Sanders might want to note that the late



Lewis Grizzard

Red Smith of the *New York Times* said it was easy to write a column:

"You just sit down at the typewriter and wait for the blood to pop out of your veins."

Said John Keasler, columnist for the *Miami News*:

"Writing a column is a lot like being married to a nymphomaniac. The first two weeks it's fun."

Before Deion Sanders takes on a newspaper column, even a weekly one, I do happen to have a little advice for him, however.

1. Everybody thinks he or she can write. At any given time on the planet only about 10 people really can, however.

So the rest of us are only pretenders and we don't need somebody else to embarrass us any further, Mr. Sanders.

2. No matter how good you think your column is, there will always be an editor who thinks to

himself, "Mmmm (fill in a name) seems to be slipping."

3. No matter how bad you column is, you will still get 30 requests a week to speak at a civic club luncheon.

4. It is basically impossible to hit the "q" on a keyboard while wearing a left pinky ring that weighs 17 pounds.

5. Remember how much you enjoyed doing English compositions when you were a scholar athlete at Florida State?

Writing a newspaper column is no fun, either, and you can't just go copy something out of a book in the library even if you know where the library is without having to ask the nearest geology major.

6. Having to write a newspaper column can cut into your busy social life.

While you're sitting there facing an approaching deadline, some dude could be messing with your woman. Bad as you are, you aren't bad enough to explain, "Sorry I'm late, Toots, I couldn't remember if 'Rolodex' has one 'l' or two."

7. You'll think, "Hey, I'll just knock out my column on the way to pick up my laundry." Think again. Even if you're riding in a limo, it's still too bouncy to type.

8. If you still want to try to write a weekly column, you can have my slot. Just be sure to double space and to avoid dangling participles.

There's not room enough to hang anything else around your neck anyway.

There's a 'New Age' for opportunists

By SARAH OVERSTREET

The end of the '80s was the era of the "holy hucksters" — television preachers caught fleecing their flocks while fracturing commandments seven through 10 (you know, the ones about adultery, stealing, bearing false witness and coveting.)

In the coming "New Age" of the '90s, I think we're likely to see much the same phenomenon among another group who claim a direct line to the Supreme Being: the New Agers themselves.

This doesn't mean I have anything against New Agers. I think the majority of them are just decent people seeking answers to spiritual questions, as are most Christians, who have nothing in common with the TV crooks who victimized some of them.

But anytime someone claims to have a direct line to a deity, there is the potential for trouble and abuse. And there have been abusers around in the New Age movement for a long time, selling "past-life" readings, trinkets, tapes and books, and becoming rich. How do you tell the sincere

practitioner of "New Age" mysticism from the victimizer?

Good question. We may never know the answer. Here's a true story of how easily the worst can happen:

About 30 years ago, a nationally syndicated political columnist and biographer named Ruth Montgomery became interested in psychic phenomena.

In the early '60s she began practicing "automatic writing," in which she supposedly "took dictation" from disembodied but highly enlightened entities from the spirit world. These "spirit Guides," as she calls them, supposedly speak out on all manner of metaphysical issues through her fingers and typewriter, and she has written many best-selling books based on their "revelations."

In 1985, she published a book entitled *Aliens Among Us*. In it, she asserts that souls from other planets sometimes inhabit human bodies either from birth or as "walk-ins" in bodies that have been abdicated by human souls. She devoted three long chapters to a glowing recitation of the so-called "extraterrestrial" lineage

and philosophy of a man named Frederick von Mierers. Von Mierers claims to be a "walk-in" from the star Arcturus. She included an address where readers could write to von Mierers.

How did Montgomery verify that what von Mierers was telling her was true? She asked her "Guides," and they said he was on the level.

After Montgomery's book came out, von Mierers received thousands of letters. From there, he began to sell tapes (at \$350 a pop) telling customers of their "past lives" and his philosophy, which meanders from predictions of a coming millennial "doomsday" to anti-Semitism.

"Hitler was a misunderstood genius," says von Mierers, who was quoted by writer Marie Brenner in the March issue of *Vanity Fair*. "Jews have to understand their natures encourage pogroms."

In addition, von Mierers has been selling large expensive gems, telling believers the gems have supernatural healing and protective properties. Buyers of "life readings" told Brenner that von Mierers would often

"prescribe" certain gems.

"They are as candles in the dark ... to prevent you from falling into delusions," Brenner quotes him as saying on one cassette. Several buyers who Brenner talked with said they had the gems appraised by jewelers and were told the gems aren't worth near what von Mierers sold them for.

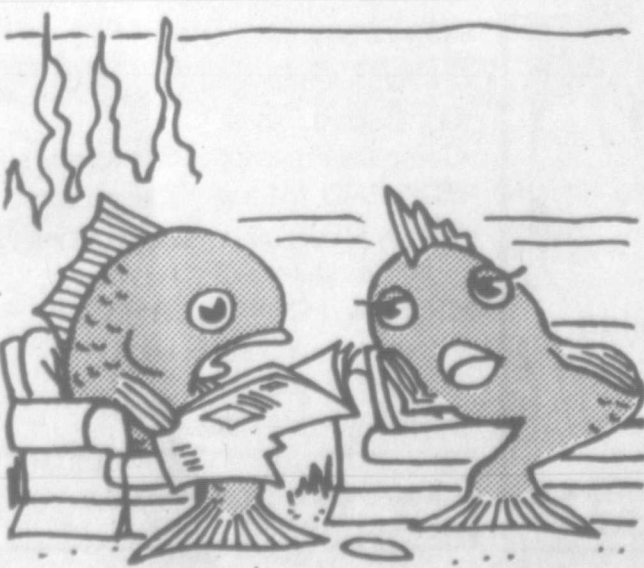
This case captured national attention because some rich, socially prominent former members of von Mierers' group are accusing him of fleecing them and subjecting members to demeaning sexual rituals. Brenner says some members were initiated in a sex rite called "the treatment."

But despite the charges, all over the country, people of modest and fixed incomes are sending millions to "enlightened ones" who are peddling books, tapes, "life readings" and other paraphernalia. And how do they know these people have the answers they're seeking?

Because, just like Jim and Tammy, John Wesley Fletcher and Jimmy Swaggart, they say so.

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"Guess what the fecal-colliform level is. Just guess."

Oregon woman loses appeal in sperm-donor case

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Oregon woman who does not want to share parenting rights with the California man who donated his sperm for her artificial insemination lost a Supreme Court appeal Monday.

The court, without comment, let stand a ruling that Kevin McIntyre is entitled to a trial in seeking to prove he donated sperm only after Linden Crouch said she would let him help raise the child.

Ms. Crouch says no such agreement was made.

Nationwide, more than 20,000 children are born each year through artificial insemination, the court was told.

In most cases, women are inseminated with sperm obtained through a sperm bank from donors who remain anonymous to them. But McIntyre, from Moraga, Calif., has known Crouch, from Ashland, Ore., for over 13 years.

Crouch gave birth to a daughter, Glenellen Susan, on Nov. 24, 1986, after being artificially impregnated with sperm she had asked McIntyre to donate.

He says Crouch told him before he agreed to donate his sperm that she wanted him to share parenting with her. He says she also agreed to his request for visitation rights.

In other action Monday, the high court — Agreed to use the case of a Mississippi death row inmate to provide new guidelines for police questioning of suspects.

The court said it will hear an appeal by Robert S. Minnick, a convicted murderer who

said his confession was unlawful because he was denied his right to have a lawyer present.

— Refused to reinstate the California murder conviction of a Black Panther Party member who was shackled during his 17-month trial.

The court, without comment, let stand a ruling that the shackling at Johnny Spain's trial violated his rights.

— Rejected an appeal by a Utah city accused of unlawfully promoting religion by subsidizing the Mormon Church and by putting a church symbol on city property.

The court, over one dissenting vote, refused to kill a lawsuit that says the city violated the constitutionally required separation of church and state.

— Refused to give new life to a copyright lawsuit over actress Shirley MacLaine's 1983 best-selling book, *Out on a Limb*.

The court, without comment, let stand rulings that MacLaine's book about reincarnation and other spiritual subjects did not infringe the copyright of a 1977 book written by Charles Silva.

— Rejected an appeal by a former member of the Church of Scientology of California who wanted the church declared a phony religion.

The court, without comment, rejected an appeal by Larry Wollersheim of Aspen, Colo.

Still pending before the justices is an appeal by the Church of Scientology of California aimed at overturning a \$2.5 million "emotional distress" award won by Wollersheim.

— Rejected a chemical company's challenge to federal standards for clean water.

The court, without comment, left intact rules that govern more than 1,000 factories producing organic chemicals, plastics and synthetic fibers.

Oregon's artificial insemination law denies

any parental rights to sperm donors who are not the woman's husband.

The law states, "Such donor shall have no right, obligation or interest with respect to a child born as a result of the artificial insemination."

Invoking that law, a state trial judge threw out McIntyre's lawsuit seeking parental rights.

But a state appeals court, by a 2-1 vote, reinstated his suit in 1988. The appeals court said the state law, when applied to McIntyre, violated his constitutionally protected due-process rights.

The appeals court said McIntyre is entitled to a trial in Jackson County, Ore., on his allegation that Crouch broke an oral agreement.

The Oregon Supreme Court refused to hear Crouch's ensuing appeal last Nov. 30, but postponed any trial until Crouch could appeal to the nation's highest court.

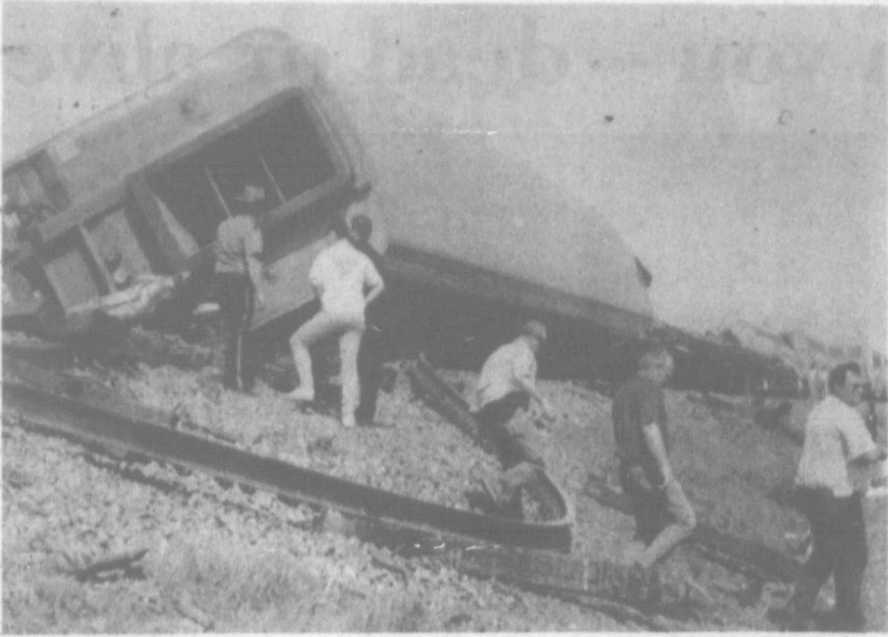
In the appeal acted on Monday, Crouch's lawyer argued, "Mr. McIntyre's claim, at the most and if proven, is that he has lost a quantity of sperm because he was tricked by Ms. Crouch."

"This was conduct between private parties," the appeal said. "The government was not involved (so) a liberty interest under the (Constitution's) due process clause does not exist."

Crouch's appeal said the appeals court ruling "calls into question the legal relationships among donors, fathers and children conceived in insemination in Oregon."

Her appeal said most states have artificial insemination laws.

McIntyre's lawyer urged the justices to reject Crouch's appeal. He said McIntyre had tried since 1980 to adopt a child, and since 1983 had sought to have a child through a surrogate mother.



(AP Laserphoto)

Investigators and law enforcement officers check the scene of derailed passenger cars from an east bound Amtrak train near Batavia, Iowa.

Amtrak train jumps tracks; 91 injured near Iowa town

By GREG SMITH
Associated Press Writer

BATAVIA, Iowa (AP) — An Amtrak train was lurching from side to side and going "clickety, clickety, clunk" before it jumped the tracks, witnesses said. At least 91 people were reported injured, three seriously.

"Last night it seemed like the train just wasn't going right. It was kind of swaying so much it woke me up," Ruby Hall of Forrest City, Ark., one of the California Zephyr's 394 passengers, said Monday.

The train was on its run from Seattle-Oakland to Chicago with a crew of 24 when it derailed at the edge of this town of 500, about 90 miles from Des Moines.

Jasonna Gibson of Schenectady, N.Y., said she was holding her 2 1/2-month-old baby when the train left the tracks. "The baby fell," she said. "I tried to get him and a lady fell on me."

Eight passenger or baggage cars jumped the tracks: four remained upright; three were leaning, and one, a sleeper car, was on its side, said Amtrak spokeswoman Sue Martin.

A National Transportation Safety Board team was sent to determine the cause of the accident.

The crew reported to local hospitals for drug and alcohol tests, as required under federal regulations, said Michael Turner, Amtrak supervisor of on-board services. Test results were not immediately available.

Kathy Hood of Littleton, Colo., said the ride was rough before the derailment. "This is my first train ride, but I didn't think they were supposed to sway so much," she said.

Paula Stater said she was in her home near the tracks just before the accident and knew something wasn't right.

"I said to myself, 'There goes that Amtrak making that stupid noise,'" she said. "But instead of

going clickety, clickety, clack, it was making a clickety, clickety, clunk."

"I looked out the window and thought, 'Lord, I hope nobody was killed.'"

Asked about reports of swaying and noise, Gerry Hester, transportation superintendent for Amtrak's Midwest division, would not speculate on the cause of the accident.

Mike Wenninger, a spokesman for Burlington Northern Railroad, on whose line the train was operating, said investigators would interview the crew and witnesses, check if signals were working and examine the train's speed.

Wenninger said the Burlington Northern line is kept in "tiptop condition and is inspected daily."

Ms. Martin said she does not know how fast the train was traveling but its "black box" data recorder should help investigators. The train is authorized to travel up to 79 mph in the area of the crash, she said.

Martin said 91 people, most of them suffering bumps and bruises, were taken to hospitals, including 10 crew members. Fourteen were admitted. "None of the injuries has been described as life-threatening," she said.

Three seriously injured passengers were taken by helicopter from the crash scene to hospitals, officials said. One was admitted to a cardiac unit with chest pains, one had chest injuries and the third a badly fractured arm, officials said.

Sections of the California Zephyr originate in Seattle, Los Angeles and Oakland, Calif., and link up in Salt Lake City for the trip to Chicago.

Martin said the train was running two hours late because one section had to detour between Oakland and Sacramento because of a gasoline spill.

Amtrak arranged for buses to take passengers to Chicago, where other travel arrangements would be made.

Rev. Abernathy buried in Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) — A mule-drawn wagon carried the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy to his final resting place as his colleagues praised him for shouldering the burden of the civil rights movement for the past two decades.

The famous and the humble crowded shoulder-to-shoulder into a church Monday for the four-hour service for the Martin Luther King Jr.'s chief lieutenant and closest friend. Abernathy died of a heart attack April 17 at age 64.

State Rep. Tyrone Brooks said

Abernathy "was nailed to the cross" in his efforts to hold King's coalition together after the civil rights leader's assassination in 1968.

"The assassination of Ralph David Abernathy began on April 5, 1968," Brooks said. "He was crucified for 22 years."

Afterward, two mules, pulling a wooden wagon bearing Abernathy's casket, set out from West Hunter Street Baptist Church, where Abernathy was pastor, for Lincoln Cemetery.

By MARK FRITZ
Associated Press Writer

EAST BERLIN (AP) — East Germany has sent tons of its own money to the trash-burner to make room in its treasury for the crisp new West German currency that it hopes will bring prosperity.

Soldiers stuffed sacks filled with old, out-of-circulation East German currency that had been taking up space in the main treasury in East Berlin.

The marks were carted off to the incinerator on Monday so the government will have room for the new currency that is expected to begin officially circulating in the country by July 2.

The monetary union is a major step toward reuniting the two Ger-

man states. "The East German mark will not be needed with the introduction of the monetary union," said the treasury's chief cashier, Horst Boettcher.

Critics in West Germany complained that Chancellor Helmut Kohl was the one acting like he had money to burn.

The old money was removed on the same day the West German government announced it would offer East Germany a basic 1-1 exchange rate on wages, salaries and pensions.

The 1-1 rate also would apply to savings accounts of up to 4,000 marks, or about \$2,300, said Kohl spokesman Dieter Vogel in Bonn. Savings over that amount would be traded at a rate of two East German marks for every West German mark.

U.S. concludes drug pact with Peru; Bolivia, Colombia next

WASHINGTON (AP) — After concluding an aid agreement with the Peruvian military to curb narcotics trafficking, the Bush administration is about to complete similar pacts with Colombia and Bolivia, U.S. officials say.

The \$35 million aid package with Peru was announced over the weekend in Lima and will involve the Peruvian military in the anti-drug effort for the first time.

Negotiations with the three Andean countries have taken place since shortly after President Bush announced his anti-drug strategy last September and disclosed his intention to increase military coop-

eration with each country. Consistent with earlier announcements, the Colombian program will be \$40.3 million and Bolivia's will be \$33.7 million. The U.S. officials, who insisted on anonymity, said the signings of the agreements are imminent.

The United States will provide the Peruvian military with training and refurbishing of aircraft. Some aid also will be given to the Peruvian Navy. Contrary to some reports, there will be no U.S. involvement in the construction of a military base, but assistance will be offered in selecting a site for a new base, the officials said.

There had been reports West Germany was considering the poorer rate for most savings.

The government later said Kohl and East German Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere would meet today to discuss the remaining differences over reunification.

The East German government had demanded the 1-1 rate to protect workers from higher living costs in a unified Germany and the loss of huge subsidies that existed in the former socialist system.

East German politicians applauded the wage concession but criticized the limit on savings accounts.

West Germany opposition parties said the plan would cost billions, erode the West German mark and lead to inflation. West German stocks plunged to their lowest level

of the year after the announcement. West German Finance Minister Theo Waigel said his country will spend \$35 billion to \$58 billion in the next two years on unification.

The West German government's proposal is an "important contribution" to ending the disagreements between the nations, East German government spokesman Mathias Gehler said.

But Wolfgang Ullmann, vice president of East Germany's Parliament, said: "If this is the final decision, there should be sharp protest, because a large part of savings will not be considered here."

Many West Germans, who vote in national elections on Dec. 2, are worried they will bear the brunt of absorbing the crumbling East German economy.

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South Texas man will buy the snakes from you — dead or alive

By JOEL WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

BRUNI, Texas (AP) — Need a live rattlesnake? Call Jerry Troop.
Need to get rid of one? He'll buy it, dead or alive, but it's worth more alive.

"Sometimes I drive with my pickup all night long, just up and down the road, up and down the road, looking for snakes," said the 31-year-old snake broker, who lives in Bruni, about 50 miles east of Laredo in the South Texas brush country.

He sells the live ones by the pound. If they're dead, he sells them by the foot.

"We Buy Snakes," announces the sign by State Highway 359 in Bruni, then another, "All Snakes," with an arrow pointing to Troop's house.

Troop, with his special snake building often full of live rattlers, admits he isn't too popular with his neighbors: "They don't like all these snakes around here."

"Bruni is known around here as the place to sell snakes," said Steve Davis of nearby Hebronville, who brought a friend by Troop's place one April afternoon to sell two rattlesnakes for beer money.

Troop buys the live ones, typically western diamondback rattlesnakes, for \$3.50 a pound, and sells them for \$5.50 a pound. They vary in weight from less than a pound to 10 pounds, and

grow to as long as 6 1/2 feet.

To pick up the reptiles, Troop uses a pole with a pistol grip connected to a loop of rope that slips around the snakes' heads.

Snakes dominate the decor in his two-room house. A six-foot, stuffed rattlesnake is mounted on one wall, a six-foot rattlesnake skin adorns another wall and a stuffed, mounted coral snake hangs by the bed.

For contrast, there are three photos of singer Johnny Cash and black-velvet paintings of tigers, an eagle and a bull fighter.

Snake handling shows buy most of the live rattlesnakes from Troop, he said, because they don't live long in captivity. That forces the shows constantly to resupply.

On a recent trip to San Antonio, he said he delivered 18 rattlesnakes to a show and came back with \$500.

Some pet stores buy live, non-poisonous snakes from him.

Troop will pay \$1 a foot for dead snakes, and sells them for whatever the market will bring.

Frozen rattlesnakes fill a freezer in his snake building. Some people buy the meat, either as a delicacy or to use in folk medicine, Troop said. But the best market is selling to boot, belt and hatband makers, sometimes for several dollars a foot.

In the spring and summer, peak period for snake activity, Troop sells about \$1,500 worth of

live and dead snakes per month.

Troop also sells cow skulls that he finds on ranches. He said he gets \$10 to \$25 for each one, and makes about \$2,000 per month from that.

Skull sales in the past few years have begun to surpass snake sales, he said, because people like to hang skulls on their walls. Also, fewer and fewer snakes live in the brush country.

Until about four years ago, he used to buy about three tons of snakes a year. Now, he said, he's lucky to get a ton.

Troop got into the snake and skull business after moving from Michigan in 1978 to be with his grandparents in Bruni.

He had a traveling snake show for about five years, whose advertising flyers beckoned with, "See Jerry reach in the cages and bring them out alive."

In 1984, one of the snakes bit him on the hand during a performance, swelling the hand into a mass of black blisters that put him in the hospital for several days. Later that year he shut down his exhibitions because liability insurance became too expensive.

He said he likes having an unusual job, but often hesitates to tell women he dates what he does for a living.

"They'll probably think I'm kind of weird," he said. "I'd rather be buying real estate or something. That's a better job than working with them snakes."



(AP Laserphoto)

Snake broker Jerry Troop poses with one of his prize catches at his home in Bruni recently. Troop buys any kind of snake, dead or alive, by the foot or by the pound, to resell to snake handling shows, pet shops and boot, belt and hatband makers.

Arkansas governor's race: Tale of deceit, greed

By RON FOURNIER
Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Words like deceit, greed, revenge and corruption have been used before in Arkansas politics, but not often in a Republican gubernatorial primary.

This year's GOP race between Rep. Tommy Robinson and Sheffield Nelson, former friends and Democrats who abandoned the party last year, has all the intrigue of a prime-time soap opera.

The likely Democratic nominee is four-term Gov. Bill Clinton, who pulled back from a presidential bid in 1988 and is regarded as a potential presidential candidate for 1992 or beyond.

Nelson, a Little Rock attorney, made \$7.7 million in 12 years at the helm of Arkansas' biggest gas utility, sometimes helping Robinson, who was sheriff of Pulaski County — which includes Little Rock — in the early 1980s.

Their duel for the GOP nomination has focused more attention on a tangled web of dealings, involving three power brokers who like to stay behind the scenes, than on matters of public policy.

Two of the key figures are broth-

ers W.R. "Witt" Stephens and Jackson T. Stephens, owners of the largest U.S. investment firm off Wall Street. The third is Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, a lifetime pal of Robinson's — until this campaign.

Kingmakers since the segregation-era days of six-term governor Orval E. Faubus, the Stephens family's political apparatus, which appeared to slumber in recent years, has revived to try to crush Nelson and carry Robinson.

"They own him lock, stock and barrel," Nelson says.

Nelson owes a lot to Witt. Stephens, who headed the Arkla Inc. natural gas utility, helped Nelson get a job with the company, promoted the young lawyer, and when Stephens retired in 1973, Nelson was the handpicked successor.

The relationship soon soured. According to Nelson, Stephens became upset when Nelson wouldn't have Arkla buy gas from Stephens at inflated prices and refused to allow Arkla to deal with most of the Stephens subsidiaries.

"I think they're greedy," Nelson said. "I think they're mean. I think they can hold grudges. And I think the best evidence I can give you is the grudge they've held for me over

the years."

Stephens, 82, a longtime Democrat, said the only candidate he's supporting this year is his nephew, former Rep. Ray Thornton who's running for Robinson's seat. But his feelings toward Nelson are clear: "I want all thieves beat. The way he managed the gas company is not very commendable."

Robinson is among those pointing fingers at a deal Arkla made in 1982 under Nelson. The company sold mineral leases on thousands of acres to Arkoma Productions, which was owned by Jones, who also was a pal of Nelson.

"He sold our property too cheap — those leases too cheap," Stephens said. "In my opinion, he's a thief and I don't recommend thieves to anybody."

Jones paid \$15 million and spent another \$35 million on drilling and acquisitions before he sold the gas rights and the rest of his company to Arkla in a deal whose eventual cost to Arkla was more than \$160 million.

Robinson, meanwhile, lost his friendship with Jones by jumping on the deal between Jones and Nelson: "If he ran our state like Arkla, the state would be bankrupt and Sheffield Nelson would end up

making Sam Walton look like a pauper." Walton is the billionaire Wal-Mart founder.

It was another close relationship gone sour.

Jones and Robinson had grown up together in North Little Rock. As a rich man, Jones loaned Robinson thousands of dollars to buy Christmas presents, pay medical bills and get by. Asked in 1988 how he managed to raise six children on a policeman's salary, Robinson said: "I borrowed money from Jerry Jones."

They also had a partnership in a farm, but their business ties fell apart this year after Robinson's criticism of the deal and after Jones' daughter, Charlotte, resigned as chief of Robinson's staff.

While Witt denounces Nelson but otherwise stays on the sidelines, his brother, Jack, a Republican, supports Robinson. Jack's wife, Mary Anne Stephens, is Robinson's campaign chairman, and Terry Rose, Witt's son-in-law, is Robinson's campaign manager in Pulaski County.

The ties with the Stephens family have led to questions about whether Robinson will exercise a free hand if he becomes governor.

Says Robinson: "Nobody controls me, just ask Jerry Jones."

Police, demonstrators clash in Nepal

By VIJAY JOSHI
Associated Press Writer

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Demonstrators clashed with police throughout the capital of Katmandu Monday in the first major violence since the nation returned to democracy two weeks ago, witnesses said. Ten people were reported killed and 72 injured.

In Monday's clashes, six policemen were beaten to death by protesters and four demonstrators were fatally shot by police, witnesses said.

The violence broke out when a mob of several hundred paraded three unconscious and bleeding men through the streets. The group claimed its captives were policemen belonging to a banned right-wing gang called Mandale, which was once allied with the monarchy and is now blamed for an outbreak of looting, mugging and arson.

Police opened fire in at least four places as the mob with the three captives marched toward the royal palace. Some men were beating the three unconscious captives, who were tied together in a sitting position on a pushcart. Others chanted: "Birendra, thief, leave the country!"

On April 8, King Birendra yielded to a groundswell of pro-democracy demonstrations and lifted a 29-year ban on political parties.

The march was halted by police, who rescued the three unconscious men accused of belonging to Mandale.

Two of the captives died and were identified as policemen after their bodies were brought to Bir Hospital, where the third man was in serious condition. His identity was not immediately known.

Four civilians who died of bullet wounds were also brought to Bir Hospital, doctors said.

It was not immediately known whether they were part of the march on the palace or were shot in other locations.

Four policemen were beaten to death by a mob that attacked a police station in Katmandu's western Teku neighborhood, according to a reporter who witnessed the killings and spoke on condition of anonymity.

He said police at Teku initially fired tear gas, then warning shots in

the air and finally gunshots into the crowd. It was not known if there were any casualties.

Crowds were seen attacking at least six other police stations. Demonstrators also set fire to a two-story building housing offices of the general commissioner, the top civil administrator for the Katmandu region.

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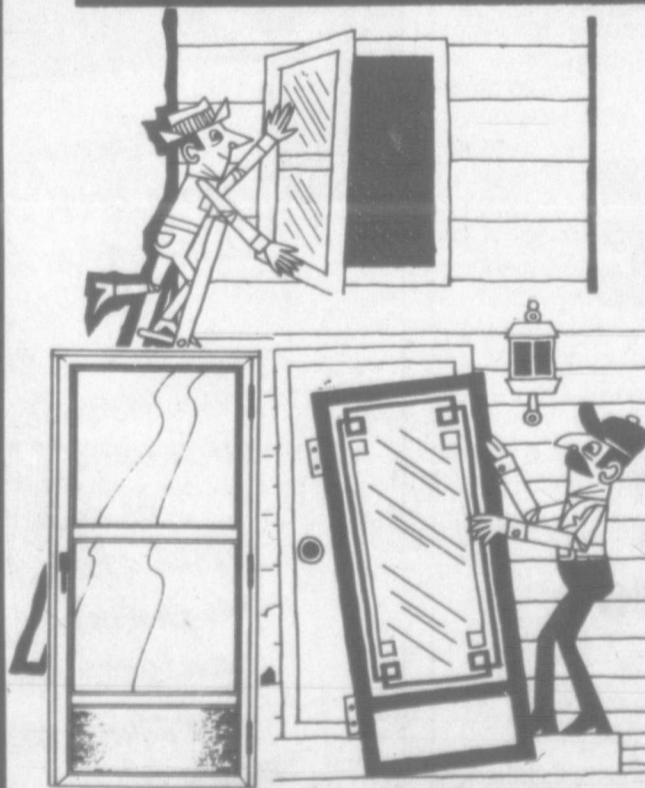
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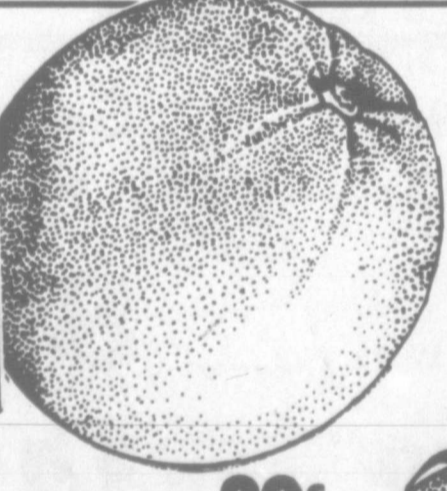





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Historian: Others stole election for Johnson

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Lyndon Johnson did not mastermind the rigged 1948 election that sent him to the U.S. Senate, says a close Johnson associate and former White House aide.

Dr. Joe B. Frantz, former chair of the history department at the University of Texas, contends the election was stolen for Johnson, possibly without his knowledge, by a disgruntled South Texas political boss eager to derail Johnson's opponent, Coke Stevenson of Junction.

Frantz said he revealed the information for the first time publicly at a recent West Texas Historical Society banquet because of accusations made against Johnson by Robert A. Caro in *Means of Ascent*, the second volume in Caro's biography of LBJ.

Johnson won the election by 87 votes out of almost a million cast, collecting 99 percent of the South Texas vote.

"There's no question the election was stolen," Frantz said, but he contends that political boss George Parr filled it to spite Stevenson, not necessarily to help Johnson.

And it may have been without Johnson's knowledge, Frantz said.

Frantz, Turnbull Professor of History at Corpus Christi State University, put together the Oral History Project for the Johnson Presidential Library in Austin.

Frantz, who was a White House aide during Johnson's presidency, taped interviews with nearly 1,000 people for the library, including Johnson's political enemies.

He said his information about Parr's political vendetta against Stevenson came from an interview he conducted with Stevenson when the former governor was in his 80s. Stevenson died in 1975 at age 87.

"It would have been in the early 1970s," Frantz told The Associated Press. "He set me down and he said, 'I'm going to give you the straight story,' and he said, 'You are not going to take any notes and you're not going to tape anything and it will be my word against yours and I am the governor.' In other words he has more credibility than I do, and he pretty well told me the whole story."

Stevenson and Parr had always been close allies, Stevenson told Frantz, until Parr asked Stevenson, who was then governor, to name a certain man judge at Laredo.

Stevenson told Parr that "the fellow was an absolute

rascal and into every sort of political sin available," Frantz said.

Parr reportedly responded, "That's the man I want." Stevenson refused to name the man judge.

"All right, Coke," Parr reportedly told Stevenson. "You'll be sorry."

"And, by God," Stevenson told Frantz, "I was." "The feeling is that Parr decided, 'I'm going to teach Coke Stevenson a lesson and, at the same time, get in very good with the new senator from Texas.'"

Parr, who Frantz said he was not able to find at the time, died in the mid-1970s. He came from a strongly political family in South Texas and was characterized as a "political boss" in Duvall and Jim Wells counties in the 1940s.

When the election-stealing charges first surfaced after the 1948 election, Parr's nephew, Archer Parr, said the Parr family "had as much to do with (it) as any citizen of Dallas." Dallas is hundreds of miles away.

Frantz said he also interviewed the man who was responsible for disposing of the votes from the contested box before a recount could be held.

He said he came away from the encounter convinced that the South Texans were guilty of stuffing ballot box 13 with illegal votes. The box disappeared after the count.

Frantz said he thought Caro's characterization of Johnson was heavily slanted against Johnson in the first book. In the second book, which details the 1948 race, "It was just annoyance that Caro's acting as if Johnson had pulled off the dirtiest steal in history. He doesn't see things in the context of the times," Frantz said.

"We didn't know what a secret ballot was," Frantz said. "I grew up in Weatherford, and all the precincts used to vote in the same room in the courthouse and all the courthouse hangers-on would stand around and watch you."

Frantz says Johnson's 1941 unsuccessful run for the U.S. Senate was stolen from him. "It was just every-year politics in Texas," he said.

"I was sort of amused by Robert Caro's almost innocence in how dirty all this was. When the national press seized on it, it's like he expected some sort of local paradox down here. Actually it's no dirtier than anywhere else."

New Orleans pulls welcome mat for Democrats

HOUSTON (AP) — The method by which Democrats choose a host city for their national presidential nominating convention has come under fire in New Orleans.

Members of the National Democratic Committee are set to visit New Orleans this week, but city officials are questioning whether the Democrats are more interested in fun and games than a working visit.

"They're not welcome," one New Orleans official involved in the city's bid to host the 1992 Democratic National Convention told the Houston Chronicle's Washington bureau.

Houston is one of four cities in the running for the convention.

About 75 members of the DNC's convention site selection group — including staff and technical advisers — are expected to arrive in New Orleans on Wednesday.

The Democrats have been assured free room and board at four of the city's best hotels for the three-day inspection visit. But some of them have asked to extend their stay over the weekend for the start of the annual New Orleans jazz festival.

It is one of the busiest times of the year for the city, and the hotels have complained that bumping paying customers for two nights to accommodate the Democrats is bad enough without having to spring for a weekend stay as well.

"We're trying to discourage them from staying over. This is a site visit, not a ... whatever," said the New Orleans official, who requested anonymity, adding that Democrats had rejected New Orleans' proposal that they visit in January.

Yolanda Caraway, senior adviser to Democratic Party chairman Ron Brown, said she was surprised by the New Orleans attitude.

"We told them we couldn't do it in January. But they're the ones that suggested this weekend, not us. If they've got a problem with it, then they ought to tell us ... And I don't think any committee member expects to stay free over the weekend," she said.

The complaint from New Orleans is just one example of the problems the Democrats have encountered this year as they decide which city — New Orleans, Houston, Cleveland or New York — will host the 1992 convention.

Earth Day celebration



(Staff photo by Kayla Pursley)

Visitors to Earth Day '90 activities at Medi-Park in Amarillo Sunday got to see close-up the bright red Duncan & Boyd hot air balloon, just one of many exhibits promoting the environmental movement. The Austin School of Massage offered free back massages to fair goers and by late afternoon people were lined up to experience the stress-relieving technique.

Survey: Houston's Asians cooperate with census

HOUSTON (AP) — At least 70 percent of the Asian community in Houston has filled out and returned a U.S. Census form, a survey conducted by a local organization shows.

The figure is substantially higher than the 50 percent cooperation that census officials are estimating for the Houston area as a whole, and the 55 percent return estimated for the entire nation.

A telephone survey conducted by the Asian Assistance Center determined that 90 percent of those reached already have filled out and returned the questionnaires mailed to their homes.

T.C. Sun, a spokesman for the center, said he believes at least 70 percent, and possibly 80 percent, of Houston's Asian population has returned the forms, based on the phone poll.

Sun credits the high response among Houston's Asian population to the publicity paid to the census

effort in local Asian-language newspapers and television programs.

"The Asian community is very active and has a lot of volunteers," he said.

But Sun said he was told that some people didn't realize the envelope contained a census question-

naire and discarded it.

An assistance center with translators to help those Asians who have not yet responded will be open for another week at a local mall, said Bill Chang, the Asian community coordinator for Houston's Complete Count Committee.

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New York and Cleveland each spent more than \$300,000 on the site group's visit there, while Houston shelled out \$100,000.

New Orleans, which hosted the 1988 Republican convention, will spend less if possible, one business leader said.

"New Orleans will not get into a bidding war with other cities," said Sen. John Breaux, D-La. "If (the selection) is based on money, then they should go someplace else."

Detroit, facing an \$81 million budget deficit, dropped out two weeks ago complaining that the party's site selection process is too costly.

Houston has told the Democrats that its bid for underwriting a con-

vention at the Astrodome will not exceed \$12 million, which is short of the \$15 million the Democrats want.

New York, by comparison, is offering at least \$22.7 million, which may be the primary reason it is considered by some as the city to beat in the competition.

Eight cities, including Houston, were not asked to submit a financial bid when they made preliminary presentations several weeks ago to host the 1992 Republican convention.

Ms. Caraway defended the party's procedures against criticism by the competing cities.

"It was their choice to bid. We sent out requests for proposals that laid out exactly what we were looking for," she said. "They knew the size of the committee, what we expected from them, everything. So I don't understand why they're complaining now. It's not like they haven't done this before."

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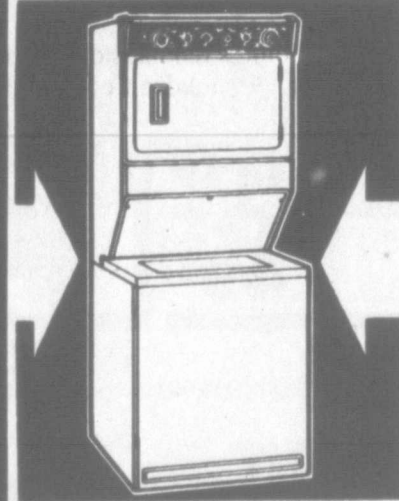
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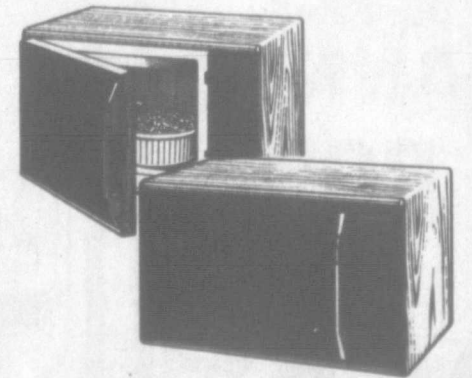


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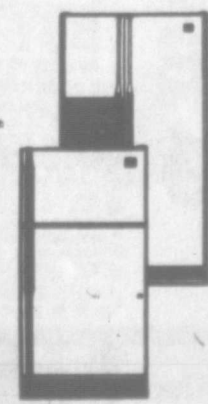
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Lifestyles

Panhandle Bird Watch

by Jan Elston



Hummingbirds in the Texas Panhandle? That's right. The Rio Grande Valley of Texas leads the nation in the largest variety of hummingbirds, and the Panhandle ranks ninth.

It's time now to plan how you might attract some of these tiny birds to your yard, by planting shrubs or flowers which will attract them, and/or by hanging feeders. Hummingbirds have two major sources of food: flower nectar, and tiny insects and spiders. The most important thing you can do to attract these birds to your yard is to plant flowers, annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees.

Although they visit nectar-bearing flowers of all colors, hummingbirds are most drawn to bright red, pink, and orange tubular flowers. Their favorite plant seems to be the Trumpet Vine (also called "Hummingbird Vine"), the trumpet-shaped blossoms supply the birds with nectar, but since insects are

also attracted to the sticky pollen, they become trapped in it, and the hummingbirds have a ready source of protein from the trapped insects. (Because of the number of insects Trumpet Vine attracts, be sure to plant it some distance from your house.) Some other plants hummers like are Honeysuckle, Monarda (Bee Balm), and even Petunias (although we've never seen any hummingbirds around Petunias.)

The main advantage of a feeder is that you can put it where you can easily see the tiny birds. The best formula for hummingbird food is a make-it-yourself sugar-water solution composed of one part white granulated sugar to four parts water. Boil this solution for 2 minutes (on the stove — for some unknown reason, they won't drink the solution that has been heated in a Microwave Oven.) DO NOT ADD COLORING — the red dye is thought to be harmful to them. The reason for not using commercial

nectar is that it has preservatives in it which may also be harmful.

Birds are most readily attracted to feeders which are hung in the open, rather than under an eave, a porch, or a tree. A good way to hang a feeder is from a wire run from your house to a tree. Be sure the wire is high enough that no one will run into it.

Don't be surprised if one male hummingbird decides that feeder is his, and tries to keep all other hummers from drinking from it. The solution for this problem is to hang a couple more feeders around close — he can't guard all of them at the same time.

You'll be more likely to attract them quickly if they are already in your neighborhood — there are probably some flowers or vines around there that are attracting them. If no one has ever seen them in your area, take heart — it may take a while, but maybe you'll be the first one to attract them!

Acres of iris color Central Texas garden



(AP Laserphoto)

Frances and Adolph Kurtz kneel among three acres of land they had dedicated to the flower iris. Kurtz, a vegetable farmer, thinks he may have the largest flower bed in the state.

By DARLENE MCILVAINE
Waco Tribune-Herald
ROBINSON, Texas (AP) — Adolph and Frances Kurtz have a definite bias toward the iris.

They don't have to say how much they admire this particular species of flower. Infatuation is in their voices, and at least three acres of their farm land in Robinson is devoted to the flower.

"They say in the iris society that it's a disease," Frances said. Developing different colors or finding those you don't have can become an obsession, she said.

What started out as a winter hobby has turned into something special, Adolph said.

Adolph and Frances call their fields of flowers "The Waco Iris Garden." They have two big patch-

es and various flower beds around their house full of them.

Adolph said he doesn't know exactly how many plants he has.

"It would be like counting ants in a fire ant mound," he said.

He thinks, however, that he has the largest iris fields in Central Texas and probably the state.

"I'm not going to brag too much further than that," he said.

Adolph, a vegetable farmer, said he started planting irises in 1978, because he wanted something to keep him occupied in the winter.

"Till then he used to mow them off with a lawn mower," in the front yard, Frances cut in.

It's clear Adolph's iris mowing days are over, though.

A cool evening was falling on the iris field this week as the Kurtzes strolled through the blooms.

Adolph's red hat stood out against the gray backdrop of dusk. It was the only color not visible in the sea of flowers behind him.

"Got all different kinds of purple, blues, whites, yellows. We've got right about 1,000 colors," he said, his voice undergoing an audible change as he talked about the flowers.

He looked out over the field. It was a kaleidoscope of color — from striking midnight purple to ordinary white.

"It just goes on and on just like the human race. No two seeds produce the same color," he said.

To the untrained eye, many of the colors look the same. But each is subtly different, he said.

Trying to find the color differences can be fun, he said. "This is a grownup's Easter egg hunt."

The irises bloom for about three weeks beginning around Easter, he added, but said this year's flowers suffered from the December freeze and recent hail.

Overall, the iris is a hardy plant requiring a minimum of care, he said.

"I can't fuss over these," he said. "I throw them in the ground, and they take care of themselves."

Adolph said his wife, daughter and grandchild help tend the flowers, which for the most part like full sun.

They plan to make their iris field even bigger next year — perhaps ordering another 500 colors.

The Kurtzes say word of their flower patch has spread throughout the Robinson community. Many people drive by after church on Sunday to see the irises, they say.

Adolph and Frances said folks are more than welcome to come out and view the flowers. But those who want to see them better hurry. Adolph estimates his flower fields only have about another week left to bloom.

Five generations



(Special photo)

Little Keeley Brooke Reid, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Greene of Pampa, happily sits in the lap of her father, Ben Reid of Amarillo, unaware that her presence represents five generations for the family. Standing is her grandmother, Cathy Reid of Amarillo. Seated from left are her great-grandmother, Joyce Howell of Amarillo, and her great-great-grandmother, Marie Bird of Stinnett.

Dying husband's last wish for wife's future happiness

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for supporting the widow who started dating three months after her husband died. You were right to say, "The time to show respect for one's spouse is while that spouse is living."

Here is my story, and there must be a few thousand husbands (and wives) who feel the same as I do.

My wife and I have had many good years together. We raised kids, lived through joyous good times and horrendous bad times.

I am in my 18th month of chemo treatment for various cancers. I may live three months or five years. It doesn't matter how short or long my life will be, but it's reasonable to assume that I will die before my wife does.

I have had a more rewarding and fruitful life than I probably deserve, for which I am grateful. But the day I die, my last thoughts will be regret that I shall leave her alone. So sad, to me, to know that after so many months of total concentration on my welfare — days of putting up with my misery and never letting me see her own misery — her reward will be to be left alone.

Abby, she is not the kind of person who should be left alone.

So I tell her now, and I want all my kids and friends to listen: "As soon as you possibly can, after throwing my ashes off the boat into the Pacific, wrap the memories of our life together around you — and begin a new life. If three days, or three months, after I'm gone, you find a man who will love and cherish you for a few years as I have for so many, go for it! You've earned it."

"MAC" IN OREGON



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR MAC: Your sincerity rings true, leaving me uncharacteristically speechless. Thanks for a two-hankie letter.

DEAR ABBY: I have a real concern — listen to this!

A friend told me that she asked her 4-year-old daughter to kiss her good night the other evening when she was putting her to bed. The little girl came to her mother with her mouth open and her tongue sticking out!

"What are you doing?" asked her mother.

"I'm kissing you just like they do on TV," the child replied.

Abby, what are we exposing our children to on TV — anytime, day or evening? What should we do?

Please put this concern in a column soon, and tell us whom we should write to about it. It will probably mean nothing, but let's try!

MOTHER OF SIX

DEAR MOTHER: When you see something on TV that you

think is offensive and a poor example of what children should see, take the time to write to the sponsor — the company that advertises its product on that particular TV program. Your local library has business directories that contain the names of large companies, their addresses and the names of their corporate officers.

Write to the president of that company and tell him that you are not going to buy his product — and tell him why.

DEAR ABBY: The other night, my husband and I attended a large anniversary party. Our host wanted to propose a toast, so his wife quickly went about replenishing everyone's wine glasses.

Well, I don't drink alcohol — ever. When I told the wife, "No, thank you," she insisted on pouring some champagne into my glass, saying, "But my husband wants to propose a toast!"

I told this to a friend the following day, and she said I should have taken the champagne, raised the glass to my lips and "pretended" to drink. And not to do so is bad manners.

What is your opinion? Should I "pretend" to drink when something like this occurs? I just don't feel right about it, but I wouldn't want to offend our host, either.

DRY AS TOAST IN IOWA CITY

DEAR DRY: Your friend was correct. But just raising your glass as a "token" gesture would be sufficient.

'Stars of Lawrence Welk' perform in Amarillo June 3

Coronado Nursing Center, along with nursing centers in Amarillo, Borger, Dumas, Perryton, and Childress, are presenting "Stars of Lawrence Welk" on Sunday, June 3 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Though the 87-year-old Lawrence Welk will not be able to appear, the performances will feature Dick Dale, Ava Barber, Joe Feeney, Chris Feeney, Roger Sullivan, Roger Otwell and David Otwell, Tulsa natives, all original performers on the show.

These stars accompanied by the Tiffany Brass Band, will perform two-hours of Lawrence Welk classics in two performances — a 2 p.m. matinee and again a 7:30 p.m.

Following both performances, the stars will be available in the lobby to sign autographs and visit with fans.

Tickets go on sale April 25 at the KACV studios at 2408 S. Jackson in Amarillo and the Amarillo Nurs-

ing Center at 4033 W. 51st.

"I have had the opportunity to visit with all the stars and they are extremely excited about performing in Amarillo. The response throughout the Panhandle has been tremendous and we expect the two performances to sell out," says Hilda Jordan, special events coordinator for KACV-TV.

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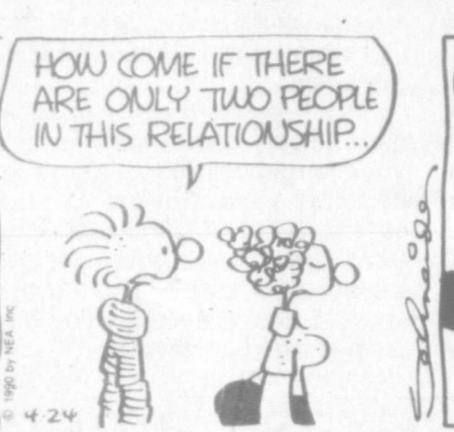
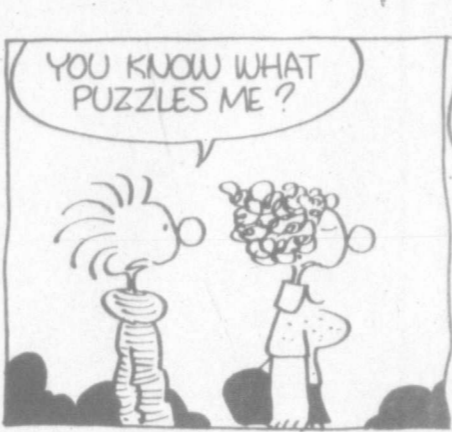
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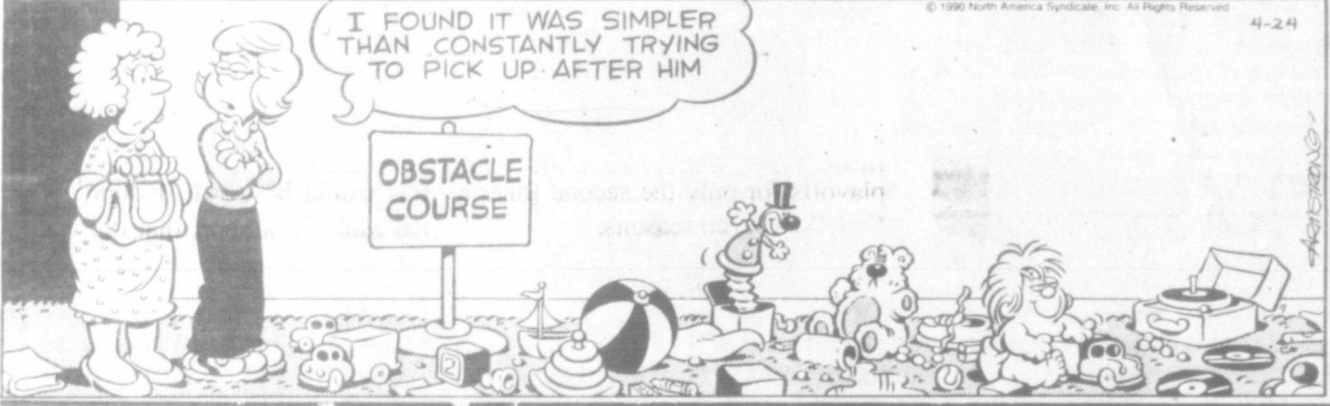
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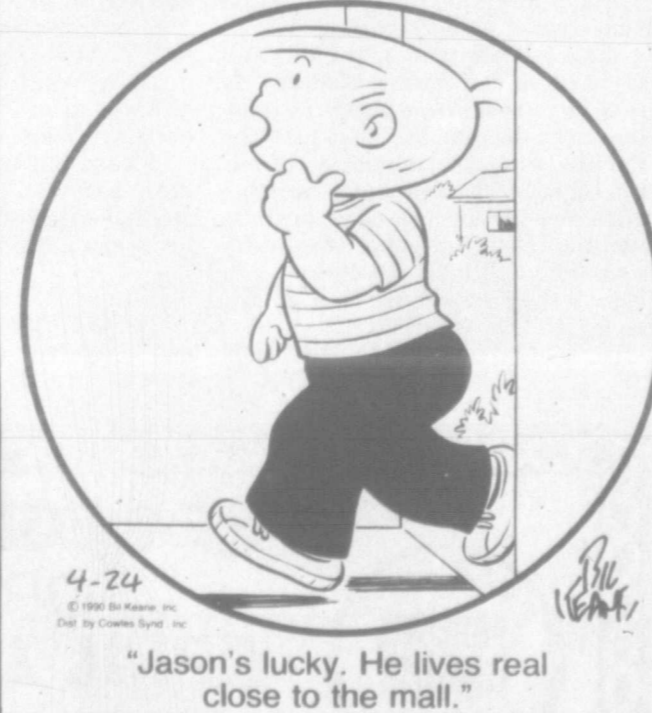
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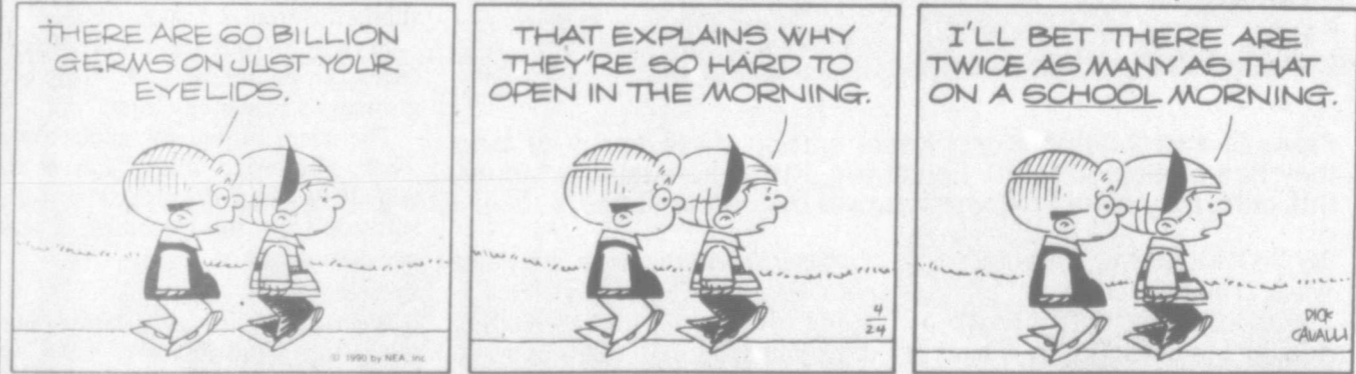
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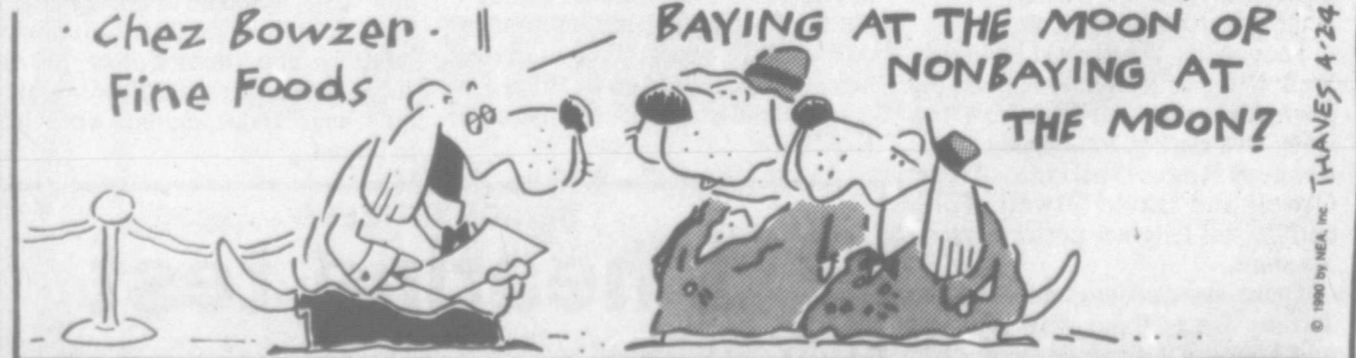
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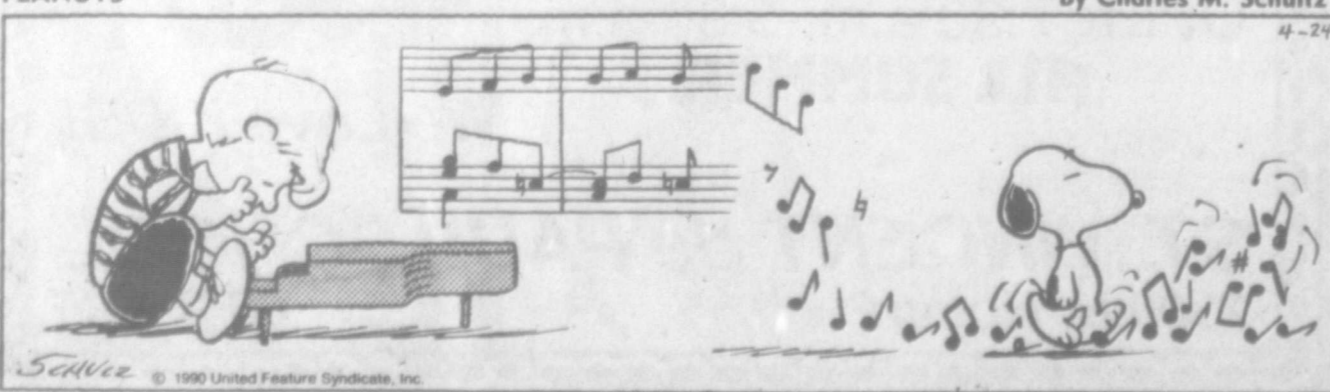
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Sports

NFL draft no big bonanza for most teams

Only eight juniors go in first round

NEW YORK (AP) — In the first draft chock full of underclassmen, NFL teams didn't tackle each other to get them.

Of the 38 underclassmen who were made eligible for the draft, 18 were selected. Eight of them went in the first round, five in the first seven picks.

After that, the seniors hogged the spotlight. On the second day, when the final seven rounds were held, only three juniors — quarterback Major Harris of West Virginia, Virginia running back Marcus Wilson and Clemson running back Terry Allen — were selected.

Harris went in the final round to the Los Angeles Raiders, who had taken Wilson in the sixth round. Minnesota got Allen in the ninth.

That leaves 20 of the early-entry players to fend for themselves as free agents.

There's one big name from the college ranks who will join them: Notre Dame quarterback Tony Rice. All-

Americans Michael Tanks, a center from Florida State, and tackle Jim Mabry of Arkansas also didn't go.

"I don't think it's a big bonanza draft," New York Jets general manager Dick Steinberg said. "There's strengths at running back and linebacker — a good and deep draft — but the traditionally weak positions such as tight end, center and inside linebacker remained weak."

By position, the most popular spot was defensive back, with 50 choices, followed by linebacker with 47. Only one placekicker, Matt Stover of Louisiana Tech, was taken, by the New York Giants with the 329th of 331 picks.

Southern California had the most draftees, 10, including first-rounders Junior Seau (fifth to San Diego) and Mark Carrier (sixth to Chicago). That helped the Pacific-10 lead the conferences with 43 players.

Florida had a first-rounder for the eighth consecutive year, the longest streak since the merger, when Emmitt Smith went to Dallas.

There were 20 trades, one involving cornerback Tim McKyer, a Super Bowl star for the 49ers who was in the doghouse in San Francisco. He was dealt to Miami for an 11th-round pick this year and a No. 2 in 1991.

Quarterbacks were not in heavy demand — 20 went, but only two in the first 58 picks. Five of those passers went in the 12th round.

It will be years before anyone knows how their teams fared, but several clubs appeared to fill their most pressing needs.

Starting at the top, the 49ers needed a backup for running back Roger Craig after trading Terrence Flagler to Dallas. In Dexter Carter, a small but explosive back from Florida State, they found one.

"With every pick that was selected I was hoping they wouldn't pick me so I could get a chance at San Francisco," Carter said. "That's where I wanted to go all along."

The Los Angeles Rams, worried about their offensive line, got center Bern Brostek of Washington to groom as an eventual replacement for Doug Smith.

"He will play both center and guard for us some this year," Coach John Robinson said. "He's not going to take Doug Smith's job any time soon; Doug was a Pro Bowl player."

And down at the bottom, Atlanta had a great draft

even before it made a pick and Seattle restocked a faltering defense with some deft moves.

The Falcons traded the top pick to Indianapolis, getting Pro Bowl tackle Chris Hinton, budding star wide receiver Andre Rison and a No. 1 choice next year. In the draft, Atlanta got Steve Broussard, a breakout threat for the backfield, linebacker Darion Conner — Coach Jerry Glanville calls him "like a borderline trained killer" — and Oliver Barnett, a solid defensive end from Kentucky.

The Seahawks traded up for the third pick overall and got Cortez Kennedy to plug the middle of the defensive line. With two picks on the second round, Seattle got linebacker Terry Wooden of Syracuse and defensive back Robert Blackmon of Baylor. Both could be immediate starters.

The biggest surprises? Certainly Chicago taking Mark Carrier, a junior safety from Southern Cal projected as a second-rounder. And the Raiders going for Anthony Smith, a defensive end from Arizona who wasn't mentioned on any first-round prediction lists.

Wolfpack has new coach

By AL BOYCE
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — When Les Robinson took center court in Reynolds Coliseum as North Carolina State's new basketball coach, it very well could have been five years ago in another arena.

Just as in 1985, when he took over at East Tennessee, Robinson comes to a team beset by NCAA violations and criticized over academics.

"I'm a little nervous out here at center court," Robinson said Monday as he accepted the coaching job made available when Jim Valvano was forced out. "This is a very, very exciting moment for me, needless to say."

Robinson guided East Tennessee to a 27-7 record and the Southern Conference championship last season. But much of what Robinson attractive in Raleigh was his background — he's a former N.C. State player — and his ability to succeed despite inherited NCAA restrictions.

At East Tennessee, Robinson began his first season with three players suspended for six games. The NCAA stripped the Buccaneers of scholarships later that year, but the program remained competitive.

N.C. State is hoping Robinson, who signed a four-year contract paying \$95,000 annually, can work the same magic on the court while defusing the furor over academics. All but one of his players in a 16-

year coaching career have graduated from college.

"I don't think it's that complicated," Robinson said. "These guys here now are mine. I'm responsible for them. ... I told them you need to be functional in this society to be happy."

"Every young man I coach, the number one thing ... I'm going to ask him if he wants to get a college degree, is that foremost in his mind. There are enough good basketball players out there that can be successful in the classrooms here at North Carolina State."

Robinson, 47, said the East Tennessee State team's grade-point average increased from 1.5 to 2.5 after he took over. And he said there will be no more exceptions for players at N.C. State.

Valvano was forced out April 7 after interim chancellor Larry Monteith criticized the academic records of players. Valvano received more than \$600,000 in a contract buyout agreement, including \$375,000 from the N.C. State booster club.

Todd Turner, N.C. State's athletic director on July 1, said it's time to stop dwelling on the past.

"Certainly, Les Robinson has a proven record of success with the academic part of the basketball program," he said. "It's important when you rebuild that you be able to build with discipline."



Les Robinson, new North Carolina State basketball coach, talks with reporters during a news conference Monday. Robinson is a former N.C. State player.

Fratello resigns as Hawks coach

By TOM SALADINO
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Mike Fratello said he and the Atlanta Hawks have the opportunity for a fresh start after his resignation as the coach following a disappointing .500 season that ended with the Hawks failing to make the NBA playoffs for the first time in five years.

"It was time. You get that feeling that it's right. Call it instinct, a hunch, a gut feeling. But after talking it out, the feeling was mutual," Fratello said during a news conference Monday with Hawks president Stan Kasten and general manager Pete Babcock.

Fratello, in the last year of a four-year contract, was under pressure as the Hawks, plagued by injuries and internal bickering, played under .500 most of the season. Atlanta won six of its last seven games to finish 41-41, but failed to make the playoffs for only the second time in Fratello's seven seasons.

"Looking at the situation, and to be honest to myself, I feel comfortable in saying that for the best interests of the Atlanta Hawks and in my best interests, it's probably best for both of us if we part ways at this time," Fratello said.

"It's time for a new song and

dance and take my routine elsewhere," he said, adding that his resignation means "a fresh start here for the Hawks and me as a head coach."

Fratello was an assistant with the Hawks for four seasons before moving to the New York Knicks for a year. He returned to Atlanta and took over his first head coaching job for the 1983 season.

Fratello had a record of 323-251 with the Hawks and was the second winningest coach in Atlanta history behind Richie Guerin's 327 victories.

Monday's news conference followed the team's end-of-season meeting at the Omni, where Fratello met for 20 minutes with the players.

There had been speculation that Fratello would be fired, but Kasten said the departure was Fratello's decision.

"Mike came to the realization that this would be good for him," Kasten said. "I support that decision, I agree with him."

Kasten said no decisions have been made about a new coach.

One name mentioned as a possibility is Fred Carter, an assistant with the Philadelphia 76ers.

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Atlanta (Smith 1-1) at New York (Gooden 1-2), 7:35 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Rijo 0-0) at Philadelphia (Howell 1-1), 7:35 p.m.				
Montreal (Gross 0-1) at Houston (Scott 0-1), 8:35 p.m.				
Chicago (Maddux 2-0) at San Diego (Rasmussen 0-0), 10:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (Magrane 0-2) at Los Angeles (Morgan 2-0), 10:35 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Drabek 2-1) at San Francisco				

Pigeon racing

The Top-O-Texas Racing Pigeon Club flew its fourth race of the Old Bird Series last Saturday from Santa Anna, a distance of 300 miles.

There were 139 birds representing nine lofts and their release time was 8 a.m.

The first bird home was clocked in at 3:46 p.m. to the loft of Doug Keller.

The next race will be from Hamlin on April 28.

Saturday's race results are listed below:

Loft	Col/sex	Speed (yppm)
1. Doug Keller	BC-C	1052.13
2. Jim Cantrell	BC-C	1046.65
3. Pat Coats	BC-C	1046.65
4. Jim Cantrell	BC-H	1005.75
5. Walter Thoms	BB-C	979.58
6. Walter Thoms	BC-C	979.38
7. Craffon Wade	BSWF-H	972.57
8. Doug Keller	BC-C	970.68
9. Pat Coats	BB-C	963.47
10. Marion Waldrop	BCWF-C	862.69
11. Tommy Duffield	BB-H	836.98
12. Jackie Sampson	BC-C	834.60

Rodeo

Pampa High Rodeo Club members have competed in recent Tri-State High School Rodeos.

Individual results are as follows:

At Floydada

Goats — Cydney Morris, third, 10,370.

At Harford

First performance

Poles — Cydney Morris, first, 20,486; Michel Reeves, sixth, 21,844; Tamra Johnson, eighth, 22,114.

Goats — Michel Reeves, sixth, 11,786.

Second performance

Poles — Michel Reeves, fifth, 20,985.

Goats — Michel Reeves, fifth, 10,669; Cydney Morris, sixth, 11,085.

Bareback — Marty McFall, sixth, 50.

Saddle bronc — Chad McFall, first, 50.

Average winner (saddle broncs) — Chad McFall.

At Booker

First performance

Goats — Cydney Morris, fourth, 11,865.

Second performance

Barrels — Tamra Johnson, seventh, 17,284.

Goats — Tamra Johnson, fourth, 13,179; Michel Reeves, seventh, 14,720.

Poles — Michel Reeves, eighth, 24,356.

Saddle bronc — Timmy Ray, first, 56.

Barebacks — Marty McFall, third, 55.

Basketball

National Basketball Association

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Atlantic Division

Track

W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Philadelphia	53	29	.646
z-Boston	52	30	.634
z-New York	45	37	.549
Washington	31	51	.378
Miami	18	64	.220
New Jersey	17	65	.207
Central Division			
x-Detroit	59	23	.720
z-Chicago	55	27	.671
z-Milwaukee	44	38	.537
z-Cleveland	42	40	.512
z-Indiana	42	40	.512
Atlanta	41	41	.500
Orlando	18	64	.220
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
y-San Antonio	56	26	.683
z-Utah	55	27	.671
z-Dallas	47	35	.573
z-Denver	43	39	.524
z-Houston	41	41	.500
Minnesota	22	60	.268
Charlotte	19	63	.232
Pacific Division			
x-LA Lakers	63	19	.768
z-Portland	59	23	.720
z-Phoenix	54	28	.659
Seattle	41	41	.500
Golden State	37	45	.451
LA Clippers	30	52	.366
Sacramento	23	59	.280
x-clinched conference title			
y-clinched division title			
z-clinched playoff berth			
Saturday's Games			
Atlanta 130, Miami 109			
Milwaukee 96, New Jersey 95			
Portland 118, Sacramento 110			
Los Angeles Lakers 125, Los Angeles Clippers 15			
Sunday's Games			
Boston 118, Philadelphia 98			
Indiana 127, Washington 117			
Cleveland 115, New York 99			
San Antonio 106, Phoenix 93			
Denver 115, Minnesota 108			
Detroit 111, Chicago 106			
Golden State 124, Seattle 122			
Orlando 110, New Jersey 100			
Dallas 118, Charlotte 107			
Houston 100, Utah 88			
Portland 130, Los Angeles Lakers 88			
Track			
Pampa scored 53 points in the ninth-grade district track meet last weekend at Bingham.			
Seven teams were entered in the boys' meet with Dumas coming out on top.			
"I believe we finished in fourth place, but no final team points had been compiled when we left," said Pampa coach Mike Shklar.			
Dave Davis and Jason Brantley claimed first-place ribbons for the Shockers. Davis won the 110 high hurdles with a time of 15.82 while Brantley came in first in the 100 with a time of 11.35.			
Davis was also third in the 300 hurdles (43.96) and Brantley was fourth in the 200 (24.47).			
Others who placed were Chris Keller, third in the 3200 (12:09.03) and Freddie Winborne, who tied for third in the discus (113-3) and was fifth in the shot (38-6).			
Pampa's 400-meter relay team of Davis, Justin King, Mark Allan and Brantley placed fourth with a time of 48.32.			

Canseco accuses Athletics of racism

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Jose Canseco says racism was the reason the Oakland Athletics didn't offer him a big-money multiyear contract — like the one the neighboring San Francisco Giants gave Will Clark.

"To me, Will Clark can't do anything wrong. He represents baseball, America and you know the rest," Canseco said Friday.

Canseco signed a \$2 million, one-year contract for 1990 in February, two days before his scheduled arbitration hearing. The Giants gave Clark, who, like Canseco, was two years away from free agency, a four-year, \$15-million deal.

The Cuban-born right fielder said race also was why Giants slugger and 1989 NL Most Valuable Player Kevin Mitchell didn't get a multi-year package like Clark's.

"Mitchell is black and I'm Latin. So we don't (represent America). That definitely has something to do with it," Canseco said.

Canseco, 25, agreed to the Athletics' \$2 million offer on Feb. 12, avoiding an arbitration hearing. The 1988 American League MVP had sought \$2.2 million, while the Ath-

letics originally offered \$1.6 million, the same as his 1989 salary.

Clark declined comment on Canseco's allegations.

Mitchell, whose current one-year contract of \$2.083 million represents a raise of about \$1.5 million, was cautious.

"I ain't in the right shoes to be talking about it. I don't know what's going on," he said Friday night in San Diego, where the Giants played the Padres. "He might be right. But I don't want to start nothing."

But A's management and Oakland pitcher Dave Stewart, who is black, disagreed. Stewart said race has nothing to do with the way the Athletics treats their players.

"There's not truth to that. I'm a minority, too, and if there's racism for him there's racism for me, too," said Stewart, who in January agreed to a two-year, \$7 million contract extension that briefly made him baseball's highest-paid player.

Oakland General Manager Sandy Alderson initially said he would not comment without talking with Canseco but then expressed bafflement over Canseco's allegation.

"Obviously it's a little hard for me to understand that in

light of the fact we just signed Rickey Henderson to a four-year contract (for \$3 million a season) and Dave Stewart," he said.

Prior to the contract settlement, Alderson had said that Canseco's string of off-field encounters with the law should be viewed as strikes against the outfielder. Canseco and the A's reached an agreement, but he was bitter about Alderson's statement.

In 1988, Canseco became the first player in history to hit 40 homers and steal 40 bases. Last year, he hit .269 with 17 home runs and 57 RBIs after missing the first half of the year with a broken hand. But he still made headlines, primarily because of his off-field problems, which including several tickets for speeding.

"I've gotten speeding tickets, too, and nobody said anything or has written about it. That's an excuse. You have to account for what you do," Stewart said.

Stewart also suggested that Canseco's history made it difficult to compare him with Clark, who batted .333 with 23 home runs and 111 RBIs and finished second to Mitchell in the NL MVP voting.

Team Totals: 1. Andrews 341; 2. Snyder 370; 3. Pampa 381; 4. Belton 384; 5. Justin Northwest 397; 6. Herford 398; 7. Granbury 421; 8. Burk Burnett 436; 9. Joshua 444; 10. Leander 476; 11. Cedar Hill 538.

Pampa: Kristen Largin 92; Brandy Chase 93; Diana Pulse 96; Kelley Harris 100; Tracy Webb 110.

Lady Harvesters third in regional golf tournament

SAN ANGELO — Pampa's Lady Harvesters shot a first-round 381 for third place in the Region 1-1A golf tournament Monday at the Brentwood Country Club course.

Andrews is the tournament leader at 341 while Snyder holds down second place with a 370.

The second and final round of the tournament will be played today.

The top two teams and medalists advance to the state tournament May 10-11 in Austin.

"We played pretty well, but we had some penalty strokes that hurt us," said Pampa coach Frank McCullough. "We're within striking distance, but Snyder has a good team. It's going to be tough to catch them."



(Staff Photo)

Andrew Ramirez displays championship racquetball trophy.

Ramirez wins racquetball tournament

Andrew Ramirez of Pampa placed first in the novice division of a racquetball tournament held last weekend in Borger. Ramirez defeated Mark Hernandez, also of Pampa, 15-9, 15-7, in the finals. Ramirez opened the tournament with a first-round win over King of Borger, 15-2,

15-3. Advancing into the quarterfinals, Ramirez claimed a 15-1, 15-2, win over Height of Borger. In the semifinals, Ramirez downed Mike Day of Pampa, 15-5, 15-10, for the right to meet Hernandez in the finals.

Harvesters humble Hereford

HEREFORD - Junior righthander Quincy Williams allowed just four hits as the Pampa Harvesters downed Hereford, 8-1, Monday in a District 1-4A baseball tilt. The Harvesters lifted their district record to 10-2 and 17-2 overall. Williams (5-1) went the distance, striking out eight and walking one. Tory Peet knocked

in three runs for the Harvesters with a triple and double. Chris Roden had two hits and an RBI while Brandon Knutson also had two hits and an RBI.

Breck Beckner, Steve Sanders and Chris Archibald had one hit each for the Harvesters.

Pampa travels to Perryton for a non-district game today, starting at 5 p.m.

Bruins close to sweeping division finals

MONTREAL (AP) - The Boston Bruins must be wondering what's wrong. Playoff series against the Montreal Canadiens are supposed to be long, hard-fought battles of six or seven games. Yet here are the Bruins, a longtime Montreal patsy, within one game of sweeping the Adams Division final. Boston won its third straight in the series by thrashing the Canadiens 6-3 in the Forum, where Game 4 is scheduled Wednesday night.

"I'm just happy we're in this position," Bruins captain Ray Bourque said. "But it's a long way from over."

"When it's 3-0, it's not over," Boston winger Cam Neely said. "But it's a lot closer to what we wanted to accomplish. We forechecked real well and played with a lot of discipline."

The Bruins have won only three of 24 playoff series with Montreal, but are now in position to sweep the Canadiens.

Spurs discuss playoff opponent

LAREDO, Texas (AP) - San Antonio Spurs owner Red McCombs called the playoff-bound team into an unexpected team meeting Monday night, much to the disappointment of some elementary school children here who were expecting guard Willie Anderson at their annual school basketball banquet. Assistant coach R.C. Buford made it to the Boys and Girls Clubs banquet, sans Anderson and fellow assistant coach Greg Popovich. Anderson went to the dinner and Popovich stayed in San Antonio with Yugoslavian Zarko Paspalj, who was released Monday, the day after the Spurs clinched

the division title. "There is not a lot of preparation for them. We've just gotta prepare ourselves," Buford said of the Denver Nuggets.

The 56-26 Spurs will host 47-35 Denver, who finished third in the Midwest Division, in the first playoff game Thursday night. The Spurs defeated Denver in three of four meetings this season.

"Zarko has to be back in Yugoslavia by May 10 anyway to train for the Goodwill Games. And Mike Mitchell has the chance to come in and be a scoring threat if Sean Elliott or somebody goes down."

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ISD TRUSTEE ELECTION
To the Registered Voters of Gray County, Texas:
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 5, 1990, for voting in a Trustee election, to elect three (3) Trustees to full three (3) year terms.
Location(s) of Polling Places: Grandview-Hopkins School Auditorium.
Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 15 miles south of Pampa, Tx., on Hwy. 70, two and one-half miles west and north on FM 293 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 16, 1990 and ending on May 1, 1990.
Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Jolynn Jones Davis, Clerk, % Grandview-Hopkins I.S.D., Route 1, Box 27, Groom, Tx. 79039.
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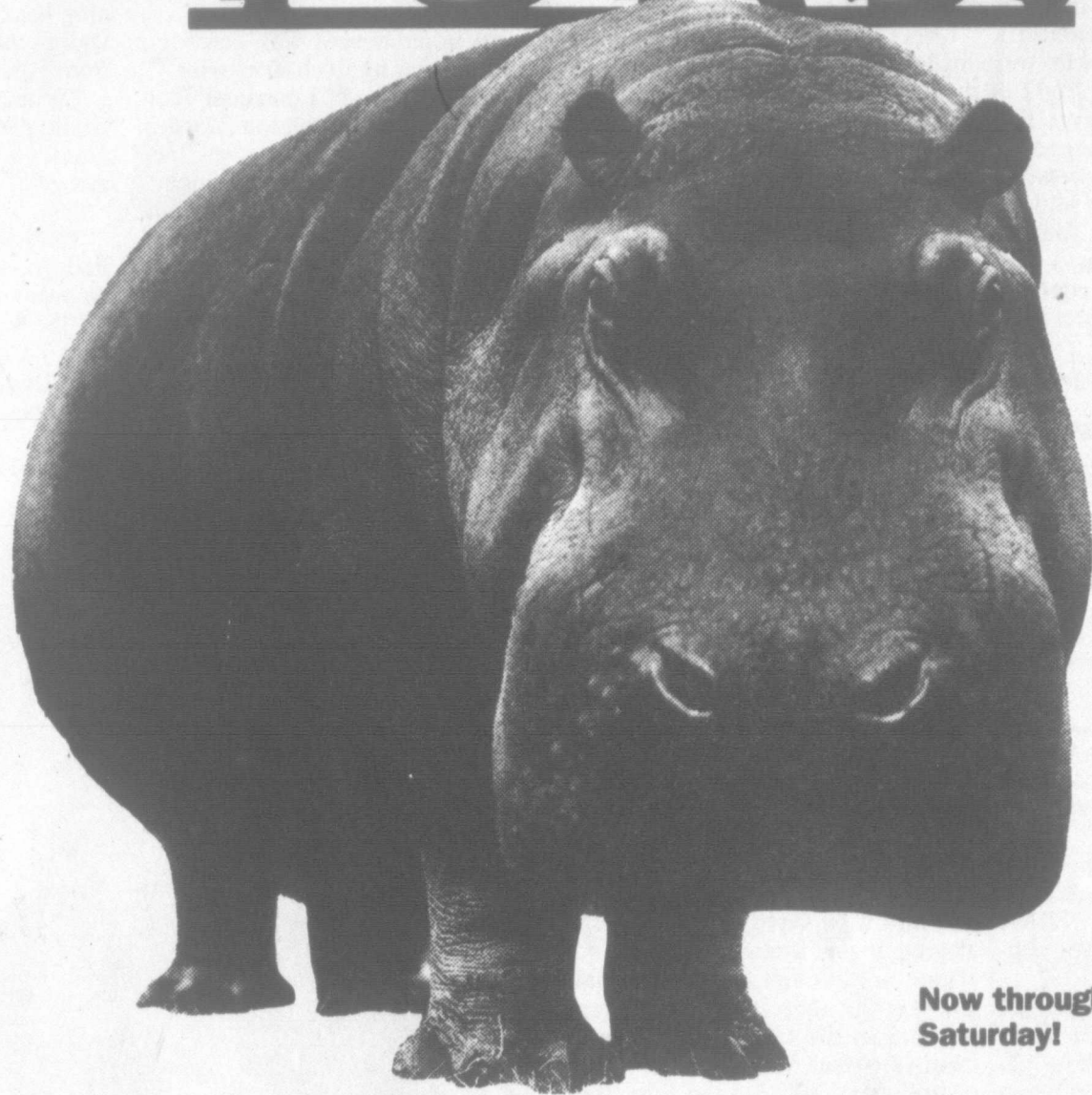
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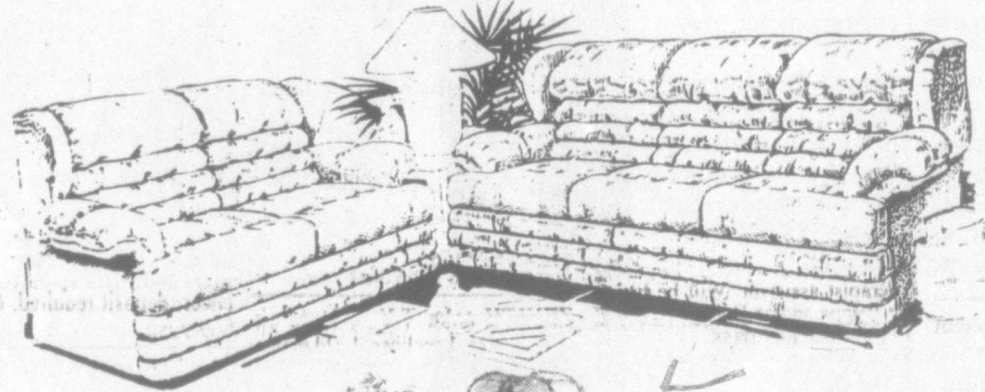
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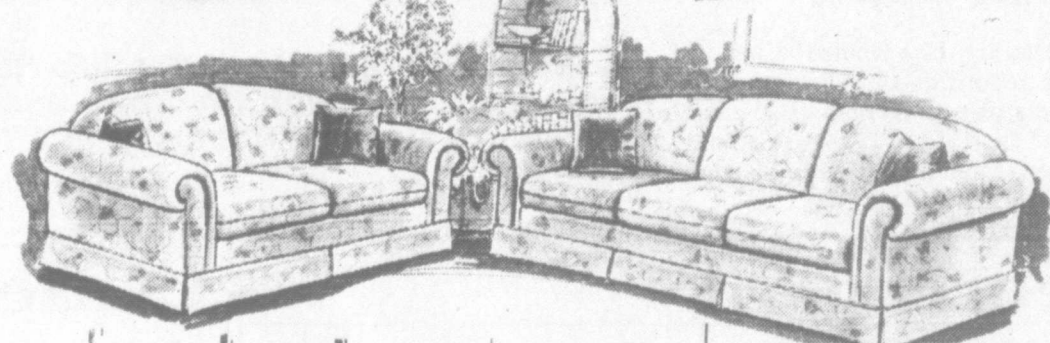


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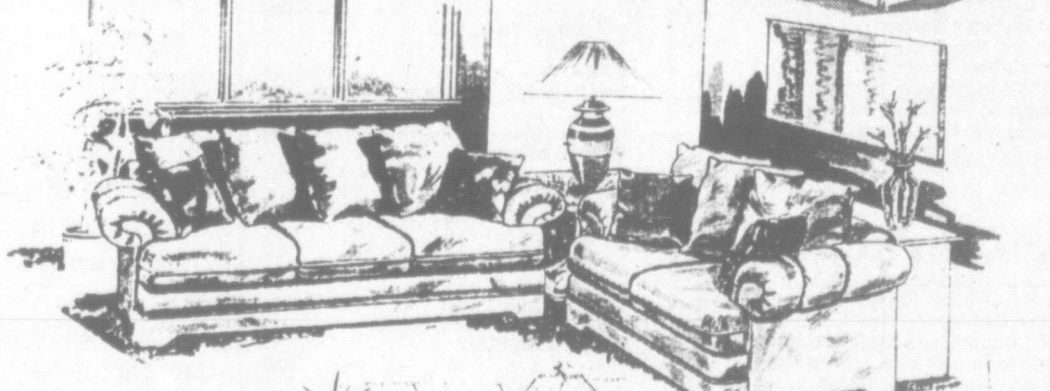
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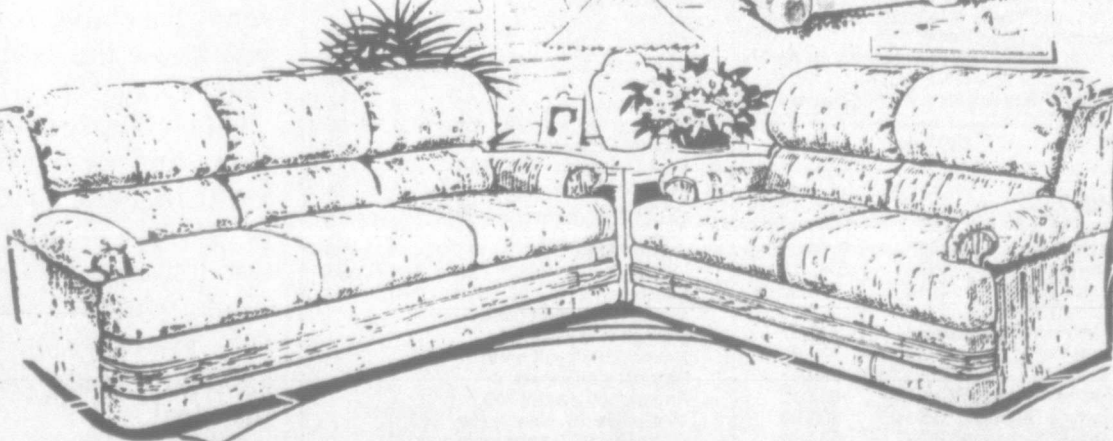
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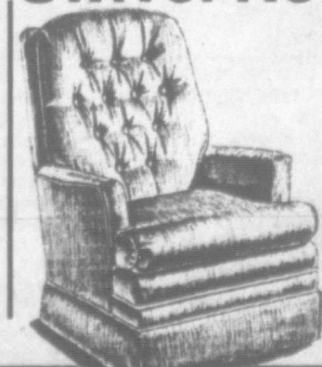
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Exiles weighing options for returning to Nicaragua

By SANDRA WALEWSKI
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Mario Bonilla was traveling outside Nicaragua in 1981 when he was tried for promoting human rights. He never returned home after learning he had been sentenced to 23 years in prison for counterrevolutionary activities.

Like thousands of other Nicaraguan professionals, Bonilla, a doctor, fled to South Florida to escape the leftist Sandinista regime of Daniel Ortega.

But now that the euphoria of Violeta Chamorro's upset presidential victory over Ortega in February has subsided, the professionals in Nicaragua need desperately are weighing a return carefully — and many are choosing not to go back.

Some of the reasons are financial. But much of the concern is over the role the defeated Sandinistas will play after the new government is sworn in Wednesday and how the returning will be treated.

"We are afraid," said Bonilla, president of the Nicaraguan Medical Association in Exile. "(The Sandinistas) are in the same place with the same weapons. There are only some changes in the administrative area at this moment."

"The exile community is in agreement all should work hard to help our country," said Roberto Arguello, founding president of the Nicaraguan-American Bankers and Businessmen Association. "But we're all being very cautious because the new government is very fragile."

The Chamorro government has been sending

a special message to the estimated 150,000 Nicaraguan exiles in Miami: We need you to help rebuild the country, in ruins after a decade of civil war.

Emotional appeals to exiled professionals have come in person recently from Vice President-elect Virgilio Gody; Chamorro's chief economic adviser, Francisco Mayorga, and the president-elect's son, Pedro Joaquin Chamorro. Chamorro addressed exiles last month in Houston, where she was treated for a knee injury.

"It's a country that has been drained of its talent," said Adolfo Calero, a former director of the Nicaraguan Resistance, a now-disbanded umbrella group for anti-Sandinista rebels, or Contras.

"There's a need for people with know-how — not only professionals, but technical and skilled (workers) and politicians, lawyers, engineers, doctors."

Yet the exiles, many of whom lost their homes, businesses and properties to the Sandinistas, remain wary about the transition to a multiparty democracy following a decade under revolutionary Sandinista rule.

A recent survey of some 3,000 members of the Federation of Nicaraguan Professional Association in Exile, which represents professions from engineers to lawyers, found about 20 percent wanted to return to their homeland.

That number is expected to go up some after the Chamorro government is sworn in, said Bonilla, who also is president of the federation.

Bonilla said those going back are seeking guarantees of their safety. He has decided to stay here, but not just because of political concerns.

Bonilla, a psychiatrist, is among 100 Nicaraguan physicians enrolled in a program created by the state last year for them to obtain licenses to practice in Florida. Each doctor gets a \$10,000 interest-free loan to finance his studies.

Even those who have established themselves in this country and have the resources for a quick return to Nicaragua are proceeding slowly.

Last month, Dr. Antonio Lourenco was among the first exiles to go back and try to reclaim his home in an exclusive neighborhood of Managua. The Coral Gables psychiatrist lost his just-built home when dictator Anastasio Somoza fell while the family was in Miami on vacation in 1979.

He found during his visit a country "destroyed in every aspect — physically, morally, economically. ... Now the people are willing to rebuild the country and start over."

Lourenco wants to be part of that process, but he expects a long battle in the courts first to get back his home and properties confiscated by the Sandinistas.

The Chamorro government has said it is prepared to create a fund to reimburse owners who can't get back their homes through the courts.

Even if most exiles could return, Nicaragua would not be able to absorb them all at once, said Arguello, citing high unemployment and a housing shortage.

But many exiles have already begun to explore investment opportunities since the Bush administration lifted a five-year economic embargo after Chamorro's victory and proposed a \$300 million aid package.

Accident at chemical factory sends cloud over trailer parks

MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP) — An accident at a chemical factory sent a cloud of hydrochloric acid fumes drifting over two trailer parks, forcing evacuation of about 1,000 people for four hours and injuring at least 46, authorities said Monday.

The residents were evacuated about 11:30 p.m. Sunday and were allowed to return home about 3:30 a.m. today, said Dion LeMieux, fire chief for Muskegon County's Eggleston Township.

A mechanical malfunction at the Lomac Inc. chemical plant caused phosphorus oxychloride to come in contact with limestone, which produced a violent chemical reaction and released a cloud of the highly toxic acid fumes, LeMieux said.

At least 46 people, including four firefighters, were treated at three hospitals for exposure to the fumes and released, hospital officials said.

Many of the 25 people treated at Muskegon General Hospital complained of eye irritation, congestion, nausea and vomiting, common reactions to the chemical, said hospital President Roger Spoelman.

"We had to devise a system where eyes could be irrigated to remove any material lodged in the eye, we gave chest X-rays and had to administer oxygen for some," he said.

Thirteen people were treated at Hackley Hospital and eight were

treated at Mercy Hospital, officials there said.

The acid cloud forced evacuation of a six-square-mile area of Eggleston and Muskegon townships, LeMieux said. He said he had no idea how many people were forced to flee. He said many took temporary shelter at Oak Ridge High School.

Most of those forced to flee lived in two mobile home parks, Arlington Estates and Eaglecraft park, authorities said. Together, the two parks have about 1,000 residents, said Gordon Christian, manager of Arlington Estates.

"You could see the brown in the air," Christian said.

During the evacuation, he said, residents "were real calm; they were orderly. I'm proud of them. Everybody looked out for everybody else. They do look out for their neighbors."

Most of the danger had passed by morning, according to a Lomac official.

"It's no longer a critical situation, and the people who came here are satisfied there's no danger at this time," said Robert Miesch, general manager of the plant. He said the company is investigating the accident.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency and state Department of Natural Resources also joined the investigation, LeMieux said.

Celebrities love the sidewalks of New York

By RICK HAMPSON
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Some think it odd that Greta Garbo, the nation's most famous recluse, lived in its most crowded city.

But this is because they do not understand the allure of New York's dense street life, and the implicit contract between true New Yorkers and true celebrities, a pact that confers on the famous a pleasing mixture of adulation and anonymity.

Garbo, who died April 15 at age 84, wasn't really a recluse, and she didn't come here to be alone. She didn't like to talk to journalists or have her picture taken, but she liked to do something that is harder and harder to do in this country — walk along city streets to run errands, stretch the legs and see what's going on.

She was able to do this in New York because of the aforementioned contract, which stipulates that when New Yorkers spot a star, they suppress the urge to point and scream, and keep their distance; the celebrity returns the favor by acknowledging the recognition with a nod, wink or half-smile.

Celebrities, accordingly, can walk to work, eat at a restaurant, watch a ballgame or visit a museum without being mobbed, yet enjoy the reassurance that their presence has not gone unnoticed.

In Los Angeles, celebrities have all the privacy they want — back yard swimming and tennis, drive-in everything, restaurants with unlisted phone numbers. Privacy, at any rate, can be obtained anywhere, as Howard Hughes found in Las Vegas and J.D. Salinger has found in New Hampshire.

But if that's what most celebrities wanted they would have become monks or cloistered nuns.

John Lennon had to be dragged here in the early '70s by Yoko Ono, and the couple moved into the Dakota apartment building because of its security. But he soon realized that sophisticated New York was relatively free of suffocating Beatlemania, yet sufficiently appreciative of his genius.

Above all, it was a real place, a tough, worldly, port city like Liverpool and Hamburg. Biographer Albert Goldman reports that Lennon was "thrilled by fresh contact with the street," such as the time he and a street musician were told to move on by a policeman in front of the Fillmore East rock ballroom.


As it turned out, Lennon in 1980 was shot to death by an obsessed fan outside the Dakota.

Especially for younger movie and pop stars, New York's allure lies somewhere between getting lost in the crowd and drawing a crowd, and it ties into the desire of many creative people to see and be seen, albeit discreetly.

Listen to actress Elizabeth McGovern, one of the growing number of film stars who live here: "To walk down the street in New York keeps me more connected to real life as opposed to the isolation you feel in L.A., where you're always in a car and always reminded of the movie business." She also rides the subway.

While the good life in Beverly Hills is tarnished by the spectacle of tourist buses rolling past the stars' homes, Manhattan's only equivalent is an out-of-print "Map of the Stars' Homes" and walking tours of celebrity neighborhoods.

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