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Militants threaten new PLO-Israeli peace plan

By ALLYN FISHER
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) – Israeli and PLO leaders made peace today, but angry militants on both sides swore the plan would never get off the ground.

As Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin signed a letter recognizing the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people, hundreds of Israelis demonstrated outside the prime ministry, which was surrounded by 1,000 police.

"God will punish this insult!" opposition legislator Hanan Porath shouted through a megaphone. He told the protesters Rabin had committed blasphemy, citing God's pledge that the Land of Israel belonged to the Jews.

Hours earlier in Tunis, Tunisia, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat announced with a broad smile that he had signed a document in which the PLO recognizes Israel's right to exist in peace and security and renounces violence. There was no public ceremony, and three members of the PLO's Executive Committee resigned afterwards.

In east Jerusalem, dozens of Palestinians celebrated by raising a 15-foot red, white, and green Palestinian flag on an office building and setting off fireworks. Until now, the flag has been illegal.

In Gaza, demonstrators outside the Martyrs mosque in Gaza City burned an Israeli and an American flag. One banner read, "American collaborators, you are not one of us because you bargained with our homeland."

Abdel-Aziz Rantisi, a spokesman of the militant Muslim group Hamas, vowed to continue attacks against Israeli targets as long as Israeli soldiers occupied Palestinian land.

"I say to the PLO that history will not forgive them and also tell them that the struggle will not stop," Rantisi said in a telephone interview from south Lebanon. Rantisi was among 400 Muslim militants deported by Israel last year. About 180 were allowed back Thursday.

There were fears of a Palestinian civil war over the agreement, but Rantisi said Muslim militants would avoid fighting PLO supporters.

The mutual recognition, worked out in months of secret meetings in Norway and a final burst of round-the-clock bargaining, is the biggest breakthrough in Mideast diplomacy since the 1979 peace treaty with Egypt.

It cleared the way for the signing in Washington on Monday of a separate agreement giving Palestinians a measure of self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank city of Jericho, occupied by Israel since the 1967 Middle East war.

President Clinton, who called the recognition agreement "very brave and courageous," announced in Washington today the resumption of American contacts with the PLO. Washington eventually could give it full diplomatic recognition.

"Today marks a shining moment of hope for people in the Middle East and indeed the entire world," Clinton said. He vowed the United States would remain a "full and active partner to ensure this promise of peace is realized."

The PLO's Executive Committee was preparing to vote on the autonomy pact.

Israelis and Arabs have been at each others' throats long before the PLO was created 29 years ago. The first war broke out soon after Israel became an independent state in 1948.

"The Israelis have realized they cannot brush aside our national identity or negate us, and we have realized that we cannot make Israel disappear off the map," said Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace talks.

"We hope it will be binding, but there will be opposition. Nobody can wave a magic wand and say 'that's it,' " Ashrawi said in Washington.

After signing the letter "Y. Rabin," the Israeli prime minister said he hoped the agreement "will bring about an end to 100 years of bloodshed and misery between the Palestinian people and Israel."

"I see this as a moment of importance with many opportunities, but not a few risks. ... All of this is being done with the assumption that the other side will also fulfill all its obligations," he said.

In a measure of the distrust that still bedevils relations, Rabin took out his glasses and carefully read the full-page letter from Arafat as the audience of officials, uniformed army officers and journalists waited in silence.

Outside the ministry, one placard read, "Our homeland is not for sale." Another protester threw a smoke bomb toward the gate of the prime ministry, while others blew whistles or banged on pots in protest.

Housing Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer, a former army general who was military governor in the West Bank from 1978-81, said he believed most Israelis accepted the need to talk with the PLO.

"The majority of people are satisfied, I can't say happy, but thankful and praying for the success of this experience," he told The Associated Press.

Go, Pampa!



(Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)

Pampa High School Harvester cheerleader Katina Thomas, a senior, leads a group of kindergarten through sixth grade girls through cheer practice on the south lawn of the PHS campus Thursday afternoon. The Harvester cheerleaders will be performing for the crowd gathered tonight for the first regular home football game of the season against Amarillo High School at 7:30 p.m. in the Harvester Stadium.

City considers library security plans to cut down on number of lost items

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK
Staff Writer

In an effort to stop the loss of thousands of dollars worth of books and other materials from the Lovett Memorial Library, the city of Pampa will soon send out bids for a security system.

"I think the majority of the patrons aren't even going to notice that they are secured and that is one of the positive aspects of the system," said Bill Hildebrandt, Pampa's director of community services. "We're not out to make anyone feel uncomfortable and we're certainly not out to make anyone feel that they are not welcomed at the library, because they are."

The security systems now being looked at consist of two different technologies.

The one produced by 3-M uses a magnetic detection system to check if a book is checked out. The other system, which is produced by Checkpoint, uses a radio signal to test books being taken from the library.

"Both systems require something be placed within the book," Hildebrandt said. "The way that you mask the radio detection is to use a very special type of covering. With the other technology, the magnetic technology, the library staff has to de-sensitize one book at a time. So in both cases, there is going to be something physical within the book."

Over a seven-year period, the library has lost 8,342 items, averaging 1,192 items per year, according to the city. At an average cost of $20 per item, the cost to the library was $23,840 per year.

"That is an average figure," Hildebrandt said. "Some of the books that we have in there are valued at over $45, some of the cassettes (and) CD collections may be well over $50, some things that are taken are paperback books with a value of less than $8. So we have to establish an average cost per item and that is roughly $20."

The security system will cost approximately $25,000, according to Hildebrandt, and will be purchased with the help from the Pampa Lovett Library Foundation.

The city will contribute approximately $12,000 with the foundation providing the rest of the money.

"It's a joint effort between the foundation and the city, and I don't think we could precede if we didn't have cooperation from both groups," Hildebrandt said.

The city was able to find the money for the project thanks to a budgetary mistake, according to Hildebrandt.

Apparently the city paid the Harrington Library Consortium twice for the same expense, a "portal fee."

The fee is for Lovett Library's membership in the system, which makes it possible for patrons in Pampa to order books from other libraries in the Panhandle that also belong to the system. In addition, the fee goes to provide the computer cataloging system the library uses.

Because of the high-tech nature of the equipment, Hildebrandt said he is confident in its success in stopping book thieves. In addition, he said both systems being considered have solid track records in other public libraries, high school libraries and university libraries.

County commissioners face budget shortfall, discuss possible tax hike

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
Lifestyles Editor

After a full morning of wrestling with the Gray County budget shortfall, commissioners were faced with options for remedying their economic woes which included taking in out-of-county prisoners on a contract basis, raising taxes and reducing officeholder budgets for a second time.

Speaking before commissioners, Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield expressed optimism about a possible contract with Collin County for about 20 prisoners at $40 per day.

At that rate, and assuming the 20 prisoners were housed for 365 days, $292,000 in revenue would be generated for the county. Another option for raising funds for jail operations includes contracting with the city of Pampa to house arrestees.

Kennedy told commissioners that he prepared some approximate figures incorporating increased tax rates and assuming an increased Sheriff's department budget.

The shortfall, even at an eight percent increase, would still be about $626,923, he said. He pointed out to commissioners that any tax increase over eight percent automatically makes the rate subject to a possible rollback election.

If a rollback election is successful, the tax rate would automatically be set at the effective 1993 level, he said.

Asking officeholders, who have already prepared one revised budget to reflect 1993 spending levels, to make further cuts in order to finance increases in the Sheriff's office budget, commissioners said, would be highly unpopular.

Commissioners worked with figures during the morning discussing salary and benefits with various levels of employees in the Sheriff's office.

At 30 employees, commissioners said, the salary and benefits portion of the 1993 budget for the Sheriff's office is $731,181. Thirty-six people, an increase of five deputies and one secretary, which the sheriff has requested for 1994 would cost the county about $906,000, or about $29,116 each, which includes salary and benefits, commissioners figured.

According to Stubblefield, he can house up to 48 inmates without hiring any new jailers. Currently employed are one chief jailer and 11 jailers. The average census is 30 inmates per day, in a facility designed for 75.

"I feel real confident that this deal with Collin County is gonna go," Stubblefield said.

PISD stresses abstinence in sex ed

From Staff and Wire Reports

The head of the State Board of Education said Thursday that a sex education-AIDS prevention curriculum sent to Texas' elementary schools should be recalled.

"We need to get that back or destroy it," said board chairman Carolyn Crawford of Beaumont. "It was an early copy, and it does have some inaccuracies."

State Commissioner of Education Lionel "Skip" Meno said he will notify school districts that the curriculum is being reviewed, but has no immediate plans to remove the materials from the elementary schools using that curriculum. (See related story, Page 3.)

Pampa Independent School District has developed its own sex-education curriculum – one advocating abstinence from sex for schoolchildren – and is not using the one provided by the state of Texas.

This school year, Pampa school district is offering an abstinence-based sex education curriculum in Pampa Middle School and in Pampa High School's health course. The majority of the students in the health course at Pampa High are ninth graders, said Daniel Coward, principal of PHS.

At Pampa Middle School, the school district this school year is incorporating the curriculum guide "Sex Respect" by Coleen Kelly Mast in grades 6-8.

Meno said school districts should "make their own decisions about how they're going to utilize the materials that are out there."

The state's curriculum was developed by the Texas Education Agency for use at all grade levels, although materials designed for high schools have not been distributed. The TEA staff sent the curriculum to elementary schools last spring without the State Board of Education's authorization.

"I think that was a mistake," Crawford said.

The sex education curriculum distributed by the state has been heavily criticized by conservative groups, who say it promotes homosexuality and is tantamount to a sex guide for children.

"It reads like the graffiti on the walls of too many public school bathrooms; for a good time, call the Texas Education Agency," said Jeff Fisher of Austin, executive director of the American Family Association of Texas.

Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, the state's first openly homosexual legislator, said some information in the curriculum "may be hard to talk about" but is necessary to protect students with more than one sex partner from contracting AIDS.

"We as public policymakers and we as educators and we as parents fail our children if we do not educate them," Maxey said.

The State Board of Education is expected to decide in November whether the revised materials will be offered to school districts on an optional basis.

The state board has received one recommendation to insert in teacher resoruce materials the statement: "Emphasize that the only safe sex is abstinence."

Parents asked to help with school traffic problems

The Pampa Police Department is asking parents of high school students to assist them in helping do away with some of the traffic problems around Pampa High School.

Since the beginning of the school year, many students anxious to leave the campus have been causing traffic problems on many of the streets around the school, according to Bryan Hedrick, school resource officer for the police department.

Specifically, some of the students have been speeding and, at times, hazardously passing other vehicles at lunch and after the final school bell rings, he said.

In fact, the problem has gotten so bad the police department has been flooded with calls from residents who live in the area and are concerned about the reckless driving, according to Hedrick.

As a result, the police department is planning to increase its patrols and traffic enforcement in the area. However, before that happens, Hedrick believes it is important for parents to talk to their children about safe driving habits and the consequences of not following the traffic laws.

In addition to the traffic problem, Hedrick said a littering problem exists on campus and that students should dispose of trash properly.

At noon, some students throw the garbage from their lunch on the ground rather than in the trash barrels which are situated around the grounds of the high school, according to Hedrick.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CLEMENS, Caryl Dwaine — 11 a.m ., First Baptist Church.

Obituaries

ELOISE CARLILE RIDGELL

DALLAS — Eloise Carlile Ridgell, 51, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, Sept. 9, 1993, at Carrollton. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sparkman-Hillcrest Northwest Highway Chapel, with Dr. Dudley Dancer officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Dallas.

Mrs. Ridgell was born in Sayre, Okla., and grew up in Pampa. She was a longtime resident of Possum Kingdom Lake.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Martin Q. and Debbie Collins of Dallas; her mother, Jessie Lee Carlile of Dallas; and sisters Martha Green of Pampa and Wilna Shumate of Dallas.

The family requests that memorials be to a favorite charity.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions
Pampa

Olen Glen Anderson
Virgil Bailey Holman
Johnie Rex McCellan
Kade Aaron Morse
Robin Lynn Morse
Opal Margaret Organ
Gerald Dean Parker
Kim B. Presson
Clyde Vick
Ola Lee Hamilton (extended care)
Gilbert C. Wuest (extended care)

Borger

Bertha Irene Huntley (extended care)

Canadian

Candice Lynn Cates

Birth

To Mr. and Mrs. James Timothy Morse of Pampa, a girl.

Dismissals
Pampa

Ruby Mae Cosper
Nancy D. Davis
Ola Lee Hamilton
Lisa Kay Merrell and baby girl
Wilma Jean Orr
Tommie Roy
Francis Trekell
Gilbert C. Wuest

Borger

Bertha Irene Huntley

Lefors

Sandra Nan Parish and baby girl

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Admissions
Samnorwood

Margaret Oldham

Dismissals
McLean

John McClellan

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS MOBILE MEALS

The mobile meals menu for Saturday is chicken and rice casserole, fried okra, pickled beets, brown bread, cake.

LEFORS HIGH SCHOOL

North Fork, a western band, has scheduled a concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Lefors High School auditorium to benefit the Lefors High School choir. There is a $3 admission charge. For more information, call Lela Harris at 835-2533.

DAVID BARTON TO SPEAK

David Barton, American historian, author and lecturer, is to speak at 7 p.m. Saturday in the M.K. Brown Auditorium Heritage Room. His topic is to be "America's Godly Heritage." Public invited. Admission is free.

Police report

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

THURSDAY, Sept. 9

The Carson County Sheriff's Office requested an outside agency report.

Isidoro Rodriguez Jr., 804 N. Lincoln, reported a burglary of a motor vehicle.

Tracy Michelle Powell, 720 Hazel, reported a theft over $200.

The Dollar Store, 1200 N. Hobart, reported counterfeiting.

Arrests
THURSDAY, Sept. 9

Ernest Thomason, 30, 1908 Beech, was arrested at his residence on four outstanding warrants.

Antonio Garcia, 28, 924 Gordon, was arrested at his residence on an outstanding warrant from Carson County.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Sept. 9

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported someone driving while intoxicated on I-40 near McLean.

Arrests
FRIDAY, Sept. 10

Lila Dwan Pledger, 57, Oklahoma City, Okla., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Jack Lee Pledger, 62, Oklahoma City, Okla., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

Accidents

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

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.90
Milo	3.68
Corn	4.22

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

Serfco	5 1/8	dn 3/8
Occidental	20 1/2	NC

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

Magellan	73.27
Puritan	15.76

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

Amoco	55 1/2	dn 1/8
Arco	113 3/4	NC
Cabot	50 1/4	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	26	dn 1/8
Chevron	88 7/8	up 1/2
Coca-Cola	43 1/2	up 3/8
Enron	35	dn 1/8
Halliburton	37 5/8	dn 1/2
HealthTrust Inc.	20 3/4	up 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	39	up 3/8
KNE	39	up 1/8
Kerr McGee	53 3/8	NC
Limited	21 5/8	up 1/8
Mapco	61 7/8	NC
Maxus	8	NC
McDonald's	53 5/8	up 1/8
Mobil	77	dn 1/8
New Atmos	30 1/2	up 1/4
Parker & Parsley	31 7/8	NC
Penney's	42 1/4	up 1/2
Phillips	31 3/4	dn 1/4
SLB	64	dn 3/8
SPS	31 3/8	up 1/8
Tenneco	52 1/8	up 1/8
Texaco	64 1/2	NC
Wal-Mart	24 1/4	NC
New York Gold	350.00	
Silver	4.10	
West Texas Crude	16.97	

Fires

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

Emergency numbers

Energas	665-5777
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Officer defends attack on Somalis

By REID G. MILLER
Associated Press Writer

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) – The American officer who led a helicopter assault on Somali militiamen after they ambushed a U.N. convoy said today he knew there were women among the fighters when his gunships opened fire.

Supporters of fugitive warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid said at least 125 people, including women and children, were killed by machine gun and 20mm cannon fire from the U.S. helicopters Thursday.

Aidid's fighters were blamed for the ambush. One Pakistani was killed and two Americans and two other Pakistanis were wounded.

Col. Mike Dallas, commander of the U.S. Quick Reaction Force, said he could not provide an estimate of Somali casualties because "the situation was very fluid, very violent, very difficult."

Dallas told reporters he flew over the scene in a Blackhawk helicopter shortly after the ambush began and saw about 200 Somalis firing on the U.N. convoy.

He said they were hidden behind a 600-foot stretch of wall and in nearby buildings and had the convoy pinned down with machine guns, grenades, recoilless rifles and small arms.

"I did see women with that group of people engaging those forces," Dallas said. "I do not know how many. I did not see children. I saw women."

The battle was one of the most severe in the nearly nine-month international military mission in Somalia and is sure to raise the hostility of many Somalis toward the foreign troops.

The Somali casualty toll could not be independently confirmed, but area residents told reporters that bodies littered the streets after the fierce fighting, which lasted more than an hour.

Maj. David Stockwell, spokesman for the U.N. military command, today called the ambush by Aidid's forces "deliberate, large scale and brutal." He earlier said some women and children were armed with hand grenades and small arms.

"In an ambush, there are no sidelines, no bleacher seats," he said. "Everyone on the ground at that point was a combatant as far as we were concerned."

Stockwell called the ambush "probably the most significant" since early June.

Twenty-four Pakistanis died in a series of ambushes on June 5, the first major attack on U.N. peacekeepers since they took over the humanitarian mission in Somalia in May from a U.S.-led coalition.

Aidid has been blamed by the United Nations for that attack and scores of others that have killed 48 peacekeepers and wounded more than 175. The dead include four Americans.

The battle Thursday added to growing concerns among American lawmakers about U.S. involvement in Somalia, which began in December to ensure the delivery of food to the starving in a nation wracked by famine, civil war and anarchy. More than 350,000 Somalis died of hunger and disease last year.

The Senate voted 90-7 late Thursday to pass a non-binding resolution saying the president should by Nov. 15 ask for congressional approval for the deployment of U.S. forces in Somalia.

Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said earlier Thursday that U.S. troops should remain in Somalia "for the foreseeable future" to ensure the success of the mission and preserve America's credibility.

Thursday's ambush occurred on 21 October Road, a thoroughfare lined with abandoned factories, warehouses and other buildings that has been the scene of numerous other attacks and skirmishes.

The U.N. convoy consisted of three Pakistani tanks, four armored personnel carriers, an American bulldozer and about 30 U.S. combat engineers, plus about 100 Pakistani soldiers.

They were clearing roadblocks set up by Somalis when a 106mm recoilless rifle shell hit one of the tanks and set it ablaze, Dallas said. The engineers immediately called for reinforcements and Dallas brought in three Cobra gunships and three scout helicopters, plus his own Blackhawk.

It was the first time Somali gunmen have engaged heavily armored vehicles. Previous ambushes and attacks have been against lightly armed trucks and similar vehicles.

"It was significant not only for their numbers, but for their willingness to stand and fight," Dallas said.

Cisneros sets plan to close regional HUD offices

WASHINGTON (AP) – Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros is moving to carry out Vice President Al Gore's suggestion to eliminate the Department of Housing and Urban Development's 10 regional offices, including one in Fort Worth.

Cisneros said Thursday he directed chief financial officer Ed DeSeve and Frank Wing, one of his closest advisers, to gather recommendations from each of HUD's 10 regions and submit an elimination plan to him within 45 days. He gave no indication how long it might take to close the regional offices.

In a message to HUD's 13,500 employees, Cisneros said that "change is painful" but necessary in order to give field workers the flexibility to better serve the public.

HUD does not plan to lay off its 4,061 regional workers. The agency plans to reassign some workers, offer early retirement to others and allow anyone who wants to quit to do so.

"I trust that all employees will work to move HUD into a new era of truly providing the housing and community development needs of the American people," Cisneros said.

Rick Nelson, director of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, which represents public housing administrators, cheered the move but said there is certain to be resistance.

"Cisneros is a team player. I think he's going to try to comply with the direction of the vice president's report," Nelson said. "But I am not so quick to assume that recommendation will occur as quickly as they are saying it will."

HUD was one of Gore's first stops in March in evaluating how to make government more efficient as part of the Clinton administration's National Performance Review. A report prepared for President Clinton before he took office said at least $1 trillion in HUD programs lie open to fraud and abuse because of bureaucratic waste.

HUD's 10 regional offices are in Boston; New York; Philadelphia; Atlanta; Chicago; Fort Worth; Kansas City, Mo.; Denver; San Francisco; and Seattle. They mainly oversee 71 field offices, processing applications and loans. Those functions, Gore's plan said, can be done by private firms or by the field offices.

"We need people at the field office, retail-oriented, dealing with problems, not processing paper at some middle level," Cisneros said.

Bivins appointed to home equity lending committee

AUSTIN – State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, has been appointed to the Interim Senate Committee on Home Equity Lending by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

The committee will study whether Texas home-equity lending laws should be changed.

Texas law currently prohibits voluntary encumbrances on homestead property.

The Legislature recently considered several bills to amend home-equity laws, but reached no agreement.

"I was supportive of home-equity lending in the past session, but there still are many issues that must be examined," Bivins said. "As a member of this committee, I plan to approach the issue with an open mind so we can generate a fair and reasonable proposal."

The interim committee will issue a report on its findings to the Legislature by December 1994. The committee also will recommend changes in Texas law relating to home-equity lending.

Senators John Montford, D-Lubbock, and Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, also were appointed to the committee.

Report: Texas student performance stagnant

WASHINGTON (AP) – Increased spending on education doesn't necessarily translate into improved student achievement, a new report card on American schools says.

Texas mirrors the national trend, the National Center for Education Information said in a state-by-state analysis issued Thursday in Washington.

Average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores in Texas dropped 4 percent in the last 20 years – despite a 73 percent increase in public school spending, the report found.

The study was prepared for the American Legislative Exchange Council, a private, bipartisan group of state legislators; and Empower America, a conservative think tank headed by former Education Secretary William Bennett.

"You don't spend your way to education achievement," Bennett said.

While Texas spent an average of $4,831 per pupil last year – up from the $2,797 spent 20 years ago when adjusted for inflation – the increased spending hasn't resulted in significant improvements in student performance, the study said.

Texas ranked 37th last year in per pupil expenditures, spending on average $4,831 per pupil compared to the $5,598 national average.

When ranked by SAT scores, Texas was 42nd among states and the District of Columbia this year – with a combined 885 score compared to a national average of 902.

Spokesmen for the Texas Education Agency didn't return telephone calls Thursday.

The state ranking was a slight improvement over its 46th place posted in 1992 and the 45th place of the year before. But the cumulative average posted by Texas students has dropped from 921 in 1972 to 885 this year.

Empower America and ALEC suggested that a shift in budget priorities away from the classroom may be to blame nationally and in Texas as well.

Where 54 percent of Texas school spending was devoted to teacher salaries in 1972, that rate had dropped to 42 percent last year. Texas ranked 35th in teacher salaries last year with a $29,935 average – compared to $35,334 nationally.

The state also ranked 42nd in staff-pupil ratios in 1990, with one staffer for every 10.2 students.

The Texas Public Policy Foundation, a San Antonio think tank that analyzed the education report card, contends that the findings strengthen their call for school vouchers that would allow parents to select their child's school.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR, Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.

FRANK SLAGLE Electric. All electrical services, 665-3748. Adv.

FOR SALE: Large receptionist desk or perfect computer desk, off white formica. Excellent condition. 665-0015. Adv.

ATTENTION: GRAY County 4-H is looking for land for show animals. Danny Nusser, 669-8033. Adv.

END OF Summer Party at Sparky's Dog House, Friday night! Eat hamburgers and dance to the music of the Double Duce Band, featuring Kenneth Sanders, Bill Farriell, Roy Lott, James Dunham, Gary Greer. Come out and have a good time. 2121 Alcock. Adv.

NOW IS the time to apply Fertilome Lawn and Tree Winterizer. Pampa Lawnmower, 501 S. Cuyler. Adv.

GRAND OPENING!! Total Package Collectibles, Coronado Center, Saturday, Sunday. Register for drawings. Adv.

FEEL FAT? Stressed out? Join Body By Jeanna's Step Aerobics, 665-7500. Adv.

ELECTRIC SPEED Queen dryer, near new, $200. 669-7348. Adv.

PHS CHOIR Booster Club will be selling Hamburgers at football games, near concession on west side, beginning with Friday 10th game. Adv.

LOST INJUN at Western Horse Man Club Fifth Seasons East Amarillo. Friday and Saturday. Come join the fun!! Adv.

NEW SHIPMENT of fall mums and pansies. Lots of colors to choose from Watson's Feed and Garden. Adv.

NEW ITEMS for Fall. Beverly Klein Designs. Unique jackets, clothing and accessories. Two blocks South of Taylor Mart, Lefors. Adv.

FARMER'S MARKET, open Wednesday and Saturday 6 a.m.-? M.K. Brown parking lot, west side. Adv.

JO ANN'S Creations, all jewelry 50% Off. 1200 Mary Ellen, 669-2157. Adv.

GARAGE SALE - 127 Walnut Dr., Walnut Creek. Clothing, odds and ends, some old furniture, collectibles. 9 a.m. Saturday only. Absolutely no early birds! Adv.

DANCE MCLEAN Country Club, Saturday 11th, 8:30-12:30. Music by Prairie Sons. Everyone welcome. Adv.

COLORADO FRUIT, Saturday 11th, in Dalhart, at Alco 8-5. Peaches, nectarines, plums, pears, Jonathan apples. Adv.

FALL CLEARANCE Sale: All Fertilizers, weed sprays, fly control and insect sprays all on sale. Watson's Feed and Garden. Adv.

GOOD 'OLE Country music live at Lefors High School Auditorium, Saturday, September 11, 7 p.m. with North Fork featuring Lefor's very own Keith Roberson and Johnny Woodard. Proceeds benefit Lefors Choir. Adv.

Bus overturns near Phoenix; up to 30 injured

BUCKEYE, Ariz. (AP) – A Greyhound bus carrying 42 people overturned today on Interstate 10 about 45 miles west of Phoenix, injuring up to 30 of those aboard, Greyhound and police officials said.

Sgt. Rick Knight, a state Department of Public Safety spokesman, said "20 to 30 people were injured" in the accident, including at least four critically. They were being airlifted to Phoenix-area hospitals.

There was no immediate word of any fatalities, the DPS said.

In Dallas, Greyhound spokeswoman Liz Dunn said the bus – carrying 41 passengers and a driver – was one of three buses that left Los Angeles and was en route to Dallas.

The bus overturned about 7 a.m. Television footage from helicopters flying over the scene showed the vehicle lying on its left side, blocking both eastbound lanes of I-10.

The interstate's westbound lanes were closed to allow medical helicopters to land, Knight said.

He said injured people were taken out of the bus through two roof hatches.

Dunn said most of the injured were being treated at the scene.

TV footage showed people lying on blankets on the ground in the interstate's median.

A number of skid marks were visible on the road, but there was no immediate word on the cause of the accident.

Grandview-Hopkins plans PTO meeting

The first Parent Teacher Organization meeting of the 1993-94 school year in Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District will begin at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept 16, in the school cafeteria.

For more information about the PTO meeting, please call Lisa Acker at 665-4908.

The general public is invited to the event.

PRPC schedules its annual meeting

The state treasurer will speak at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's annual meeting Sept. 23.

Scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza, Martha Whitehead, state treasurer, will be the banquet speaker.

The board of directors will meet from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; the general assembly and business meeting will be from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; social hour, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and banquet, 7 p.m.

The planning commision staff will present their reports, 1993-94 membership dues and budget will be considered and representatives to the board of directors will be elected during the general assembly and business meeting, according to Rebecca Rusk, PRPC spokeswoman.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, clear, low of 60, south winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday, breezy, sunny and warmer, high near 90, southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Lake wind warnings will be posted on area lakes. Thursday's high was 84; the overnight low was 58.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas – Panhandle: Tonight, fair. Lows upper 50s to low 60s. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs upper 80s to low 90s. Saturday night, fair. Lows upper 50s to mid 60s. South Plains: Tonight, fair. Lows upper 50s to low 60s. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs upper 80s to low 90s. Saturday night, fair. Lows in the 60s.

North Texas – Tonight, mostly clear and cool. Lows near 60 northeast to mid 60s south central and west. Saturday, mostly sunny. Warm with highs mid 80s east to low 90s south central. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows mid to upper 60s.

South Texas – Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, fair skies. Lows in the 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 90s. Saturday night, fair skies with lows in the 60s to near 70. Coastal Bend: Tonight, fair skies. Lows from near 70 inland to 70s coast. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs from 90s inland to near 90 coast. Saturday night, fair skies. Lows from near 70 inland to near 80 coast. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, fair skies. Lows from near 70 inland west to near 80 coast. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs from 90s inland to near 90 coast. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows from near 70 inland west to near 80 coast.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico – Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered mainly evening showers and thunderstorms. Lows mid 30s to 40s mountains with mostly 50s elsewhere. Saturday and Saturday night, mostly fair skies. Warmer, especially east. Highs mid 60s to low 80s mountains with upper 70s to low 90s elsewhere. Lows mid 30s to low 50s mountains with 50s to low 60s at lower elevations.

Oklahoma – Tonight, clear. Lows 55 to 60. Saturday, sunny and warmer. Highs from mid 80s to around 90. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in 60s.

Cultist accepts plea bargain, agrees to testify against others

By MIKE DRAGO
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) – A Branch Davidian's acceptance of a plea bargain in exchange for her testimony against 11 other followers of David Koresh could lead to others seeking deals with the government, an attorney says.

Others, however, say Kathryn Schroeder's guilty plea Thursday to one count of forcibly resisting a federal officer means little to them as they prepare for the trial Nov. 8 in Waco.

Mrs. Schroeder, 34, is the first cult member convicted in connection with the Feb. 28 shootout and 51-day siege that ended in the fiery deaths of 85 cult members.

U.S. District Judge Walter Smith accepted her plea during a brief afternoon proceeding in Waco. Schroeder could receive up to up to 10 years in prison, the Justice Department said. No sentencing date was announced.

Killeen attorney R.O. Harris, who represents Branch Davidian Renos Avraam, said he knew of no other defendants who have either sought or been approached with a plea arrangement, but he expects additional such deals to be struck. The trial is scheduled to start Nov. 8 in Waco.

Harris added that Schroeder's guilty plea worried him.

"I am a little concerned," he said. "It's not impossible that she will get on the witness stand and start pointing fingers. She now has a vested interest to protect.

"I'm concerned about what are the stipulations of her deal. What is she going to have to say? I don't know what promises were made to her, what deal she made."

Several attorneys said their Branch Davidian clients maintain their innocence and plan to prove it in court.

"We'll see her (Mrs. Schroeder) in the courtroom and she'd better be ready," said Steven Rosen, who represents Kevin Whitecliff.

Scott Peterson of Waco, who represents Schroeder, did not return several telephone calls from The Associated Press.

He told the *Waco Tribune-Herald*, however, that his client will be more than just a government witness.

"She will be testifying to the truth, and that truth could very well be useful for both sides," Peterson said. "She will say what she saw, but then again, she can question their tactics and offer a different perspective."

Schroeder was among the Koresh followers inside the compound 10 miles east of Waco when two truckloads of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents pulled up, and a gun battle ensued.

She emerged from the compound on March 12, several days after her four children. Houston attorney Dick DeGuerin, who represented Koresh, said Peterson had since tried to work out a plea bargain, once even submitting her to an ATF-administered polygraph test that she failed.

"I talked to her attorney before the fire," DeGuerin said. "He told me from the very beginning that he had been trying to get her to plead guilty and to testify."

DeGuerin predicted no other defendants would negotiate with the government and said Schroeder's decision was a mistake.

"I don't think that Kathy Schroeder had anything to fear by going before a jury. I think most of the others don't have anything to fear by going before a jury," DeGuerin said.

"It may end up that Kathy Schroeder is the only one to go to jail because her lawyer made her plead guilty."

The other defendants are Avraam, Whitecliff, Brad Eugene Branch, Clive Doyle, Jaime Castillo, Paul Fatta, Woodrow Kendrick, Norman Washington Allison, Livingston Fagan, Graeme Craddock and Ruth Ottman Riddle.

They are charged with murder of federal officers, conspiracy to murder federal officers and possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence.

Some also face lesser charges such as unlawful possession of machine guns and conspiracy to possess an unregistered destructive device.

As part of the plea arrangement, Schroeder admitted being an armed guard from the day of the aborted raid until she left the compound.

Though unarmed during the actual shootout, she admitted that after the standoff began, she carried a semi-automatic AR-15 rifle and later a fully-automatic AR-15 machine gun when she took up her guard posts, the court papers said.

The original indictment accused her of participating in efforts to gather weapons, equipment and camouflage clothing when cult members were warned that the raid was about to occur.

The ATF, a unit of the Treasury Department, sent 100 agents to the compound to try to serve a search warrant on Koresh, who was under investigation for alleged firearms violations.

Schroeder's husband, Michael Schroeder, died in the ensuing gunbattle with at least five other cultists and four ATF agents.

Most of the 85 cult members who died April 19 perished in a fire that government authorities say Koresh and his lieutenants started when FBI agents began lobbing tear gas into the compound. Others, including Koresh, were shot to death.

Meno says districts can handle sex ed materials

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) – Texas Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno says he's confident school districts will properly handle state-developed AIDS-prevention materials that some say should be recalled.

"I think that we can indicate to people that they may wish to ... dispose of it," he said Thursday. "They can make their own decisions about how they're going to utilize the materials that are out there."

State Board of Education Chairwoman Carolyn Crawford said she thinks the materials should be recalled from schools or destroyed because of inaccuracies.

She said she thought Meno would take some action before the board in November votes on whether to make revised AIDS-prevention information available to schools.

Meno said he may notify school districts that the issue is under discussion.

But he said the districts are aware of the situation and will make decisions locally about using the materials. They were developed for optional use by school districts, which are required to have AIDS education.

The materials were developed after some school district officials complained that information available about acquired immune deficiency syndrome was expensive and not high-quality, Meno said.

But the State Board of Education didn't approve the materials before they were sent to elementary school campuses by the Texas Education Agency and made available to middle schools. The high school version hasn't been distributed.

Controversy erupted this spring after a 7th-grade teacher in the Houston area mistakenly distributed to students explicit information that was intended only for teachers.

An advisory group including parents and medical professionals was appointed to review the materials.

Meno has recommended changes in the materials based on that group's recommendations. The board is scheduled to vote in November on the revised program.

In the meantime, Ms. Crawford of Beaumont said, "There is something that's out there and we need to get that back or destroy it. It was an early copy, and it does have some inaccuracies in it." She added, however, that she supports health education.

She said that AIDS prevention is an evolving issue and that some information about a spermicide in the materials was not "the very latest information."

Meno added, "The learning curve on AIDS has been very steep."

Meno is recommending that the materials be adopted with changes, including:

— Creating separate teacher resource guides for student materials at different age levels.

— Clearly marking teacher resource materials and noting that they are not to be used as student handouts.

— Putting the statement, "Emphasize that the only safe sex is abstinence," in bold letters in teacher resource material.

— Updating information on AIDS cases.

— Eliminating from a grade 6 student worksheet titled "HIV: Myth or Fact" the statements, "Knowing your sexual partner and their past practices will help prevent the spread of HIV (the human immunodeficiency virus)," and "Using a condom will reduce the risk of the spread of HIV."

— Eliminating from teacher resource material a suggestion to operate a weeklong telephone hotline providing AIDS information to students.

Immunization shot



(Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)

Infant Payton Alvey doesn't seem to be too excited about getting her immunization shots Thursday at the Texas Department of Health office in the Hughes Building. As her dad, Todd Alvey, watches in the background, Teresa Curfman, R.N., gives Payton her shot while Sandra Friend, community service aide, holds the infant.

Galveston extends alcohol ban

GALVESTON (AP) – City Council members have voted to indefinitely continue an alcohol ban that has been credited with reducing beachfront crime and rowdiness this summer.

The council voted for the ban extension Thursday despite protests from some West Beach business owners.

Tourism industry leaders say the summer ban has drawn more families to the island because of reduced crime.

Council began enforcing a ban along the city's 10-mile Seawall Boulevard in 1991 that has gone unchallenged. In April, the council adopted the experimental West Beach ban, which ran from June 1 through Sept. 30.

With Thursday's vote, beach drinking is forbidden from 15 Mile Road just west of Jamaica Beach to San Luis Pass at the island's west end. Drinking also is banned along Seawall Boulevard and Stewart Beach.

It is still legal to drink on the beach at R.A. Apffel Park, or East Beach, and on the beach from the seawall's west end to 15 Mile Road.

The council plans to meet with City Attorney Gary Smith next week to ratify language in the ordinance.

DA says he wasn't trying to entrap Hutchison in grand jury appearance

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) – Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle says he wasn't trying to entrap U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison when she appeared before a grand jury investigating alleged wrongdoing during her tenure as state treasurer.

Mrs. Hutchison, who declined to say if she answered questions when she met with Travis County grand jurors Thursday, was advised by her attorney to remain quiet by using her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

"I am not going to tell you if I took that advice because I didn't want to take their advice. I really wanted to testify," Hutchison said.

Hutchison's attorney, John Dowd, said he didn't want the senator to testify out of fear that she would be entrapped by Earle.

"I just cannot permit her, when the district attorney has no interest in the information on the allegations, to get ensnared," Dowd said. "It's happened before and it's not going to happen in this case."

But Earle says the grand jury wasn't interested in tripping Hutchison on a minor charge, such as perjury.

"The grand jury is interested in patterns of conduct, not in technicalities," Earle said.

Since June 10, the grand jury has been looking into allegations that state workers and equipment were used for personal and political purposes during Hutchison's 2 1/2-year reign as head of the Treasury.

Texas law forbids public officials from using their office for non-state business. The crime is classified as a misdemeanor or a felony based on the extent of the abuse.

Hutchison said she has done nothing wrong and contended that an indictment, if handed up, only would make her stronger politically.

"I am going to win in the end," said Hutchison, 50, who became the state's first woman senator after winning a special election June 5. "The longer that Ronnie Earle puts me through this kind of harassment, the stronger I will become."

Guarded by her husband, lawyer and spokesman against a mob of reporters and photographers, Hutchison Thursday quickly ducked into a building where a Travis County grand jury has been meeting for the past three months.

She emerged 50 minutes later, pausing only to wave to the two dozen sign-carrying well-wishers who had gathered outside.

Hutchison repeated her claim that because she is a successful Republican with ambitions for re-election in 1994, she has been targeted for an indictment by Earle, a Democrat.

But Earle, whose office looks into allegations against state officials and who has investigated more Democrats than Republicans, stood by the inquiry.

Earle declined to say if Hutchison had answered questions. He said the probe was moving as quickly as possible and would likely end this month.

"The grand jury is working as hard as it can to come to a reasonable decision in this matter as soon as possible," the prosecutor said.

Former Treasury employees who have testified before the grand jury have said Hutchison was an obsessive boss who once hit a worker out of frustration and who made a habit of ordering employees to do personal errands on state time.

Hutchison told a news conference Thursday that she never ordered state workers to perform political or personal tasks for her or to have records destroyed that may have outlined possible wrongdoing.

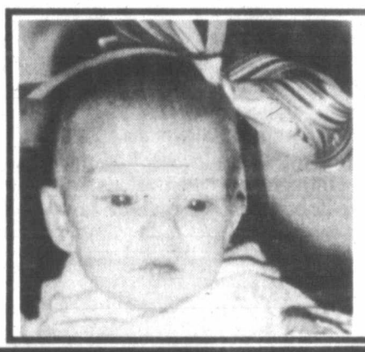
"There has been no destruction of records to my knowledge in the Treasury," she said. "And I have not used public employees for personal purposes except if they volunteered to do something for me and they did not take state time to do it."

Hutchison's grand jury appearance brought to a boil the discord that has grown between the senator and Earle.

She accused the prosecutor of "pressing for an indictment" against her.

Earle responded: "I would say categorically that I have never tried to get a grand jury to indict anybody."

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Louise Fletcher
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Texas Editorials

The Orange Leader on the Vidor public housing desegration issue:

... Vidor's particular problem is its notoriety as a bastion of bigotry. That's its reputation, even though Vidor is by no means unique in having virtually an all-white population.

The ongoing attempt by federal and local officials to desegregate the public housing complex in Vidor is causing pain an embarrassment to the majority of Vidorians, whose decision to live there had nothing to do with racial considerations.

Unfortunately for these folks, Vidor's reputation did not arise out of thin air. As far back as the 1930s and perhaps earlier, it was a place of particularly vicious bigotry within an area, state and region of the country, where bigotry wasn't just accepted but mandated by law.

As this desegregation episode has sadly shown, a handful of people in the Vidor area still honor and uphold the tradition of racial hatred. True, the Klan rallies and roadside hate stands were the work of outsiders, but the continuing harassment of the black residents was not.

Acting under the pressure of a federal court order, officials have no choice but to keep trying to find African-Americans willing to be social guinea pigs in moving into an all-white community that contains a few diehard bigots willing to cause trouble.

The civil rights and voting rights acts that have been passed since Martin Luther King's speech of 30 years ago have accomplished a great deal in making overt bigotry no longer respectable. But the forced integration of an entire town by the heavy hand of government is the wrong way to bring about social change. Those who oppose will be more strident than those who accept, and turmoil will be the rule rather than the exception. ...

Victoria Advocate on Kennedy conspiracy theorists:

No sooner had the government released additional records on the assassination of President John Kennedy than conspiracy theorists began crying cover-up. ...

For security reasons, the CIA is withholding 10,000 pages of paper records related to the assassination, along with another 150,000 records on microfilm. These documents also should be made public as soon as security considerations allow. But, with the most recent release of information, the government has made available to the public a huge cache of materials.

Even if the government released every last document or shred of data pertaining to the assassination, conspiracy buffs would not be satisfied. ...

For 30 years the proponents of these overheated theories have been unable to offer real evidence to support their claims. But that hasn't prevented them from challenging the Warren Commission's conclusion that (Lee Harvey) Oswald acted alone. They will continue to do so, even though the latest release of documents apparently provides no facts to support their fantasies.

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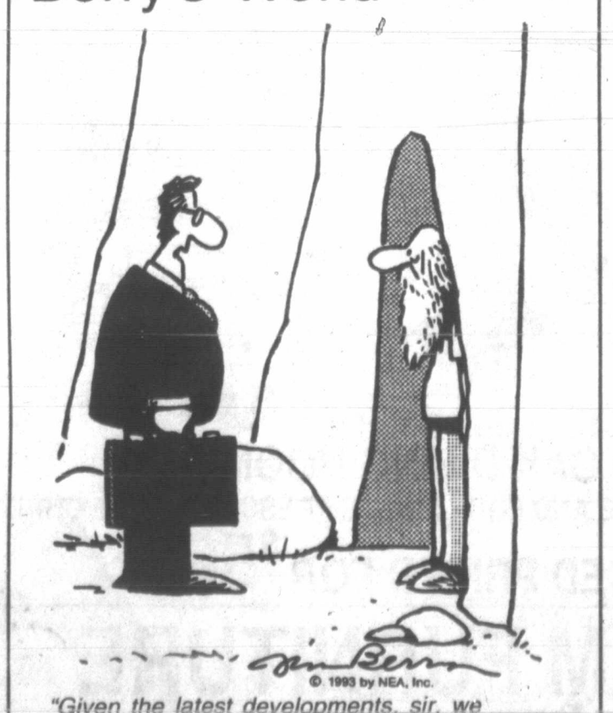
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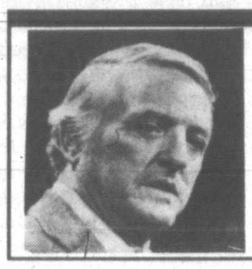
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"Given the latest developments, sir, we strongly recommend that you get into tax-free municipal bonds."

Mr. Clinton's sinking ship



William F. Buckley Jr.

The not-so-good economic news is busting out all over. If the whole world were responding harmoniously to our foreign policy, one might be distracted by this happy phenomenon, but since Bill Clinton doesn't have a foreign policy, he has bet the whole farm on his domestic policy, and it is showing signs of rot without any prospect of relief.

At the end of August, the index of economic expectations went down yet another notch. The University of Michigan Index of Consumer Sentiment, which recorded a high of 89.3 in January, came down to 77 in July. Consumer expectations came down even more drastically, from 83 in January to 65 in July. The Small Business Confidence Index recorded by the National Federation of Independent Business has come down every month since January and is now level with the trough of the 1990-91 recession.

Eight out of 100 small-business owners oppose Clintonomics. In favor? Three percent. The blue-chip economic forecast for 1994 GDP growth, which stood at 3.1 percent in January, is down to 2.5 percent.

In respect of the projected returns from the new tax bill, serious doubts are voiced about the predictability of all those extra billions in tax revenues from the affluent class. James Poterba, an economist at M.I.T. and not, according to *The New York Times*' economics analyst Peter Passell, a supply-sider, admits that "almost all our information about responses to tax changes is based on the behavior" of people with far lower incomes.

"The great bulk of the revenue," writes Passell, "is supposed to come from raising the highest tax brackets for couples reporting more than $135,000. When the extension of the Medicare tax is added to the bracket rises, those reporting incomes exceeding $250,000 will pay 41 cents of tax on their last dollar earned – up from 31 cents. Most financial experts agree this increase of 10 percentage points will inspire efforts to avoid taxes."

Ah, but such efforts aren't as readily successful as they used to be, not with the loophole-destructive 1986 tax act. That's true, but inactivity is a loophole that tax legislation can't reach. If Mrs. Jones decides the hell with it, she'll quit her job and stay home, there isn't any way this side of conscription that can get her to work, earn her income and pay the taxes.

Mr. Jones can co-decide the hell with it, he won't risk financing an extension to his plant. And then – limited, to be sure, by the tax regulation – people can give more money to philanthropies: It now costs the affluent donor 59 cents for every dollar he gives away.

To be sure, there is the bristling alternative position. Clintonites will tell you that it will work exactly in the other way: Mr. and Mrs. Jones will so much pine for the restoration of their former net income, they will work harder – invest more – to realize the same level of affluence they had before.

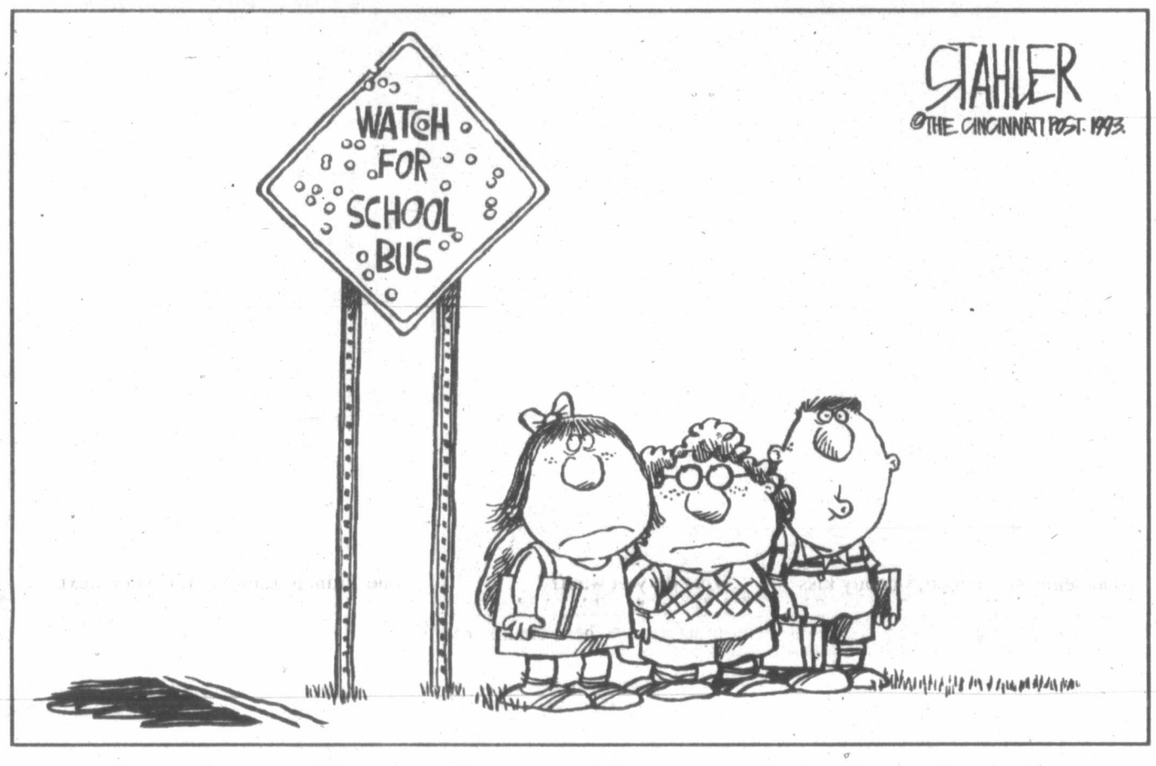
But that happy assumption runs into very heavy statistical wether. The 1986 law reduced the top marginal income tax rate from 50 percent to 28 percent. The share of the national income of the top one-half of 1 percent of American earners shot up from 6 percent to 10 percent. That supply-side datum is as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar and, with its lowering threat against safe passage, governs all redistributionist traffic.

What, at this point, is the Clinton administration proud of having accomplished? The White House people bray about the low interest rates we have achieved. But concerning these rates, *National Review* comments:

"But wait: If lower deficits cause lower interest rates, then someone needs to explain why we now have record low interest rates at exactly the same time we have record high deficits. And why is it that in the 1980s the deficit steadily rose and nominal interest rates steadily fell? Paradoxically, recent evidence suggests that, if anything, low interest rates correspond with high deficits."

And we have Federal Reserve Board member Larry Lindsey who reports that since 1981 – i.e., throughout America's 12-year Era of Greed – long-term interest rates have declined by an average of 70 basis points per year. The drop in rates since January has been no steeper than the rate of decline during this 12-years slide. "In other words, Mr. Clinton's one great economic triumph after eight months in office is that interest rates haven't strayed from the 12-year Reagan-Bush trend."

One explanation for the low interest rates is the most persuasive: People are not investing. If there isn't the demand for money, money is cheap. The same thing applies at other levels: By 1996, the demand for Bill Clinton will make him cheap – less than the market is willing to pay.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 10, the 253rd day of 1993. There are 112 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 10, 1813, Oliver H. Perry sent the message, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours," after an American naval force defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812.

On this date:

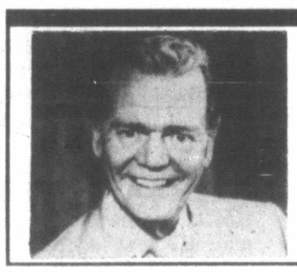
In 1608, John Smith was elected president of the Jamestown colony council in Virginia.

In 1846, Elias Howe of Spencer, Mass., received a patent for his sewing machine.

In 1919, New York City welcomed home Gen. John J. Pershing and 25,000 soldiers who'd served in the U.S. 1st Division during World War I.

In 1945, Vidkun Quisling was sentenced to death in Norway for collaborating with the Nazis.

Unified language binds a nation



Paul Harvey

Recent riots in Washington, D.C., destroyed police vehicles, buses and nearly three dozen store fronts – caused $1 million in damage and terrified area residents.

Those riots were started by immigrants frustrated by their inability to find work "because they were unable to speak English."

Spokesman for the rioters Raul Yzaguitre predicted similar riots in other cities by alienated immigrants surrounded by a different culture, different laws – and who cannot understand what anybody is saying, including policemen.

Yet instead of prodding our schools to "immerse immigrant children in our language," Congress before Christmas will consider reauthorization of the Bilingual Education Act – requiring schools to teach foreign students in their own language.

This already adds $1 billion to the cost of education in our nation.

Immediately north of our border, Canada is being torn apart by an ugly duel between the French and English languages.

Our nation is now the adopted home of immigrants speaking 300 different languages!

President Theodore Roosevelt said, "The one absolutely certain way to bring any nation to ruin is to permit it to become a tangle of squabbling nationalities."

We have a growing number of bilingual teachers and administrators who seem more interested in what's profitable for themselves than in what is good for our country.

The late California Sen. Hayakawa believed "the English language is the social glue that binds the people of our nation. It is learning English that opens 'the golden door.' "

Rep. William Dickinson of Alabama has introduced in the House of Representatives an English Language Amendment (House Joint Resolution No. 81).

The bill to amend our Constitution to make English our country's official language presently awaits action in the Judiciary Committee.

Two other bills in Congress, authored by Sen. Dick Shelby and Rep. Bill Emerson would seek to make English our official language "by law" but without a Constitutional Amendment – easier but perhaps less permanent.

Eighteen states on their own have made English their official language; 14 other state legislatures have it under consideration.

In each case, well-organized and generously financed organizations – including the lobbyists of the National Education Association – are mobilizing opposition to any form of "official English."

Organized support for English first, an organization with that name, English First, in Springfield, Va., relies on public contributions to survive.

This party starts small, thinks big

Mike Feinsilber
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON – Joel Rogers has gotten in line – a long, honorable, frustrated line that runs through much of American history. He stands with the Bull Moosers, Free Soilers, Know Nothings, Greenbackers, Prohibitionists, Socialists, Dixiecrats, Right to Lifers, Libertarians.

He stands with the Eugene V. Debses, Eugene McCarthys, William Z. Fosters, Benjamin Spocks, John Andersons, Barry Commoners, Henry Wallaces and George Wallaces of American politics.

He's formed a third party.

But this one is different. It intends to enter politics from the bottom up – electing school board and zoning commission members, then state legislators and members of Congress before it shoots for big things like the presidency.

Most third parties aimed high. And most existed for principle or protest. Winning didn't much matter.

Rogers is a professor of law, political science and sociology at the University of Wisconsin. As a teenager, he passed out campaign fliers for Robert F. Kennedy.

His party is the New Party. It claims 3,000 members – "not a bunch of professors, but mostly poor and working-class people, about 30 percent black, half women, a lot of union people." He guesses most voted for Bill Clinton or Ross Perot.

The New Party, he said, already has run 28 candidates for local office in Montana, New York, New Jersey, Michigan, and elected 20. "We will never waste your vote or act as spoilers," Rogers pledges. His party runs where it can be competitive, or not at all.

Even if the party doesn't earn even the footnote in history that has awaited most third parties, he offers a view of contemporary politics that's worth a hearing.

"It's possible the American dream will be restored and people will be well off, but the indications are that won't happen," he said in an interview. "We've had 10 years of effective economic decline for 80 percent of the population. I don't see economic competition (from abroad) getting easier or our ability as a country to respond to it getting better."

"You could imagine a situation in which, for the first time in a long time, you had the white working class see that it had interests with African Americans. When you talk to white workers now, you don't hear them say, the way they used to, that black people are poor because they're lazy. The reason is that they themselves are getting smushed."

Rogers thinks the time is right because people are making demands on government that Democrats and Republicans seem incapable of fulfilling.

Rogers said the people have three overarching goals. They want radical campaign reform and to clean up government. They want nationalistic trade policies and government intervention in business decisions to promote growth. And they want government accountability – referendums, recalls, initiatives, elimination of political action committees, lowered barriers for outsiders to seek office, term limitations – in other words, more democracy.

Conventional politics won't achieve those ends, he says. He says campaign reforms Congress is considering are timid and that President Clinton can't enact even modest economic stimulation. When people speak of Washington what they say is, "They just don't get it."

Rogers cites the 1992 findings of pollster Gordon Black of Rochester, N.Y.: Two-thirds of voters were dissatisfied with the government, 60 percent with the two parties. Nearly half said the country needed a new party and 69 percent said they were sure incumbents never would reform the political process.

But what about Perot? He got 19 percent of the vote in his first run for office. He's got millions of dollars.

Rogers says Perot could form a party, but seems more interested in being a one-man band. "What he's doing is building United We Stand. It's a civic association, a lobbying group. It doesn't run people for office."

So what about Joel Rogers' idea?

"He's got one thing going for him and one going against him," says retired Dartmouth professor Frank Smallwood, an expert on third party movements. "As far as I can ascertain, there is a lot of dissatisfaction, unease, concern, skepticism – almost cynicism – about the present political setup. A lot of people are scared. He's right about that."

But Smallwood cites the usual obstacles to third parties – the difficulty of getting on the ballots, the need but the cost of getting on television.

Put him down as doubtful. Meantime, check your ballot – the bottom of your ballot – to see how Rogers' idea is doing.

The Terry Anderson story: 'You are a spy'; 'No, I am a journalist'

NEW YORK (AP) – On March 16, 1985, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson was kidnapped by Muslim extremists in Beirut. He would be kept captive for 6 1/2 years, the longest-held Western hostage in Lebanon.

His account of his ordeal, *Den of Lions*, will be released next month by Crown Publishers. This is the first of a three-part serialization of excerpts from the book.

Anderson's retelling of those harrowing years is both a frightening look at the inhumanity of terrorism, and a profound self-examination. As he writes in a foreword, it is "an attempt to define who I was, and who I became."

This installment begins with the abduction, when three gunmen force Anderson into their automobile and roar off. "Madeleine" is his fiancee, Madeleine Bassil. "Don" is AP photographer Don Mell, left behind when the kidnappers grabbed Anderson.

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There was no conversation in the car, except for an occasional muttered "Down, down," and a shove with the foot, or a poke with a gun into my back. The gunmen said nothing to each other.

After 15 or 20 minutes, the car turned off the main highway straight into what seemed to be a garage. A metal door clanged down, cutting off the street noise. The doors were yanked open, and hands grabbed at me, pulling me upright, but careful to keep the blanket over my head. There were mutterings in Arabic, short, guttural, incomprehensible.

Someone slipped the blanket away, slipping a dirty cloth around my head at the same time, then wrapping plastic tape around and around. Other hands grabbed at my tennis shoes, yanking them off. Someone pulled at the gold chain around my neck, fumbled with the fastening until it opened. Then the gold bracelet on my right wrist, the watch on my left, also went.

"Don't," I said, involuntarily. "They're gifts. Don't take them."

"We are not thieves," one of the men said. He stuck my watch into my sock. Not the chain or bracelet. I never saw either again.

More tape, around my wrists and arms. I was pulled out of the car and guided clumsily to the side of the garage, pushed down onto a filthy blanket smelling of oil and gasoline.

My legs were taped tightly, around the ankles, knees, and thighs. I could no longer sit upright and slid sideways. One of the men lifted me up by my arm and shoulder and propped me against the wall.

The men talked among themselves for a few minutes, then several left. Only one seemed to be still with me, pacing back and forth.

After a while – 20 minutes? An hour? No way to tell – they came back. I was pulled upright, guided across the floor, and seated again.

"What is your name?" a voice asked, heavily accented.

"Terry Anderson. I am a journalist."

"Your company?"

"The Associated Press. A wire service."

The man seemed uninterested in my answers. Either he understood "wire service" – unlikely – or he didn't care.

"Why have you taken me? Who are you?"

Muttering in Arabic. "Quiet. We ask questions. Do you know where you are?"

"No." Explaining my deductions didn't seem wise.

"You are a spy."

"No. I am a journalist. I work for The Associated Press. What do you want from me?"

The interrogation went on, almost aimlessly, without heat. Accusations. Denials.

"Why do you have this?" A hand shoved something at me. Peering along my nose, through the small gap it made in the tape around my head, I saw the gold charm from my chain – an inscription from the Koran.

"It was a gift."

"You are Muslim?"

"No. Christian."

"Why do you wear this?"

"My wife gave it to me."

"She is Muslim?"

"No. Maronite. Catholic."

"You are not Muslim. Why do you wear words from the Koran?"

"They are beautiful. They are the words of God." He was obviously unsatisfied, and muttered to his companions. Then more serious questions.

"What other Americans do you know? Who works at your office?"

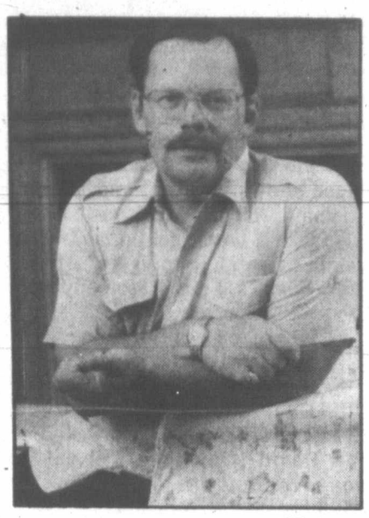
"I can't tell you that."

"You must say. Give us the names of all the Americans you know."

"No. I can't do that."

"We can make you."

"I know you can try. You can hurt me. But I can't give you the names of my friends."



(AP photo)

Terry Anderson, 45, poses at his home in Bronxville, N.Y. Anderson was chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press in Beirut when he was kidnapped by Shiite Muslim extremists on March 16, 1985.

"We have electricity. You know?"

"Yes. I know. But I still won't give you names. They are my friends. I can't help you kidnap them." I decided to take a chance.

"Can you call my office? Tell them I am alive? My wife will be very, very worried."

"You want your wife here? We can go get her, bring her here."

"She is pregnant. You would not harm her. You cannot be so evil."

"We will take her, too. No one can stop us."

"God will stop you. No one has to stop you. You will not do this."

"Give us the names."

"No. I'm sorry. I can't. Do what you want to. I still can't."

More demands. Refusals. Strangely, the procedure was still without heat. It didn't seem as if they really meant the threats. It was hard to believe they might carry them out, though nothing I had ever seen in Lebanon gave me any confidence in their humanity or reluctance to inflict pain. They just didn't seem serious about it.

It ended after perhaps 30 or 40 minutes. The men got up and left, except for one. He shoved me back against the wall, resumed pacing.

I could think of nothing except Madeleine, still in bed, sleepily kissing me goodbye at 7 a.m. Six months pregnant, her belly making a mound of the blanket. She would know soon, probably knew already. Don would have gone straight to the office, alerted the AP people there. They would have gone to our apartment, just a few hundred yards from where I was kidnapped.

I began crying silently, rocking forward and back against the wall, my knees shoved tightly between my taped arms. Who would tell her? How? I twisted my wrists against the tape, struggling against it. The guard came, bent over and, surprisingly gently, put his hand on my arm. "No. No. No good."

I stopped struggling and tried to compose my mind. Breathe evenly, smoothly, gently. Calm. Don't think. Calm.

(More than three weeks pass before the shackled Anderson is even allowed to sit up. Several hostages are brought together, though isolated by blindfolds and partitions. Anderson thinks incessantly of Madeleine; of Mickey, the wife from whom he seeks a divorce; and of their daughter, Gabrielle. He reproaches himself for not taking seriously enough an apparent unsuccessful kidnap attempt the day before he was seized. In the final passage, he describes his young guards.)

Twenty-four days. It must be about the 8th of April. I'd kept track by scratching a line in the wall next to my head each gray dawn, beginning with what I thought was the third day. My body was locked for hours each day in cramps from the effort of not moving. I was exhausted by the ceaselessly churning thoughts in my head, images of my family, friends, wrung by emotions so sharp and strong, my chest hurt.

Around and around, over and over, remorse, anger, pain. Replaying endless scenarios in which I escaped, gunned the car, jumped out and dropped my kidnapper with a karate blow, grabbed his gun and shot him – useless, childish plays. Humiliation of trying to pee in a bottle while lying down. Humiliation of being poked and prodded and cursed at. I knew I was on the edge of madness, of losing control completely, breaking down.

Finally, as one of the guards walked past my cot, I called out softly. "Chebab. Hey."

"Shu?"

"Tehki Inglisi?" Speak English?

"Lahsa." One moment.

He left, came back with another guard.

"What?"

"I can't do this anymore. I am not an animal. I am a human being. You can't treat me like this."

"What do you want?"

"A book. A Bible. And to move. You must loosen these chains. I will go crazy."

A grunt. The two guards exchanged a few words.

"I speak chef."

"Thank you."

The next day, late in the afternoon, the English-speaking guard came in and threw a heavy object on the bed. I reached for it, felt the smooth covers of a book.

The guard came around to the head of the bed.

"Good?"

"Yes, very good, thank you."

He began fiddling with the chain on my right hand. After some fumbling, he got the lock open, then replaced it, but allowing a foot or so more chain. Moving around the bed, he did the same on the other side.

"Sit up. But no look."

I sat up slowly, stiffly. He pulled the blanket off me and draped it over my head, leaving it hanging in front of my face. "Now look."

I cautiously pulled my blindfold up a bit, until I could see the book. Red, new. A Bible, the Revised Standard Version. I caressed it gently.

"May I read now?"

"Thirty minutes. Be careful. No look."

"Thank you."

I leaned forward so the blanket would hang down over my face, but allow light from the bulb above me to fall on the book in my lap. Opening the cover gently, I sniffed at the pages, inhaling the new-book, paper-and-ink smell like perfume. My back started aching almost immediately, but I ignored it.

I read the title page, the publishing and copyright information, the notes of the editors, slowly, carefully. Then: Genesis.

"In the Beginning ..."

Dim, gray light. Blank ceiling, bare electric light bulb just visible over the top of the partition, but giving no light, since the electricity was off again. Snoring of guards. Tired. Just tired. Hours, long nights, praying. "Dear God. What have I done? I'm not good, I know that. I've cheated and lied. I've strayed so far from you. Self-indulgence. Stupidity. I'm sorry. But do something. Anything. I just can't do this. I can't."

It's surprising what you can remember when you have nothing to do but remember. At first, the mind is a blank. Jesus, I always thought I was smart. Where are all the things I learned, the books I read, the poems I memorized? There's nothing there, just a formless, gray-black misery. My mind's gone dead. God, help me.

Start with the memories. Forget the stupidity of not paying attention, of walking out into the street after one kidnap attempt, the very next morning, to give them your open, stupid self. That's done. You're paying. Think about Madeleine – so beautiful, all dark and flashing and loving. You're so lucky, to win this woman now, after all these years. What is she doing? What is she feeling? Stop. It hurts too much.

What about Mickey, and Gabrielle? I've hurt them both, greatly. Especially Gabrielle. She sounded so sad, had so much pain in her voice the last time I talked to her on the phone. She's 8. How can she understand? Thou shalt not commit adultery. So many times, in so many places. No excuses. No "but if only she'd ..." No. You did it. Accept it. Be sorry.

But I'm not sorry about Madeleine. No matter what. We didn't plan this child. Maddy wasn't supposed to be able to conceive. But so much joy when it happened. Inconvenient, sure. But never regretted. Is that wrong, God? To be thankful for this joy? So short a time together – what, 10, 11 months? Worth all this, if I die today, worth it.

I'll not apologize for this, God. Never.

All the other memories. The people. The mistakes, offenses. How arrogant I was! It must have been hard to like me. Did they all? Or was I just tolerated? I don't like me much. How can anyone else?

Hours, days, nights, weeks. Blank nights. Gray dawn after gray dawn.

I ask Sayeed, "How can you do this? Doesn't the Koran say you may not punish someone for another's sins? I'm innocent. You know that."

The question bothers him. He goes to the chief, an older man held in great respect by all the guards. A little later, he comes back. "The chef says I must not talk with you about this. He says you think like a snake," weaving his hand back and forth, held low enough for me to see under the blindfold, through the small gap next to my nose.

Another of the guards is simply evil. Calling himself Michel, he claims to be a Christian from East Beirut – an obvious lie. He prays the same as all of them. He delights in sneaking up to the curtain at the end of my cot and snatching it suddenly open, then screaming at me, "No look. You look. I kill." Sometimes he creeps up and just sticks the barrel of the silenced pistol through the curtain. "Bam. Bam," he says quietly.

Michel throws the little fruit we get – a banana, an orange – over the top of the partition. Often it just falls between the side of the bed and the wall, onto the floor where my chains prevent me from reaching it. The two or three bananas there already smell, bringing dozens of huge cockroaches. Once Michel sets a bowl of soup on the end of the bed, just out of my reach. Knorr's dried chicken noodle, I can tell by the smell. Stretching painfully for it, chained arm stretched out straight behind me, I knock it over, spilling soup and noodles onto the bed. He laughs and walks away, leaving the mess. It stays overnight, until another guard helps me clean up.

It's difficult to talk to these men, to bring myself to be polite, to act as if I care what they think. Their minds are alien to me. They seem to think that what they're doing is some kind of small but necessary unpleasantness. Only the loneliness, the hours and days without speaking a word bring me to talk to them. That, and the devouring desire to find out what the hell is going on, what they want, what the chances are of getting out of here. But on that subject, they have little to say. "Soon, and very soon, Inshallah" – God willing – is the unvarying response.

Part II – "Hi, Father. I'm Terry Anderson," see Page 6.

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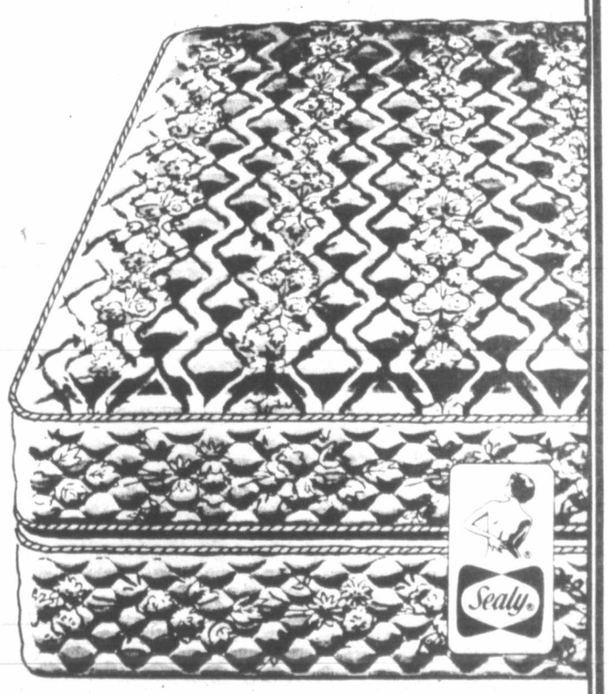
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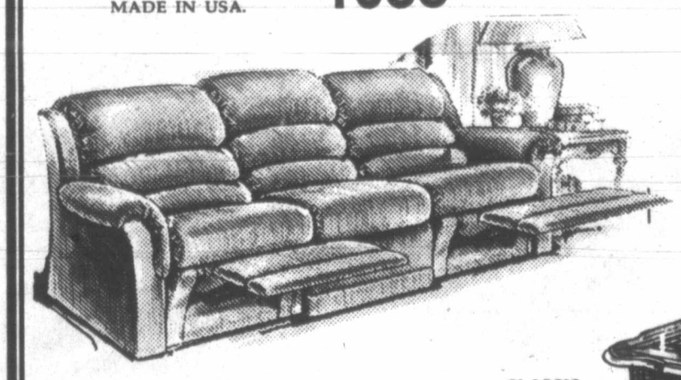


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Den of Lions: 'I'm Lawrence Jenco'; 'Hi, Father. I'm Terry Anderson'

NEW YORK (AP) – This is the second installment of the three-part serialization of excerpts from *Den of Lions*, Terry Anderson's account of his ordeal as a hostage in Lebanon.

In this section, various hostages are together, although out of view of each other because of partitions and blindfolds. Anderson overhears the dying gasps of the tortured William Buckley, the CIA's station chief in Beirut. Anderson reflects on his past life, and asks to meet another hostage, the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, so that the Roman Catholic priest can hear his confession.

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I can hear the guards talking to Buckley. He's put in my former place, perhaps six feet away from me. He's ill. All of us have had colds for the past week or so, filling the small apartment with coughing and sneezing. Buckley is the only one not recovering. Instead, he develops a fever, mutters to himself. One phrase is clear. "Oh, God. I've lasted a year, and now my body is going." He goes delirious, moaning in the night, and can't keep down food. They give him a bucket, but he vomits little. I ask about him, but am rebuffed.

A new hostage is brought in late in the evening. He speaks loudly. When asked, he gives his name to one of the guards – David Jacobsen, administrator at the teaching hospital of the American University of Beirut. He is placed on a mattress just outside the plastic curtain of my cubicle, and chained to the wall. I peek cautiously during a quiet moment in the apartment. Tall. Long, thin pale legs. Blindfold like mine. White shorts, T-shirt. I don't dare whisper to him – the guards are lying on their mattresses just two or three feet away.

One or two days later, in the evening, the chief comes in. He's always referred to as "the Hajj," a title of honor given to those who have made the pilgrimage to Mecca, and the guards show much deference to him. He talks with his men, then walks over to Buckley's cot. In Arabic, he mutters, "Mareed. Ktir, ktir mareed." Sick, very sick. Then he goes out.

The guards won't give Buckley water or juice. "No good. You sick." They believe that anyone with a fever should not be given liquids – exactly the opposite of proper treatment, like many such "remedies." He pleads for an orange. Finally, in the night, there is the sound of him gasping, floundering about on his cot. The guards come in. A thump, like Buckley kicked the wall. Then silence. After a few minutes, the guards unlock his chains and carry him out of the room. The conviction leaps to my mind – he has died. I begin praying for him, as I had many times before.

The next day, I ask Sayeed about him. "Where's Buckley? Is he OK?"

"Oh, yes, he is in a very good place," Sayeed replies lightly.

My memories of Madeleine keep me from condemning myself completely. She's such a lovely person, strong, knowing herself, happy with who she is. Intelligent. What does she see in me, beyond all these weaknesses? There must be something there for her. But I can't build pictures of her in my mind, can't think about the months together in any detail. It still hurts too much, far too much.

Long nights, squirrel-in-a-cage nights. Mind spinning, thoughts, emotions whirling. Anger. Frustration. Pain. Guilt.

I can't do this, God. I'm finished. I surrender. There's nothing I can do to change anything, nothing anyone can do. And it's just going to go on, and I can't do it. Help me. There's no reason why you should. Don't we always turn to you when we're in trouble, and away from you when things are good? I'm doing the same. But you say you love me. So help me.

So far down. My mind so tired, my spirit so sore. And more to come, more and more. I just can't do it.

But at the bottom, in surrender so complete there is no coherent thought, no real pain, no feeling, just exhaustion, just waiting, there is something else. Warmth-light-softness. Acceptance, by me, of me. Rest. After a while, some strength. Enough, for now.

It happens once, twice. A few hours later, it fades, and the anger and frustration and longing are back. But the memory is there, the sense of presence. And sometimes the place is reached again, briefly. Not often, but sometimes. Meanwhile, the hours are endured, the days gotten through. And the nights are spent in prayer, and thought, and the effort to get back to that place.

Cautiously, I raise my blindfold. Father Jenco, a white-haired man with a full beard and a gentle smile, is sitting cross-legged on David's mattress. We clasp hands. "I'm Lawrence Jenco." "Hi, Father. I'm Terry Anderson. I don't know where to start. It's been a very long time since I said confession."

"It doesn't matter. Just go ahead." He nods in encouragement.

"I left the church when I was young. For a long time, I was an agnostic, or at least I said I was. I don't know what I meant by that. Just laziness, I guess. Didn't want to deal with it. I came back just a few months ago. Haven't gone to confession, or taken communion yet, though. But I'm a Catholic.

"I was in the process of getting a divorce when I was kidnapped. Mostly my fault, I know. I was not a good man – chasing women, drinking. Seems like I just kind of lost my way for a while."

The discussion goes on for 20 minutes or more, twice the time the guards had agreed to. Father Martin's responses are always quiet, gentle. Mostly, he just listens. A few times he offers brief assurances on points I do not understand, such as how difficult it might be to get an annulment of my first marriage.

For a Catholic, ritual confession, or the sacrament of reconciliation, as it is called now, is an emotional ceremony, no matter how informal the setting. This was my first confession in 25 years, my first formal step back to the church. I'd spent months wrestling with myself; months trying to understand where that moment in an English church six months ago was taking me; more months lying chained on a cot with nothing to do but examine myself, study the Bible and try to deal, alone, with my anger, frustration, remorse. This smiling, soft-spoken priest, also a hostage, dressed like me in white cotton shorts and T-shirt, frightened, in his own pain and anger received the full flood of my emotions, guilts, and concerns, returning warmth, love, and understanding.

By the end of our session, the bare floor around us is littered with crumpled tissues. Both he and I are crying. Finally, I kneel beside him. "Father, forgive me, for I have sinned, in word and in thought, in what I have done and what I have not done."

He rests his right hand lightly on my head. "In the name of a gentle, loving God, you are forgiven." He pulls my head gently to his shoulder and hugs me. We sit back and look at each other. In a few moments, we hear a guard turning the lock on the door, and we pull our blindfolds down over our eyes.

(Anderson, Jacobsen, Jenco and two other hostages, Thomas Sutherland and the Rev. Benjamin Weir, must make a seemingly fateful decision. Later, Anderson reflects on God's role in his plight.)

We've just had a startling announcement from the Hajj. They've decided to let one of us go home, "as a humanitarian gesture"! It's also an effort to persuade the Reagan administration that these people are serious about wanting to negotiate. The most startling part, though, is that he says we're to choose which one. We're all stunned.

Then the Hajj adds that it cannot be Tom. He will be the last to go home, he says. It's impossible to tell if he's serious. He also says it should not be me. We protest. Ben argues in Arabic with him, fruitlessly. He leaves.

How are we going to handle this? Ben, kidnapped in 1984, has been here longest, of course. But if someone is going to be a spokesman, is he the one? He's a very good man, but quiet. We all deserve to go home, and we all want it badly. I can see it on everyone's face, and I know it's on mine. What a terrible, terrible thing to do to us. Perhaps we should refuse to choose. But then, maybe no one will go. No, we will try.

We quickly decide that, whatever choice is made, it must be unanimous, and it should be by secret ballot. We also agree that we will ignore the Hajj's stricture about Tom and me. We walk around in our circle for half an hour. Very little talking. Finally, I speak.

"We all want to go. I think, if it can't be me, it should be David. He's articulate and forceful. If someone is to speak for us, to persuade Reagan to begin talks, he'd do it well."

David's grateful, but says little. Pastor Ben says he does not want to go, that he will stay. Father Martin says the same.

We sit down, tear up some paper, and begin the ballot. First time, one vote for everyone except Ben, two for me. How does Ben feel? His face shows nothing, and he says nothing. Another ballot, same result. We take a break, get up, and begin walking in a circle again. After a few minutes, I ask, "Anybody want to say anything else?"

"Why? You want to campaign?" David snaps. I don't reply.

Another ballot. This time it's two for David, three for me. I'm in a quandary. Should I vote for myself? Or David? How long will this go on? Again. Same. Again. Now it's four for me, one for David.

"Well, that's that," Father Martin says, obviously assuming the single vote for David is mine. "No, Father. It has to be unanimous," I tell him. It takes him a few seconds to realize that both David and I are voting for ourselves. I'm ashamed at the silence.

Last ballot. Five for me. We sit back. I can feel the tears building. Father Martin hugs me, then Ben, Tom. Finally David.

"Thank you," I manage. "I'm very grateful. I also feel guilty. You all deserve to go as much as I do."

I'm also scared. The Hajj said he didn't want it to be me. Will he veto the choice? Dear God, I don't know what I feel. I can't believe it will happen, I feel somehow it's not right. I'm ashamed of wanting it so bad. But they chose, we all chose. I can't allow myself to really believe this is the end.

We call Sayeed, tell him of our choice. He laughs. "We have already chosen." We ask him why. The Hajj told us to choose. Whom have they picked? "I will tell the Hajj. He will talk to you."

A night of misery, joy, confused prayer. I try as hard as I can not to believe it. But it's no use. I can't help thinking about being free, seeing Maddy, my daughter, Gabrielle. The shame and guilt won't go away. I can't even look at Ben. He's so sincere in his happiness for me. And the others, they must be terribly disappointed.

Finally, the Hajj appears. No discussion, no greeting. He speaks in Arabic to Ben, at length, angrily. Ben gasps. "Oh, no. Oh, no." What is it? I know already.

"He says I'm the one. I'm going tonight. I tried to argue, but he won't listen. I'm sorry."

The disappointment overwhelms me. I expected it. I was prepared for it. It's a relief to have it settled so surely, after all the agonizing. But it hurts. Oh, God, how it hurts.

Ben is quickly given a haircut, clothes. We get a brief chance to embrace him, wish him luck. "I'm sorry," he says to me again. "Don't worry," I reply. "You should have been the one we chose anyway." He's hustled out.

The four of us sit quietly for a while. Then the lights are turned out. I pray, reaching for calm, for acceptance. Slowly, slowly, it comes. Lord, I don't know what you want of me, what you're trying to do. Help me.

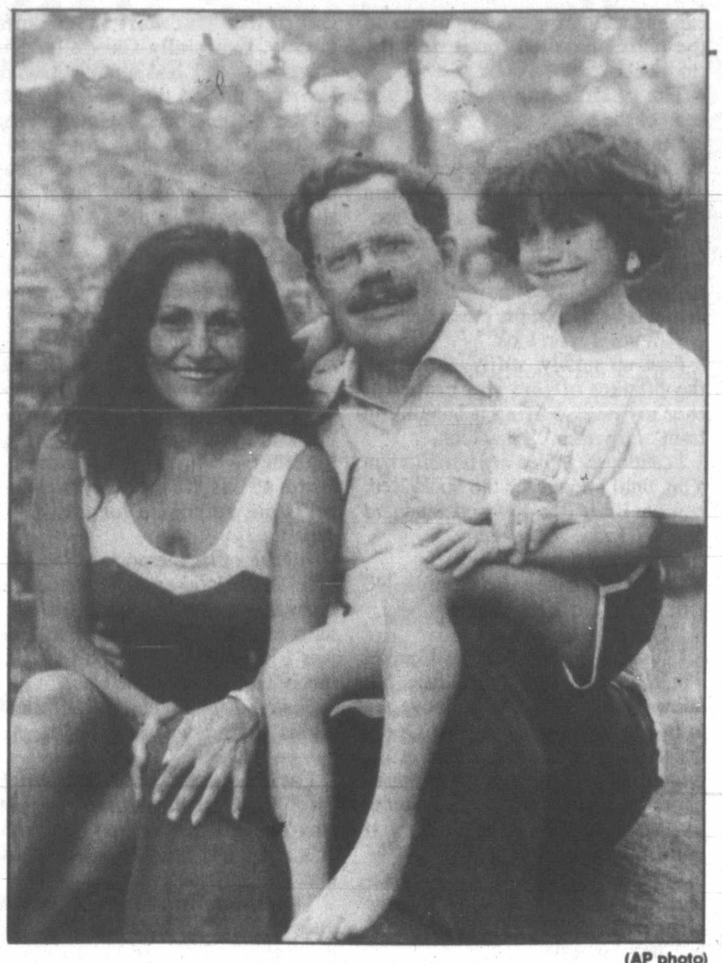
None of this was God's doing. I cannot believe in an accountant God, who weighs my sins and metes out appropriate punishment. These men are not in any way I can understand God's instruments. This is not my punishment for adultery, or indifference, or all the petty dishonesties I've been guilty of in my life.

Nor do I believe it is a deliberate test, that I'm a kind of modern Job, being subjected to some sort of spiritual test. God knows my soul, to its innermost depths, if he cares to. He doesn't need to check, to give me a midterm examination.

This is man's work, the product of a combination of political and economic forces, mixed with the needs and greeds of petty, evil men and the indifference of others. God is there to help me, to give me guidance and solace, and to keep me in the knowledge that no matter how much I may be humiliated, no matter how much I may come to dislike myself as my knowledge of myself grows, His love is unquestioning. He did not place me here, but He will help me get through it, even unto death, with grace and dignity, if I accept His help. But that, strangely enough, is the hardest part – accepting.

None of my speculation is entirely satisfactory. I come up with no sure answers, no definitive understanding. Had I a single grain of humility, I wouldn't expect to. These are things the greatest minds in the ages have grappled with, without reaching any final resolutions. God is essentially unknowable; whatever plans, or purposes, or arrangements He has for us would have to be unknowable as well. But somehow, here, now, I have to work out some way of understanding what is happening to me, physically and spiritually, some way to come to terms with Him, and with myself, to know what we expect of each other.

NEXT: Part III – 'I'm a Syrian Colonel. You're Free.' In Sunday's edition.



(AP photo)

Terry Anderson poses with his wife, Madeleine Bassil, and daughter, Sulome, 8, outside their home in Bronxville, N.Y.

JFK Jr. and Daryl: Weekend wedding?

EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) – JFK Jr. and Daryl Hannah. A beachfront wedding. Helicopters. Celebrity guests. Paparazzi. This weekend.

Don't bet on it.

Reality is running a poor second to rumor these days on the eastern end of Long Island, where the buzz is that the hunky Kennedy will exchange vows with lovely actress Hannah on Saturday.

There may or may not be "I do's," but there were plenty of "I don't knows" Thursday in this star-studded shore village where last month's Alec Baldwin-Kim Basinger nuptials are already old news.

The circumstantial evidence pointing to a wedding: Kennedy and Hannah just returned from an trip abroad. John's aunt, Lee Radziwill, owns an oceanfront home perfect for a late summer wedding. The couple – maybe – picked up a California marriage license in July.

The reality: The only people who do know aren't saying. Which hasn't stopped everybody else in town from talking.

"It's big news – if it's true," said Jerry Della Femina, whose restaurant is one of the local hot spots. "This is a town that is almost oblivious to celebrities. But when JFK Jr. shows up, heads really turn."

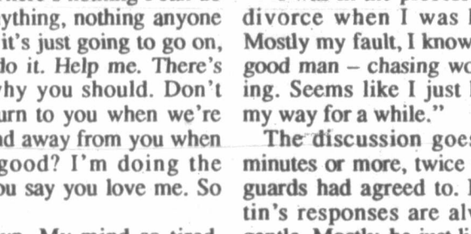
Will heads be turning this weekend? None of the town's caterers or florists knew anything. USA Today reported, in a column headed "Rumors," that there would not be a wedding. Town officials pleaded ignorance.

Village Administrator Larry Cantwell said his office would usually know if a major event like a Kennedy wedding were scheduled. "The only word we've heard is from the media," he said.

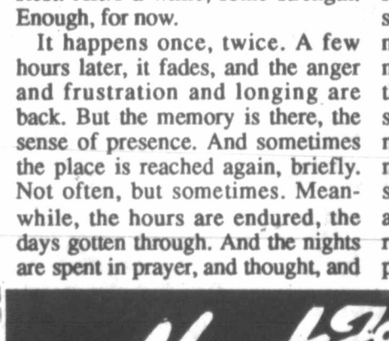
The media. A Kennedy-Hannah union would no doubt produce a great response, much to the chagrin of the locals.

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Singer Helen O'Connell dies at age 73

SAN DIEGO (AP) – Helen O'Connell, the quintessential big band singer of the 1940s, died Thursday at age 73.

Miss O'Connell died of cancer less than a month after her last appearance with a big band touring show, said longtime manager Gloria Burke.

Her husband, composer and conductor Frank DeVol, and three of her four daughters were with her when she died at a hospice, Ms. Burke said.

Hitting the road as a big band singer at age 16, Miss O'Connell was still a teen-ager when she was launched to stardom in 1939 by recording "Green Eyes" with Bob Eberly as a vocalist with the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra.

A fresh-faced, girl-next-door personality, Miss O'Connell popularized the songs "Tangerine," "Amapola," "Jim," "I Remember You," "Arthur Murray Taught Me Dancing in a Hurry" and "When The Sun Comes Out."

She was the darling of GIs during World War II, but in 1943 she stepped out of the limelight to raise a family.

Last month, she toured with a big band show and performed for the last time at the Valley Forge Music Fair in Valley Forge, Pa., on Aug. 14. After experiencing chest pain, she was unable to continue and returned home to San Juan Capistrano, Calif. She was admitted to a La Jolla hospital where she had surgery on Aug. 27, her manager said.



Helen O'Connell

During her career she appeared with the orchestras of Artie Shaw, Woody Herman and Glenn Miller, the Pied Pipers and singer Don Cornell.

"She was singing as great as ever," Cornell said from Hamilton, Ontario, recalling her voice as unique and distinctive.

"As soon as you heard four bars of her singing you knew it was Helen O'Connell," he said. "She was very well loved by her audiences. That quality stood with her to the last day."

In the 1950s, Miss O'Connell was a regular on television. She was a host of CBS' *TV's Top Tunes* in 1953, and the network's *The Russ Morgan Show* featured her singing in 1956.

From 1956 to 1958 she was a sidekick to Dave Garroway on NBC's *Today Show*, and she had her own twice-weekly, 15-minute program, *The Helen O'Connell Show*, on NBC in 1957.

In the early '60s she was an interviewer on NBC's *Here's Hollywood*.

For nine years she was hostess of the Miss Universe Pageant. She also was in an act called Four Girls Four with Rosemary Clooney, Margaret Whiting and Kay Starr.

Born in Lima, Ohio, on May 23, 1920, Miss O'Connell began her singing career in 1936, when big bands were the rage and toured the country.

She was married to Clifford Smith Jr., heir to a Boston investment fortune, from 1941 to 1951, and, for a stormy three years, to novelist Tom T. Chamales, author of *Never So Few* and *Go Naked in the World*, from 1957 until his death in a house fire in 1960. She married DeVol in 1991.

Dow proposes breast implant fund

DETROIT (AP) – Dow Corning Corp. is proposing the creation of a $4.75 billion fund to compensate thousands of women with silicone gel breast implants.

Women would be eligible for up to $2 million each under the proposed class-action settlement, announced Thursday by Dow Corning, once the largest maker of the implants.

Manufacturers, suppliers, doctors and insurance companies would pay into the fund, which would compensate women for illnesses blamed on implants and pay for surgery for those who want to have them removed.

The settlement – which is subject to approval by manufacturers, plaintiffs' lawyers and U.S. District Judge Sam Pointer, who is overseeing 27 class-action lawsuits in Alabama – could end most of the approximately 8,000 lawsuits filed over the implants in recent years.

Women could collect for such illnesses as lupus and rheumatoid arthritis without having to prove that the implants actually caused their injuries. Dow Corning has consistently denied any link between breast implants and disease.

"One of the most advantageous features of the proposed settlement is that it will provide women who develop these diseases in the future or, whose diseases worsen over time, with the opportunity to recover for their injuries over the course of 30 years," said Stan Chesley, a plaintiffs' lawyer who has negotiated with implant makers and others over the last 10 months.

Women dissatisfied with their compensation could opt out of the settlement and pursue individual legal action, Chesley said.

Dow Corning executive vice president Gary Anderson, whose Midland-based company is named in 6,800 lawsuits, would not say how much it expects to contribute. Dow Corning stopped making the implants last year.

Two other major manufacturers, Baxter Health Care and Bristol Laboratories, have not taken a position on the proposal. Mentor Corp., a small maker of implants in Santa Barbara, Calif., committed $26 million to the fund Thursday.

Hundreds of thousands of women received implants to enlarge their breasts or as part of reconstructive surgery after breast cancer. Most of the implants were made of silicone, while others were filled with a saline solution.

Concern about silicone implants leaking or otherwise deteriorating led to a wave of lawsuits against makers and suppliers in recent years. The implants have been blamed for a host of immune-system diseases and other ailments.

The Food and Drug Administration banned silicone breast implants in 1992 but later relaxed the moratorium to allow their use for medical reasons but not purely cosmetic purposes.

Police: Kevorkian present at suicide No. 18

DETROIT (AP) – Hours after being ordered to stand trial for helping a man kill himself, Dr. Jack Kevorkian was on hand at another suicide, the 18th at which he has been present, police said today.

Redford Township police answering a 911 call about a suicide in the Detroit suburb went to a home Thursday night to find Kevorkian and a dead man, Lt. Michael Kosla said. The cause of death was not immediately known.

Kevorkian was not immediately arrested, and his exact role in the unidentified man's death was unknown.

Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair told WWJ-AM that his office would decide whether to file additional charges and have Kevorkian's $100,000 bail revoked.

"To say that it was troublesome was an understatement," O'Hair said of the latest apparent suicide.

Calls to Kevorkian's home and his lawyers' offices were not immediately returned.

Earlier Thursday, District Judge Willie G. Lipscomb Jr. rejected a challenge to Michigan's law against assisted suicide and ordered Kevorkian to stand trial for helping Thomas Hyde, a 30-year-old victim of Lou Gehrig's disease, kill himself.

Kevorkian admitted putting a carbon monoxide mask over Hyde's face Aug. 4 in the back of Kevorkian's van, and he practically begged prosecutors to charge him. O'Hair, who has said he disagrees with the law, grudgingly obliged last month.

"As long as there's one suffering patient, if one person supports me, I would still do this," Kevorkian said Thursday before the latest suicide. "I couldn't live with myself otherwise because it's right."

In rejecting a challenge to the law, Lipscomb said he sympathized with terminally ill people seeking a way to end their suffering, and he called Kevorkian "very courageous." "It would be very difficult for many of us to say there isn't some right to say how we can leave here," the judge said.

Mother charged in death of three children

By BRENDA C. COLEMAN
Associated Press Writer

WAUKEGAN, Ill. (AP) – They brainstormed. They pored over medical records. They tested the water and the air. They consulted the nation's top safety experts, disease experts and experts in sudden infant death syndrome.

Finally, they ruled out everything but murder.

And then on Wednesday, investigators said, 30-year-old Gail Savage admitted she had suffocated each of her three infant children with a blanket while her husband was at work. She was jailed without bail on three counts of murder.

"I don't think you could ever come up with a motive for three crimes of this nature," State's Attorney Michael J. Waller said Thursday.

Mrs. Savage's lawyer, Robert Hauser, said the woman's mental condition would almost certainly be central to the case.

Mrs. Savage and her husband, James Savage, 36, of Wauconda, had said they believed their children died of SIDS or a genetic defect.

But Coroner Barbara Richardson said two SIDS cases in one household are extremely rare. It has happened only once in 17 years in Lake County, she said. So the third death in less than three years, on June 28, raised suspicions.

"We proceeded with some discretion," Waller said. "Obviously, you don't want to be accusing people whose children die under these circumstances until you can ... rule out all other causes of death.

"And that's really what this investigation has done, and it's gone to great lengths."

The coroner and her staffers and those in other agencies brainstormed on three occasions, trying to identify all possible explanations for the third death.

They reviewed the babies' and parents' medical records, had water in the home tested, asked the Consumer Product Safety Commission to rule out crib dangers and consulted the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Also, they tested emissions from the family's vehicles. They contacted the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to make sure an instance of the condition in the father's family would have had no effect. And they talked with the Epilepsy Foundation to rule out a connection with the mother's reported epilepsy.

They also consulted four of the top SIDS experts in the country and had Baylor University perform extensive tests to rule out poisons.

Every possibility was eliminated.

Finally, they decided to interrogate the parents separately, rather than together.

"That's when the case took a different turn," the coroner said. The father is not a suspect, Waller said.

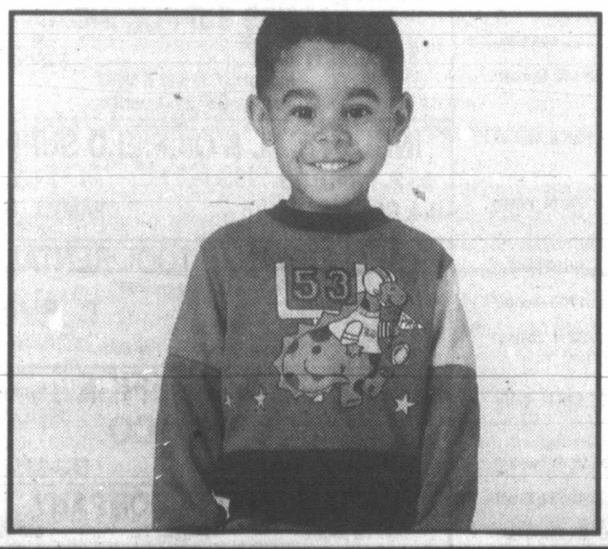
Autopsies had showed no injuries or other problems in the babies' development, the coroner said, and the conditions of their lungs were consistent with those of SIDS victims.

But "no forensic pathologist in the world" can tell the difference between suffocation with a pillow or blanket and SIDS, Ms. Richardson said. SIDS is blamed for about 7,000 U.S. infant deaths annually.

Six-week-old Michael Savage was the first of the babies to die, in November 1990. The coroner's office blamed his death on SIDS. Then in February 1992, 22-day-old Amber died of unknown causes. That was followed by Cynthia's unexplained death on June 28 of this year. The couple have no other children.

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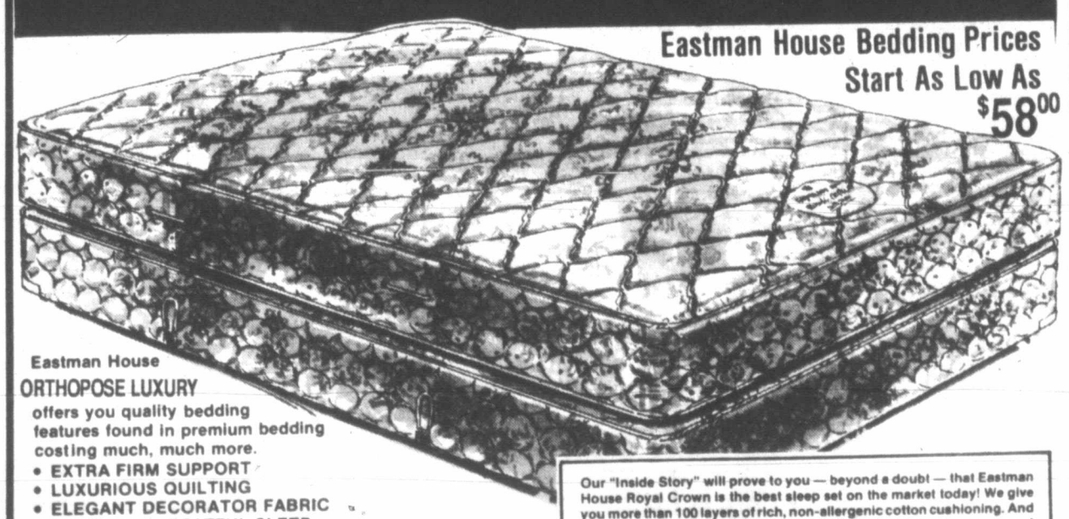
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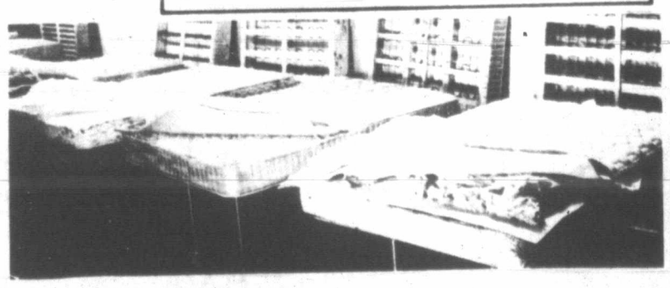
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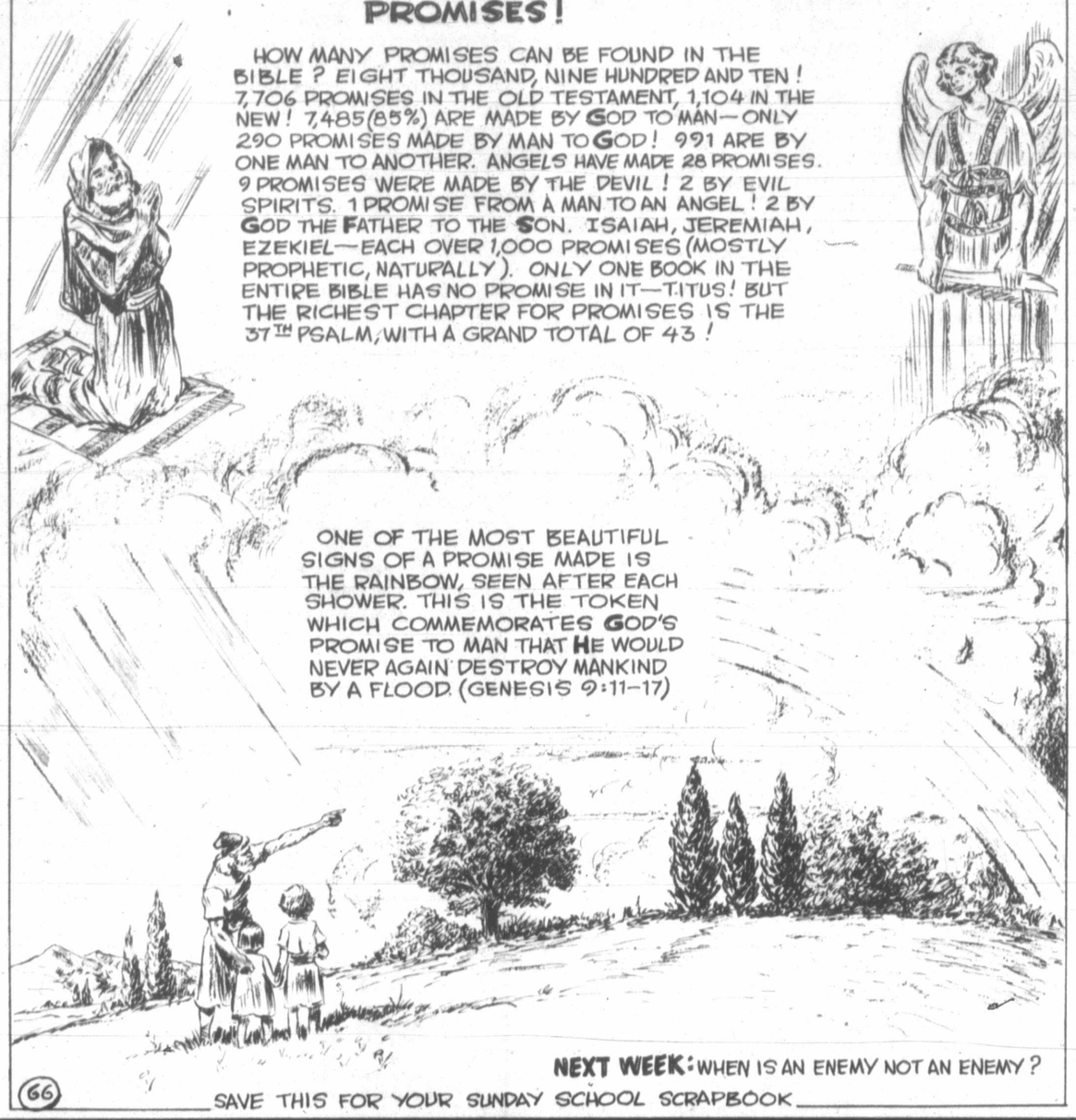
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Religion

Bridges to speak at Highland Baptist



The Rev. and Mrs. Reginald Bridges

The Rev. and Mrs. Reginald Bridges, Mission Service Corps consultants for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention plan to speak at 11 a.m. Sunday at Highland Baptist Church.

The service will open the week of prayer for state missions, during which the Mary Hill Davis offering for state missions will be taken. There will be a pot luck luncheon in the fellowship hall of the church after the service.

Bridges was pastor at Highland Baptist Church from 1964 to 1969. He served for 22 years as chaplain of the Lubbock State School of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Mrs. Bridges is employed with the Lubbock State School as a secretary.

They have worked as Mission Service Corps consultants for 2 1/2 years. As MSC consultants, they interview, counsel, and enlist individuals who wish to do missionary work. They visit churches and give missions presentations in the Lubbock and Plainview areas.

The Bridges live at Idalou and are the parents of four and grandparents of four.

The Rev. Fines Marchman, interim pastor of the church, invites the public to attend.

Jack Glass slated at First Asembly

The Rev. Jack Glass will be guest speaker at the First Assembly of God Church, 500 S. Cuyler Sunday through Wednesday. Services Sunday are set for 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Week night services are at 7 p.m.

Glass, a former Catholic and Congregationalist, has pastored for 26 years in North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

Some of his experiences include serving as Holiday Inn chaplin in several states and volunteer chaplain for the police department in Lincoln, Neb.

In 1980, he led the Nebraska delegation at the "Washington for Jesus" rally in Washington, D.C. This included visiting Nebraska senators and presenting them almost 25,000 signatures of people who promised the senators their prayers.

In 1984, Glass was host to a group of 23 people who traveled to Lisbon, Portugal, to construct the first floor of a classroom/dormitory on the Monte Esperanca Bible College campus.

He is a published author and has been guest lecturer at universities in South Dakota and Nebraska.

"The Christian Living Seminar" topics are "The Christian and (1. His faith, (2. His finances, (3. His family, (4. His focus, (5. His freedom.

The Rev. Charles Shugart and the congregation invite the public.

Gospel singing set for Sunday

A gospel singing is set for 2-4 p.m. Sunday at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock.

The event is to feature singing and other musical groups from various churches in Pampa and neighboring towns. Congregational singing is included. There is an emphasis on Southern gospel, revival, camp meeting and singing convention favorites.

The Rev. Albert Maggard and the congregation invite the public.

Religion roundup

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton told an interfaith prayer breakfast Aug. 30 at the White House that he sometimes thinks "the environment in which we operate is entirely too secular."

"The fact that we have freedom of religion doesn't mean we need to try to have freedom from religion," he said.

"It doesn't mean that those of us who have faith shouldn't frankly admit that we are animated by that faith, that we try to live by it, and that it does affect what we feel, what we think and what we do."

Humanae Vitae: After 25 years, argument still rages

By JOE RUFF
Associated Press Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Twenty-five years after Pope Paul VI banned artificial birth control for Catholics, debate rages over whether he was right.

A majority of America's 58 million Catholics believe the church's stance on contraception is too conservative.

Defenders of the ban say they are ridiculed as old-fashioned; opponents say the church uses the issue as a loyalty test in appointing bishops.

The papal encyclical, "Humanae Vitae," fell like a bomb July 25, 1968, in a landscape of expectation that the church might modify its stance against contraception.

Pope Paul rejected a papal commission's majority recommendation that the ban be modified and he wrote that contraceptives such as birth-control pills, diaphragms, condoms and spermicides are against church teaching.

Sexual intercourse creates a bond between married people, and artificial barriers to having children lessen the act's mutual love, the pope said. Catholics are allowed to practice birth control by refraining from sex during a woman's fertile period.

"There is a huge dissent in the church on this problem, among married people, priests, bishops and theologians," said the Rev. Richard McCormick, a professor of Christian ethics at the University of Notre Dame.

"The church should face this dissent to learn from it, but it doesn't want the questioning because it's afraid that its authority will be threatened," he said.

Many Catholics believe that natural family planning is desirable, but all uses of artificial birth control should not be banned as morally wrong, McCormick said.

A Newsweek poll published Aug. 16 found that six in 10 Catholics, or 62 percent, believe the church's position is too conservative and 63 percent said they or other Catholics they know use artificial birth control.

The Aug. 3-5 survey of 503 American Catholics 18 and older had a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Bishop Kenneth Untener of Saginaw, Mich., argued in the June 18 issue of Commonweal that the church should acknowledge that the majority of Catholics don't follow church teaching on artificial birth control and should throw the topic open for discussion.

Untener also noted that some argue priests who dissent appear to be ineligible to be appointed as bishops.

"If this be true, something has gone awry," Untener said.

At a recent six-day international conference in Omaha on "Humanae Vitae," Janet Smith, associate professor of philosophy at the University of Dallas, said theologians and philosophers who back "Humanae Vitae" are often treated as though they teach something from the Middle Ages.

"Those who support the church's teaching on contraception, who are only a few, are considered to be like members of the flat earth society," she said. "You haven't come into the modern world."

But in this 25th anniversary of "Humanae Vitae," backers of the teaching believe the church is just beginning to argue its case effectively.

They say it is emphasizing the positive aspects of natural family planning such as closer marriages and an expanded understanding of sexuality, instead of stressing that couples should not use artificial birth control.

In his August visit to Denver, Pope John Paul II talked of "significant steps ... taken to promote natural family planning among those who wish to live their conjugal love according to the fullness of its truth."

Conferences and talks on the encyclical have been held across the country, including gatherings in California, Pennsylvania, Texas, New York and the July 25-30 conference in Omaha attended by 1,400 people from 20 countries.

Organizations such as the Couple to Couple League and the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction offer ways to track a woman's fertile period that include charting body temperature and observations of cervical mucus.

"More and more people will recognize that the church was right," in banning artificial birth control, said Dr. Thomas Hilgers, co-founder of the Pope Paul VI institute in Omaha.

Hilgers' institute has ultrasound and hormone labs used to study reproductive disorders, classrooms for teaching people the cervical mucus method of planning or avoiding pregnancy and a chapel where the rosary and Mass are said weekdays.

About 40 people work full or part time at the institute, including four doctors, eight nurses, lab technicians and people who teach the natural family planning system that Hilgers and his colleagues developed.

Hilgers was instrumental in forming the American Academy of Natural Family Planning, founded12 years ago to certify natural family planning teachers and accredit natural family planning programs.

Fellowship Baptist calls pastor

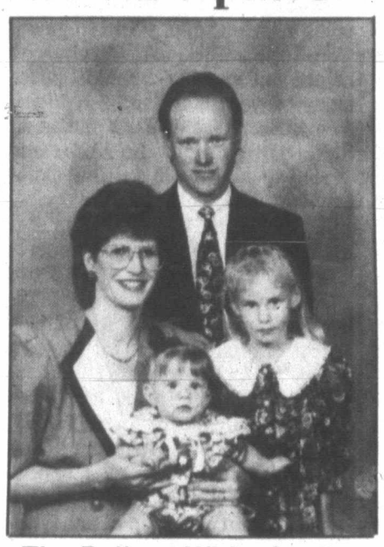
Fellowship Baptist Church, 613 E. Francis, announces the association of the Rev. Delbert White as pastor.

White is a native of Vernon and graduated from Kermit High School in 1977. He attended Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College, Western Texas College and Mid-western Baptist College. He earned a master's degree in theology through International Baptist College.

Mrs. White is a native of Wyandotte, Mich. She attended Central Michigan University and Mid-western Baptist College.

White has served at Temple Baptist Church as music director, youth director and as associate pastor. On July 25, he accepted the call as pastor of Fellowship Baptist.

"New Beginnings Day" is set for Sept. 12 in the family center of the church. The public is invited for lunch and fellowship. He reports that about 110 attend Sunday School each week.



The Delbert White family

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At once, the missionary drew out the voiolin tht he had always carried with him and began to play and sing in their native tongue. As he sang the only song he could think of, he closed his eyes, expecting death at any moment. When he reached the third stanza and nothing had happened, he opened his eyes to find that the savages had dropped their spears, and their eyes were filled with big tears.

They invited Mr. Scott to their homes where he spent two and a half years among them, winning many of them to Christ. What song was it that turned away death's door? It was:

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Health plan to demand drug company discounts for Medicare, Medicaid

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Clinton's blueprint for health reform aims to restrain soaring medical costs by limiting premium increases and applying heavy pressure on doctors, hospitals and drug makers to hold down their fee increases.

It also would demand that the pharmaceutical industry provide rebates to Medicare for prescription drugs sold to the nation's elderly, as is now the case with drug sales to Medicaid for the poor.

The White House had been holding the 240-page draft document under tight wraps but began circulating copies on Capitol Hill on Thursday after Hillary Rodham Clinton met separately with Democratic and Republican leaders.

The Associated Press obtained a copy Thursday night.

The document shows health spending actually would rise faster for the next four years under Clinton's plan, before savings kick in.

It also indicates the administration will try to rein in private sector health spending even more than Medicare and Medicaid.

Mrs. Clinton, who led the effort to produce the still unfinished plan, was addressing a seminar of state legislators today on the need for reform.

The president's goal is to achieve universal coverage by 1998 and dramatically lower medical inflation by restructuring the entire U.S. health system, outlawing many common insurance industry practices and forcing every employer to pay a large share of workers' premiums.

Clinton will formally unveil his American Health Security Plan in a nighttime address to Congress on Sept. 22, with congressional hearings already slated to begin Sept. 28.

The blueprint discloses that the centerpiece of the cost-control effort would be a new National Health Board that would propose targets on how much health insurance premiums could increase each year.

The board would pressure companies to back down if they set new drug prices too high.

Employers would split premiums costs with employees 80-20. Most companies would have to spend no more than 7.9 percent of payroll, and some small firms with low-wage workers would pay as little as 3.5 percent.

The plan, with its call for a fundamental reordering of the nation's $909 billion health care system, is expected to generate intense controversy, with no final action in Congress until well into 1994.

The features include:

— A standard package of benefits guaranteed to all Americans and legal residents but not illegal aliens.

— Coverage for hospital and doctor bills, drugs, emergency care, preventive services, hospitals and other services, including extensive mental health benefits.

— The 37 million people now without insurance would all be covered as states joined the new system, starting in 1995 and no later than Dec. 31, 1997.

— Most businesses and individuals would get their coverage through new, regional alliances set up in every state. Only corporations with more than 5,000 employees could operate health plans outside these alliances.

— There would be $105 billion in new taxes on cigarettes and possibly alcohol. Some of that money could come from an unspecified "corporate assessment."

Upon introducing his plan, Clinton will urge all hospitals, physicians, drug companies and others to limit price increases to a set amount, the document says.

While disclaiming any intention of clamping rigid price controls on the health care industry, the White House document says Clinton will seek to slow the increase in private spending to 3.5 percent by the year 2000.

Medicare and Medicaid spending would go up 4.1 percent by then.

The new Medicare drug benefit for the elderly would cover only generic drugs unless a physician cited a special need for a brand name drug.

In order to sell drugs to Medicare and Medicare beneficiaries, "drug manufacturers must sign rebate agreements" with the secretary of health and human services.

If a manufacturer refused to negotiate, the HHS secretary could "exclude the drug from coverage under Medicare," the document says.

The White House says its health reforms would require $350 billion in new spending from 1994 through 2000, and it is aiming to reduce the deficit by $91 billion at the same time.

It expects national health expenditures to rise from $998 billion in 1994 to just under $1.5 trillion in the year 2000 under the reform plan. Without reforms, it says, health expenditures will hit $1.6 trillion in 2000.

The White House document promises that Americans' health coverage will continue "without interruption if Americans lose or change jobs, move from one area to another, become ill or confront a family crisis."

The health alliances would offer consumers and businesses a variety of plans to choose from, including health maintenance organizations, fee-for-service medicine and something in between.

Clinton restoring U.S. contacts with PLO

By RUTH SINAI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Clinton is preparing to resume U.S. contacts with the PLO so he can host an elaborate White House signing ceremony Monday making peace between Israel and its Palestinian neighbors.

Clinton planned to announce the resumption of the U.S. dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization after meeting with congressional leaders today. Several leading members of Congress, traditionally a bastion of anti-PLO sentiment, have told the administration they will not object to renewed ties with the organization now that Israel has recognized the group.

"President Clinton is doing the right thing," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, a Vermont Democrat who chairs the panel that doles out foreign aid.

President Bush broke off an 18-month U.S. dialogue with the PLO in June 1990 after a faction of the organization launched an aborted terrorist raid on an Israeli beach.

White House aides said that since contact was stopped by a presidential order, all Clinton has to do is issue a statement announcing a resumption of the dialogue now that the PLO has renounced terrorism and recognized Israel's right to exist.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat signed a mutual recognition agreement with Israel on Thursday, and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin signed it today.

"This is a moment where we are looking forward with hope, rather than backward in anger and hostility," PLO spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi said here today. "The Israelis have realized they cannot brush aside our national identity, and we have realized that we cannot make Israel disappear off the map," Ashrawi said on ABC.

Resuming contacts with the PLO is a mechanism that will clear the way for the White House to invite a senior PLO representative to the South Lawn signing ceremony Monday morning.

It also would mean that the administration now can help Israel and the PLO work out details for implementation of their accord, which grants self-rule to the 1.8 Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The cutoff of the dialogue in 1990 meant that the United States could not get involved in the Israel-PLO talks that led to the accord.

U.S. officials and legal experts are divided over whether the United States might eventually recognize the PLO officially, with some saying such recognition is only given to other governments and others saying that renewed contacts is a de facto recognition.

A resumption of contacts also could lead to the reopening of PLO offices in the United States, which were closed by congressional action to protest the organization's alleged terrorism.

The decision to host the signing at the White House was made at the request of Arabs and Israelis alike, and the administration hopes the event will serve as a catalyst for the other sets of Mideast peace talks – between Israel and Syria, Israel and Lebanon and Israel and Jordan.

"We are delighted that the parties felt that it was appropriate for the United States to host this event together with Russia," said a senior White House official. "And it's in that context that we feel the event on Monday should match the historic importance of the occasion," he told reporters, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is expected to represent Israel. The foreign minister of Egypt, which is the only Arab state to have made peace with Israel, is also expected to attend, and other foreign ministers from the Mideast have been invited.

Also expected to be on hand is Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, whose government is a co-sponsor of the Mideast peace talks launched by the Bush administration 22 months ago.

Many details still were being worked out – preparations were only begun Thursday afternoon once it was clear Israel and PLO had worked out their differences – but it seemed clear that the administration wanted a measure of pomp to accompany the proceedings.

Among some of the dignitaries being mentioned as possible guests were former President Carter, who helped put together the 1979 peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, and former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, who got the Arabs and Israelis to the table in Spain in October 1991.

Although the United States was not involved in the highly secret talks in Norway that led to the Israel-PLO accord, it is now making clear it wants credit for its persistent efforts on behalf of Mideast peace.

"The United States has been engaged in the effort to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict for more than a quarter-century," said a senior administration official, who also spoke only on condition of anonymity. "It would therefore be appropriate that American involvement was reflected in some of the participants in the ceremony."

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Lifestyles



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

Kids first always, parents advise

DEAR ABBY: This is in reply to the woman who signed herself "Jealous Valentine," who wrote to complain that her boyfriend gave his 6-year-old daughter roses for Valentine's Day. Your advice not to compete with his daughter struck a chord with me, so I am writing to advise the boyfriend to *run*, not walk, away from this selfish, insecure girlfriend as fast as possible. No caring father wants to choose between his child and his "love interst," and a woman who truly loves him will care for his daughter because the little girl is a part of him.

I, too, had a daughter (Lisa) from a previous marriage when I met my present wife. After a four-year courtship, including many "take-Lisa-with-us" dates, we married. My wife, far from excluding my daughter from the "adults only" wedding party — and when it was time to exchange rings, she had given the priest a little ring to bless for Lisa. She told me her promise to love and cherish was for both of us that day.

In the 10 years we've been married, me wife has always considered my daughter's welfare first, even to passing up a lucrative job offer so Lisa wouldn't have to change schools. Because my daughter comes first with my wife, my wife comes first with me, and Lisa (18 years old now) has grown into a lovely, caring lady, just like her stepmother.

So, Dear Abby, tell Jealous Valentine's boyfriend to keep looking, and just sign me ...

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DEAR MARRIED: I couldn't have said it more convincingly than you just have. Your wife is a truly beautiful woman.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from the lady who was upset because her boyfriend had also sent his 6-year-old daughter a dozen roses on Valentine's Day made me write to you for the first time.

How right your advice was in regard to the fact that his girlfriend should not be competing with his daughter. Children from divorced parents need all the attention they can get from both parents.

I was divorced when I met the woman I married the second time around. We had a great relationship until she became jealous of my three sons from my previous marriage. (The boys never did live with us, but they did come to visit us about four times a year for a weekend.) Then she made the mistake of giving me an ultimatum — them or her. Although I loved the woman dearly, my sons had to come first. I divorced her that spring.

A FATHER FIRST IN YUBA CITY

DEAR ABBY: I force feed "Dear Abby" to my husband every day, and we are curious to know what you think of John Prine's song titled "Dear Abby."

THE JACKSONS IN
NASHVILLE, TENN.

DEAR JACKSONS: I think it's great! I first heard about it when the kids were singing it about 20 years ago at summer camp. I'm delighted to know someone is still singing it.

UNICEF sponsors greeting card contest

NEW YORK (AP) — Budding artists have their shot at greeting card immortality this fall in a nationwide competition sponsored by the U.S. Committee for the United Nations Children's Fund.

Two grand-prize winners in UNICEF's Kids Help Kids contest will receive a trip to United Nations headquarters in New York City. The cards will be produced as special UNICEF greeting cards for the 1994 holiday season.

The contest, co-sponsored by Pier 1 Imports and Better Homes and Gardens magazine, coincides with the U.N.'s 1994 Year of the Family. Entries must be postmarked by Oct. 25.

Entry forms are available at Pier 1 stores nationwide.

Exchange student living,thriving in Pampa

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Canadian exchange student Frédéric Barnabé, 17, has been in Pampa for only four weeks, but he's already had his first date.

In a wide-ranging interview on Monday, conducted on a hillside at Central Park during Chautauqua festival, Barnabé — a dark-haired youth with a sensitive face — modestly declined to say which girl he had dated.

The French-speaking teenager from Québec did, however, share his impression that "the girl I dated is the same as the girls in Québec. Very nice."

Asked whether French-Canadian males are as romantic as French males reputedly are, Barnabé again replied with apparent modesty. "Maybe," he ventured. "I don't know."

Barnabé is staying with the host family of Richard and Jan Morris throughout the 1993-94 school year. The Canadian youth is one of two exchange students being sponsored this school year by the Pampa chapter of American Field Service.

Appearing on stage at Central Park on Monday, Barnabé greeted Pampa-area residents with a perky "Bonjour, tout le monde" ("Good day, everyone").

The teenager from Québec appears to be thriving socially in Pampa.

"He knows more people than I do, I think," said Barnabé's host brother, Ryan Morris, a junior at Pampa High School.

Pampa High School students have a tradition of being friendly toward the exchange students from other countries, observed Mrs. Morris.

"It says a lot about our high school kids," she said. "They're open and accepting and welcoming."

Mrs. Morris noted that hosting Barnabé is "a lot of fun. He's really witty and humorous."

Asked about his apparent popularity in town, Barnabé commented that "I like the people here, and I hope they will continue to talk to me and be friendly."

Among the most frequently asked questions from Pampa High School students has concerned the similarities and differences between Texas and Québec, the teenager noted.

Mexican food in Texas — a cuisine that presents a novelty to the French-Canadian — is spicier than the foods Barnabé eats in Canada, the teenager observed. But he showed no hesitation in praising the cuisine of Texas' neighbor to the south: "I like it," pronounced the teenager.

Another obvious difference between life in Québec and life in Texas concerns the weather: In Québec, the ground is covered by snow for six months of the year, Barnabé said.

Asked whether it would be difficult for him to adjust to a less-snowy winter this school year, the Canadian youth smiled by way of response.

"I don't like snow," he said.

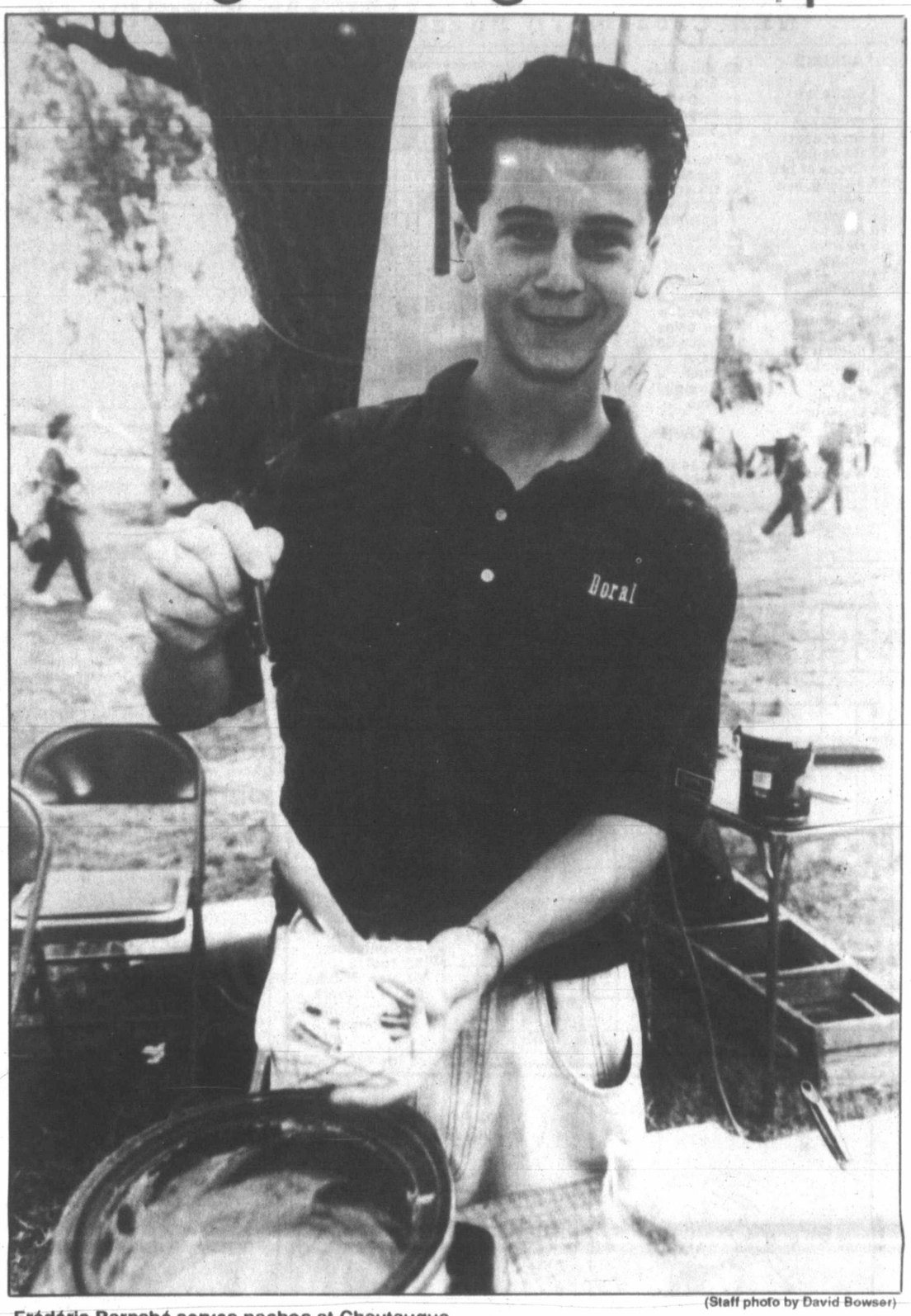
Although the two most popular sports of Canadians are hockey and skiing — both of them sports that Barnabé participates in — the 17-year-old's apparent favorite is golf. He likes golf so much, in fact, that he is on the varsity golf team at Pampa High School; his handicap is four.

Speaking generally about his goal as an exchange student, Barnabé noted that "I'm here because I want to learn to speak English better."

Barnabé's English-speaking skills are already good, Pampa observers say; the Canadian youth studied English for six years in Québec.

Céline Ford, who was an exchange student here from Québec during the 1982-1983 school year and who has since become a permanent resident of Pampa as the wife of her host brother, offered words of praise for the Canadian teenager.

"He's doing really good," Ford said. "He's a lot farther ahead than I was (as an exchange student) because of his (strong English-language) background."



(Staff photo by David Bowser)
Frédéric Barnabé serves nachos at Chautauqua.

The Book Report

by
Ellen Malone, Lovett Library Staff

Foxfire: Confessions of a Girl Gang by Joyce Carol Oates

In the latest novel by the acclaimed writer, a female gang in the 1950's embarks on a violent but short-lived crime spree. A single act of vengeance masterminded by charismatic Legs Sadovsky careens out of control and engulfs five women whose suppressed rage is transformed into violent acts. Expressing liberation for the first time, these women form the Foxfire gang—complete with secret codes and tattoos—and engage in acts of violence that will eventually turn them all into outlaws.

Mischief by Ed McBain

Graffiti writers pay the ultimate price for their crimes in the newest 87th Precinct novel. Determined to find out who is killing the city's most visible vandals, officer Steve Carella discovers that he has an even bigger problem on his hands: the Deaf Man has returned. As Carella tries to stay one step ahead of his elusive nemesis, the Deaf Man challenges him to anticipate his next violent act—a crime that could take place at an upcoming concert in the park.

Flavor of the Month by Olivia Goldsmith

A feisty expose of the monstrous modern-day Cinderella myth tears the cover off the glamorous Hollywood beauty. Rejected by Hollywood—and the man she loves—as too fat at thirty-four, actress Mary Jane Moran loses weight, undergoes extensive plastic surgery, and reemerges as the startling beauty Johne Moore. In her quest to change her life, she lands television's hottest role and becomes the "flavor of the month," with her former boyfriend in hot pursuit.

The Black Opal by Victoria Holt

An orphaned Englishwoman finds love in the opal mines of Australia in the latest work from the author of *Daughter of Deceit*. Sent away to Sydney, Australia, at the age of ten, Carmel March grows into womanhood and enjoys the attentions of an ambitious opal miner. but upon her return to England, she discovers that her guardians whisked her away Down Under all those years ago in order to protect her from an ugly truth: a murder she may have witnessed and then locked away in her childhood memory.

Ageless Body, Timeless Mind by Deepak Chopra

An insightful how-to-guide to overcoming the effects of aging by the best selling author of *Perfect Health*. Combining ancient mind/body wisdom with current aging research, the physician/author offers alternatives to the aging process. Stressing that the body is a process rather than an object, the doctor prescribes a regimen of diet, exercise, and stress reduction designed to "guide the body through unbounded cycles of optimum health."

A Woman' Worth by Marianne Williamson

In her latest work, the author focuses her attention on American women. Drawing on her own experiences and reflection,s as well as her encounters with thousands of women across the country, the author explores what it means to be a woman today in all of its many facets. In addition, she discusses the power of female archetypes—from women healers to women who run with wolves—and delineates the many forms of women's spiritual and emotional life.

Other new fiction books:

Cleopatra Gold by Caunitz
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Prime Witness by Martine
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Impulse by Weaver

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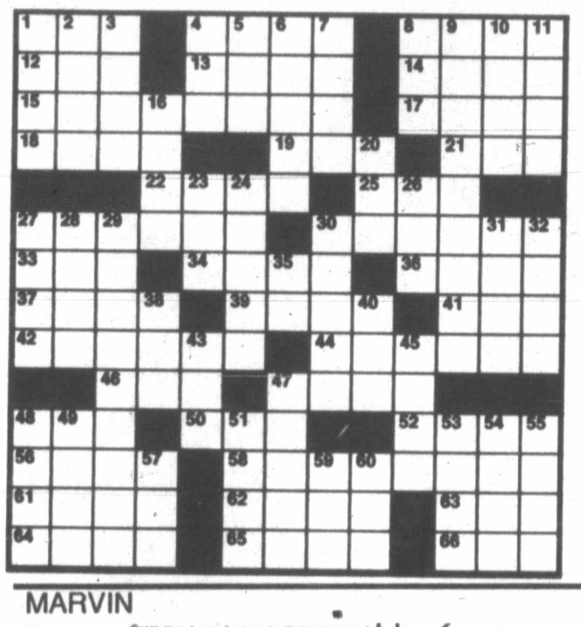
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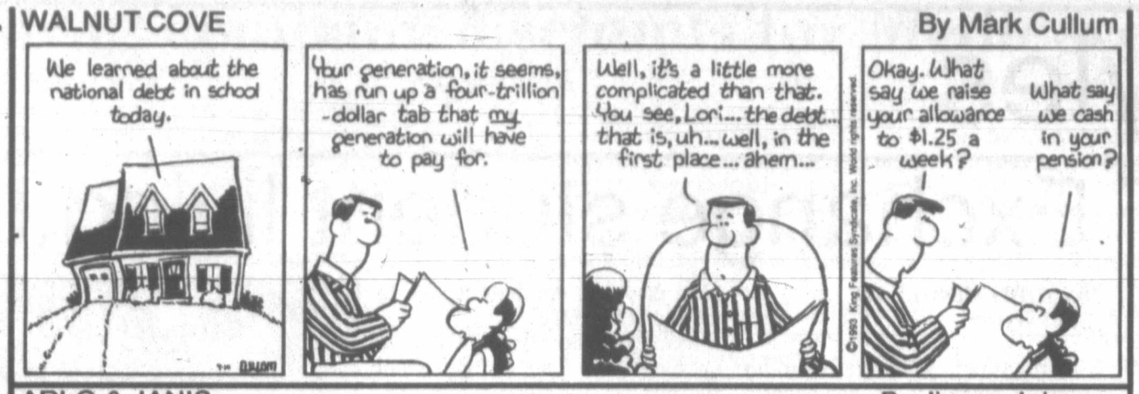
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WALNUT COVE — By Mark Cullum



ARLO & JANIS — By Jimmy Johnson



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B.C. — By Johnny Hart



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you predicate all of your hopes and expectations upon things of a material nature, you could be severely disappointed today. Put your faith in others and the noncommercial things life offers. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Should success be denied you in a competitive involvement today, chances are you'll have only yourself to blame by underestimating your opposition.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't let your emotions and feelings gain the upper hand over your logic and practicality today. If you do, you might repeat a mistake you've recently made.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone on whom you're counting to do you a special favor is not a god from Mount Olympus, but just an ordinary person like yourself. You could be disappointed if your expectations are excessive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Partnership arrangements could be a hindrance today instead of a help, because persons with whom you're teamed might not feel the same sense of urgency you do regarding your goals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your sense of priorities might be a trifle distorted today. You may waste lots of time on insignificant matters while ignoring that which is really important.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be careful what you volunteer to do for another today, because it might be an assignment you're ill equipped to handle. It could be hard to back out your commitment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Persons with whom you'll have dealings on a one-to-one basis might find you a tad too opinionated today. Even if you feel superior, don't manifest it in your behavior.

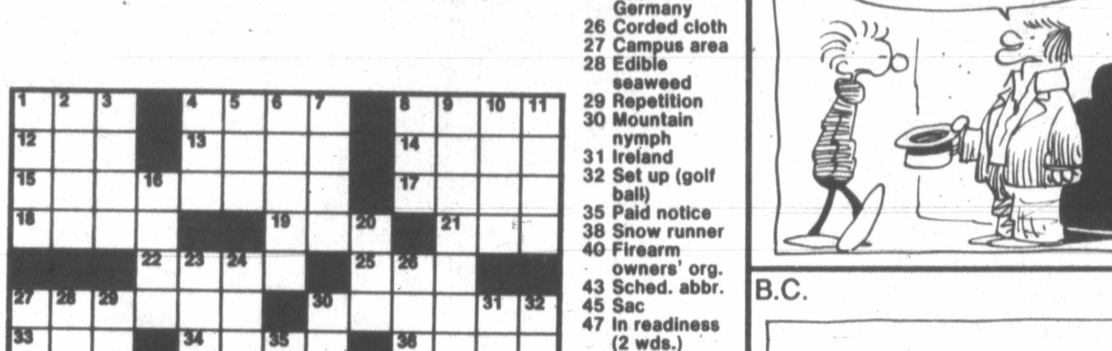
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't try to get others to do things for you today which you're capable of doing for yourself. Even if they submit to your wishes, they could still feel very resentful and put upon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could be rather lucky today, but not necessarily where your financial or commercial interests are concerned. Move cautiously in these areas and don't take gambles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your self-assurance could be rather fragile today. This could cause you to be a late starter and perhaps lose an opportunity you've taken for granted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An associate might let you in on some information today that could be used to your advantage. Unfortunately, you may not know what to do with it.

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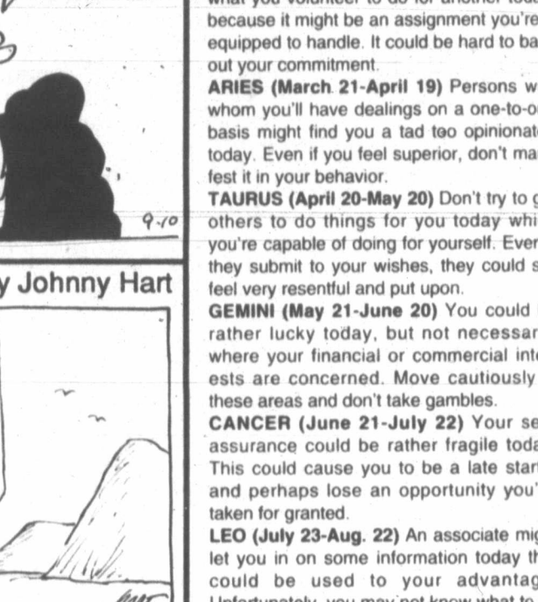


MARMADUKE — By Brad Anderson



"Sorry, I don't have time to stop and chat."

KIT N' CARLYLE — By Larry Wright



ALLEY OOP — By Dave Graue

WINTHROP — By Dick Cavalli

BEATTIE BLVD. — By Bruce Beattie

"I wasn't injured in a car accident. I hurt myself rubber-necking as I drove by one."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS — By Bil Keane

"Are you homesick, Dolly?" "No, I'm HEREsick."

CALVIN AND HOBBES — By Bill Watterson



THE BORN LOSER — By Art and Chip Sansom



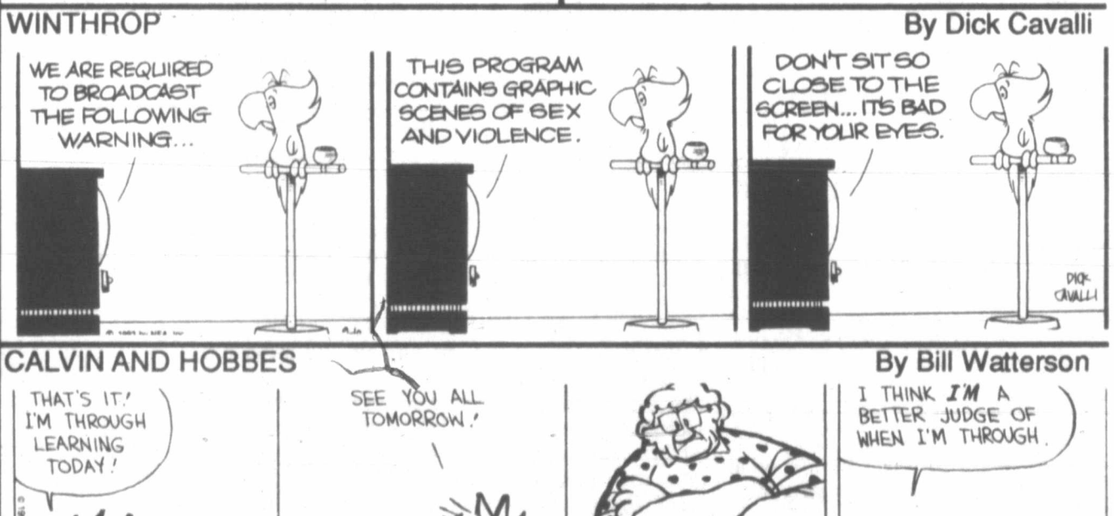
FRANK AND ERNEST — By Bob Thaves



PEANUTS — By Charles M. Schulz



GARFIELD — By Jim Davis



Sports

Blow, wind, blow...



Harvester cheerleaders Jamie Hutcherson, left, and Ginny Hopper string banners down the main hall of PHS as Pampa prepares to meet Amarillo in the opening home game of the season tonight in Harvester Stadium.

Briefs

WHITE DEER – Devin Lemons scored five touchdowns as the Pampa 9th grade blanked White Deer's junior varsity, 26-0, Thursday night.

Lemons rushed for 260 yards in 10 carries. Burton Jones kicked three extra points.

Nick Shock, Clint Curtis and Trivan Evans each had interceptions for Pampa.

The Pampa 9th grade, now 2-0, hosts Amarillo Caprock next Thursday.

NEW YORK (AP) — Major league baseball awarded ESPN cable rights to its games for $255 million over the next six years, which is a cut of more than 50 percent a year from the old ESPN deal that expires this season.

ESPN will televise about 75 games a year, including exclusive coverage of the first game of the 1994 season. Last May, baseball negotiated a deal with NBC and ABC for exclusive over-the-air rights.

DALLAS (AP) — Nolan Ryan will come off the disabled list and start for the Texas Rangers against Minnesota on Sunday, which has been designated Nolan Ryan Appreciation Day at Arlington Stadium.

Ryan, 46, went on the disabled list for the third time this season on Aug. 21 after he strained a muscle in his ribcage. Ryan is 5-3 with a 4.53 ERA in his record 27th and final season in the majors.

Texas also said manager Kevin Kennedy would get a one-year contract extension after the season.

NEW YORK (AP) — Bobby Bonilla, leading the New York Mets with 34 home runs, will miss the rest of the season with a ruptured ligament in his left shoulder. Bonilla was injured Tuesday in Houston when he tripped rounding second base.

NEW YORK (AP) — Cedric Pioline became the first Frenchman in 61 years to reach the semifinals of the U.S. Open, following up his victory over top-ranked Jim Courier by knocking out eighth-seeded Andrei Medvedev of Russia.

Pioline, seeded 15th, beat the 19-year-old Medvedev 6-3, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 to advance to a semifinal match with Wally Masur of Australia. Masur beat Magnus Larsson of Sweden 6-2, 7-5, 7-5.

In the doubles semifinals, 12th-seeded Ken Flach and Rick Leach beat 15th-seeded David Adams of Australia and Andrei Olhovskiy of Russia 6-7 (7-2), 6-4, 7-5, and Martin Damm and Karel Novacek of the Czech Republic defeated Sebastian Lareau of Canada and Leander Paes of India 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

In the mixed doubles final, top-seeded Helena Sukova of the Czech Republic and Todd Woodbridge of Australia beat second-seeded Martina Navratilova and Mark Woodforde of Australia 6-3, 7-6 (8-6).

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Gorman, captain of the U.S. Davis Cup team since 1986, submitted his resignation to the USTA amid speculation that John McEnroe would take the position. Gorman, 47, will step down after the upcoming match against the Bahamas at Charlotte, N.C., on Sept. 24-26.

OAKVILLE, Ontario (AP) — Canadian Tour player Steve Stricker of Edgerton, Wis., shot a 6-under-par 66 in wind gusting to nearly 40 mph to take a two-stroke lead after the first round of the Canadian Open.

The 26-year-old Stricker, who has made three unsuccessful attempts to qualify for the PGA Tour, got into the 156-man field as a choice of the sponsoring Royal Canadian Golf Association.

Nick Price, Phil Mickelson, Scott Gump, Brad Bryant and Jimmy Johnston opened with 68s on the Glen Abbey Golf Club course and Dudley Hart, Phil Blackmar, Ian Baker-Finch, Perry Moss and Kirk Triplett shot 69s.

UCKFIELD, England (AP) — Gordon Brand Jr. of Scotland shot a 7-under-par 65 to take a three-stroke lead after the first round of the European Open. Olle Karlsson of Sweden and Philip Walton of Ireland opened with 68s on the East Sussex National course.

INZAI, Japan (AP) — Peter Senior of Australia shot a 6-under-par 66 to take a one-stroke lead over Eduardo Herrera of Colombia after the first round of the Suntory Open.

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — A Swiss judge ordered a temporary stay of Olympique Marseille's one-season suspension from European Cup competition, imposed because of a match-fixing allegation.

Judge Juerg Hug directed UEFA, European soccer's governing body, to readmit the defending champions immediately. UEFA has 10 days to respond.

Attorneys for Marseille owner Bernard Tapie filed suit in Bern demanding the reinstatement and a temporary injunction suspending the punishment until the case can be heard.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Diego Maradona signed a contract with the Newell's Old Boys of the Argentine first division. Maradona, 33, played for the Spanish club Sevilla last season

Harvesters host AHS in annual showdown

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Pampa's football season kicked off with a sparking start last week as the Harvesters rolled over highly-regarded Garden City, Kan., 21-0. Tonight's foe, tradition-rich Amarillo High, figures to be much tougher.

Although AHS isn't ranked in the Associated Press top 10 Class 5A poll, the Sandies return three starters and 23 lettermen from last year's state semifinalists. And AHS always seems to give Pampa trouble, no matter which team may be favored at the time.

"The Sandies have a great program," said Pampa High head coach Dennis Cavalier. "I believe this is the 70th meeting between the two schools and to my knowledge Pampa has won 15 games in the history of the series."

Pampa did come up with a win over the Sandies during that sparkling 1991 season, pulling off a 23-21 squeaker. The Harvesters that year posted an 8-3 record in advancing all the way to the Class 4A state quarterfinals.

Last season Pampa slipped to a 3-7 record and fell to AHS, 36-7.

"They jumped out on us early and I felt we weren't very competitive," Cavalier said. "We definitely want to be more competitive this time. The Sandies aren't as big as they were last year, and they were exceptionally big, but they still have more size than we do.

AHS head coach Larry Dippel definitely sees the Harvesters as being more competitive this season.

"Pampa has got good overall quickness," Dippel said. "I was extremely impressed with their defense, but their offense did a lot of good things as well. They just have good team quickness."



(Staff photo by David Bowser)

Quarterback Tony Cavalier will be directing the Pampa offense against Amarillo High tonight.

Pampa's backfield of quarterback Tony Cavalier, fullback Matt Garvin and running back Gregg Moore also drew Dippel's attention.

"Cavalier looks good at quarterback and Garvin and Moore both have outstanding running ability. These guys also double-up on defense, which means they're very versatile football players," Dippel said. "I also like their end (Justin Collingsworth) "He's big and just a great athlete."

Both Garvin and Moore ran for touchdowns against Garden City while Garvin rushed for 102 yards in 13 carries. Cavalier competed 7 of 16 passes for 85 yards and an 11-yard scoring pass to Jason Warren.

Amarillo High also opened its season in convincing fashion, downing Clovis, N.M., 24-13 last week in Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium.

"Anytime you can win that first game, it gets you started on a positive note. Of course, you always have to be pleased when you beat a team like Clovis because they've got such a good program," added Dippel.

Bret Leathers, who quarterbacked the Sandies into the playoffs last season, had few problems in moving his team up the field against Clovis. He threw a 13-yard scoring pass to David Villogomez, who may be sidelined against the Harvesters. For the night, Leathers completed 8 of 13 passes for 104 yards.

"Leathers is a big athlete (6-2, 190-pounds) who rolls out real well and is very good at reading the defenses. We're going to try and put a lot of pressure on him, but the Sandies have a good running team and we have to be careful not to get into a pass-rush mode against them. We want to try and stunt our linebackers quite a bit," Cavalier said.

If Villogomez is unable to play, the Sandies will be missing a potent offensive weapon. He suffered a knee injury in the game against Clovis.

"Villogomez isn't very big (5-7, 138 pounds), but he can sure scoot. He ran a reverse against us for a touchdown last year," Cavalier said.

The Sandies' defense is led by 238-pound noseguard Michael Williams, 232-pound tackle Trevor Hall and 165-pound end Michael Wood.

"Williams and Hall are both excellent defenders and the Sandies' ends are always good. Our offense is going to have to mix things up against them. We plan on using multiple formations and get their big guys chasing our little guys," Cavalier said. "We want to throw the ball more than we did against them last year. We got a little too conservative."

The Harvesters, as always, are looking forward to playing the Sandies, Cavalier said.

"I've always believed that you get better by playing good people," he said. "It's going to be a challenge, but we're not going to back off from them a lick."

Tonight's game tips off at 7:30 in Harvester Stadium.

Sandies favored

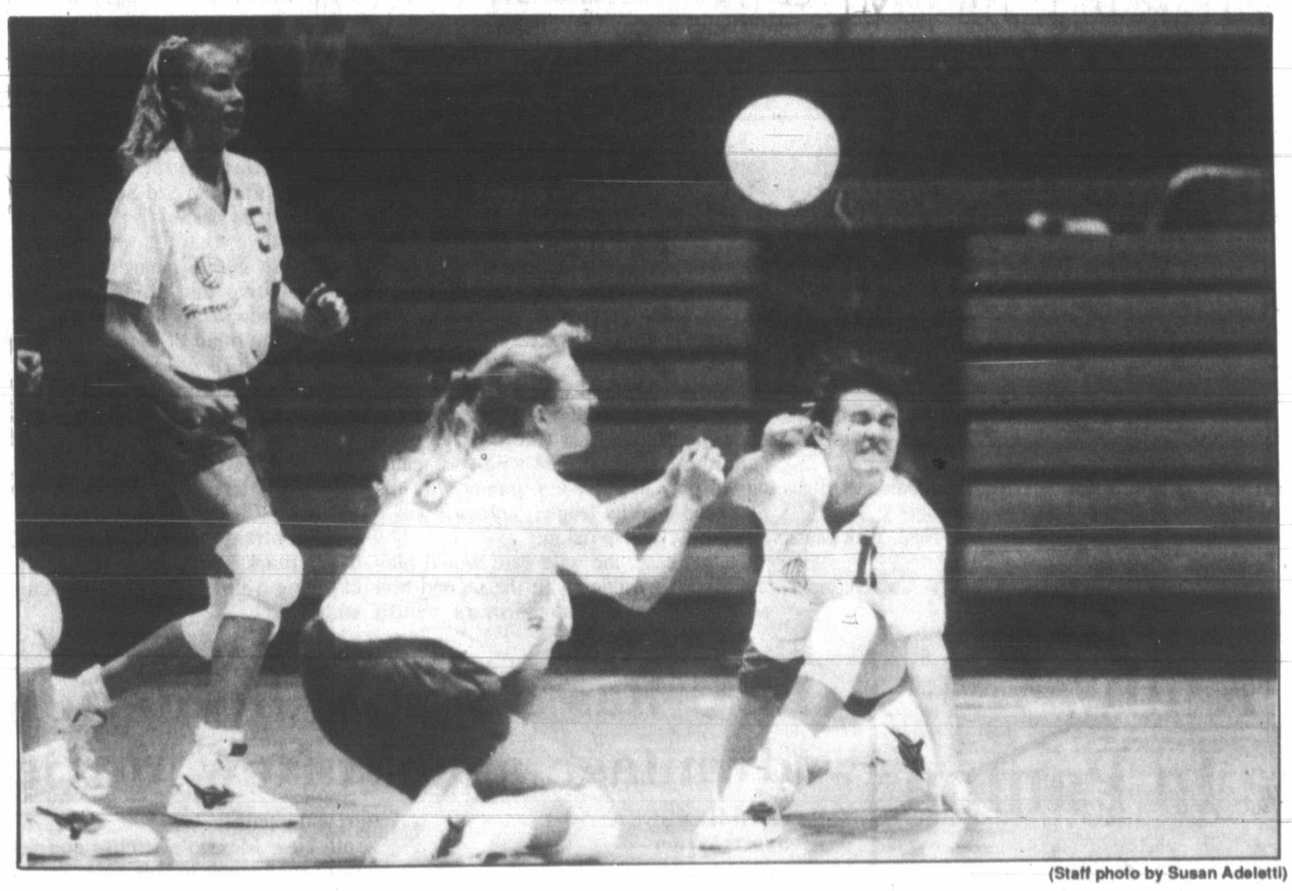
Amarillo High is listed as a 20-point favorite over Pampa, according to this week's Harris Rating System.

Pampa climbed 19 spots up the Harris poll after its 21-0 win over Garden City, Kan. last week. The Harvesters are in 78th place with 175 points in the Class 4A rankings.

Pampa is ranked second in District 1-4A, trailing only Hereford, which is in 66th place with 177 points.

In matchups involving other 1-4A teams tonight, it's Dimmitt over Amarillo Caprock by 16 and Levelland over Randall by 4. The Dumas-Lamar, Colorado game is not rated.

Amarillo High is ranked No. 14 with 201 points in Class 5A. The Sandies are the highest ranked team in their district.



(Staff photo by Susan Adeletti)

Pampa's Michelle Abbott, who had 14 kills in last night's set against Fritch, watches as her teammates attempt to save the ball.

PHS girls top Fritch in volleyball action

By SUSAN ADELETTI
Sports Writer

The Pampa Harvesters took two of three from Fritch High School last night, winning the third game 15-5, and improving their record to 5-7. The set included a strong Pampa offense, led by Serenity King and Michelle Abbott, who each piled up 14 kills.

"Fourteen is a lot in three games," Pampa head coach Brad Borden said. "Our offense is improving; individually we're hitting better."

Fritch slowly lost an early 9-4 lead in the first match, and finally gave way to a Pampa victory of 15-12. The Harvesters were without the services of injured senior Shelley Young, but had a successful replacement in senior Laura Adams. Fritch's starting lineup was also injury-plagued.

"We were missing [starter] Jennifer Stroud," Eagle head coach Darla Jameson said. "It hurt not having her hit the ball."

In the second match, the Harvesters had a lead at 6-3, until Fritch steadily battled back for the 15-11 win.

The tiebreaker proved to be not much of a contest for Pampa, as the Harvesters dominated the entire match. They busted out early, scoring six points before the Eagles could get on the board. The Pampa defense was solid, keeping Fritch to only five points.

"I thought tonight we passed as good as we passed in a match so far," Borden said. "I'm proud of them, and we'll continue to improve."

The Harvesters ride their win into this weekend's tournament at Amarillo High School. Pampa is set to play Palo Duro in the first round, who beat Pampa in an earlier set this season.

"I think we've come a long way from that time," Borden said, confident about Pampa's chances. "We competed with them well."

As for junior varsity action, Pampa won games from Fritch last night, setting its record at 5-7.

"Our JV is extremely young," Borden said, noting that the team consists of all sophomores and one freshman. "They're just learning the game, but they're improving."

OU faces crucial contest against fifth-ranked Aggies

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — It's been a while since the Oklahoma Sooners have played as big a game as they will Saturday afternoon against No. 5 Texas A&M.

Southern Cal came to town for the third game last season, but the Trojans were unranked. There have been Big Eight games against highly ranked Colorado and Nebraska teams — Oklahoma beat No. 10 Nebraska 45-10 in 1990 — but in recent years the Sooners have been outmanned in those games.

Coach Gary Gibbs believes Saturday's game is different. He likes the matchup and is eager to find out how his 17th-ranked Sooners will hold up against the Aggies.

"I think the up side regarding our team is tremendous, and I think we can make a major step in terms of this game," he said.

"I'm not going to sit here and say we're the better team, but I think the matchup is good. Our offense, our defense, what we're playing against, it just gives us a chance to see how strong, how physical we are.

Raiders take on Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Texas Tech has enough offensive firepower that Nebraska coach Tom Osborne is reminded of an Oklahoma State team that scored 42 points against the Cornhuskers in Lincoln in 1988.

Nebraska beat that Cowboy team 63-42 in a record-setting offensive show. And Texas Tech has stars the likes of those old OSU standouts Barry Sanders, Mike Gundy and Hart Lee Dykes.

"They've very, very good," Osborne said in assessing Texas Tech I-back Bam Morris, quarterback Robert Hall and split end Lloyd Hill. Morris rushed for 1,279 yards last year. Hall threw for 1,645 yards. Hill earned first team All-American honors with 1,261 yards in receptions with 12 touchdowns.

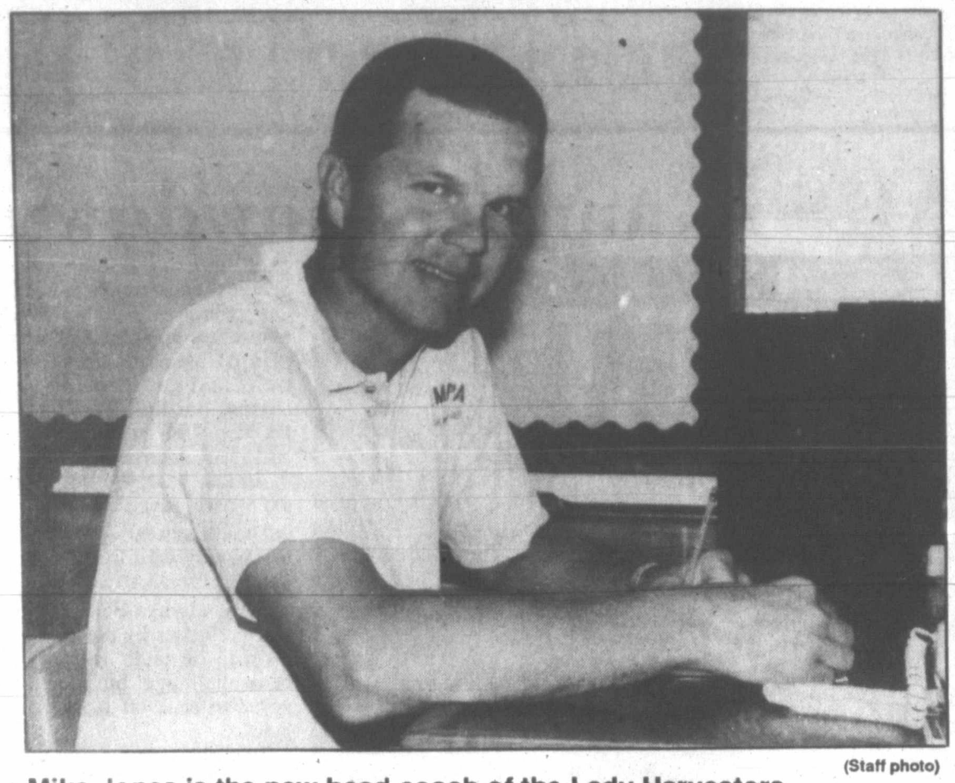
After Nebraska's opening 76-14 thumping of Division I-AA North Texas and Tech's 55-7 whipping of Pacific, another offensive show could be in the offing Saturday in the 1 p.m. CDT meeting in Memorial Stadium.

"Sanders is a very different type of back," Osborne said. "I think Bam Morris is big. I would guess 220-230 (pounds). Sanders wasn't very big. He was 185 so they're different kinds of backs. But Tech's is very productive.

"Quarterback, (Hall) certain is very comparable to Gundy in effectiveness. Receivers, Hill is every bit as productive as Hart Lee Dykes. I think they are some great skill players."

And just like Oklahoma State that year, Osborne said the Red Raiders have the most important ingredient to a successful offense — a veteran, quality group of people to block for their stars.

"You may have the so-called marquee players but if you don't have some people who can open up some holes, give them time to set up to throw the ball or catch then they don't get anything done," Osborne said.



(Staff photo)

Mike Jones is the new head coach of the Lady Harvesters.

Commitment leads Jones to take Lady Harvesters' post

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

A commitment to Pampa and a chance to once again take the leadership of a basketball program motivated Mike Jones to apply for the Lady Harvesters' coaching job when Albert Nichols resigned last month.

"I've always had a desire to be a head coach again. When the job came open, I decided to pursue the opportunity," Jones said. "My family and I are committed to Pampa. "We like it here. We like the school district and what it has to offer us."

Jones has been the assistant to Harvesters' head coach Robert Hale for the past six years, but had also served under Hale when the two were coaching at Burleson They parted company when Hale left to take charge of the boys' basketball program at Fort Worth Everman and Jones took the head boys' job at Mount Vernon. Jones spent five years at Fort Vernon before teaming up with Hale again at Pampa.

"I'm really excited about coaching the girls, but at the same time it's going to be tough leaving the guys. I truly love them and I hope they understand why I'm leaving," added Jones.

Although the 42-year-old Jones has been hired by the Pampa school board, he can't officially assume his new duties until an assistant boys' basketball coach has been found. Interviews are now being conducted for that position.

When the Lady Harvesters take to the court for the first game Nov. 16 against Palo Duro, Jones hopes to have his team well-schooled in basketball basics.

"We're going to work a lot on fundamentals and get things going along that line," Jones said. "I want to develop the program from the seventh grade on up. It's going to take awhile, but we're got a good nucleus coming up. I feel like my experience with coaching the boys will be a big help to me. I coached girls' soccer a couple of years ago and I thoroughly enjoyed it."

Jones and his wife, Jayne, have three children, Justin, a junior and a drum major in the PHS band; Jennifer, a ninth-grader, and Jonathan, a second-grader. They are members of the First Baptist Church.

Jones is a Houston native and attended Stephen F, Austin in Nacogdoches where he earned batchelor and masters degrees.

Scoreboard

Baseball

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS
By The Associated Press

All Times EDT
NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	86	54	.614	—
Montreal	79	61	.564	7
St. Louis	75	64	.540	10 1/2
Chicago	70	71	.496	16 1/2
Pittsburgh	64	76	.457	22
Florida	58	81	.417	27 1/2
New York	47	93	.336	39

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	89	49	.645	—
Atlanta	89	52	.631	1 1/2
Houston	74	65	.532	15 1/2
Los Angeles	70	68	.507	19
Cincinnati	69	72	.489	21 1/2
San Diego	55	86	.390	35 1/2
Colorado	54	87	.383	36 1/2

Wednesday's Games
Montreal 6, Colorado 1
Chicago 8, Philadelphia 5
Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 2
Houston 7, New York 1
San Diego 3, Florida 2
Atlanta 8, Los Angeles 2
Only games scheduled
Thursday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Philadelphia 10, Chicago 8
Colorado 10, Pittsburgh 7, 12 innings
Atlanta 1, San Diego 0, 10 innings
Florida at Los Angeles, (n)
St. Louis at San Francisco, (n)
Only games scheduled
Friday's Games
Cincinnati (Rijo 13-7) at Montreal (Hill 9-5), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Swindell 10-11) at Philadelphia (Schilling 12-6), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Harris 11-14) at Pittsburgh (Hope 0-1), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago (Morgan 8-13) at New York (Hillman 1-7), 7:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 17-9) at San Diego (Worrell 1-4), 10:35 p.m.
Florida (Hough 8-14) at Los Angeles (Ke.Gross 9-12), 10:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Urbani 0-2) at San Francisco (Torres 2-0), 10:35 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Chicago at New York, 1:40 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Montreal, 7:35 p.m.
Florida at Los Angeles, 10:05 p.m.
Atlanta at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Cincinnati at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 1:40 p.m.
Florida at Los Angeles, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	78	63	.553	—
Toronto	78	63	.553	—
Baltimore	77	63	.550	1/2
Detroit	73	68	.518	5
Boston	71	67	.514	5 1/2
Cleveland	66	74	.471	11 1/2
Milwaukee	61	80	.433	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	79	60	.568	—
Texas	74	65	.532	5
Kansas City	72	67	.518	7
Seattle	70	69	.504	9
California	63	76	.453	16
Minnesota	60	79	.432	19
Oakland	55	83	.399	23 1/2

Wednesday's Games
Detroit 4, California 2
Cleveland 15, Minnesota 8
Oakland 2, Toronto 1
Baltimore 6, Seattle 3
Chicago 8, Boston 1
Milwaukee 2, Kansas City 1
Texas 4, New York 1
Thursday's Games
California 6, Detroit 0
Oakland 7, Toronto 4
Minnesota 5, Cleveland 3, 12 innings
Only games scheduled
Friday's Games
Boston (Clemens 10-12 and Viola 10-8) at Cleveland (Ojeda 1 and Milacki 0-1), 2, 5:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Banks 9-9 and Guardado 3-7) at Texas (Rogers 14 and Leibrandt 9-9), 2, 6:35 p.m.
California (Leftwich 2-4) at Toronto (Stottlemyre 8-10), 7: p.m.
Oakland (Van Poppel 4-5) at Baltimore (Mussina 14-5), 7: p.m.
Detroit (Moore 11-8) at Chicago (Fernandez 17-6), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Leary 9-7) at Milwaukee (Higuera 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Abbott 10-11) at Kansas City (Cone 11-11), 8:3 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Boston at Cleveland, 1:35 p.m.
California at Toronto, 1:35 p.m.
Seattle at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 7:05 p.m.
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New York at Kansas City, 2:35 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 2:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 8:05 p.m.

Football

COLLEGE SCORES
By The Associated Press

SOUTH
Syracuse 41, East Carolina 22
MIDWEST
Temple 31, E. Michigan 28

Horse racing

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Results Thursday :Track: Fast. Weather: Partly cloudy.

Race 1 — OFF 4:00 TIME 0:21 74 Purse: $2000 Yards 3 YO QH TRIAL Trainer - Tally, John Owner - Temple, George 8 The Niarchos (Sauceda) 7.40 5.00 4.40 6 Dreams For Us (Constantin) 7.80 8.20 9 Mea Chick Too (Payne) 4.20 EX (8-6) 359.80 TRI (8-6-9) 120.20 QUI (6-8)55.40 HANDLE $ 18,645

Race 2 — OFF 4:24 TIME 0:21 80 Purse: $2000 Yards 3 YO QH TRIAL Trainer - Murray, Jack Owner - Burnsed, James A. 5 Dial Ninety (Barrett) 10.60 4.80 3.60 2 Poponpassem (Thompson) 10.60 5.60 4 Especially Liz (Payne) 4.40 EX (5-2) 143.60 DOU (8-5) 46.80 QUI (2-5)62.60 HANDLE $ 21,823

Race 3 — OFF 04:46 TIME 0:21 81 Purse: $2000 4 Yards 3 YO QH TRIAL Trainer - Simmons, Arnold Owner - Durant, Tom 3 Texas Heartbeat (Baldillez) 8.20 4.20 3.20 6 Seals (Thompson) 3.40 3.00 2 Six Tees Seranade (Maxwell) 3.40 EX (3-6) 26.40 QUI (3-6) 12.20 HANDLE $ 21,574

Race 4 — OFF 5:08 TIME 0:46 15 Purse: $3000 YARDS 3 & UP QH CLM $2500 Trainer - Cascio, C. W. "BUBBA" Owner - Bratt, Paula and Sheree 1 Moveout Of The Way (White) 4.20 2.80 2.80 7 Easy Classy Lady (Cogburn) 5.00 3.40 6 Amigo Sparks (Pierce) 3.20 EX (1-7) 36.20 TRI (1-7-6) 180.80 QUI (1-7) 25.80 TRP: (5-3-1) 103.60 HANDLE $ 23,739

Race 5 — OFF 5:31 TIME 0:18 10 Purse: $3000 Yards 3 & UP QH MDN CLM $5000 Trainer - Hartsell, Dwayne Owner - Miles, Larry R 2 Genuinely Special (Baldillez) 6.80 4.00 3.00 7 Life Wire (McMahon) 12.20 5.40 3 Love Edition (Shipley) 3.20 EX (2-7) 97.60 QUI (2-7) 86.00 1ST HALF T-TRI: (2-7-3) 174.20 HANDLE $ 23,099

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Baseball expected to make drastic changes next season

BOSTON (AP) — Major league baseball, the most traditional of American sports, approved three-division leagues and a four-week playoff system with wild-card teams, possibliy pushing the World Series into November.

The proposal, passed 27-1 Thursday over the objection of the Texas Rangers, follows the lead of the NFL, NBA and NHL, whose lengthy postseasons overshadow their regular seasons. Baseball's plan is subject to approval of the Major League Baseball Players Association, but the union said it anticipated no problems.

"I have gone back to read what people were saying in 1969 when we went to divisional play," said Milwaukee Brewers president Bud Selig, chairman of the ruling executive council. "Some said it would be wonderful. Others said it would be a disaster and destroy baseball. Time will tell. We believe in our research and that the positives far outweigh the negatives."

The American and National Leagues first split into divisions when they expanded for the 1969 season, and the alignments have basically stayed the same. The new divisions would look like this next season:

AL East — Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, New York Yankees, Toronto.

AL Central — Chicago White Sox, Cleveland, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minnesota.

AL West — California, Oakland, Seattle, Texas.

NL East — Montreal, New York Mets, Philadelphia.

NL Central — Chicago Cubs, Cincinnati, Houston, St. Louis.

NL West — Colorado, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco.

Atlanta, Florida and Pittsburgh are to be assigned within seven days, with two teams put in the NL East and one in the NL Central. The three teams waived their right to veto realignment.

"Obviously, there are disagreements, but they'll be taken care of," NL president Bill White said.

The new playoffs would add four best-of-5 series, and include the second-place team having the best record as the wild card in each league. The wild-card teams would play the division winner with the best record in its league, unless it was a team in its own division.

In that case, the wild card would play the division winner with the second-best record. First-round winners would advance to the best-of-7 League Championship Series and the pennant winners would go to the World Series, which also would remain best-of-7.

"Our surveys have shown it will enhance fan interest in the waning days of the season, really months," said John Harrington of the Boston Red Sox, who formulated the plan as chairman of the schedule-format committee. "There has been a significant dropoff on interest in August and September as teams drop out of the race."

Owners also approved a $255 million, six-year contract with ESPN that will decrease telecasts from 175 per season to about 75, and a $50.5 million, six-year contract with CBS Radio. Those deals mark steep decreases from the expiring $390 million, four-year deal with ESPN.

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TCU has definite homefield advantage against New Mexico

By PETE HERRERA
AP Sports Writer

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — In the collage of New Mexico's football program, one of the more glaring figures is the number of victories the Lobos haven't come up with on the road.

Of its last 18 games away from Albuquerque dating back to the 1990 season, New Mexico has won only once, a 38-36 win over Colorado State in the final game of the 1991 season.

It's that burden and the psychological scars of last week's 34-31 loss to No. 20 Brigham Young that the Lobos will take to Fort Worth when they play Texas Christian on Saturday night.

Kickoff is set for 7:05 CDT.

The close call loss to the Cougars has kept the Lobo fans' enthusiasm for the new season flowing, but second-year coach Dennis Franchione prefers to deal with reality.

"We've had people tell some of the kids how good they are. I'm not buying that stuff," said Franchione. "The fact remains that of the last 18 road games, we've won one."

Both New Mexico and TCU are 0-1. The Horned Frogs opened last week with a 35-3 loss to Oklahoma.

New Mexico led BYU 31-27 going into the fourth quarter last week but could not hold on. And the Lobos' bid for a tie ended when Nathan Vail's 41-yard field goal attempt with 1:06 left sailed just wide.

Trying to make sure the Lobos bounce back from the tough loss has been Franchione's biggest concern this week.

"You're only as good as your next game," he said. "Can we give the same effort and intensity."

Both New Mexico's offense and defense played well enough to beat Brigham Young, but a fumbled punt, a missed extra point and two missed field goals allowed the Cougars to dodge the upset.

Junior quarterback Stoney Case completed 24 of 44 passes for 310 yards and apparently is back at full strength after playing the final two series against BYU with a dislocated right index finger. Sophomore halfback Winslow Oliver ran for 117 yards on 27 carries.

The defense sacked BYU quarterback John Walsh six times.

"It's the most physical performance we've had since I've been here," Franchione said. "We weren't pushed around in the fourth quarter like we were last year."

TCU has lost starting halfback Derrick Cullors for three to four weeks with a sprained ankle. Cullors carried the ball just four times for 47 yards against Oklahoma before being injured.

New Mexico beat TCU 24-7 last year in the season opener for both teams and the Horned Frogs went on to a 2-8-1 record under then first-year coach Pat Sullivan.

Sullivan says he saw some positive signs in the loss last week to the Sooners, but is concerned about his team's lack of seniors — he'll start two on each side of the line — and New Mexico's offense.

"Stoney Case is playing very well and then you throw in Oliver and you see they're a very good football team. They're tremendously improved," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said this week his staff and program took considerable criticism from TCU alums and fans over the loss to a school the Horned Frogs beat 60-7 in 1991.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby announced that the annual Lot Owners meeting of Fairview Cemetery Assn. will be held Sept. 21, 1993, 10:00 a.m. in the offices of Fairview Cemetery, 1500 Duncan. Lot Owners wishing to attend please call 665-2412.

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Garage Sale
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CARPORT Sale: 1208 Garland, Friday, Saturday. Infant, boys, mens, womens clothing, lots of miscellaneous items. No early birds.

Garage Sale
Saturday only 8-5
601 Sloan

GARAGE Sale: 2205 Lea. Saturday only 8-?

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69a Garage Sales

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Mid-America in economic growth mode

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – The U.S. economy got good news Thursday from two economic reports and a long-awaited cut in German interest rates that analysts are hoping will spur the sluggish global economy.

Germany's central bank, after months of pressure from the United States and its European allies, finally cut both of its main interest rates by one-half percentage point.

President Clinton and others in his administration hope the lower German rates will spur increased purchases of American products and thus provide more jobs for U.S. workers.

The U.S. government supplied good news of its own in two reports showing that the number of laid-off workers filing new claims for unemployment benefits fell to its lowest level in four years, while businesses increased their planned spending on new plants and equipment.

The Labor Department reported that first-time claims for jobless benefits dropped by 10,000 last week to 316,000, the lowest level since June 3, 1989. The report took economists by surprise. Many of them had been expecting jobless claims to increase last week.

In a second report, the Commerce Department said that a survey conducted in July and August showed American companies plan to increase investment spending on new plants and equipment by 7.1 percent this year. That was up from a 6.4 percent projected increase in the previous survey done in April and May and if realized would be the biggest gain in investment spending since 1989.

A third government report showed that U.S. productivity continued to lag this year with it falling at an annual rate of 1.3 percent in the April-June quarter following a 1.8 percent decline in the first quarter. Both declines were slightly less steep than originally estimated but they did represent the first back-to-back quarterly drops since 1990.

Economists cautioned, however, against reading too much into one day's events. They said that even with the cut in German interest rates and the other positive news, the U.S. economy is likely to remain on a fairly sluggish growth path for some time to come.

That assessment was supported by the latest regional survey by the Federal Reserve, which showed that the United States in August remained mired in a sluggish and unven recovery with the vast middle of the country doing better than the East and West coasts.

The report Wednesday by the Fed's 12 regional banks singled out Cleveland, Dallas, Kansas City and Minneapolis as Fed districts where growth was above the national average. But it said economic growth was lagging in states along the East and West coasts.

Analysts said weakness in these areas, because they are among the most populous in the country, was having an adverse effect on the entire economy.

"What kind of recovery can you expect when four of the 10 most populous states are still in recession?" said Paul Getman, an economist with Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa. He listed the four as California, New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

In the first half of the year, the overall economy expanded at a lackluster annual rate of 1.3 percent, far below expectations. And many private economists don't look for much of a pickup in the second half.

Because of the weak economic outlook and the absence of inflationary pressures, many economists believe the Fed will not move to increase interest rates anytime soon.

Elliott Platt, an economist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, said the central bank's latest regional outlook provides one more reason for not expecting the Fed to vote to boost interest rates at its next policy meeting Sept. 21.

He and other economists pointed to the Fed report's findings on the absence of inflation: "With the exception of lumber, prices are generally stable and there is little evidence of inflationary cost pressures."

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, in congressional testimony in July, took a tough line against inflation and said interest rates eventually would have to move higher.

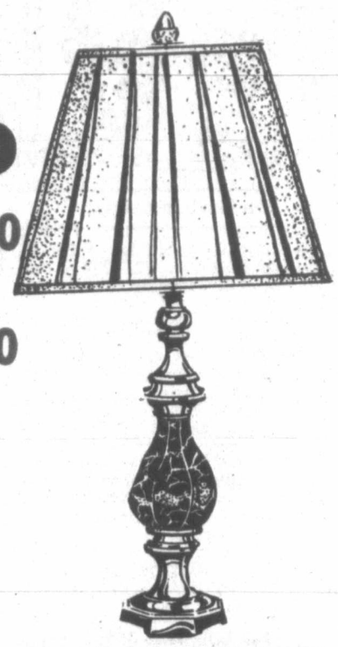
However, he did not mention any timetable, and since that time various reports have shown inflation moderating.

In its review of regional conditions, the Fed said "economic recovery continues to elude California," with depressed conditions in a broad range of the state's businesses from aerospace and defense to construction and finance.

But in the nation as a whole, the report said employment was slowly growing even though many large companies are laying off workers to reduce labor costs.

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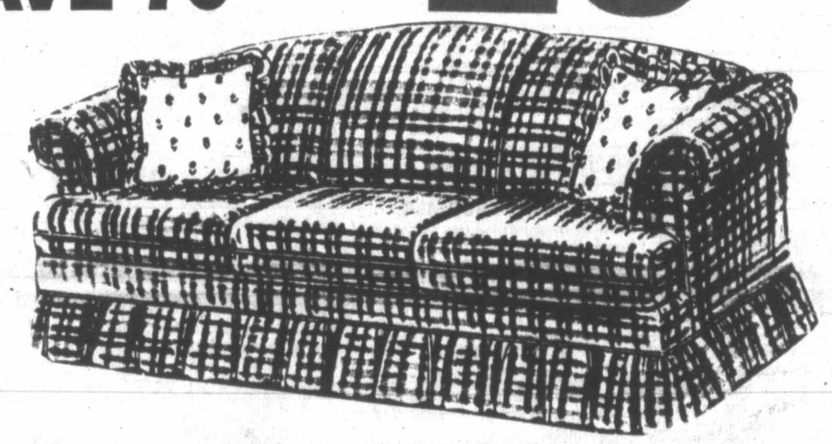
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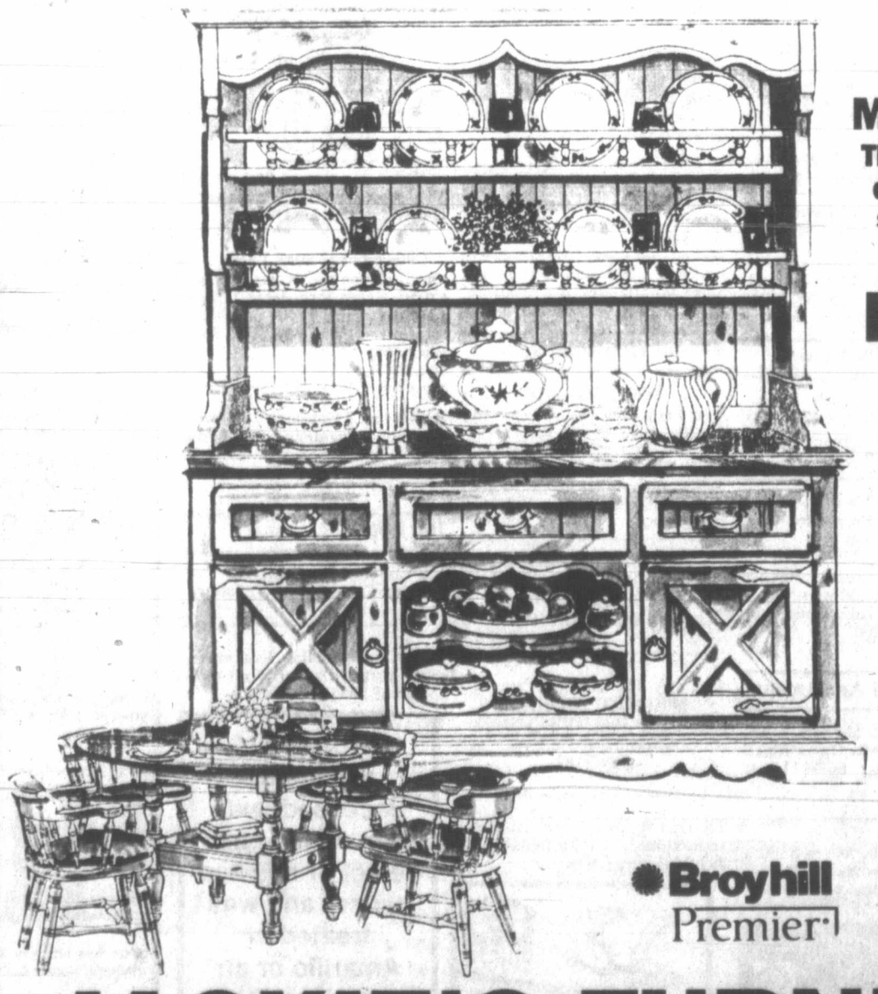


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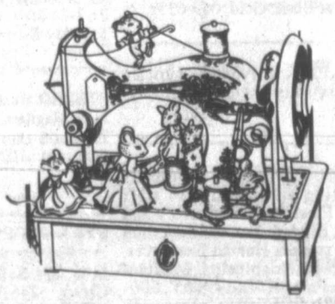


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