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(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

This house on Denver Street is the object of a seizure and forfeiture notice following a drug raid Tuesday evening.

Comer files seizure notice on house of drug suspect

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

District Attorney Harold Comer intends to make full use of a newly-enacted statute providing for the seizure of real property connected with the commission of any felony drug crime, or any first- or second-degree felony, he said today.

Comer filed for his first "Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture" on Wednesday in the 223rd District Clerk's Office following a drug raid at 716 E. Denver Ave. on Tuesday evening.

Comer is seeking to have the residence on Denver Avenue forfeited because of alleged drug sales that were coming out of the residence. The notice also seeks forfeiture of $1.340.50 in cash and a set of scales seized in the drug raid by Gray County Sheriff's deputies.

Arrested in the drug raid and charged with unlawful possession of marijuana with intent to deliver were J. Cruz Ortega, also known as Raymond Mendoza, also known as Romon Mendoza, also known as Francisco Mendoza, 57, of 716 E. Denver St., and Jose Dolores Granillo, 28, of the same address.

Comer said the house is owned by Raymond Mendoza and there are no recorded liens on the property. "The state doesn't intend to seize any property if the lien exceeds its value," Comer said.

Ortega was released Wednesday on $4,000 cash bond and Granillo was released on a $10,000 bond. An estimated four pounds of marijuana was confiscated during the search.

"I want to give notice to those dealing drugs in this county that this is going to be an added cost of doing drug business in this county," Comer said.

"This is going to start hitting them in the pocketbook. They'll lose not only their drugs, paraphernalia and liberty, but their houses. Maybe this will cause some of them to think twice before dealing drugs."

The forfeiture is brought under Article 59.01 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The Legislature enacted the new legislation at the last session and it became effective on Oct. 18.

"It's great," Comer said of the new statute. "Law enforcement in Gray County will take full advantage of this statute. This is a benefit to the taxpayers of the county. Every forfeiture will be that much less money the taxpayers will have to pay."

Money derived from the sale of real and personal property seized will be used in the budgets of law enforcement officials and the district attorney's office. However, it cannot be used for salaries. Comer has drawn up a local agreement between his office and the sheriff's office concerning any proceeds received from forfeitures. Comer proposes that the proceeds be split 50-50.

If a local agreement is not drawn up and signed 75 days after the sale, the proceeds must be forfeited to the state.

Comer said the newly-enacted legislation allows for the seizure of any contraband connected with the offense, such as money, securities, vehicles, boats and residences.

"We can now file for the seizure of any property proceeds gained from any commission of a first- or second-degree felony or any controlled substance felony," Comer said. "If we trace the proceeds to any other article, we can seize that article, too."

If a peace officer seizes the property, the district attorney is required to file proceedings in district court within 30 days of the seizure. An affidavit of a law enforcement officer giving the reasons the property is being seized is also attached to the notice.

Copies of that notice and the affidavit are then served on the owner of the residence and anyone who has any interest in the property, and a copy of the notice is placed on the resid..nce.

Once the residence and owner are served, the case is handled like any other civil case. A *lis pendens* notice is also filed in the county clerk's office. The document puts anyone thinking about buying the property on notice that law enforcement officials are attempting to seize the property.

Another aspect of the statute is that even landlords can lose their property if they know or should have known that the property was being used for felony offenses.

"It's important those in real estate do some checking on the people," Comer said. "Landlords should exercise some caution as to who they rent to. They might lose their property."

In order to use the proceeds from a sale of property, the district attorney's office and the law enforcement agency involved must submit a copy of their budget to the governing body of the city or county on how the money will be spent.

The money is subject to audit.

Under the new statute, a conviction for the underlying felony is not required in order for the property to be forfeited.

"This is the best tool the prosecution and law enforcement have had in a long time," the district attorney said.

Learning Center graduates first student in new program

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

When trustees with the Pampa school district approved plans for an alternative high school earlier this year, they believed it would be the difference between success and failure for a lot of high school dropouts.

They had no idea their first "slaying of the dropout dragon" would come only seven weeks after Pampa Learning Center opened, though.

Late W dnesday morning 19-year-old Charla Mann joined the ranks of those with a high school diploma when she became the Learning Center's first graduate.

"This is a special day," high school principal Daniel Coward told an audience of Learning Center students, teachers, administrators and school board members. "The most special group here is you students and the commitment you've made.

"And Charla is still one of you. But in about five minutes we will take care of that."

Coward continued, "I don't want us to lose sight of what this is all about. Charla set a goal and reached it. We can say it was a job well done.

"She has completed this in seven weeks and that is remarkable. We are proud of you."

Mann dropped out of school, she said, lacking only a credit in economics. Her parents, Carl and Carolyn Mann, said without the Learning Center and its devoted staff, their daughter probably never would have gone back to school.

"They are fantastic," Mrs. Mann said of the Learning Center staff. "We're thankful Pampa got something like this to support children."

Now that she has a diploma, the younger Mann said she is in the final stages of chosing a college. Her choices have been narrowed to Amarillo College or Oklahoma Christian College.

She indicated she will probably start her college studies in January.

"I wasn't sure I'd ever get this," Mann said, holding her diploma. "But they (the Learning Center staff) kept helping me and telling me I needed it and I did it."

Dr. Harry Griffith, superintendent of schools, said Mann's graduation emphasized that the school board and community were on target when agreeing to pursue the alternative high school.

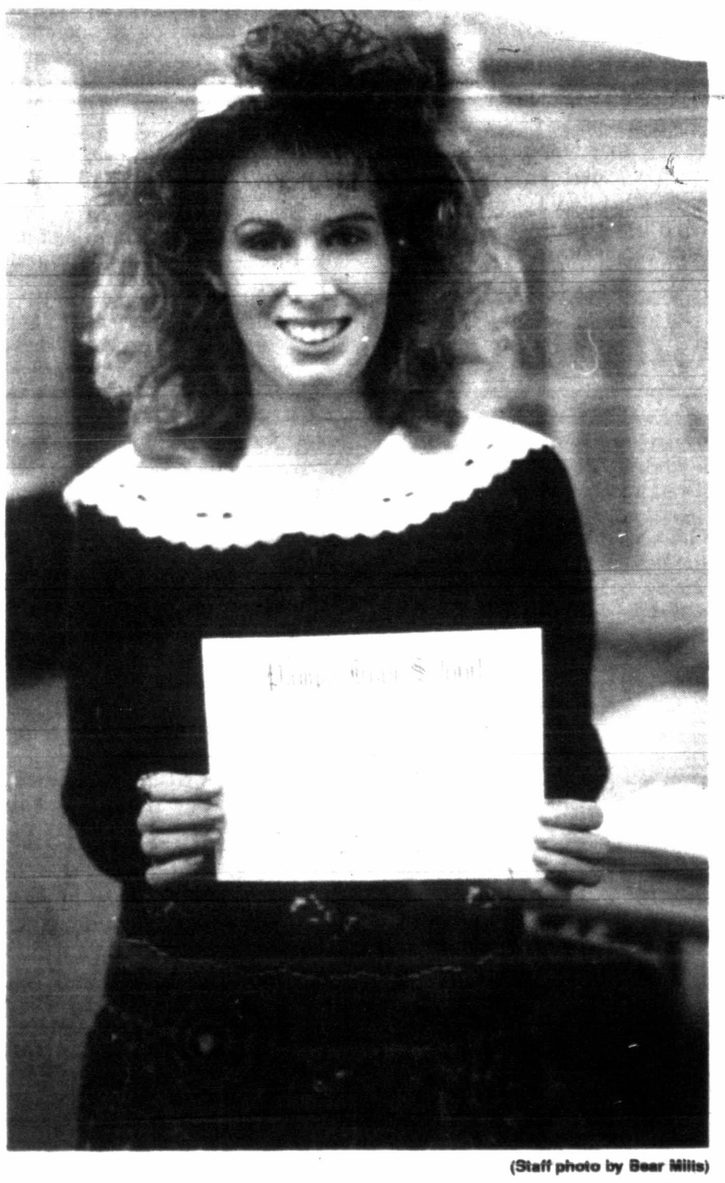
"We recognize we have a quality high school program," Griffith said. "But some people do not fit in the traditional program. That the city and school recognized this is significant."

Griffith said other Learning Center students will see Mann's accomplishment and be inspired by it.

The superintendent also took the graduation as an opportunity to make public a new agreement between the district and Hoechst Celanese by which the chemical company is providing a guest teacher to the alternative high school three days a week.

Charles Williams, a mathematician and engineer at Celanese, is

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(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Charla Mann, the first graduate of Pampa Learning Center, displays her diploma, awarded Wednesday.

Investigators suspect arson as cause of early morning fire at KPDN Radio

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff's deputies and Pampa arson investigators are looking into the possibility that a fire early this morning at KPDN Radio was deliberately set.

The fire, which totally destroyed a mobile home sitting beside the radio station east of the city on Highway 60, started sometime around 1:30 a.m.

Fire Marshall Tom Adams and arson investigator Gary Stephens found two "hot spots" – areas with heavy traces of hydrocarbons – in the smoldering ashes where the home once stood during their investigation after daybreak Friday.

"We will send off samples to see what we have got," Adams said, noting that it would almost have to be a flammable liquid such as gasoline, kerosene or lighter fluid that would make the hydrocarbon detector go off.

He said it could be as early as next week when laboratory results indicating what flammable fluids were found are returned to the city.

The first "hot spot" was on the north end of the mobile home. Stevens said early indications lead him to believe it started in or under the house, as opposed to outside of it.

The second "hot spot" was near the center of the home where a dryer was.

Stevens said it is unlikely the fire was started by an explosion of some sort. Adams also ruled out some sort of spontaneous combustion.

Adams also said no burnt cans were found near the "hot spots" that would have indicated some sort of cleaner or other liquid had been stored there.

KPDN was taken off the air in October by owners Char and Harry Hoyler, who listed family health problems as the reason.

The Hoylers are reportedly in Louisiana today and could not be reached for comment on what was stored in the mobile home.

Sheriff Jim Free is pursuing the fire as a possible arson. This morning he was collecting evidence at the scene, including what appeared to be the handle of a hoe that was broken on one end.

Free and deputies said it appeared the handle was used to ram a hole in the door of another trailer on the property. Free was also photographing possibly suspicious footprints around the fire scene and taking fingerprints.

The sheriff noted that teen-agers have had to be run off from the area, which is near a deserted packing plant, several times in the past.

Evidence at the packing plant has led Free and other local authorities on satanism to believe occultists have been using the plant as a meeting place.

There was no evidence that any satanic activity centering around the packing plant was related to the fire, however.

Korrene Lewis, daughter of the Hoylers, said the trailer had been empty for two months and that it was "kind of puzzling that (the fire) would have started in the back room."

Lewis said almost the only thing in the room was a bed.

She also noted that gas from a propane tank had been shut off to the trailer two months ago. However, fire department officials said the propane was on and had to be shut off as they fought the fire.

Adams said almost anyone could have been in the house, including drifters seeking warmth.

The propane has been ruled out as a possible cause for the fire, Adams said.

Lewis said her parents will be out of town for at least two months and she is uncertain how to contact them. She said it is was also her understanding that the radio station had already been sold.

She was uncertain as to any of the details.

Pampa Salvation Army receives thanks for Hugo, quake aid

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
News Editor

A heartfelt letter of thanks from the commanding officer of the Charleston, S.C., Salvation Army reflects the significance of Pampa's efforts to help those who suffered both from Hurricane Hugo and the California earthquake.

Following is a letter to Lt. Don Wildish of the Pampa Salvation Army written recently by Capt. James Worthy, commanding officer of the Charleston Salvation Army. Lt. Wildish said he felt that the letter was directed to the people of Pampa as much as to him and asked if he could share it in this way.

"Words cannot express the deep appreciation we feel for all that you in Pampa and the Panhandle of Texas have done for us here in Charleston. The monetary donations, the food, clothing, juice – everything was most needed. You cannot imagine the devastation the hurricane did to our area nor the thousands of people who still, today, are without adequate shelter to say nothing of the many other necessities of life we all take for granted. Things are getting back to normal but it is evident that our work with the victims of Hugo will go on for a long time to come.

"Thank you again for everything, but especially for your concern and prayers. We will remember you in our prayers, too. God bless you!

Sincerely,
Capt. James R. Worthy
Commanding Officer"

Wildish said he had also spoken with Maj. Saunders, general secretary for the Salvation Army's North California division based in San Francisco to whom he has sent all donations for the Army's earthquake relief program.

"I spoke to both men on the phone and you could tell it was difficult for them how to say 'thank you' in so few words," Wildish said. "I can tell you both men did it with tears in their eyes and a tremble in their voice. It just about brings tears to your eyes in speaking to them."

Wildish said that thrift stores in both disaster areas were closed for business and reopened as distribution centers for disaster relief.

Though the closing of the thrift stores would mean the loss large amount of revenue the Army counts on for their programs for the needy, the officers in charge felt it was more important to assist those who suffered from the disastrous hurricane and earthquake, he said.

"They're out there working on blind faith," Wildish commented.

In addition to the Army's efforts are the volunteers of the American Red Cross who have worked shoulder-to-shoulder with them following the disasters, Wildish said.

"I have to give credit to our partners out there, the Red Cross," he said. "We couldn't do it without them. Neither of us could handle it all by ourselves. It would just be too much."

Within hours of the earthquake in California, the Salvation Army had set up 30 canteens and 15 shelters throughout the affected area.

At present, the Army is accepting only monetary contributions for disaster relief, Wildish said.

"We're unable to accept any gifts in kind; we're just unable to transport it," he said. "I want to assure people that 100 percent goes to the disaster fund specified with the donation."

The Hugo relief funds are going to Capt. Worthy, Wildish said, while the earthquake funds are being sent to Maj. Saunders.

All earthquake funds being used in the San Francisco area with some overlapping into Oakland and the nearby cities affected by the earthquake, Wildish said.

Funds are being used to buy food, household appliances and supplies for the disaster victims, Wildish said. Gasoline is being donated, as is plates, cups and utensils, he said.

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Services tomorrow

HYMAN, Roy Vesta – 11 a.m., First Assembly of God Church, Shamrock.

MORRISON, John E. – 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel.

HARPER, Lois E. – 10 a.m., First Christian Church, Canadian.

Obituaries

LOIS E. HARPER

CANADIAN – Lois E. Harper, 76, died Wednesday. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the First Christian Church with the Rev. Danny Hughes, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Canadian Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harper was a longtime Canadian resident and member of the First Christian Church. Her husband, Debs Harper, preceded her in death in 1988.

Survivors include a daughter, Charlene Adcock of Canadian; a brother, Calvin Derrick of Arnett, Okla.; two sisters, Leta Stephenson of Canadian and Vera Baker of Sunray; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

JOHN E. MORRISON

PAMPA – John E. Morrison, 77, died Wednesday. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Don Turner, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Morrison was born in Miami and he attended Miami public schools. He married Adele Mullanax on April 8, 1934, at Lefors. He was employed by Coltexo Gasoline Plant and then by the Phillips Petroleum Co. for 15 years. He lived at Lefors until 1946, when he moved to Dumas. He moved to Pampa in 1959. He was a member of the Dumas Masonic Lodge No. 1009 AF&AM, the El Paso Consistory 32nd degree and the First Christian Church. He was served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Joan Adair of Pampa; a son, Ken Morrison of Dumas; a brother, Mick Morrison of Fort Worth; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

GENE SIMPSON

AMARILLO – Gene Simpson, 87, the father of a Pampa woman, died Tuesday. Services will be at 2 p.m. today in Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel with Dr. Chester O'Brien, assistant to the pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Simpson, born in Carrollton, Mo., had lived in Amarillo for 20 years. He was a retired pipeline construction worker and a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Joni Marie Daniels of Pampa; two sons, Billy Gene Simpson of Sterling, Colo., and Wayne Simpson of Amarillo; two sisters, Cleo Simpson and Mary Anna Ford, both of Amarillo; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

DON BENTLEY

FRIONA – Don Bentley, 48, brother of a Pampa woman, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today in Friona Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. Bentley, born in Corsicana, was a resident of Brownfield. Before living in Brownfield, he had lived in Clovis, N.M., and in Farwell for seven years. He was a farm implement mechanic.

Survivors include a son, Harold Bentley of Amarillo; a daughter, Donna Taylor of Plains; three sisters, Katie Wilkerson of Pampa, and Betty Fritch and Joan Bentley, both of Lewisville; five brothers, Buck Bentley, Dave Bentley and Dub Bentley, all of Friona; Dale Bentley of Amarillo and Buster Bentley of Pawnee, Okla.; and four grandchildren.

WANDA LUCILLE DOGHERTY

SHAMROCK – Wanda Lucille Dogherty, 62, died Wednesday. Services were at 10:30 a.m. today in Richerson Chapel with the Rev. Robert Brewer, pastor of Missionary Baptist Church in Shamrock, officiating. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Richerson Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Dogherty was born in Cribbs, Okla., and moved to Wheeler County in 1937 from Longview. She married Gordon Dogherty in 1945 at Collingsworth County. She was a nurse and a member of Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Joyce Barnard of Yukon, Okla.; two sons, Chester Dogherty of Abilene and Gene Dogherty of Amarillo; two brothers, Doyle Mayden of Midland and James Mayden of Amarillo; a sister, Patsy Bishop of Hobbs, N.M.; and six grandchildren.

PAUL BUTLER HARTWICK

SHAMROCK – Paul Butler Hartwick, 79, died Tuesday. Services will be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Chancellor, pastor, and the Rev. James Conner, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Richerson Funeral Home.

Mr. Butler was born in Batesville, Ark., and moved to Shamrock in 1949 from Pakan community. He moved to Pakan from Watson, Ark. He was a retired employee of Ashland Chemical Co. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He married Winette Foster in 1933 at Augusta, Ark.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Paul Hartwick Jr. of Lafayette, La., and Johnnie Hartwick of Hamilton, Ala.; two sisters, Stella Frye of Batesville and Bertha Hollister of Stuttgart, Ark.; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

ROY VESTA HYMAN

SHAMROCK – Roy Vesta Hyman, 78, died Wednesday in Amarillo. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Wynes Manney and the Rev Ervin Emmert officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Richerson Funeral Home.

Mr. Hyman was born in Wellington and moved to Wheeler County in 1953. He was a veterah of World War II and a member of VFW and First Assembly of God Church. He married Flardell Hill in 1987.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Joe R. Daly of Amarillo and Ben F. Hill of Fayetteville, Ark.; a daughter, Lois van Zandt of Burleson; two brothers, Archie Hyman of Shamrock and Melvin Hyman of Madisonville, Tenn.; two sisters, Viola Parish of Shamrock and Katy Maddox of Breckenridge; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions

Oneeta Herring, Pampa
Virgil Raines, Pampa
Clara Robbins, Pampa
E. "Lynne" Scanlon, Pampa
Tammy Stephens, Pampa
Billie Wilson (extended care), Pampa
Paul Edwards, Pampa
Clarene Laycock, Pampa
Florence Quarles, Skellytown
Lydia Wimberly, Panhandle

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Larry Haddock of Pampa, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hudson of Pampa, a boy.

Dismissals

Sidney Mansel (extended care), Groom
Marceline Bullick, Pampa
Ancle Carlos, Pampa
Dale Davis, Pampa
Susan Finney and baby boy, Pampa
Dana Hargus and baby boy, Pampa
William Henley, Pampa
George Johnson, Pampa
Jacob Ledbetter, Pampa
Lou Ann Lowe, Antlers, Okla.
John Russell, Pampa
Marie Ryan, Borger
Lloyd Sager, Brazille, Ind.
James Smith, McLean
Hershel Stevens, Pampa
Carl Tignor, Pampa
Joyce Willingham, Pampa
Billie Wilson, Pampa
Garry Wright, Pampa
Susan Harris and baby boy, Pampa
Aprile Hudson and baby boy, Pampa
Harrell Jordan, Pampa
Willie Rice, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Not available

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.69
Milo	3.55
Corn	4.09

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

Ky Cent Life	17 7/8
Serfco	5
Occidental	29 7/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Magellan	63.06
Puritan	14.08

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

Amoco	49 3/8	up 3/8
Arco	101 1/4	up 7/8
Cabot	36 1/2	dn 1/8
Chevron	65	up 1/2
Enron	53 1/2	up 1/2
Halliburton	39 3/4	up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	47 1/4	NC
KNE	23 1/4	NC
Kerr McGee	46 3/4	up 5/8
Mapco	35 7/8	up 1/8
Maxxus	10 3/8	NC
Mesa Ltd.	7 3/4	NC
Mobil	58 1/2	up 1/8
New Atmos	16 3/4	dn 1/8
Penney's	66 7/8	NC
Phillips	22	dn 1/8
SLB	44	up 1/4
SPS	29 7/8	NC
Tenneco	58 3/8	up 1/4
Texaco	54	up 1/4
New York Gold	415.25	
Silver	5.86	

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 22

Police reported domestic violence in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Penni Bursell, 1018 S. Sumner, reported disorderly conduct in the downtown area.

Jewell Duckworth Heard, 928 1/2 S. Faulkner, reported criminal mischief in the parking lot at Pampa Mall.

THURSDAY, Nov. 23

Terri Read, 612 Sloan, reported burglary of a motor vehicle at 1701 Coffee.

Atex Oil Co., Amarillo, reported criminal mischief in the 500 block of East Foster.

James Keith Nix, 1319 Williston, reported criminal mischief at 1324 Williston.

FRIDAY, Nov. 24

Police reported domestic violence in the 900 block of East Gordon.

Melissa L. Hernandez, 109 N. Wynn, reported an assault at the residence.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 22

Rocky Carl Bynum, 29, 428 N. Cuyler, was arrested at Coronado Inn on a charge of evading arrest. He was transferred to county jail.

Alfred Joseph Buchannan, 23, 1031 N. Sumner #202, was arrested at the residence on charges of assault, resisting arrest and interfering with an officer. He was released on bond.

Paul Junior Prentice, 24, 534 Harlem, was arrested in the 500 block of Harlem on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

DPS

THURSDAY, Nov. 23

Jerry Wayne Nunamaker, 25, 853 E. Craven, was arrested in the 900 block of East Frederic on a charge of public intoxication.

Fires

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 22

10:50 p.m. – Motorist ran over gas meter at 1164 Huff Rd. Moderate damage was reported to the meter. The gas leak was contained. One unit and two firefighters responded.

FRIDAY, Nov. 24

1:30 a.m. – A mobile home fire one mile east of the city on property leased by KPDN radio created a total loss. No dollar estimate or cause had been determined through press time today. Three units and five firefighters responded.

Calendar of events

RED CROSS CPR STANDARD FIRST AID COURSES

The Red Cross is offering a two-session CPR Course from 6 to 10 p.m. Dec. 5 and Dec. 7. The Red Cross is also offering a Standard First Aid course from 6 to 10 p.m. on Dec. 12 and Dec. 14. Both courses will be offered at the local office, 108 N. Russell St. Cost of each course is $15 per person. The Red Cross requests those interested in taking the courses call the office the Friday before the classes begin.

Crimestoppers 669-2222

Thatcher seeks continued NATO support at meeting with Bush

By RITA BEAMISH
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Bush's meeting with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher today comes one week before the U.S. summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, as western leaders seek a united response to the changes in Eastern Europe.

The prime minister was meeting with Bush at the presidential Camp David retreat during a 24-hour trip scheduled long before the opening of the Berlin Wall spurred talk of the possible reunification of East and West Germany.

Mrs. Thatcher was likely to seek support for her view that however dramatically Europe is changing, the NATO alliance should not lower its guard.

Bush told reporters on Wednesday he planned to seek Mrs. Thatcher's views on his upcoming shipboard summit with Gorbachev.

The president, who has been consulting with other Western leaders in preparation for the meeting off Malta on Dec. 2 and 3, has said he plans to stress to Gorbachev that the United States must act as part of the Western alliance.

As she left for the airport in London on Thursday, Mrs. Thatcher told reporters she was "delighted" with Bush's Thanksgiving eve televised speech in which he praised Gorbachev's reforms, urged him to "bring down the last barriers" and end the Cold War, and promised to support the reforms in Eastern Europe without taking adversarial advantage of them.

Bush also promised, "There will be no surprises sprung on our allies" during the summit. He offered the NATO allies assurances that "no matter how dramatic the change in Eastern Europe, or in the Soviet Union itself, the United States will continue to stand with our allies and our friends."

Bush meets with NATO leaders in Brussels following the summit, and a meeting of the 12-nation European Economic Community states follows on Dec. 8-9.

Mrs. Thatcher is effusive in her praise of Gorbachev – with whom she has met several times – lauding him as a reformer of courage and vision. But she is also cautious about his chances of completing the revolution he has unleashed.

Therefore, she continues to advocate a strong NATO and opposes any changes in the present lineup of NATO and Warsaw Pact forces, lest they become ammunition for Gorbachev's hard-line foes.

Her legislative program for 1990 pledges Britain to uphold its NATO obligations and "sustain the United Kingdom's contribution to Western defense by maintaining adequate and effective nuclear and conventional forces."

The 64-year-old prime minister is facing political troubles at home. Resurgent inflation and criticism of her combative leadership style have helped push her behind the opposition Labor Party in opinion polls.

Shuttle prepares for Sunday landing

By LAURA TOLLEY
Associated Press Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) – Discovery's astronauts set their sights on a Sunday landing for a secret military space shuttle mission that sources said included deployment of a spy satellite.

Silence has surrounded most of the classified flight, but NASA did interrupt the quiet briefly on Thanksgiving Day to announce that the shuttle was scheduled to land at 7:02 p.m. PST Sunday at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

"The crew is doing well and the orbiter continues to perform satisfactorily," Mission Control commentator Billie Deason said in the brief status report Thursday evening.

According to sources close to the project, a 2 1/2-ton, $300 million payload was released from the shuttle's cargo bay early Thursday morning about 10 hours into the flight.

It was a satellite capable of monitoring Soviet missile tests and eavesdropping on military and diplomatic communications in the Soviet Union and other countries, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The satellite was to be maneuvered into a stationary orbit 22,300 miles above the equator, on a line of sight to the Soviet Union, China, the Middle East, Africa and all of Europe.

The sources were unable to provide information on how the satellite was operating. A similar satellite was launched by a shuttle crew in 1985.

They were expected to tend experiments for the "Star Wars" missile defense system and other military projects.

The Defense Department has said the news blackout is necessary to try to keep the Soviets from finding out about what the astronauts are doing.

Discovery is commanded by Air Force Col. Frederick D. Gregory. His four-person crew: Air Force Col. John Blaha, the pilot, and the three mission specialists, Navy Capt. Manley Carter Jr., F. Story Musgrave and Kathryn C. Thornton.

The flight, the fifth dedicated to the military, began Wednesday night with a spectacular nighttime liftoff that brightened the sky over the central Florida coast.

The launch time was dictated by the secret cargo and its mission.

On Thanksgiving Day, the astronauts dined on irradiated turkey, freeze-dried vegetables and cranberry sauce.

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Student

working with students, teaching computers and their practical application in the business world.

"I've been trying to help (district computer specialist) Lee Carter behind the scenes on computers," Williams said of how he became involved with the school.

"Lee introduced me to Sally (Griffith, district at-risk coordinator) and she asked if I'd be interested in teaching.

"I thought it was a joke. But Sally talked to Dr. Griffith and he talked to (Celanese plant manager) Brent Stephens and here I am. Celanese is really happy to do it."

Williams said he brings a unique perspective to teaching because he can show students how math and computer concepts are really used on the job.

"I get the feeling they listen to me because I'm in the real world and when I say, 'I use this stuff every day,' I think that means more to them."

Dr. Griffith said the partnership between Celanese and Pampa schools and the graduation of Mann all point to the fact that local schools are moving in the right direction for providing quality education.

City briefs

MC-A-DOODLES CUSTOM Screen Printing at new location. 514 S. Russell (Depot Building.) Retail Shop now open with T-shirts, sweats, jackets, etc. Adv.

PUTMAN'S QUALITY Services Professional tree trimming, removal, hauling. 665-2547, 665-0107. Adv.

CLUB PARADISE Country Western Weekend. Against the Grain. Friday and Saturday. Adv.

COMEDY NIGHT, Monday, November 27, 8:30 p.m. Susan Rice and Kenny Moore. Advance Reservations A Must! Knight Lites, 618 W. Foster, 665-6482. Adv.

POINSETTIAS ARE in, 6 inch pots with 5-7 blooms, miniatures, Poinsettia bushes and hanging baskets. Discounts to Churches. Watson's Feed & Garden Hwy. 60 East. Adv.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, fair with a low in the 40s and westerly winds 10-20 mph. Saturday, fair with a high in the 70s and northwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Thursday's high was 58; the overnight low was 36.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas – Mostly fair skies areawide through Saturday. Lows tonight 40s except low 50s Big Bend. Highs Saturday from near 70 Panhandle to low 80s Big Bend.

North Texas – Fair tonight and Saturday. Lows tonight from 47 to 54. Highs Saturday from 73 to 80.

South Texas – Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Lows tonight in the 40s north to the 50s central and southeast and in the 60s south and Coastal Plains. Highs Saturday mostly in the 70s.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Sunday through Thursday

West Texas – Mostly fair. Temperatures above normal Sunday. Cooling to near normal on Tuesday. Panhandle: Highs upper to mid 50s. Lows mid 30s to upper 20s. South Plains: Highs low 60s to upper 50s. Lows low 40s to mid 30s. Permian Basin: Highs upper to low 60s. Lows mid 40s to mid 30s. Concho Valley: Highs low 70s to mid 60s. Lows low 50s to mid 40s. Far West: Highs upper to mid 60s. Lows low 40s to upper 30s. Big Bend area: Highs mid 60s to low 70s mountains to mid 70s to near 80 along the Rio Grande. Lows low 30s mountains and mid 40s to low 50s lowlands.

North Texas – West and Central: Partly cloudy and warm Sunday. Fair and cooler Monday and Tuesday. Highs in upper 60s to low 70s on Sunday. Cooling into upper 50s to low 60s Monday and Tuesday. Lows in upper 40s to low 50s Sunday. Cooling to upper 30s to low 40s Monday and Tuesday. East: Partly cloudy and warm Sunday. Fair and cooler Monday and Tuesday. Highs in upper 60s to low 70s Sunday. Cooling to upper 50s to low 60s Monday and Tuesday. Lows upper 40s Sunday. Cooling to low 40s Monday and Tuesday.

South Texas – Hill Country and South Central: Partly cloudy Sunday. Cooler Monday and Tuesday. Lows Sunday in the 50s, highs in the 70s. Lows Monday and Tuesday in the 40s, highs in the 60s. Texas Coastal Bend: A slight chance of showers Sunday. Cooler Monday and Tuesday. Lows Sunday near 60 highs near 80. Lows Monday and Tuesday in the 50s, highs in the 70s. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Partly cloudy Sunday. Cooler Monday and Tuesday. Lows Sunday in the 60s highs in the 80s. Lows Monday and Tuesday in the 50s to near 60 highs in the 70s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast: A slight chance of showers Sunday. Cooler Monday and Tuesday. Lows Sunday 50s, highs in the 70s. Lows Monday in the 40s and 50s highs in the 60s to near 70. Lows Tuesday 40s and highs in the 60s.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma – Fair tonight. Patchy low clouds in the southeast Saturday morning, otherwise continued fair and warm Saturday. Lows tonight mid 30s Panhandle to upper 40s southeast. Highs Saturday upper 60s north to mid 70s south.

New Mexico – Fair and not so cold tonight. Partly cloudy northwest and sunny southeast Saturday. Highs Saturday from the 50s and low 60s over the mountains and northwest to upper 60s and 70s southeast. Lows tonight from the 20s and low 30s over the mountains and northwest to upper 30s and low 40s east and south.

Thirteen injured in oil rig explosion

GALVESTON (AP) – Thirteen oil rig workers were injured, one seriously, in an early-morning explosion believed caused by a natural gas leak on an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico Thursday.

Twelve were taken by a rig helicopter to John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, where five were admitted for injuries including lacerations, burns and smoke inhalation, hospital spokesman Rick Smith said.

One other employee was treated by a private physician, said Lt. Cmdr. Frank Whipple of the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office in Galveston.

Two of those injured were Texans.

The rig, owned by Dallas-based Penrod Drilling Corp., was under contract by Texaco Inc. and was drilling on a company oil lease, Texaco spokesman Paul Weeditz said.

The explosion occurred at 4:25 a.m., according to Coast Guard Petty Officer J.D. Cole.

Cole said the rig is located about 20 miles east of Galveston and about 15 miles offshore.

Company president Marshall Ballard said there was no fire.

The accident would be investigated by the company and the Coast Guard, he said.

"We won't turn a screw until we have gone over everything with a fine tooth comb," Ballard said.

"Everyt ng's secure, there's no blowout, there's no pollution, anything like that," he said.

"There's no one missing. There's no one unaccounted for, there's no one dead, there's no fire."

Whipple said about 50 people were on the rig.

Penrod spokesman Bob Isaac said nine of the workers taken to the hospital are Penrod employees and the other three are believed to work for private contractors.

"They're trying to get things back in order," Whipple said. "The emergency power system works, and they've got basic electric power back on."

Whipple said the Coast Guard and the Department of the Interior's Mineral Management Service are investigating the accident, believed to have occurred when natural gas from a well ignited.

He said he did not know how the gas escaped from the well.

Penrod officials in Galveston could not be reached for comment by The Associated Press Thursday.

Smith said the five workers admitted to John Sealy Hospital were:

Mike Semere, 26, of Cecilia, La., in serious condition with back and chest injuries; Wade Massenberg, 36, multiple traumas, fair condition, identified as a Texan; Terry Ewing, 25, of Maurice, La., lacerations and a shoulder injury, fair condition; James Harper, 52, of Florence, Miss., smoke inhalation, fair condition; and Randall Eric Hendricks, 27, of Greenwood, La., smoke inhalation, fair condition.

Isaac said all five are Penrod employees.

Treated and released were Leval Hartfield, 25, of Houma, La.; Monty Goad, 23, of Clayton, La.; Steve Anderson, 32, of Collins, Miss.; Mark Broussard, 29, of Mamou, La.; Donald Wolfe, 26, of Freeport; Bryon Kern, 50, of Lafayette, La.; and Darren Guidry, 22, of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Goad, Broussard, Wolfe and Guidry are Penrod employees, Isaac said.

The worker who sought private treatment was not identified.

Tammy look-alike



(AP Laserphoto)

Teresa Martens of Rome, Ga., goes into her act as a look-alike for televangelist Tammy Faye Baker. She performs at shows and parties for Party People talent management of Atlanta.

Americans pause to ponder their blessings

By DAVID BRIGGS
Associated Press Writer

Those dreaming of a white Thanksgiving got their wish in the East and South, while the needy were remembered in shelters and soup kitchens as Americans paused to ponder their blessings.

Giving thanks was on the minds of thousands of victims of Hurricane Hugo, northern California's earthquake and other natural disasters that jolted the nation this year.

"We are alive. We have more reasons to give thanks than we do to be sorry," said Mabel Martin, owner of a trailer park in Alorton in southern Illinois that was devastated by a Nov. 15 storm that caused an estimated $5.3 million in damage.

The snow that fell from Virginia to New England canceled high school football games in the Northeast, but neither a wascally wabbit who wouldn't waft nor a fallen Humpty Dumpty dampened the spirits of millions of parade watchers.

"This is the snowiest Thanksgiving. Period," said meteorologist Harry Woodworth at the National Weather Service in Newark, N.J., where more than 5 inches of snow fell.

Up to 8 inches of snow fell in Massachusetts, and 5 inches was reported at Snowshoe ski resort near Marlinton, W.Va. Baltimore residents woke up to their first white Thanksgiving since 1971.

The first Thanksgiving snow in New York since 1938 grounded the Snoopy and Bugs Bunny balloons from the 63rd Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, but an estimated 1.8 million people still lined the parade route.

"I would have come out here even if it was 20 degrees below freezing. It's a million times better live," said 32-year-old Mike Koleba, wrapped in an army jacket, two hats and a scarf.

The 70th annual Thanksgiving Day parade in Philadelphia survived a record snowfall, but the 55-foot Humpty Dumpty balloon had a great fall when it was punctured by a light standard.

In an out-of-this-world meal, Discovery's astronauts celebrated in space with thermo-stabilized turkey, freeze-dried vegetables and cranberry sauce.

President Bush and his wife enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner that included roast turkey with stuffing and cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes topped with marshmallows, green beans, salad and pumpkin and pecan pies at the retreat in Camp David, Md.

Meanwhile, at a holiday feast at the Los Angeles Rescue Mission, actor Ben Vereen asked the president to do more for the homeless.

"I will not pray for you," he told the mission diners. "I will pray for the administration to do something for you."

A laid-off bank president was among those served at a Salvation Army center in Massachusetts, but it was the children who were among the victims of the state's slumping economy that most touched the hearts of volunteers.

"They often wonder why they are going to this strange place, but when they're eating good food there is a real warm feeling for the whole family to see," said Salvation Army spokesman Stephen Copaccio.

In the San Francisco Bay area, many survivors of the Oct. 17 quake gave thanks by serving holdiay meals to their less fortunate neighbors.

"Here we can really give thanks and be grateful that we are still here despite the destruction and death; this is a time when we can come together." said the Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, where 6,000 people were treated to dinner.

Woman, children missing in Gulf

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) – The Coast Guard gave up hope of finding a woman and her two children alive in the Gulf of Mexico after their single engine plane crashed in turbulent weather, officials said.

"We are presuming all three have drowned," said U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Mark Kasper Thursday.

Sophia Mifsud, 26, her daughter, Ariel, 3, and 2-month-old son Martin are believed to have drowned, after their Cessna 210 piloted by Thomas Mifsud, 32, crashed in turbulent weather in the Gulf of Mexico around 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, officials said.

Thomas Mifsud was treated for shock, hypothermia and minor cuts at Memorial Medical Hospital in Corpus Christi and released.

Mifsud, a U.S. citizen who lives in Guatemala, grabbed his son Martin and swam about 100 feet to a nearby oil rig.

After climbing onto the rig's ladder, a large swell washed his son from his hands. Mifsud said he never saw his son again.

Once atop the platform, Mifsud watched in shock as his wife and 3-year-old daughter floated face down in seas heavy from high winds, Mifsud told officials.

Mifsud tried to throw a life preserver to his wife and daughter, but apparently missed, Starrett said. The life preserver was recovered Wednesday night.

"I'm sure he was exhausted at that point, in addition to being in shock," Atteberry said. "It looks like he did the best he could."

Coast Guard Lt. Robin Starrett said Thomas Mifsud, reported the engine failed on his plane and then ditched the plane into the Gulf about 100 feet upwind of an oil rig platform.

Atteberry said the plane was en route from Brownsville to Houston.

Mifsud managed to get everyone out of the plane and began swimming toward the unmanned rig with the baby while his wife grabbed the 3-year-old.

Mifsud found a phone and called the operator. He was connected to the Galveston Coast Guard station, which sent a helicopter to rescue him.

Petty Officer Ron Atteberry said rescue crews searched for the three in the vicinity where the plane went down, about 30 miles south of Palacios, but also widened the search to account for drift caused by 32 mph winds and waves measuring up to six feet.

Mifsud was staying with relatives in west Houston.

Palacios is a coastal community about halfway between Corpus Christi and Galveston.

Gray County sales tax collections up for year

AUSTIN – State Comptroller Bob Bullock said last week that sales tax payments to Texas cities reached $125 million this month, up more than 5 percent from last November's payments and more than 9 percent higher than last year's total at this time. Checks to counties were up a healthy 7 percent over last November's payments.

"The economy is looking up for merchants in Texas and that means another good month for local governments," Bullock said.

The checks reflect local sales taxes collected in September by businesses that file monthly tax returns and taxes collected in July, August and September by businesses that file quarterly returns.

Businesses collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the comptroller's office along with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 percent share and returns the local sales taxes to local governments.

Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to 2 percent, Bullock said.

Gray County received a payment of $140,758.89 this month, with a decrease of 1.54 percent from last year's payment of $142,955.98. Of the amount received this month, Lefors got $450.39, McLean's share was $2,047.76 and Pampa's was $138,260.74.

For the payments to date in Gray County, an increase of 3.87 percent overall is shown with Lefors having a 15.39 percent increase above last year's payments, McLean ahead 1.19 percent and Pampa ahead 3.86 percent.

A total of $1,298,824.69 has been received so far this year in Gray County, compared to $1,250,387.35 last year at this time.

Carson County received a total of $14,185.10 this month, up 15.74 percent from last year's payment at the same time. Carson County's total this year is up 13.03 percent with $129,939.70 received.

Hemphill County received a $13,675.42 payment this month, compared with a $17,507.49 payment last year. The total payments received to date this year are down 14.54 percent from last year's payments to date of $151,716.27.

Roberts County received a check for $1,733.62 this month, down 9.71 percent from last year's check of $1,919.98. For the total payments to date this year, Roberts is ahead 4.11 percent with a total of $15,890.01 received to date.

Wheeler County received a check this month for $20,201.56, compared to $25,569.69 last year. Wheeler County's total payments to date this year are down by .24 percent with $158,878.45 received.

Houston received the largest check this month with a total of $22.6 million, which is 8 percent more than last November's payment. Dallas received the second largest payment at $13.9 million, up 10 percent over last year's.

This month's payments to counties totaled $11 million, compared to $10.2 million last November. Bullock noted that total payments to counties in 1989 show an increase of 43 percent.

He explained that much of the increase is because 10 more counties started collecting tax in January of this year and another one started in April.

PHS choir students gain posts at TMEA auditions

Pampa High School Choir students participated in the TMEA Region I region and area choir auditions at Dumas High School last weekend.

The students auditioning Saturday had already made the District Choir and were selected based on solo audition. Those making the Area Choir are also in the Region Choir. Area Choir members will progress to the All-State audition in January at Monterrey High School in Lubbock, according to PHS choir director Fred Mays.

Everyone in the Region Choir will meet in December at West Texas State University for a clinic and concert, Mays said. Clinician for the Region Choir is Jim Casey of Richardson.

Those making the choirs were:

Soprano I: Chantelle Rohrbacker, Area and Region; Amber Whatley, alternate to Area and Region; Suzy Wilson, alternate to Area and Region; Susan Thorton, Region; Tara Webb, alternate to Region.

Soprano II: Jennifer Walker, Area and Region.

Alto I: Jennifer Mouhot, Area and Region; Shelley Vinson, Area and Region; Carmen Santacruz, alternate to Area and Region; Paula Winkleblack, alternate to Region.

Alto II: Angie Harvey, Area and Region; Krystal Keyes, Area and Region.

Tenor I: Mark Lancaster, alternate to Area and Region; Josh Seabourn, alternate to Region.

Tenor II: Kirk McDonald, Region.

Bass I: Mark Bridges, Area and Region.

Bass II: Todd Black, Region.

Police confiscate dagger from high school student

Police confiscated a double-edged dagger from a Pampa High School student earlier this week after they reportedly observed the youth swinging it at fellow students.

Ken Hall, deputy chief of police, said it was his understanding the weapon was being swung in a playful manner.

However, since the weapon is prohibited by law, it was confiscated and the case will be turned over to the county attorney, Hall said.

No arrests were made in the incident occurring Tuesday afternoon, and the student's name was not released.

Daniel Coward, high school principal, said Wednesday he had not been informed of the incident, which reports indicate occurred shortly after 3 p.m. Tuesday on the school lawn.

"We have a standard stance against any type of firearm or weapon, and the consequence can be expelling them from school for the balance of the year," Coward said, "so we consider it very serious."

Coward complimented police on doing a good job of patrolling the school.

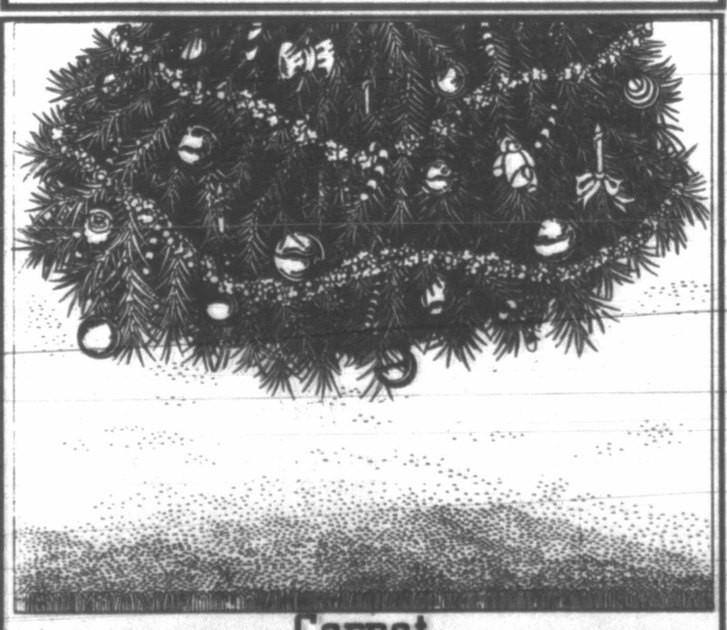
"In terms of what kind of help we are getting from the police and sheriff's department, it has been excellent," Coward said.

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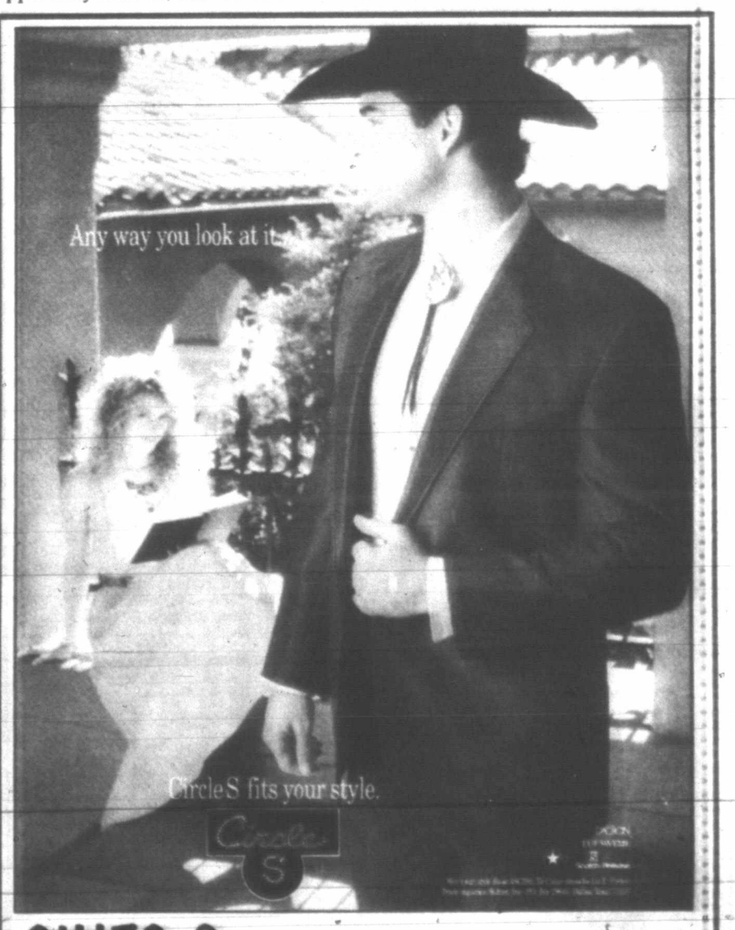
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Louise Fletcher, Publisher — Larry D. Hollis, Managing Editor

Opinion

Krenz should heed call of the people

Give people a whiff of freedom and they leap for more. Up to 1 million people rallied in East Berlin at the first part of this month, and another 500,000 rallied Leipzig. The Berlin Wall, that vile monument to communist oppression, is effectively breached. It soon should be demolished. Building on the path-breaking efforts and suffering of the Poles, who first successfully resisted comunism, East Germans are collasping several years of history into a few weeks.

New boss Egon Krenz pleaded with East Germans: "Trust our policy of renewal! Your place, dear fellow citizens, is here. We need you." But after 40 years of bloodily broken promises and bones, it's not surprising that few people trust him.

Krenz's only hope is to hold free, fair elections. Only then, when people have some say in how their land is run, will East Germans have some reason to stay and work for the future. As things now stand, they can look forward only to a more tolerable version of the status quo.

Krenz so far has taken steps in the right direction. The entire 44-member East German cabinet resigned. An emergency Communist Party plenum was called and a new cabinet, including opposition party members, was formed. The task is obvious: to make enough reforms quickly to ensure that even more people don't leave.

As things are going, East Germany may he reunited with West Germany far sooner than anyone expected. That goal is ardently desired by almost all Germans on both sides of the now-circumvented Wall. But several questions and obstacles remain.

First, several hundred thousand Red Army troops remain stationed on East German oil, armed with nuclear weapons and poised to attack West Germany. Is Soviet boss Mikhail Gorbachev ready to pull those troops back to the Soviet Union? Or will they be demobilized? Can President Bush work out a deal in which we swap a complete Red Army pullback from Eastern Europe for a U.S. military pullback to America?

Second, East Germany's communist regime still maintains a large army of its own. It also operates one of the world's most efficient secret police organizations. What place would these troops and the secret police have in an open East Germany?

Third, what will the Soviets say about an East Germany reabsorbed into West Germany? The Soviets recall what a united Germany did to them in World War II. But East Germany, which still maintains close economic ties to the Kremlin, could act as a conduit of West German economic investment across all of Eastern Europe, including the Soviet Union.

The East German rallies also seem to have ignited protests in the Soviet Union. In Moscow anti-Soviet protesters for the first time held a counter-demonstration unmolested on the anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik coup. Protesters carried a sign reading, "Workers of the world – we apologize!" Will the next step be to dump Lenin's corpse from its mausoleum?

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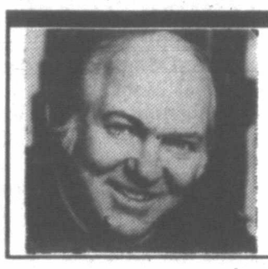
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Court gets another religion case



James J. Kilpatrick

Members of the Native American Church see themselves as U.S. citizens exercising their constitutional right to the free exercise of religion. The state of Oregon sees them as a bunch of drug-addicted Indians whose practices cannot be condoned lest they set an intolerable precedent.

It will be up to the U.S. Supreme Court to settle the issue in Oregon v. Smith. The high court heard argument in the case on Nov. 6 and will hand down its opinion within the next few months. My money is on the Indians, but in these First Amendment cases you never know.

The facts are not in dispute. Albert L. Smith and Galen Black are former alcoholics. They also are members of the Native American Church. The two men went to work for the Douglas County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse under an agreement that they would not touch drugs or alcohol during their employment.

Black had joined the church in 1983. Smith converted a year later. In March 1984, they attended what is known as the rite of the teepee. As part of the ritual they ingested a small amount of peyote. Church members view peyote as a sacrament. Oregon views peyote, a stimulant derived from mescal buttons, as an illegal haullucinogenic drug.

The two men were fired from their jobs. They applied for unemployment compensation, but the state rejected their applications on the ground that by using peyote they had violated the conditions of their employment. Smith and Black sued. The case came to the Supreme Court two years ago, bounced back to Oregon for clarification of the state law, and then returned for reconsideration of the constitutional issue.

It is not disputed that Black and Smith sincerely hold their religious beliefs. Neither is it disputed that the Native American Church is a bona fide religion. One of the several friend-of-the-court briefs traces the peyote practice to aborigines who inhabited the lower Rio Grande 10,000 years ago. The church reportedly has 100,000 members in 17 states.

This is the critical issue: Peyote is a vital element in the Indian ritual. In small amounts, it is said to promote a sense of reverie in which members commune with tribal spirits. (In large amounts it acts as an emetic, causing severe nausea.) The petitioners regard the sacrament of peyote as akin to the Roman Catholic sacrament of transubstantiation, in which wine becomes the blood of Christ. To prohibit the use of peyote, they contend, would "in effect destroy the Native American Church."

This will be a tough one for the high court. Oregon argues persuasively that the state has a compelling interest in preventing the possession and use of hallucinogenic drugs.

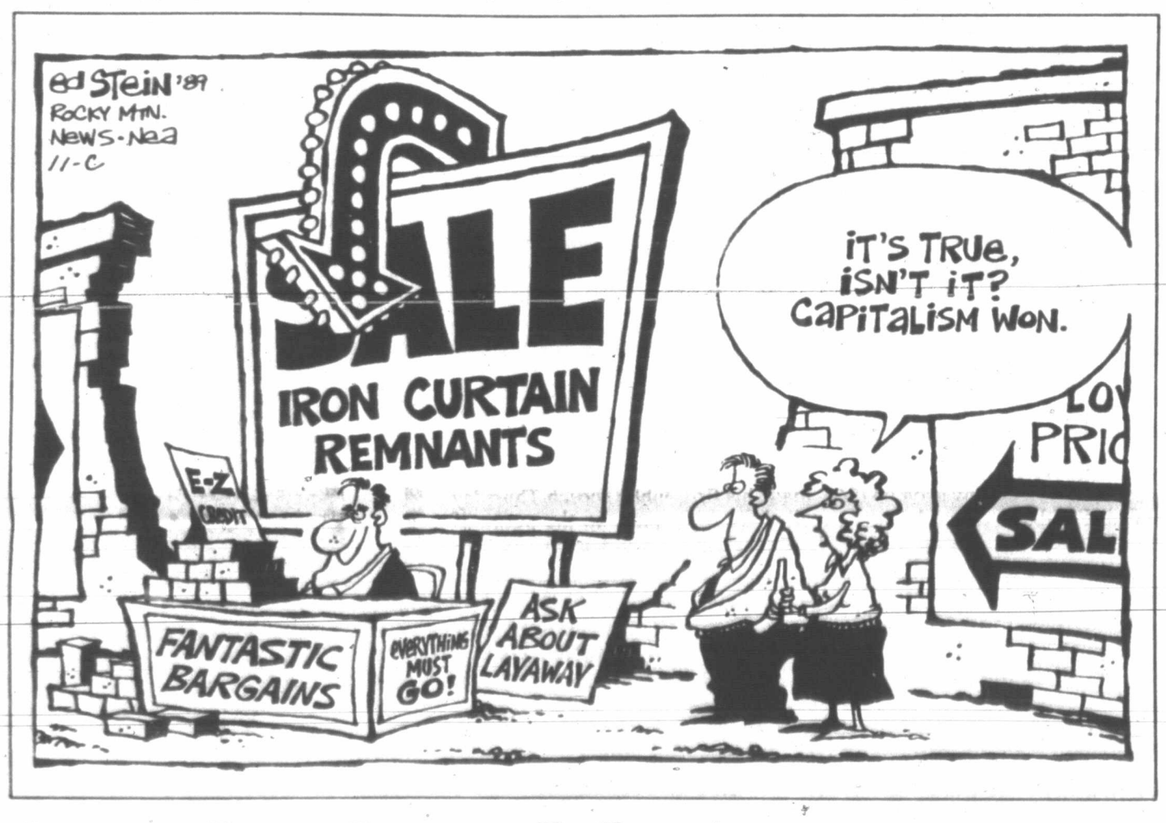
A 1986 case is in point. A native American, Stephen Roy, refused on religious grounds to obtain a Social Security number for his 2-year-old daughter, Little Bird of the Snow. Pennsylvania terminated his welfare benefits. Roy sued, but the court found his objection "without merit." Chief Justice Warren Burger held for the 6-3 court that not all burdens on religion are unconstitutional. Little Bird of the Snow had to have a number like everyone else. "Some religious practices must yield to the common good."

But there is much law on the other side. In 1963 the court ruled in favor of a Seventh-day Adventist, Adell Sherbert, who lost her job in South Carolina textile mill because she refused to work on Saturdays. The state denied her application for unemployment compensation, but the high court reversed: The state's ruling, said Justice William Brennan in a 7-2 decision, forced Sherbert to choose between her religion and her job by effectively compelling her to abandon one to save the other.

The court reaffirmed the Sherbert decision in 1981 and again in 1987. The former case involved Eddie Thomas, who refused for religious reasons to work in an Indiana factory making turrets for tanks; the latter case involved Paula Hobbie, who lost her job in a Florida jewelry store because she would not work on Saturdays.

My own feeling is that the Oregon Indians have the better case. They are protected to some extent by a congressional resolution adopted in 1978, asserting a national policy to preserve the Indians' freedom to exercise their traditional religions, including "use and possession of sacred objects."

Oregon fears that if Smith and Black win, users of other drugs may establish a competing "church" based on sacraments of marijuana, cocaine and crack. It seems highly unlikely. Live and let live! That's what the First Amendment commands.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 24, the 328th day of 1989. There are 37 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 24, 1859, British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species," a paper in which he explained his theory of evolution through the process of natural selection.

On this date:

In 1784, Zachary Taylor, the 12th president of the United States, was born in Orange County, Va.

In 1871, the National Rifle Association was incorporated, and its first president named: Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside.

In 1944, U.S. bombers based on Saipan attacked Tokyo in what was the first raid against the Japanese capital by land-based planes.

In 1947, a group of motion picture writers, producers and directors who came to be known as the "Hollywood Ten" were cited for contempt of Congress because of their refusal to answer questions about alleged Communist influence in the movie business.

Bush should test veto power



Paul Harvey

You and I have visited previously on the subject of hitchhikers – the kind that sneak through Congress concealed in unrelated legislation.

Here they come again.

Passed on its way through Congress and headed for the president's desk is what's called the "omnibus appropriations bill." It contains some essential appropriations and more than enough legislative garbage.

For example: Individual members of Congress have sneaked aboard money for an oat acreage limitation program, money for boosting the sale of meat in U.S. commissaries, money for "demonstration projects relating to telephone service centers and money for the Fingers Lakes Hospital Corp. in New York."

And because the president has no authority veto any of this without vetoing all of it – because the president is denied authority for a "lone-item veto (item by item)" – it is likely you will pay you for all of it.

And more: A grant covering Onandaga Lake in new York and a grant for Kenosha Harbor in Wisconsin.

Granted, each of these grants has merit. And personally I would prefer to see our government spend more money on home folks and less on overseas extravagance.

But the fact is that the overseas extravagance continues and the home-front extravagance continues, and when it's all added up we have to decide what – if any of it – is worth going bankrupt for.

The president wants to reduce the capital gains tax. Every member of Congress knows this. So in the same bill that authorizes the tax cut, individual members help one another to include a hundred barrels of pork.

To sign this 30-page document the President must authorize a child-care provision which would license grandmothers.

Every four years this garbage truck rolls through town collecting muck for which you have to pay.

The Wall Street Journal believes that the line-item veto power f the president has never been properly court tested.

The *Journal* proposes that President Bush should challenge this year's budget.

Understand, the budget calls for billions in additional spending for health, welfare and environment. Some of that is overdue for pruning.

But at least the president could refuse to authorize the additional millions asked for re-imposing the so-called "Fairness Doctrine," clearly an unconstitutional restraint on broadcasting.

Or he could select in your behalf whatever of the omnbusload of garbage he might wish to veto ...

And let's let the courts decree whether the president can be forced to eat all this stuff and you to pay for it.

Berry's World



Japanese increase farm land purchases

By ROBERT WALTERS

DILLON, Mont. – Millions of people are agog over the purchase of a 51 percent interest in New York City's Rockefeller Center by Japanese interests – but very few are aware that a Tokyo-based company has brought the Selkirk Ranch here.

Indeed, almost all of the publicity about Japanese acquistions in this country has focused on towering office buildings in major cities. The concurrent Japanese purchase of land where agricultural products are raised and packing plants where they are processed has gone virtually unnoticed.

But according to one industry estimate, the Japanese have invested $50 million to $100 million in U.S. cattle ranches, feedlots and packing plants alone since 1987. Among their purchases:

• Washington Beef Inc. of Yakima, Wash., a beef processing firm with annual sales of $200 million acquired in 1988 by Farmland Trading Co., a Japanese export-import company. Within two years, Washington Beef expects to export 45 percent of its production to Japan – twice what it sends there now.

• A pair of California operations – Mount Shasta Beef in Siskiyou County, a 6,000 acre ranch acquired early this year for $2.2 million, and Southfield Beef Packing, a previously abandoned plant in Fresno County. They are controlled by a consortium, which is headed by a Japanese entrepreneur but also includes domestic investors.

• A 31,000 -acre ranch in Colorado bought in 1988 for $3.5 million by Otaka International and a beef processing plant being built in Fremont, Neb., that will turn out special cuts of meat for export to Japan.

• The sprawling 77,000-acre Selkirk Ranch, located almost 10 miles south of Dillion in sounthwestern Montana, acquired by Tokyo meat exporter Zenchiku Ltd. for $13 million in 1988.

About 60 percent of the 1,600 cattle slaughtered on the ranch annually already are shipped to Japan. Within five years, those figures are likely to increase to 80 percent and 30,000 head of cattle.

"The Japanese are willing to pay a premium for people who will raise beef the way they want to produce it," says ranch manager John W. Morse Jr. Indeed, wealthy Japanese will pay up to $43 per pound for filet mignon and as much as $100 per pound for Kobe beef.

Behind the Japanese stampede into this country's cattle industry is a trade agreement signed by the two nations in mid-1988. Under its terms, Japan's beef import quotas will increase every year until they disappear in the spring 1991. By then, however, the Japanese will have the capacity to export large quantities of beef from the United States that was raised, slaughtered and packed by Japanese firms.

Other treaty provisions call for the elimination of Japan's import quotas on oranges by 1991 and orange juice by 1992. Not by coincidence, the Sumitomo Corp. last year acquired a $54 million stake in Florida's 25,000 acre Fellsmere citrus groves.

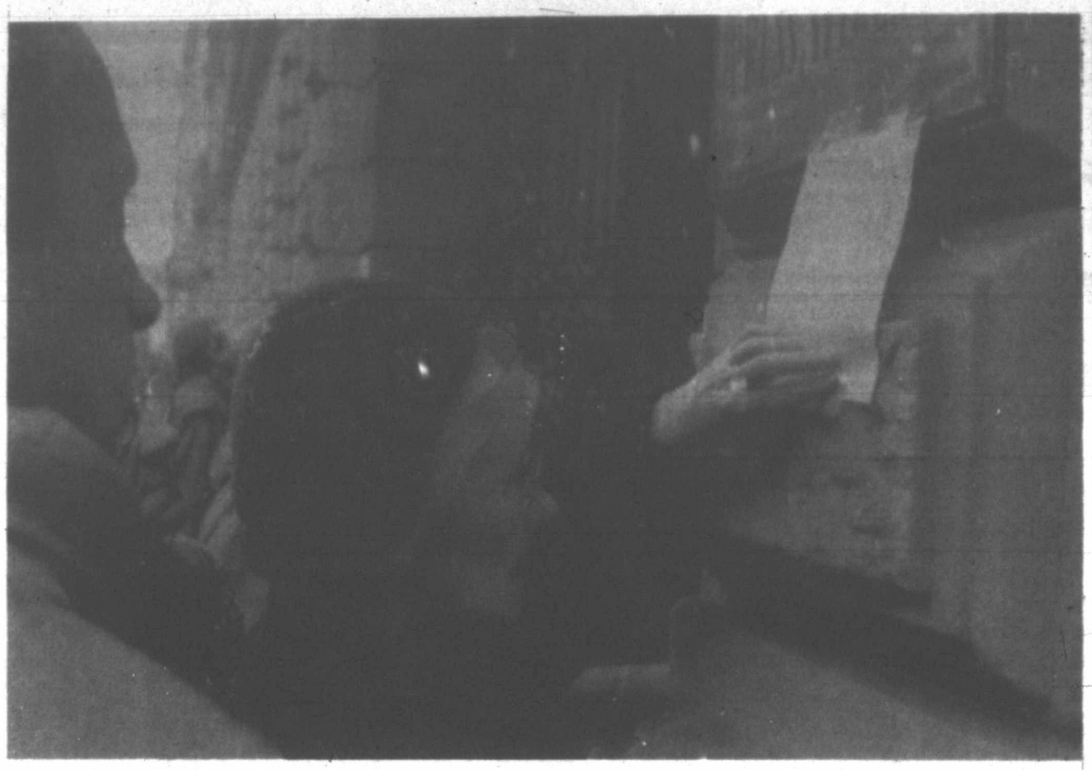
Japan's import quotas on other products – including tomato sauce, apple juice and ice cream – will be abolished at various times during the next three years.

As those quotas expire, the Japanese are establishing production capacity for a wide variety of agricultural products in this country. In California alone, they have bought or are building facilities to turn out ketchup, fruit drinks, cotton, rice, sake (at four separate plants) and wine.

At the end of last year, foreigners controlled about 12.5 million acres, or slightly less than 1 percent of this country's 1.3 billion acres of privately owned farmland and timberland. Moreover, the Japanese accounted for only 218,000 of those acres, less than 2 percent of the property held by foreigners.

But Japanese purchases of agricultural land increased markedly between 1987 and 1988. Moreover, the proportion of domestic beef shipped to Asia (principally Japan) rose from 3 percent to 8 percent during the same two years. The figures are hardly alarming but the trends are surely worth watching.

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(AP Laserphoto)

Prague citizens read one of the many pamphlets pasted all over the city Thursday with the latest news and political comments from opposition groups.

Czechoslovakia party committee considering leadership changes

By HANNS NEUERBOURG
Associated Press Writer

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) – Communist Party leaders met in emergency session today to consider major leadership changes in response to the burgeoning pro-democracy movement. There were strong signs of a power struggle.

In a major break with the national leadership, the influential Communist Party in the city of Prague called for more democracy and changes in the ruling Politburo as "the only way out of the present situation."

Today's Central Committee meeting came one day after the biggest rallies in the nation's history. Hundreds of thousands of protesters marched nationwide demanding democratic reforms.

Party general secretary Milos Jakes, who has resisted reforms demanded by increasingly restive citizenry, was the first official to speak at today's meeting, the official news agency CTK said without giving further details.

The demonstrators seek the resignation of Jakes, President Gustav Husak and other leaders associated with the hard-line policies pursued since Warsaw Pact tanks snuffed out Communist reforms in 1968.

Premier Ladislav Adamec, seen as a moderate member of the 13-man party Politburo, broke with years of policy this week by receiving a delegation that included prominent dissidents leading the demands for reform.

Jakes has paid lip service to reform and adopted some cautious economic changes since replacing Husak as party leader in December 1987.

But he and other hard-line members of his Politburo have refused to join in the kind of political reform launched by Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev that has produced radical changes in Poland, Hungary and East Germany.

The strongest hint of an impending leadership shuffle came Thursday from Prague Communist Party Chief Miroslav Stepan, a member of the ruling Politburo.

Stepan said today's Central Committee session would "deal with personnel issues" that might affect officials in "the highest positions," the state news agency CTK reported.

The Prague party leadership reiterated Stepan's words in a separate statement published early today that called for "fundamental cadre changes" in the Politburo.

The statement talked of the need to restore confidence in the party's policy by allowing much more democracy within Communist ranks.

It also called for genuine dialogue, which it termed "a fundamental norm of political life in the process of democratization."

Today's meeting came one day after hundreds of thousands of people crowded into Prague's Wenceslas Square and urged party hard-liners to relinquish power. The rally Thursday drew at least 300,000 people, the biggest ever in Czechoslovakia.

The masses shouted "Shame" and "Resign."

"We will never return to the old system of totalitarian rule," playwright Vaclav Havel, the country's best known dissident, told the crowd.

"We shall see whether our country will reach democracy in a political way or whether an isolated group of sadists will prevail, who want, at any cost, to hide their power and privileges by empty words about reform," he said.

At another rally that drew tens of thousands of people in Bratislava, ousted leader Alexander Dubcek, whose own attempts at reform were crushed 20 years ago, endorsed the demands for change but warned of "tragic consequences" if protesters press too hard.

Dubcek, who headed the Communist "Prague Spring" reforms that were crushed by the Soviet-led invasion of 1968, made his first public speech Thursday since he was expelled from the party in the purge of reformers that put Jakes and the rest of the current leadership in power.

In addition to Prague and Bratislava, state media said thousands of people attended anti-government protests Thursday in the cities of Usci Nad Labem, Plzen, Hradec Kralove, Ostrava and Eanska Eystrica.

The rallies were the culmination of six days of protests that began on Nov. 17, when a peaceful demonstration in Prague was brutally dispersed by police.

Havel called on the nation's military and police forces "to stand by the people for the first time."

Lebanon to elect successor to Mouawad

By MOHAMMED SALAM
Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) – The body of President Rene Mouawad was flown to his hometown in north Lebanon today as Parliament struggled to muster enough members to elect a successor to the slain leader.

Parliament sources said house speaker Hussein Husseini was awaiting the arrival of some of deputies living abroad to decide when to convene the session. They said he still hopes to open the session before Mouawad's burial in the northern town of Zgorta on Saturday.

Mouawad, 64, a Maronite Catholic, and 23 other people were killed in a remote-controlled roadside bomb explosion in Moslem west Beirut on Wednesday, 17 days after his election to the top post.

The bodies of Mouawad and six bodyguards killed with him were driven in four ambulances from the morgue of the American University Hospital today to a seaside apartment that he had turned into a temporary residence in west Beirut.

The coffins were draped with the Lebanese flag. Mouawad's widow, Nayla, and his children, Rima and Michel, wept as they joined the convoy outside the apartment building in Ramlet al-Baida and headed for the airport for the flight north.

A Middle East Airlines Boeing 707 carried the bodies and Mouawad's family to the Kleiat air base in north Lebanon.

Mouawad's election had ended 14 months of political vacuum after former president Amin Gemayel's term expired with Parliment unable to gather the necessary quorum for an election session.

The political turmoil triggered one of the country's bloodiest rounds of violence, pitting the Christian army troops Gen. Michel Aoun against Syrian and Lebanese Moslem forces. Arab League intervention halted the fighting on Sept. 22.

The Arab League later brokered a Christian-Moslem peace pact which Mouawad was supposed to implement to end 14 years of civil war. He was trying to form a government of national reconciliation when he was killed.

The pact was approved by Parliament at a special 23-day session held in the Saudi Arabian resort town of Taif in October. But hard-line Christians led by Aoun rejected the plan because it does not provide a timetable for the withdrawal of Syrian troops.

He had called Mouawad a Syrian puppet for being elected as one step in the plan.

An aide to Husseini, a Shiite Moslem, said the Parliament speaker was waiting to see how many of the 19 deputies living abroad would respond to his call for their immediate return to Lebanon for an election session.

"The speaker is trying to convene Parliament to elect a new president before Mouawad's funeral" and "will announce the final date for the session once he is sure that a quorum is guaranteed," the aide said.

Forty-three parliamentarians are in Lebanon, 39 of them already gathered in the eastern town of Chtaura, under Syrian control. The needed quorum for an election session is 48, or two-thirds of the surviving 72 deputies of the 99-seat house.

The location of the session has not been announced for security considerations.

But the aide, who refused to be named, said the meeting would either be held at Park Hotel in Chtaura or in the Kleiat airbase, where Mouawad was elected on Nov. 5 after Aoun threatened to shell the Parliament building in Beirut.

Among the leading candidates, the aide said, are deputies Butros Harb, Fuad Naffaa and Pierre Helou.

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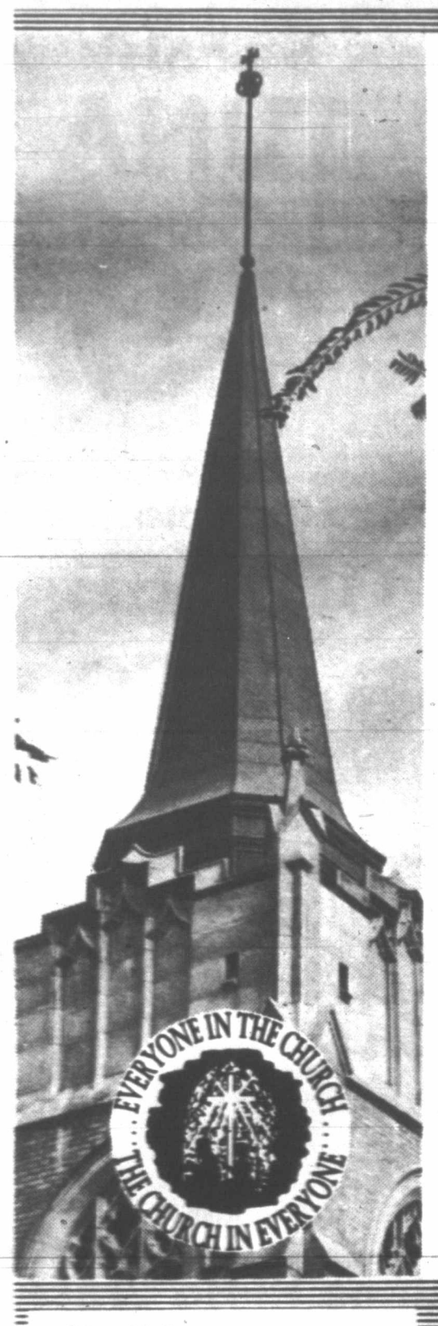
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His Touch

By Charlotte Barbaree

Scripture: *Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.* Ephesians 6:14-16 (NIV)

When Noelle, my youngest daughter, entered the fifth grade, she followed her sisters into the school band. She had her heart set on playing the french horn but knew she had to choose a different instrument for her beginning years. She barely tolerated the cornet for two years.

When the time came for her to get to change to french horn, Noelle was overlooked and assigned to stay with the cornet. She's never been much of a crier, so I knew as soon as I picked her up from school that something was very wrong when she got in the car and burst into tears. She was convinced the decision was carved in stone and could not be altered.

Knowing Noelle was quiet and unobtrusive, and knowing how important the issue was to her, her dad and I decided a parental visit with the band director might help. Sure enough, Noelle had not made her wishes clear to him. He was pleasant and cooperative and switched her from cornet to french horn.

She was ecstatic and signed up for summer band, but her troubles were not over. The day before her first chance to blow her horn, she went to a friend's house to play. while playing on a trampoline, the playing got a little too exuberant; Noelle went flying through the air, missed the trampoline, and landed on her face on the ground!

Her whole body was traumatized, and her mouth and one side of her face were swollen for days. She had to sit out the first week of summer band. She was sure she would never catch up.

But she would not give up her dream. In spite of her rocky beginning, high school saw Noelle play her french horn all the way to instrumental All-State three years in a row. She is now in her first year of college as a music major, still playing her first love, the french horn.

New Christians immediately become prime targets for Satan's playmates, and we remain so until we step into eternity. The fiendish havoc is intended to stunt the tender bud of faith and prevent it's fruition.

Often Christian fellowship and support helps us over the rough spots; but for moment-by-moment Christian commitment, we have to dig our heels into the pure truth and ultimate weapon, Jesus Christ. Thus entrenched and armed, we go at it in hand-to-hand combat with the dark forces.

With victory in our eyes and Jesus, our first love, in our hearts, we will ride our ripening faith past all devilish obstacles and all the way to heaven!

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Primary group schedules its Activity Day

The young children of the Pampa Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be having their quarterly Primary Activity Day on Saturday morning.

The elementary school age children in Primary will meet at the church, 731 Sloan, at 9:30 a.m. The children will leave at 9:45 a.m. with their teachers to deliver "cheer boxes" to selected members of the church.

The "cheer boxes" for the holiday season were made by the children, along with pictures and cards to be placed in the boxes, as well as other items and baked goods.

The children will return to the church at 10:25 a.m. for refreshments prior to attending the annual Christmas Parade at 11 a.m.

After the parade, the children will return to the church to be picked up by their parents at noon.

Religion roundup

WINOOSKI, Vt. (AP) – The Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic Educational Foundation has launched a $150 million fund drive to provide college scholarships for needy black youths.

Eight Roman Catholic bishops and five presidents of major American Catholic universities serve on the new foundation's 33-member governing board.

The foundation is named in honor of Sister Bowman, a theologian, educator and gospel singer who lives in Canton, Miss.

Religion

Spirit of Truth Ministries to host evangelistic team

Spirit of Truth Ministries, 407 W. Foster, will host the prophetic and teaching ministry of New Beginnings Evangelistic Team on Saturday, Nov. 25, through Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Meetings will be nightly at the Spirit of Truth Ministry Center at 7 p.m., except for Sunday, with meetings at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. A nursery will be provided.

New Beginnings consists of the ministry of Prophetess Anna Grove and her twin sister Mattie Blair. They are accompanied by the music ministry of Patricia Wait.

All three hail from Santa Ana, Calif., where their ministry is based. Both Grove and Blair are ordained ministers, and Wait has been in ministry training for more than six years.

With a strong emphasis on the prophetic word, the meetings are designed to edify and strengthen the body of Christ, according to Ephesians 4:11-13: "And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ."



New Beginnings Evangelistic Team

"The ministry gift of the prophet is being restored to the body of Christ today, and we cordially invite everyone to attend these meetings with the words of the prophet Amos in mind: 'Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets,' [Amos 3:7]" said Mark Zedlitz, pastor.

Modern parable of Christ on Earth becomes best seller

SCHROON, N.Y. (AP) – In Joseph Girzone's epilogue to the New Testament, Christ peddles his 2,000-year-old carpentry skills for chicken recipes, buses tables to pay his way to the Vatican and quips that he hasn't had kosher in ages.

And like the Christ who tipped over the tables of the money-changers in Jerusalem, Girzone's latter-day Jesus has radical ideas to change humanity's relationship with God.

A retired Roman Catholic priest, Girzone has just published *Joshua and the Children*, his second best-selling parable-novel about Christ's second comings – and goings – in today's world. MacMillan Publishing Co. published both books.

"This is my attempt to present the clear and simple message of Jesus that's been lost over the centuries," Girzone said in an interview at a Catholic retreat in Schroon, a town in the Adirondack Mountains.

The chief persecutors of that simple message have been churches themselves, more intent on preserving their authority than spreading truth, Girzone said.

"I see the terrible, terrible hurt, the anguish people suffer," Girzone said. "People are desperately trying to find an answer, to find a god that makes sense. I want to present them with a god that finally makes sense."

Religions, his own included, have failed their followers, constructing artificial barriers and rituals Christ wouldn't have respected, Girzone said.

"Christians fighting each other in the name of Christ – it's so hypocritical," he said. "My remedy is to plop Jesus, plop Joshua, right in the middle of it."

Joshua, which sold 60,000 copies under his own company's imprint, Richelieu Court Publications, made the Waldenbooks best-seller list in 1986, a rare achievement for a self-published book.

The sequel, whose first printing totaled 175,000 copies, has broken in to the Top 10 of *The New York Times* best-seller list.

In the first book, Jesus returns to Earth, takes the name Joshua and sets up shop as a carpenter and wood-carver. He lives simply and captivates people of all faiths with talk of a God who forgives people's weaknesses, who "did not intend to make humans little gods."

Revival Crusade scheduled by Priest Park Church of God

The Priest Park Church of God, 1123 Gwendolyn, is hosting a Revival Crusade with the evangelistic team of Anita Brown and Sherrie Moss from Petal, Miss., from Sunday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Dec. 3.

Ministering in music will be Bob and Mary Ringo.

Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services Monday through Saturday will be at 7 p.m. daily.

Faith Christian taking church into homes

Ed Barker, pastor of Faith Christian Center, says that the church is using a method so old it is new in ministering to its families.

"We have revived the concept of taking the church back into the homes of the people," Barker said.

"We have the traditional corporate worship services on Sunday morning and Sunday evening, but the mid-week 'prayer meeting' is held in homes of Cell Group leaders," he said.

Pastor Barker explained that these groups are led by assigned group leaders who lead in praise and worship, Bible study and ministering to individuals in a smaller, more personal setting.

"In conducting our mid-week meetings in this manner," he said, "we feel that there are those who would attend who would not otherwise attend the traditional church services."

The meetings are held on Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

Barker pointed out that these meetings are in no way designed to replace or substitute for the Sunday meetings, but to provide the opportunity for counseling or ministering in a way not conducive to Sunday meetings.

Eddie Pesch, minister of the Outreach program for Faith Christian Center, has been involved in Home Cell Group meetings for a number of years.

Pesch says the concept goes back as far as the Book of Acts, when the disciples went from house to house for prayer and the Apostles' doctrine.

Faith Christian Center meets on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Lovett Library auditorium.

The ministry staff welcomes calls for further information on the ministries of the church.

Pastor Barker can be reached at 665-4149, Pesch at 848-2146 and David Harris at 669-3959.

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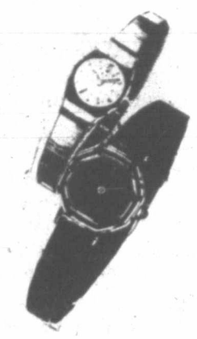


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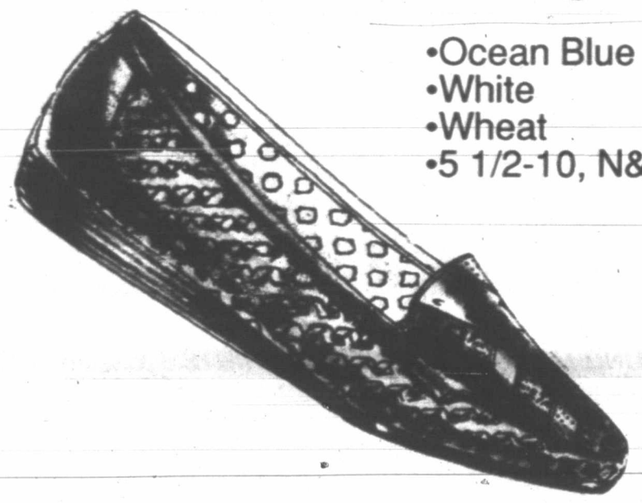
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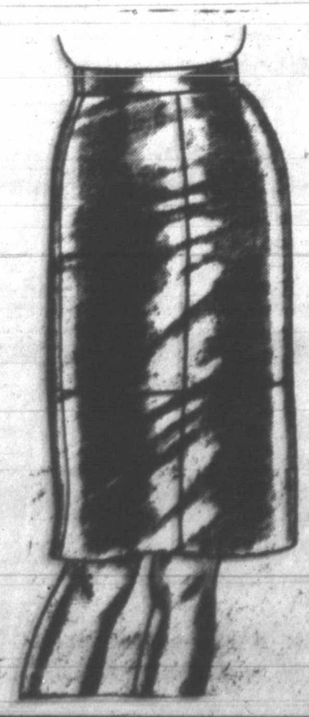
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Lifestyles

Ranchers learn to appreciate the cactus they used to hate

By JOEL WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

KINGSVILLE (AP) – If they heard what their descendants were up to these days, the pioneers who settled Texas might think somebody had been out in the sun too long.

Ranchers on the vast stretches of semi-arid range are learning to love the prickly pear – the same spiny cactus they have cursed, chopped, dug up and tried to get rid of for as long as anyone can remember.

They're looking at the ubiquitous prickly pear as a new way to make money: as a fruit and vegetable crop, forage for livestock and feed for wildlife.

More than 100 ranchers not long ago attended a conference at Texas A&I called "Developing Prickly Pear as a Forage, Fruit and Vegetable Resource." The subject would have drawn laughter 25 years ago.

A two-year drought has reminded ranchers what a valuable resource the prickly pear can be. With no grass for grazing, some have resorted to "burning pear," or charring the spines to make the cactus edible for cattle.

"I think the future of ranching in South Texas will be largely dependent on cultivation of this plant," says rancher Bill Maltsberger of Cotulla.

"We're looking at the prickly pear as something that could be very profitable," says Thomas Martinez, who has a ranch near Alice.

Still, the prickly pear has an image problem.

Rep. Kika de la Garza, a Texas Democrat and chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, calls the prickly pear fruit the "Texas kiwi." He told the conferees that 10 years ago most Americans didn't know what kiwi fruit was, but shrewd marketing created a demand.

Some see the same potential for the prickly pear fruit, which varies from greenish-white to rich purple and tastes like a cross between a fig and a kiwi.

The fruit is cultivated on thousands of acres in Mexico, but in the United States only a few hundred acres are devoted to it, mainly in California.

James Manassero, vice president of D'Arrigo Brothers Co. in Salinas, Calif., says his company grows the fruit to sell as a specialty food on the East Coast, where consumption is increasing.

Vaccinations donation



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa veterinarian Dr. Ron Hendrick, far left, presents a check for $353.50 and $20 in cash to Lt. Don Wildish of the Pampa Salvation Army to aid the Army's annual Christmas toy program for the needy. Looking on are Ricky, 10; Stephan, 2 1/2; Anna, 7; and Brandon, 10. Dr. Hendrick raised the money by giving rabies vaccinations for a $2 donation to the Salvation Army. Proceeds from the event will help buy Christmas toys for needy children, infants to 12-years-old. The Army's Toy Shop will be open to "Santas only," Wildish said on Dec. 20 and Dec. 21.

Unhappy family's ties reach breaking point



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a mother torn. Our 18-year-old daughter, "Kathy," was to be married last August to "John," her childhood sweetheart. (He's 19.) Just nine days before the wedding, our 15-year-old daughter (I'll call her Mary) told me that John had *raped* her. In Mary's words, "He took sexual advantage of me." She claimed it happened more than once — maybe six or seven times.

Kathy first accused her sister of lying. Then she said, "If John did have sex with Mary, it was Mary's fault because she's a flirt and a tease, and she's always had a crush on John." My husband believed Mary and had John arrested. (He is out on bail now.)

Naturally we called the wedding off, but Kathy says she is going to marry John — no matter what! To make matters worse, Kathy just told us that she is pregnant with John's baby. Unfortunately our priest is on an extended vacation in Ireland.

This mess has turned our whole family upside down. Mary was supposed to be in Kathy's wedding, but because of the accusations she made against John, Kathy wrote her out of the wedding.

Abby, if these girls were your daughters, what would you do? Please hurry your answer, as Kathy is beginning to show.

A MESS IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MESS: I would put this wedding on "hold" until I found out who did what to whom. I urge your entire family to cooperate in family counseling — and include John.

It is in Kathy's best interest to find out what kind of man John is. If she insists on marrying him — "no matter what" — you can't stop her because in your state, an 18-year-old girl does not need parental consent to marry. My heart goes out to all of you, Mother. I wish you well.

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DEAR ABBY: I am sending this letter to you because of your wide readership, in the hope that a direct letter in your column will shake up the public. I have sent a letter in the past to the surgeon general and the American Lung Association, all to no avail. It has to do with the annual Great American Smokeout.

Each year, I wonder anew why the Great American Smokeout is always held about one week before Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's celebrations begin — traditionally some of the most stress-filled days of the whole year! Does it make sense to try to have smokers quit just before a period of constant socializing, partying and traveling? To me, it seems as though their efforts will be doomed from the start.

I often wonder why it doesn't occur to either the surgeon general or to the American Lung Association that a far better time for a sincere anti-smoking campaign would be around Jan. 1, when people are in a resolution-making mood and when perhaps they've become sick of their and everyone else's smoke during the previous weeks.

I am a registered nurse and have never been a smoker. It truly bothers me to think that this whole campaign could and would almost certainly be so much more effective just by changing the time that it is held.

FRIEDA H. KVAM, R.N.

DEAR FRIEDA: Trying to quit smoking would be a drag (no pun intended) any time of the year. However, you make an excellent point. The American Cancer Society has a good pamphlet titled "How to Stay Quit Over the Holidays." It's free. For a copy, write: The American Cancer Society, Dept. S, 1599 Clifton Road N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30329. No SASE is required. You may also call the toll-free number, (800) ACS-2345, to order your free booklet or for any general information about how to quit smoking.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter in your column about the importance of teaching children the proper way to answer a telephone brought back memories of a little lesson I taught my grandsons concerning telephone etiquette.

They used to call my home and say, "Grandma, is my mom there?" My stock reply was: "I'm fine, thank you. And how are you, dear?"

LA JOLLA GRANDMA

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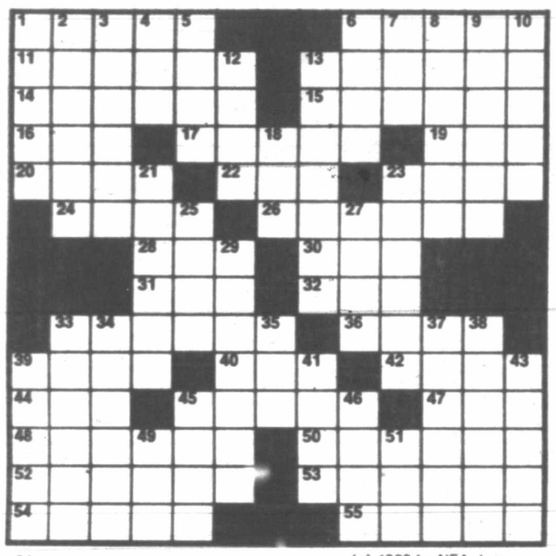
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29 Indian baby
33 Rocking bed
34 Flask
35 One of Attila's followers
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45 Sleeping places
46 Leg bone
49 — -de-sac
51 Frothy brew

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Astro-Graph

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not ignore your intuition today, especially in business or financial matters. Your radar is working very well and it might be instrumental in tuning you into something profitable. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Involvements you have with friends today should work out fortunately for everyone. However, a person who has been lucky for you previously could outshine all the others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Significant achievements are possible both today and tomorrow, so don't waste time on trivials. Set your sights high and toss negative thinking to the wind.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Matters of the heart could be the ones that bring you the greatest joy today. It looks like you'll have an opportunity to strengthen ties with one you love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Dealings with people with whom you have strong emotional bonds should work out well for all parties concerned today. Collective advantages will be shared that could not be achieved singularly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're not likely to have any problems gaining adequate support from others today in matters that are important to you personally or affect your commercial affairs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A golden opportunity might be presented to you today where your work or career is concerned, but it will be revealed only through conscientious investigation on your behalf.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Lady Luck could be your biggest booster today in programs or projects you originate. If you have something worthwhile you want to disclose at this time, this is the day to do it.

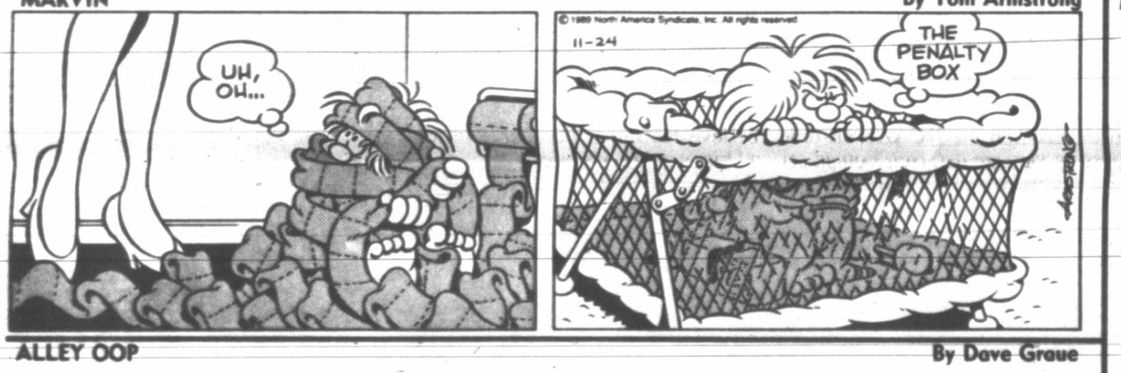
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you feel a need to discuss a confidential matter today, it might be wise to limit your discussions to members of your immediate family. Someone within your household could have the answers you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Think in expansive terms today, especially if you are considering a futuristic matter. If you develop high expectations, you'll program things in a way that will help you realize them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're in a rather lucky cycle now both where your status and material interests are concerned. Keep your fingers crossed, because good things could happen in either area.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Without putting on airs on affectations today, you will have a very commanding presence. It will inspire others to want to participate in things that interest you.

MARVIN By Tom Armstrong



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"We'll have to find you a chaplain."

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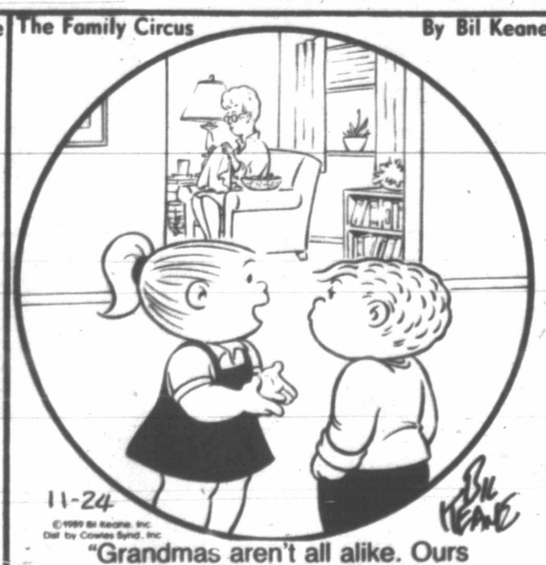


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Sports

Eagles flog Cowboys

Ryan draws Johnson's ire

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Buddy Ryan has another victory and another NFL enemy.

The Philadelphia Eagles inflicted a 27-0 Thanksgiving Day flogging on the Dallas Cowboys and Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson claimed Ryan had a $200 bounty out to injure kicker Louis Zendejas and $500 on quarterback Troy Aikman.

Ryan belly-laughed off the charge, saying "I don't have that kind of money. It's ridiculous."

"I didn't think a head football coach would stoop this low," Johnson said.

Philadelphia increased its record to 8-4 while Dallas dropped to 1-11.

Johnson, who shook Ryan's hand and joked with him before the game, had a change in mood after the Dallas' first Thanksgiving Day shutout loss.

"I have no respect for the way Philadelphia played the game," Johnson said. "An (Eagles) assistant coach told us last night and it was verified by two players today that there was a $200 bounty on Zendejas and $500 on Aikman. I will file a protest to the league office."

"I would have said something to Buddy but he wouldn't stand on the field long enough. He put his fat rear end into the dressing room."

Zendejas, who was cut by Ryan two weeks ago, was hit in the head by linebacker Jessie Small after the second half kickoff.

"I got a call on Friday from a friend who said, 'They are coming after you,' " Zendejas said. "That just tells you what Buddy Ryan is. I saw Small coming and all I could do was duck because he was going for my legs. He just came straight at me."

"I told Zendejas it was no big deal and I was just doing my job," Small said. "Coach Ryan is a good honest coach and he doesn't pay anybody for that."

Aikman was nonplussed and said, "I think as a quarterback there's always a bounty hanging over your head. I have no idea if it's true. I didn't feel any of the hits were unusual."

Randall Cunningham hit Cris Carter with two touchdown passes and the Eagles forced five turnovers in the Dallas' worst Thanksgiving Day loss. San Francisco beat Dallas 31-10 on Thanksgiving 1972.

Cunningham ignored the bounty furor and talked about Carter.

"I have a lot of confidence in Cris because he has great leaping ability," Cunningham said. "They can try to stop him but it's mighty hard to do."

Dallas offensive guard Nate Newton also dismissed the bounty talk.

"He just plays physical football and that's what happened out there," Newton said of Ryan.

Earlier this season, the Chicago Bears and Phoenix Cardinals claimed Ryan paid bounties.

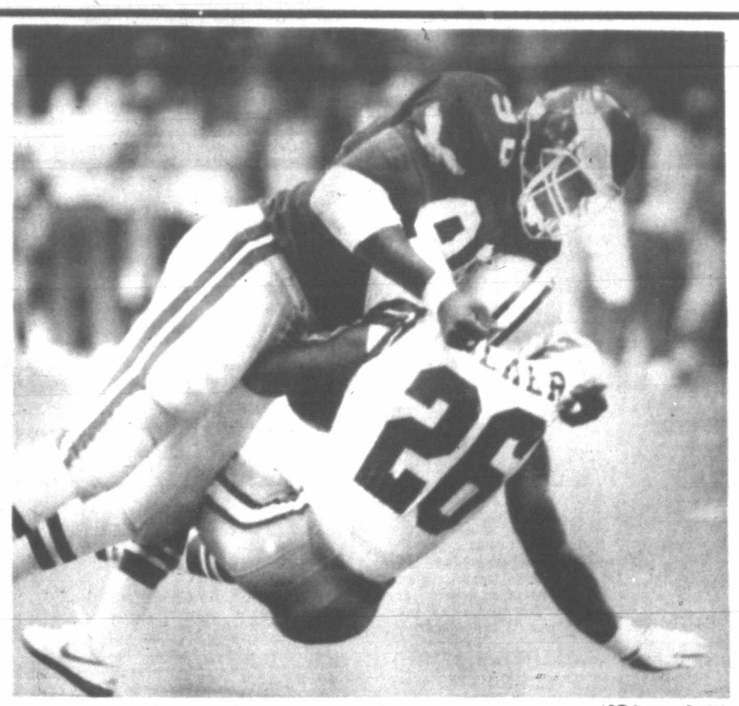
"That's not what you want to have in football no matter what level you are playing at," Johnson said.

Dallas plays the Eagles again in two weeks at Philadelphia.

"Our day will come," Johnson said.

NFL glance

See today's scoreboard for NFL standings and this weekend's schedule of games.



(AP Laserphoto)

Philadelphia's Clyde Simmons (96) takes out Dallas running back Paul Palmer during the second quarter.

Sanders outruns Cleveland, 13-10

By HARRY ATKINS
AP Sports Writer

PONTIAC, Mich. — The Cleveland Browns brought their Dawgs across Lake Erie with them, but they couldn't catch Barry Sanders.

Sanders ran for 145 yards in 28 carries, pushing his season total to over 1,000 yards, to lead the Detroit Lions to a 13-10 Thanksgiving Day upset over the Browns.

"We haven't been able to win much, but we've been very competitive," Sanders said. "Hopefully, we showed the rest of the country that we're not a bad team. People can say we're 3-9, but we're not a bad team."

"It was as tough a loss as I've ever been a part of," Cleveland coach Bud Carson said. "Detroit was ready. We have no excuses. We would have liked to have played better, but we didn't play that bad."

It was a costly loss for Cleveland (7-4-1), dropping the Browns to second place in the AFC Central Division behind the Houston Oilers and snapping their unbeaten streak at five.

"No matter what, we still have to go out and win the rest of our football games," Browns rookie Eric Metcalf said.

Sanders, who now has 1,016 yards for the season, is the first Lion to gain 1,000 yards since Billy Sims ran for 1,040 yards in 1983.

"The nature of that (run-and-shoot) offense spreads the field and gives Sanders a lot of open field," Cleveland linebacker Clay Matthews said. "Today, he took advantage of it. He's impressive."

It was the first time a back had run for 100 yards this season against the Browns, whose rushing defense ranked second in the AFC.

Eddie Murray kicked field goals of 39 and 35 yards, the latter proving to be the game-winner with 3:43 left in the third quarter. Bob Gagliano, subbing for the injured Rodney Peete, completed nine of 19 passes for 143 yards, including a 27-yard touchdown strike to Richard Johnson.

"I wanted to stay away from making the big mistakes," Gagliano said. "Since I hadn't played a lot, I just wanted to take it one play at a time and not think about much else."

The Lions defense, perhaps still feeling the sting of an embarrassing 42-7 loss at Cincinnati last Sunday, kept good pressure on Bernie Kosar all day and held the Browns to just 70 yards rushing.

Kosar completed 28 of 38 passes for 296 yards, but the Browns' only touchdown came on a 38-yard run by Barry Redden.

Area Calendar

Here is a glance at area sporting events for the next seven days involving high school varsity teams from Pampa and the surrounding area:

Tonight
Football: McLean vs. Wellman at Lockney, 7:30.
Wheeler vs. Vega at Pampa, 7:30.

Monday
Wrestling: Caprock at Pampa, 7 p.m.

Tuesday
Basketball: Amarillo High at Pampa (boys), 8 p.m.
Borger at Pampa (girls), 6:30 p.m.
Follett at Kelton, 6:30 p.m.
White Deer at Canadian, 6:30 p.m.
Higgins at Lefors, 6:30 p.m.
Groom at Adrian, 6:30 p.m.
Sunray at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Briscoe at Booker, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday through Saturday
Basketball: Pampa(b & g) at Hays, Kan., Tournament.
Miami Tournament.

Bowl contenders fall at the feet of Irish

By RICK WARNER
AP Football Writer

Notre Dame has been accused of many things this season, but playing a soft schedule isn't one of them.

The Fighting Irish have already beaten seven projected bowl teams, including three conference champions or co-champions and two of the top independents in the East. And they still have to play Sugar Bowl-bound Miami before meeting Colorado in the Orange Bowl.

Notre Dame's other bowl-bound victims: Virginia, Michigan, Michigan State, Air Force, Southern Cal, Pittsburgh and Penn State. The Irish have played four teams with losing records, but the overall mark of their opponents is an impressive 70-50-3.

What about the schedules of the two other undefeated teams, Colorado and Alabama? Colorado's opponents have a combined record of 59-58, while Alabama's foes are 48-52-1.

TIE IN THE SKY

After four years, two of the best quarterbacks in Big Sky Conference history ended their regular-season careers with identical passing yardage — 10,697.

Northern Arizona's Greg Wyatt and Idaho's John Friesz are tied for fifth place on the NCAA's all-time passing yardage list. Neil Lomax set the record of 13,220 at Portland State from 1977-80.

Friesz had a 113-yard lead over Wyatt going into their final regular-season games. Wyatt passed for 420 yards in a 52-45 loss to Nevada-Reno, and Friesz threw for 307 yards in a 26-21 victory over Boise State.

Wyatt holds the edge in career completions (926-801), but Friesz has more touchdown passes (77-70). Idaho is heading to the Division I-AA playoffs, but postseason football statistics aren't included in NCAA records.

NAME GAME

Iowa State's Blaise Bryant, the nation's fourth-leading rusher, on how he got his name:

"My dad told me he was sitting in the hospital lounge watching a football game waiting for me to be born. He heard the announcer say this guy 'scored in a blaze of glory' and decided, 'That's it — I'll name him Blaise.' "

But Bryant says he doesn't believe his father because "he has all kinds of crazy stories."

STREAKING SIBLINGS

Brian and Pat Shannon aren't the biggest brothers in college football, but they are the biggest winners.

Brian is a sophomore lineman for top-ranked Notre Dame, whose 23-game winning streak is the longest in Division I-A. Pat is a senior linebacker who has played in 24 straight victories for Westminister, the defending NAIA Division II champion whose streak is the longest in any college division.

"When you think about, it's really amazing," Pat said. "We try not to talk about it too much because we want to avoid any kind of jinx, but it's in the back of our minds."

CRUNCH

Nebraska defensive lineman Mike Murray treats opposing runners like the garter snakes he chased while growing up in Chicago: "Sometimes we would let them go, but sometimes they got stepped on."

BROKEN RECORDS

Barring a complete breakdown, Houston's run-and-shoot offense is going to set all-time Division I-A records for passing and total offense.

Houston is gaining 646.7 yards per game and needs to average only 303.5 yards against Texas Tech and Rice to break the record of 584.2 by Brigham Young in 1983.

The passing record is already locked up. The Cougars are averaging 524.2 yards per game in the air and will smash BYU's record of 409.8 even if they don't pass for another yard.

The scoring record may be out of reach, however. To top Army's 56-point average in 1944, Houston must average 66 points in its last two games. The Cougars' current average is 53.9.

College notes

Parcells downplays Giants-49ers matchup

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

The New York Giants and San Francisco 49ers play Monday night at Candlestick in a game matching two of the three teams (Denver is the other) with the NFL's best record.

Except that the Giants don't consider it a big game. Bill Parcells notes that it doesn't matter if his team beats the 49ers, all it has to do to win the NFC East is beat Philadelphia Dec. 3 and Dallas 13 days later.

The 49ers opened as 6-point favorites, then dropped to 5, meaning a lot of bettors don't believe Parcells, who is so unconcerned he's going to let Bjorn Nittmo kick again.

So Bjorn will miss a couple of field goals and an extra point, Joe Montana will throw a couple of TD passes and...49ers, 20-13.

Minnesota (-3) at Green Bay

The guys who made the spread on this one forgot that the Vikings are a warm-weather team. Besides, after making his debut with 148 yards in Minnesota's 26-14 win over the Packers at the Metrodome, Herschel Walker has been drawn out of the Vikings' game plan.

PACKERS, 23-20.

Chicago (+1) at Washington

The Redskins have made a habit of beating the Bears in playoff games at Soldier Field. A little payback here.

BEARS, 30-21.

Cincinnati (+3) at Buffalo

The Bengals beat the Bills 21-10 in the AFC title game last year — at Cincinnati. This week, they're fighting for survival. So, suprisingly, are the Bills, who seem to think all they have to do is show up to win the AFC East.

BILLS, 21-10.

Pittsburgh (+71/2) at Miami

Miami's easy schedule has the Dolphins in a tie with Buffalo (see above). The Steelers aren't always easy, but they're easier on the road.

DOLPHINS, 20-7.

Tampa Bay (+11/2) at Phoenix

Hank Kuhlmann? This is the coaching switch surge in reverse.

BUCS, 32-31.

OTHER GAMES
Home Team in CAPS

INDIANAPOLIS (-41/2) 17, San Diego 16.

Atlanta (+2) 8, NEW YORK JETS 5.

KANSAS CITY 16, (+11/2) Houston 13.

RAIDERS (-61/2) 20, New England 13.

DENVER (-9) 24, Seattle 2.

RAMS (pick 'em) 24, NEW ORLEANS 23.

Last Week: 5-9 (spread); 8-5-1 (straight up).

Season: 67-83-4 (spread) 100-53-1 (straight up).

White tail trophy



(Staff photo by Sonny Bohanan)

Steve Snelgrooes of Pampa poses beside the White Tail deer he shot Nov. 12, 1988 in Wheeler County. The 14-point buck, which received a Class C score of 347.1, is ranked fifth in *Burkett Trophy Game Records of the World*. Snelgrooes is holding the awards he received from Burkett (on the right) and the National Rifle Association (left).

Piersall honored by PGA

Pampa Country Club golf pro Mickey Piersall received the 1989 Horton Smith Award during a meeting of the West Texas Chapter of the Professional Golfers Association Monday in Lubbock.

The award is presented yearly to a professional in the chapter for contributing the to the education of his fellow golf professionals. Piersall was recognized for conducting a rules clinic and bringing in guest lecturers at this year's PGA meetings.

Piersall was also elected Vice-President of the West Texas Chapter, which ranges roughly from San Angelo in the south to the northernmost Texas Panhandle. Piersall had been tournament chairman for the past two years and was on the board of directors the previous four years.

Piersall recently competed in the Joe Black Cup Matches in Austin, a tournament styled after the Ryder Cup competiton between British and American Golfers. The tourney is named after Joe Black, a longtime professional in Dallas and a former pro at Amarillo's Ross Rogers course.

In the Joe Black Cup, Piersall won two of three matches. He teamed up with Terry Dear of Lubbock to capture a 3-and-2 alternate shot victory over Tommy Aycock and Hal Underwood, both former tour players.

Piersall also teamed with Lindy Miller of Fort Worth to win 2-and-1 in best ball, and was finally defeated by Terry Kendrick in singles play.

Scoreboard

Football

Playoff Pairings

CLASS 1A AREA
Wheeler (7-3) vs. Vega (6-4-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pampa.
Sudan (11-0) vs. Sunray (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Randall High School.
SIX-MAN REGIONALS
McLean (11-0) vs. Wellman (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lockney.
Lazbuddie (9-1-1) vs. New Home (9-0-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Smyer.
Christoval (10-0) vs. Sands (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sterling City.
CLASS 4A AREA
Lubbock Estacado (9-1) vs. Monahans (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Monahans.
Big Spring (8-2) vs. Hereford (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock.
CLASS 3A AREA
Childress (10-1) vs. Denver City (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock.
Post (9-1-1) vs. Canyon (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview.
CLASS 2A AREA
West Texas High (11-0) vs. Farwell (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Canyon High School.
Panhandle (8-3) vs. Shallowater (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hereford.

NFL Standings

By The Associated Press
All Times CST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	4	0	.636	303	250
Miami	7	4	0	.636	228	240
Indianapolis	5	6	0	.455	201	202
N. England	4	7	0	.364	214	268
N.Y. Jets	2	9	0	.182	192	299
Central						
Houston	7	4	0	.636	295	260
Cleveland	7	4	1	.625	270	173
Cincinnati	6	5	0	.545	277	201
Pittsburgh	5	6	0	.455	143	257
West						
Denver	9	2	0	.818	248	163
L.A. Raiders	5	6	0	.455	225	192
Kansas City	4	6	1	.409	197	218
San Diego	4	7	0	.364	183	205
Seattle	4	7	0	.364	163	207

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	9	2	0	.818	244	170
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	247	203
Phoenix	5	6	0	.455	207	250
Washington	5	6	0	.455	233	233
Dallas	1	11	0	.083	153	303
Central						
Minnesota	7	4	0	.636	216	178
Chicago	6	5	0	.545	283	219
Green Bay	6	5	0	.545	262	262
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	244	305
Detroit	3	9	0	.250	200	302
West						
San Fran.	9	2	0	.818	308	182
L.A. Rams	7	4	0	.636	282	232
N. Orleans	6	5	0	.545	262	215
Atlanta	3	8	0	.273	191	282

Thursday's Games
Detroit 13, Cleveland 10
Philadelphia 27, Dallas 0
Sunday's Games
Atlanta at New York Jets, 12 p.m.
Cincinnati at Buffalo, 12 p.m.
Houston at Kansas City, 12 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 12 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Miami, 12 p.m.
San Diego at Indianapolis, 12 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 3 p.m.
New England at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Phoenix, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 3 p.m.
L.A. Rams at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Monday's Game
New York Giants at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Basketball

Area Scores

Amarillo Christian 53, White Deer 42 (boys)
Leading scorers: WD — Allen Mercer 17, Troy Cummins 10; AC — Shane Dunavin 22.

NBA Standings

By The Associated Press
All Times CST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	6	4	.600	—
Boston	7	5	.583	—
Philadelphia	5	4	.556	1/2
Washington	6	6	.500	1
Miami	4	8	.333	3
New Jersey	3	7	.300	3
Central Division				
Indiana	5	3	.625	—
Detroit	6	4	.600	—
Milwaukee	6	4	.600	—
Cleveland	5	4	.556	1/2
Chicago	6	5	.545	1/2
Orlando	5	6	.455	11/2
Atlanta	4	5	.444	11/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	7	2	.778	—
Denver	7	4	.636	1
San Antonio	5	4	.556	2
Houston	5	6	.455	3
Dallas	4	5	.444	3
Charlotte	2	7	.222	5
Minnesota	2	9	.182	6
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	8	1	.889	—
Portland	8	3	.727	1
Seattle	6	5	.545	3
Phoenix	4	5	.444	4
L.A. Clippers	3	5	.375	41/2
Golden State	3	7	.300	51/2
Sacramento	3	7	.300	51/2

Friday's Games
Indiana at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

Public Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Gray
TO: LOYD DEAN MORRIS, Respondent(s)
GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court, 223rd Judicial District, Gray County, Texas at the Courthouse thereof, in Pampa, Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation then and there to answer the Petition of CONNIE IRENE MORRIS filed in said Court on the 14th day of September, 1989, against LOYD DEAN MORRIS, Respondent(s) and said suit being numbered 26972 on the docket of said Court and entitled: IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF CONNIE IRENE MORRIS AND LOYD DEAN MORRIS, the nature of which suit is a request to DIVORCE.
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.
ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Pampa, Texas, this the 21st day of November 1989.
VICKIE WALLS, Clerk
223rd District Court
Gray County, Texas
By: LAVERNE BAYLESS
IMPORTANT NOTICE
YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF TWENTY DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU.
C-70 Nov. 24, 1989

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF F.E. IMEL
Notice is hereby given that original Letters testamentary upon the Estate of F.E. Imel, Deceased, were granted to us, the undersigned, on the 20th day of November, 1989, in Cause no. 7140, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas. All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to us within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Dated the 20th day of November, 1989.
Robert Eugene Imel and
Jack Elbert Imel
Substitute Independent Executors
of the Estate of F.E. Imel,
Deceased
c/o Buzzard Law Firm
Suite 436, Hughes Building
Pampa, Texas 79065
C-69 Nov. 24, 1989

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS, will hold a Public Hearing in the City Commission Room, City Hall, Pampa, Texas, at 6:00 p.m., December 12, 1989, to consider the following: An appeal from the Planning and Zoning Commission which denied a request for a zoning change from Commercial District to Light Industrial District for the following described property: All of plots 138 and 140 of the suburbs of Pampa, Gray County, Texas.
All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given an opportunity to express their views on the proposed changes.
Phyllis Jeffers
City Secretary
C-68 Nov. 19, 24, 1989

2 Museums

WHITE Deer Land Museum: Pampa. Tuesday through Sunday 1:30-4 pm., special tours by appointment.
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69 Miscellaneous

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69a Garage Sales

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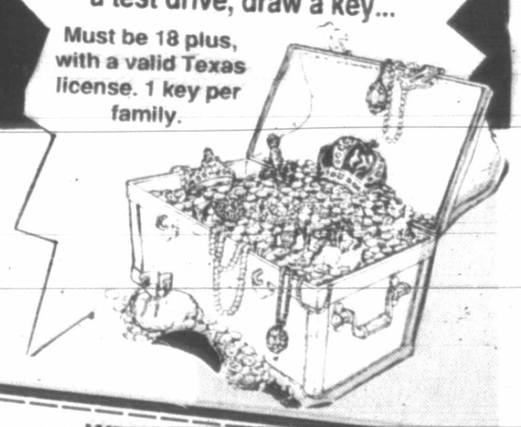


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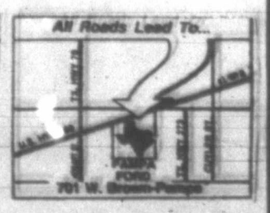


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Couples enjoy their retirement on Bastrop Bayou island

By JANE FAULKNER
The Brazosport Facts

DEMI-JOHN ISLAND, Texas (AP) – There's a certain serene vitality to life on Bastrop Bayou.

On any given weekend, the waters and outlying bays of this area southwest of the urban sprawl of Houston are alive with the drone of outboards and occasional hearty greetings hailed by passing fishermen.

But drift along the bayou near Demi-John Island early on a weekday, and another kind of population can be heard.

The din of countless birds rises above the salt grass and shrubs growing near the bayou's edge. Crickets join in the chorus with their rendition of a wake-up call.

Bastrop Bayou is the heart and soul of Jack Booth.

He and his wife Louise bought their first piece of ground in this coastal area in 1962, just a few months after the infamous Hurricane Carla ravaged the upper Texas Coast.

Four years later, the Booths moved from their family hog farm in Houston to the bayou. By the next season, they had opened shop.

"Oh, everybody has a desire to run a bait camp," Booth, 62, says with a wide grin. He sits at the end of a long counter in the spotless store that is the focal point of Bastrop Marina. Moments before he had been shrimping the bayou to replenish the camp's bait supply.

"My daddy used to fish this area," he says. "He brought us down here when I was little. So I guess he had a lot of influence on us coming to this area."

Mrs. Booth, 63, who oversees the sun-up to sundown operation of the marina store, recalls those early days.

"We built all this from scratch," she says. "There wasn't anything here when we came. The bulkheads and all – we built all of it."

The Booths have left the marina for only one hurricane, Alicia in 1983. The storm left the store and boat stalls at the marina relatively unscathed.

"This is not an easy life," Booth says. He motions toward the storefront. "I have opened these doors every morning for the last five years. I haven't missed a morning except when I had surgery."

Ask Booth why he continues to live on Bastrop Bayou and the answer is apparent on his face. He pauses, looks out at the water flowing past his dock and quietly replies, "I just like it."

It was 1935 when Ruby Morrow and her late husband Harry built their first weekend place at Bastrop Bayou. The couple had been married the previous year.

"When we got engaged, my husband's uncle said, 'Well, if you follow him around, you're going to have a hard life.' And we did," Mrs. Morrow, 75, says with a laugh.

"Well, it was nothing but old prairie old salt grass," she says. "You had to pitch a tent on an old shell pile."

When Morrow retired from Southern Pacific Railroad in the '50s, the couple left Houston to make Bastrop Bayou their permanent home. In 1954, they built the house where Mrs. Morrow lives today. It is the same house where she, Harry and another relative stayed when Hurricane Carla roared ashore in 1961.

"The storm washed the stairway out and washed the porch off, and it beat all the downstairs ceiling and cabinets out," she says.

The walls of the Morrow home had been built to withstand hurricanes, but the storm surge burst through the lower-floor windows of the home. The Morrow family was upstairs.

"The waves would come in and chhhhhhh they'd hit the ceiling and jar the table upstairs," she recalls. "The pressure of the air pushed by the waves was just like a jack. And it was jacking the floor up."

To relieve the pressure, the couple punctured the upstairs floor with a dagger and removed a plank of hardwood flooring in an adjacent room. The quick-thinking measure worked.

"That way when the wind and water would hit downstairs, water would just bubble up in the air through the holes," Mrs. Morrow says.

The next morning, the Morrows were greeted by a rattlesnake entwined in a tree outside their door. The snake met his fate at the wrong end of a shotgun.

That's not the only encounter with a bayou critter Ruby Morrow can tell about.

"Every day I'd swim across the bayou and stand there for a minute and I'd swim back. That was my exercise," Mrs. Morrow says.

"I swam over there one day and stood there to get rested. I looked down and there was an alligator that wide," she says, holding her hands about a foot apart.

"I didn't swim back, honey. I flew."

Nothing has deterred Mrs. Morrow from remaining at the bayou. Her husband died in 1966. Seventeen years later, she weathered Hurricane Alicia there alone.

Last year she won a poetry contest with a poem she had penned about her late husband. It was simply called "My Husband in Heaven."

"The bayou is where my husband wanted to be," she says softly. "And now I guess I don't want to be any other place."

Melvin Reynolds, 81, answers quickly when asked what he likes about the bayou.

"Fish," he says with a laugh.

"I started fishing out here when I was about 20 years old here and in Cold Pass and Christmas Bay," he says. "There was nothing but a little old shell road when I started coming down here. There'd be so much water over the road when we'd leave, we'd have to take the fan belt off of our old Ford to get out."

Aliph and Melvin Reynolds were good friends long before their marriage two years ago. Aliph's first husband, Gordon Surratt, died in 1970. Ann, Melvin's wife of 57 years, died four years ago.

The four first met in the early '60s at the bayou where they retreated each weekend from Houston.

"We just hit it off, the four of us," Aliph Reynolds, 75, says. "We were just real good friends. We'd all meet on a Friday up here at Lela and George's (Turney) cafe. They would have a pool table and nickelodeon. And then on Saturday night everybody carried a dish up there and we'd eat and have a good time."

Aliph and her first husband owned a lot and trailer that served as their weekend getaway. Melvin Reynolds built a permanent home on Bastrop Bayou five years before he retired in 1971.

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