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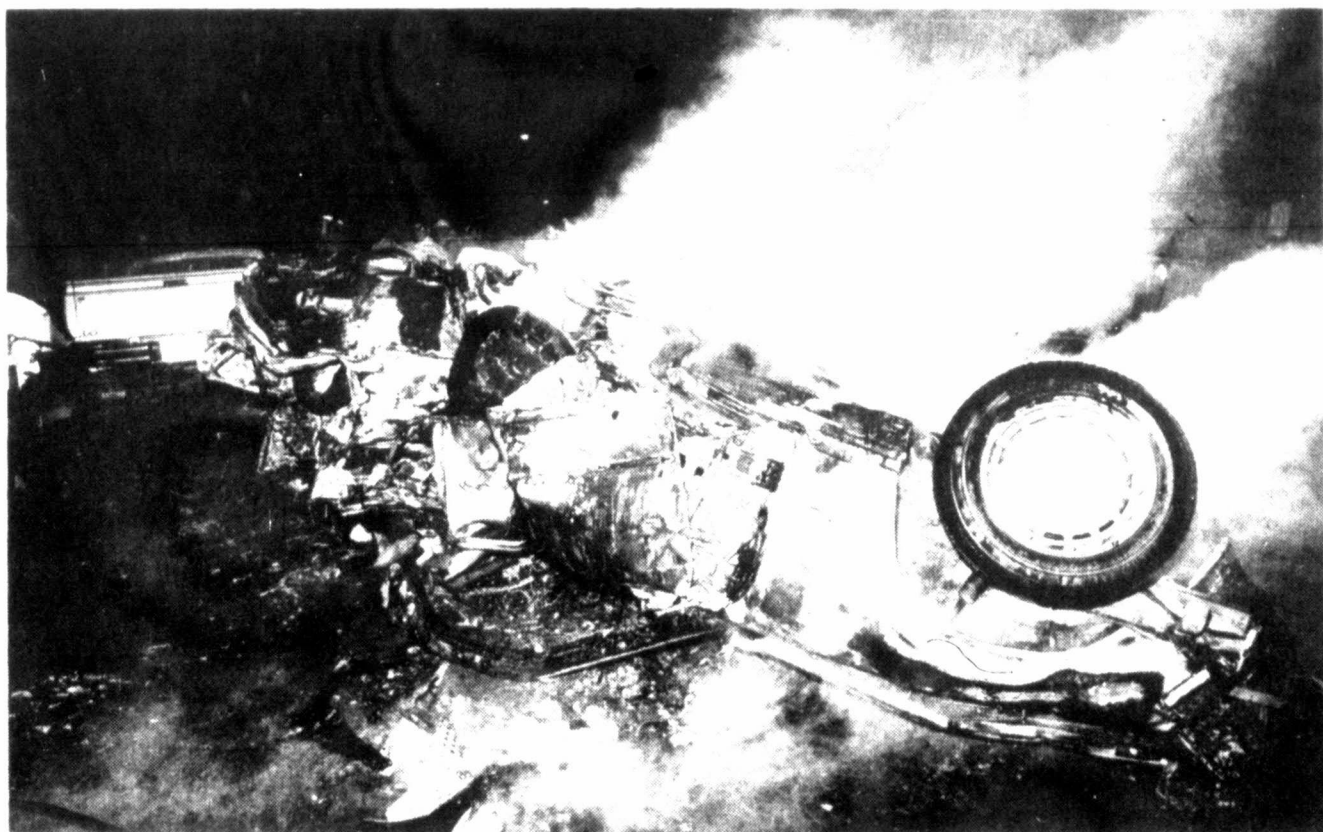
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TUESDAY



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

A Mercedes Benz burns Monday night following a head-on collision on Hwy. 60 West near the city limits. The driver of the vehicle, Charles Drinkhouse of Pampa, was killed. The Mercedes hit a Datsun King Cab, pictured below.

Two killed, one in critical condition after two-vehicle collision Monday

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Two men died and a third remains in critical condition following a fiery head-on collision Monday night on Hwy. 60 near the intersection with South Wells.

Authorities on the scene said a Mercedes Benz, apparently being driven toward the city at a high rate of speed, left the right lane and hit a late-model Datsun King Cab pickup around 9:30 p.m.

Police identified the driver of the Mercedes as Charles Drinkhouse of Pampa.

Drinkhouse and a passenger in the Datsun were both pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge.

The driver of the Datsun was pulled from the burning vehicle by authorities with the assistance of witnesses.

Police said neither occupant of the Datsun had been positively identified through press time.

The driver was reportedly listed in critical condition at Northwest Texas Hospital through this morning.

He was initially taken to Coronado Hospital by paramedics with AMT Paramedic Service and later was transferred to the Amarillo Emergency Receiving Center.

Lt. Steve Chance, Cpl. John Goes and Officer John Worthington investigated the accident throughout the night, compiling a brief statement to the press at 4:20 a.m. today.

Police said this morning they were still working to reconstruct the accident and determine contributing factors.

Judge Prestidge said today that identifying the two occupants of the Datsun was complicated by the fire.

"Any driver's licenses or other identification they would have had were burned up in the fire," Prestidge said.

She said authorities will have to rely on fingerprints and dental records to confirm the identities of the two men.

Drinkhouse reportedly just moved to Pampa from California and was driving a vehicle owned by Jerry West of Pampa, who had also just moved from California.

Ms. West was not in the vehicle at the time of the accident.

Residents living near Hwy. 60 said they heard several seconds of squealing brakes prior to the two vehicles impacting.

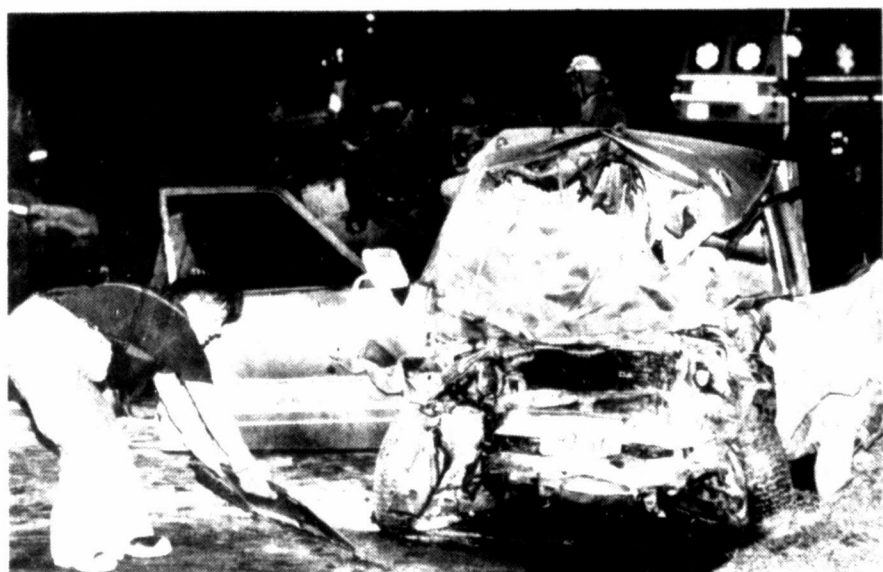
Several said there was an explosion immediately afterward.

Kenny Smith, a Pampa News employee, who lives near Hwy. 60, was in his yard when he heard the accident occur.

He said, "I heard the squeal of brakes locking down for a long time. I looked over this way and saw a big poof of smoke. Then there was this rumble of combustion."

Dr. Ralph Erdmann was scheduled to be in Pampa today to perform an autopsy on the body of Drinkhouse, as ordered by Prestidge.

No funeral arrangements or other information were available through this morning.



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Emergency personnel and witnesses check out the scene where a Mercedes Benz collided Monday night with this Datsun King Cab.

Democrats challenging Bush budget's priorities, goals on domestic spending

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Democrats are promising to reshuffle President Bush's \$1.45 trillion fiscal 1992 budget, saying it offers only weak medicine for the nation's education, health care and other domestic ills.

But as the president sent the spending plan to Congress on Monday, administration officials and Republican lawmakers said its commitments to science, road building and fighting drug abuse are a wise ordering of priorities at a time of recession, record budget deficits and war.

"We've tried to emphasize those things which would be sound for the long-term growth of the economy," said administration budget director Richard Darman, who was to defend the blueprint today before the Senate Budget Committee. "We think these are sound ideas."

That wasn't good enough for congressional Democrats, who complained that in contrast to the war with Iraq, Bush was launching no major initiatives against the nation's problems at home.

"Although our minds are all on the war in the (Persian) Gulf, there's a genuine no-man's land on Ameri-

ca's domestic policy front," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman James Sasser, D-Tenn. "Somehow, we can achieve supremacy in the air above the Middle East, but we're practically impotent on the ground here at home."

"I can assure you the end result is not going to reflect the priorities contained" in Bush's budget proposal, said Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., chairman of the House Budget Committee.

Bush's plan makes little effort to reduce federal red ink beyond the amounts in the five-year, \$500 billion deficit-reduction deal the president and Congress reached last fall.

It contains no general tax increases and a handful of tax cuts, including a reduction of the capital gains tax on sales of investments, which Democrats oppose. And it proposes no major anti-recession program, as administration officials said they expected the economy to rev up again at mid-year.

The budget forecasts a \$280.9 billion deficit for fiscal 1992, which begins Oct. 1. That would be the second largest shortfall ever; the biggest is the \$318.1 billion gap expected this year.

Darman and other Bush aides blamed the swelling deficit largely on the weak economy — which

shrank tax revenues — and the enormous cost of rescuing the country's ailing banks and savings and loans.

But Democrats warned that the deficit could get worse.

The budget didn't even include the full cost of the war with Iraq, which the Congressional Budget Office has estimated could cost \$86 billion over the next few years.

Instead, the administration assumed a cost to the United States of \$15 billion — with total spending authorization of \$30 billion — and promised to come back for more when the costs become clearer. It is counting on contributions from allied nations to finance much of the war effort.

Overall, the plan adhered to spending limits in last year's budget deal.

That meant an overall 2.6 percent spending increase — less than the 4.3 percent that would be needed to stay even with inflation.

Bush highlighted increases in several broad domestic areas. His budget spoke of increasing federal research and development spending by \$8.4 billion to \$76 billion.

Road building would grow to \$16 billion next year and \$20 billion by 1996, and anti-drug efforts would hit \$11.7 billion, an 11 percent boost.

U.S. warplanes strike deep, hammer Saddam's troops

By MARK FRITZ
Associated Press Writer

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — U.S. warplanes today struck deep inside Iraq, hunting down missile launchers and hammering Saddam Hussein's crack troops. Iraq vowed vengeance, calling for terrorist attacks on allied targets worldwide.

The USS Missouri's 16-inch guns boomed again overnight, silencing a troublesome Iraqi artillery battery in Kuwait with six 2,000-pound shells, the U.S. military said. On Sunday, the battleship's big guns were used in combat for the first time since the Korean War.

Baghdad was rocked during the night by another allied bombardment, AP correspondent Salah Nasrawi reported from the Iraqi capital. He said smoke and fire reached into the sky and terrified residents fled to bomb shelters.

Nasrawi quoted travelers as saying Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, 90 miles north of Baghdad, had also been under intense attack.

Baghdad radio said starting Wednesday, civilians will no longer be able to buy heating oil, gasoline, cooking gas or other fuels. Gasoline rationing was already in effect.

Iraq's Foreign Minister Tariz Aziz, in a letter to Iraqi newspapers today, said Iraq's civilian casualties have risen to 428 killed and more than 650 wounded. Official radio reported 373 more air raids during the night, and said residential areas were among those hit.

Baghdad radio declared that the allies must pay for the destruction they have rained on Iraq.

"Do not spare any interest of any of the countries taking part in the aggression against your brethren," an announcer said. "Fight them with all your force, in all their dens, wherever they are."

The radio broadcast a series of cryptic messages that sounded like coded instructions for terror attacks by agents abroad. It was impossible to tell if they were genuine.

In Saudi Arabia, Riyadh radio today cited Interior Ministry sources as saying an undisclosed number of resident foreigners had been arrested in connection with a sniper shooting Sunday night in the port city of Jiddah that slightly injured two U.S. service personnel.

Earlier today, the official Saudi Press Agency had quoted the interior minister, Prince Nayef, as saying Islamic law would apply to anyone using the kingdom as a staging ground for terror attacks. He said anyone undermining Saudi security would have a hand and a leg cut off or be executed.

Meanwhile, the allied air war thundered into its 20th day today. Before dawn, F-15 Strike Eagles equipped with night-fighting radar rode tails of white flame into dark skies.

U.S. warplanes were taking aim again today at tanks, armored vehicles, bunkers and entrenched positions of Iraq's elite Republican Guard, said Air Force Col. Hal Hornburg, the top officer at the largest U.S. airbase in Saudi Arabia.

France said its Jaguar and Mirage jets also hit Guard positions in Iraq.

The Guards, considered Saddam's best soldiers, have found themselves frequently in allied bomb sights. Allied strategists want to try to cripple them before any decision is made to send ground forces into Kuwait.

"I wouldn't want to be in the Republican Guards these days," U.S. commander Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf told reporters on Monday.

B-52 bombers have also been used in recent days to blast Guard fortifications. The first of the hulking bombers to be based in Britain for missions in the gulf arrived today at Fairford, a former NATO air base 70 miles northwest of London, an Air Force spokesman said.

In addition to targeting Guard positions, bomb-laden U.S. warplanes flew deeper missions into Iraq today, Hornburg said, seeking launchers Iraq has used to hurl Scud rockets at Israel and Saudi Arabia.

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Appraisal District board to seek arbitration of Celanese tax suit

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors took steps Monday following an executive session to proceed with settling a lawsuit filed against the Appraisal District by Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group Inc.

The board unanimously voted to allow tax attorney Russell Graham of Calame, Linebarger & Graham in Austin to proceed with a binding arbitration agreement. Graham represents the Appraisal District.

The board, following the 45-minute closed session, also authorized Board Chairman Sam Haynes to sign the agreement at the appropriate time.

Dave Phillips, Celanese spokesman, said this morning that the company has not yet seen the details of the GCAD's decision, but added that the company has stated all along that "this was the way to go."

He said the company feels the arbitration is probably "the best way to get a fair, equitable appraisal" of the company's Pampa assets.

Phillips said the arbitration route will save money for both the company and the taxpayers of the appraisal district instead of continuing with the lawsuit proceedings.

Hoechst Celanese filed suit in 223rd District Court in August

against the Appraisal District and the Appraisal Review Board. The lawsuit is an appeal of the Appraisal Review Board's July 9 decision of the value of four properties and related assets at the plant.

During the July hearing, the Appraisal Review Board lowered the original assessment of \$358,624,660 for the properties and assets to \$233,383,026. Celanese, in the lawsuit, alleged that the value should be lowered to \$109,683,026.

The 1990 valuation set by the Appraisal Review Board would increase Celanese's ad valorem taxes by more than \$800,000 annually, according to the lawsuit.

Following Monday's meeting, Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley said the binding arbitration agreement, if signed by both the Appraisal District and Hoechst Celanese, would take the lawsuit out of the court system.

"I anticipate that within the next two weeks we'll have an agreement signed," Bagley said.

The binding arbitration agreement would call for the appointment of three appraisers to find a value for the properties, Bagley said.

"Once the agreement is signed, we're out of it," Bagley said of the Appraisal District and Hoechst Celanese.

Bagley also said the pending agreement to be signed by the parties is the one that Hoechst

Celanese's attorneys worked on and sent back to the Appraisal District attorneys.

If a binding arbitration agreement is reached and the lawsuit is taken out of the state court, Bagley said it is estimated to save the taxing entities a large amount of money. He said he did not have figures on what that amount would be at this time.

"I appreciate the attitude of Hoechst Celanese, through their attorneys, that has been expressed in arriving at this agreement," Bagley said.

In unrelated business, the board re-elected Sam Haynes as the chairman and R.W. "Bob" Curry as the secretary.

Haynes and John Spearman were sworn into office by Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy after they were reappointed by the taxing entities for another term of office.

In other action, the board:

- Approved the minutes of the Dec. 4 meeting;
- Approved the expenditures for November and December;
- Appointed two new Appraisal Review Board members — Bob Echols and Bobbie Nisbet; and
- Approved the reappointment of the Agricultural Advisory Board members to the following terms: James McCracken, a one-year term, and Dean Burger and Jay Spearman, two-year terms.



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy, left, gives the oath of office on Monday to Sam Haynes, center, and John Spearman, who were both re-elected to the Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

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Services tomorrow

DYKES, Charles C. (Pappy) — 2 p.m., First Assembly of God Church, Skellytown.
SEALE, Oleta Deger — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Wellington.
ABBOTT, Medford Floyd — 2 p.m., Bogata United Methodist Church, Bogata.

Obituaries

MARY OLETA PHILLIPS
SKELLYTOWN — Mary Oleta Phillips, 52, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 1991. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Berlin Cemetery in Berlin, Okla. Local arrangements are by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Phillips was born in Berlin, Okla., and had been an area resident since 1957. She married Corder D. Phillips in 1965. She was retired from the maintenance department of Hutchinson County.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Donald Phillips of Sunnet; two daughters, Linda Rambis of Seabrook, N.H., and Ethel Oatman of Fritch; her father, M.A. Matthews of California; a brother, Steve Matthews of Allen; two sisters, Betty Flynn of Richardson and Sue Henby of Huntsville, Ala.; an aunt, Blanch Gibson of Borger; and five grandchildren.

OLETA DEGER SEALE

WELLINGTON — Oleta Deger Seale, 82, mother of a Shamrock resident, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Derwin Comer, assistant pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Seale, formerly Oleta Worley, was born in Lufkin. She had been a longtime resident of Collingsworth County. She married Melvin Seale in 1978 at Shamrock. She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club and First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Jess Deger.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Jack Deger of Shamrock and Joe Deger of Alvarado; a stepson, Doug Seale of Amarillo; four grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

MEDFORD FLOYD ABBOTT

BOGATA — Medford Floyd Abbott, 75, brother of a White Deer man, died Monday, Feb. 4, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Bogata United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bob Bush, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Cuthand Cemetery by Bogata Funeral Home.

Mr. Abbott was born in Quail. He had served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a retired building and paint contractor. He married Raebeth House in 1945 at Claude.

Survivors include three sons, Don Abbot of Allen, Gene Abbott of Canyon and John Abbott of Nashville, Tenn.; five brothers, Morris Abbott, Clifford Abbott, Ferrell Abbott and Joe Abbott, all of Canyon, and Bill Abbott of White Deer; a sister, Inez Pritchard of Amarillo; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

BOB RANDALL WADE

HOUSTON — Bob Randall Wade, 38, of Houston, grandson and nephew of Pampa residents, died today, Feb. 5, 1991, in Houston. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Wade was born July 20, 1952, in Hot Springs, Ark. He graduated from Coronado High School in Lubbock and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He graduated from the Southwest Court Reporting College in Lubbock. After leaving Lubbock, he lived in Dallas and Houston. He worked for Southwestern Bell for 16 years as a service representative and then was manager on the Division Staff in Houston. He was a member of the Evangelistic Temple in Houston.

Survivors include his parents, W.C. and Mary L. Wade of Bastrop; a sister, Renita Knight of Arlington; two grandmothers, Callie Palmer and Annie Wade, both of Pampa; a grandfather, Aubrey Klein of Bastrop; and several aunts and uncles, including Fred and Bee Palmer of Pampa.

Minor accidents

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

MONDAY, Feb. 4

3:15 p.m. — An unknown 1980 Ford hit a legally parked 1989 Ford owned by Lacy Ayres, 923 E. Browning, in the 1100 block of Varmon Drive. Citations are pending.

9:31 p.m. — A head-on collision at the intersection of Hwy. 60 and Wells killed two people. Details of the accident were still sketchy through press time due to the severity of the crash. Only one victim had been identified. He is Charles S. Drinkhouse of Pampa. A third man was taken to Coronado Hospital and transferred to Amarillo. See related story.

Calendar of events

D. A. R.

Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Thursday at 2 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Mary Jones.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's support group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at 422 Florida.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions
 Nelma Edmondson, Pampa
 Tressie Eubanks, Pampa
 Royce Goodson, Borger
 Kyler Horst, Pampa
 Loyce Sherrard, McLean
 Doloris Waller, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Admission
 Zell Williams, Shamrock

Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ramirez of Wheeler, a boy.

Dismissals
 Melvin Chandler, Pampa
 Zell Williams, Shamrock

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.35	Cabot	30 1/4	up 1/4
Milo	3.96	Cabot O&G	13 5/8	NC
Soybean	4.20	Chevron	69 1/2	up 1/2
		Coca-Cola	48 1/8	dn 1/8
		Enron	51 1/4	up 1/2
		Halliburton	45 1/8	dn 1
		Ingersoll Rand	43 1/4	up 1/4
		KNE	22	dn 1/4
		Kerr-McGee	43 3/8	up 1/8
		Limited	22 3/8	up 1/8
		Mapco	40 7/8	up 1/4
		Marxus	7 5/8	up 1/8
		McDonald's	28 3/4	dn 1/2
		Mesa Ltd.	2 1/2	dn 1/8
		Mobil	57	dn 1/8
		New Atmos	16 3/8	up 1/8
		Pennsey's	52 3/8	dn 1/8
		Phillips	25 3/4	up 1/8
		SLB	57 3/4	dn 1 1/8
		SPS	27 3/4	NC
		Tenneco	48 7/8	dn 1/8
		Texasco	58 1/8	dn 1/8
		Wal-Mart	34	up 1/8
		New York Gold	366.70	
		Silver	3.83	
		West Texas Crude	21.35	

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

Ky. Cent. Life	9 3/8	up 1/8
Serico	4 5/8	up 1/8
Occidental	18 3/8	NC

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

Magellan	59.04
Puritan	12.81

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

Amoco	48 3/4	up 1/8
Arco	121 1/8	up 5/8

Police report

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

MONDAY, Feb. 4

Patrick Gleason, 1032 Francis, reported a theft at the business.

Clayton Collier, 832 N. Somerville, reported a theft at the residence.

A juvenile reported an assault at Travis Elementary School.

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

Winston Whitsett, Rt. 2 Box 108, reported a theft by check at 1224 N. Hobart.

Randy Townsend, 641 N. Wells, reported a theft at the residence.

David Bronner, 1700 W. Kentucky, reported a theft and criminal mischief at the residence.

Steve Sokolosky, 2117 N. Dwight, reported criminal mischief at 2844 Perryton Pkwy.

Police reported a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Harlem.

TUESDAY, Feb. 5

Terry Don Buntun, 529 Elm, reported a burglary at the residence.

Arrests

MONDAY, Feb. 4

Darlene Williams, 41, 530 Crawford, was arrested at 1025 W. Wilks on a charge of theft. She was released on payment of fines.

Jackie Lynn Vaughn, 31, Rt. 1 Box 1A, was arrested at the police department on a warrant for assault. He was released on bond.

GRAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrests

MONDAY, Feb. 4

Jackie Lynn Vaughn, 31, 413 N. Gray, was arrested on a charge of theft by check. Vaughn was released on bond.

Denny Ray Brewer, 26, 118 S. Cuyler, was charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on a promise to pay the fine.

TUESDAY, Feb. 5

Dallas Winter Prescott, 24, Lefors, was arrested on a warrant.

Fires

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

MONDAY, Feb. 4

1:48 p.m. — Grass fire was reported in Carson County, six miles east of Pampa. Because the city of Pampa and Carson County have no mutual aid agreement, the fire unit had to return to station when it was learned the fire was in Carson County. One unit and two firefighters responded.

5:14 p.m. — Grass fire at 1118 S. Wells was out on arrival. One unit and two firefighters responded.

9:29 p.m. — Car fires at Wells and Hwy. 60 resulted from head-on collision. Three units and six firefighters responded. See related story.

Emergency numbers

Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
SPS	669-7432
Water	665-3881

Morning fire



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Firefighters battle a blaze at 8:40 this morning at 509 N. Frost. An occupant of the house, Korrene Lewis, and her two children escaped without injury. Officials said the fire was contained to the living room, but that smoke damage was throughout the home. Cause of the fire was still under investigation through press time.

Stephens transferred to Bishop

Hoechst Celanese announced today that Brent C. Stephens, Pampa plant manager, has been named facility manager at the corporation's Bishop plant, effective Feb. 18.

Replacing Stephens as manager at Pampa will be Jerry Moore, a former Pampa employee and most recently director of quality for Engelhard Corp. in Menlo Park, N.J.

Prior to joining Engelhard in 1985, Moore worked for Hoechst Celanese for 22 years in manufacturing, technical and engineering positions. After earning his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Tulsa, he began his career as a process engineer at the Pampa plant in 1963.

Stephens, who became Pampa plant manager in February 1989, is a 26-year company employee. Thirteen years of his career have been in Pampa, where he worked actively in community affairs.

"Brent has done an excellent job managing the Pampa plant," said Don Lehman, Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group vice president for monomer and acetyl chemicals. "During the past two years under his



Brent C. Stephens

leadership, we completed a major rebuild of the plant, and successfully resumed the production of our chemical products."

Lehman said several factors were evaluated in reaching the decision to promote Stephens to plant manager in Bishop, an 850-person facility situated along the Texas Gulf Coast.

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Troops

The allies are flying combat and support sorties at the rate of more than one a minute, Marine Maj. Gen. Robert Johnston told reporters on Monday. Since the war began, the air forces of nine nations have

flown more than 44,000 missions, he said.

When the allied assault might shift from an air blitz to a ground war is still an open question, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said Monday.

"There is no drop-dead date out there by which we feel we have to

act," Cheney told a news conference in Washington. "No one knows today the precise date on which we might begin a ground campaign."

The United States has insisted since the start of the air war that military and strategic targets in Iraq and Kuwait are carefully pinpointed. But Iraq has repeatedly insisted that civilian areas are being indiscriminately blasted.

"Take revenge for every drop of blood spilled by an Iraqi child, for every hair that fell off the head of a little girl and for every grieving mother crying over her child ... searching for her children beneath the rubble," Baghdad radio said today.

Schwarzkopf, however, charged that Iraq is deliberately using civilians to shield its military. He said Monday that senior Iraqi military officers are shifting their headquarters into schools because "they know we're not going to attack civilian targets."

A U.S. military source in Saudi Arabia acknowledged today that U.S. warplanes are attacking fuel trucks on highways in western Iraq on the assumption that even civilian vehicles may be carrying military cargoes.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, mostly fair with a low in the mid 20s and northerly winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny with a high in the upper 50s and northeasterly winds 5-15 mph.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Some early morning low clouds Concho Valley each day, otherwise mostly sunny Wednesday and fair tonight. Highs Wednesday upper 50s Panhandle and mountains to near 70 Big Bend. Lows tonight mid 20s Panhandle and mountains to upper 30s Concho Valley.

North Texas — A chance of light rain east tonight and Wednesday, otherwise partly cloudy. Lows tonight 36 northwest to 49 southeast. Highs Wednesday 56 to 61.

South Texas — Cloudy, patchy dense fog tonight with occasional rain or thunderstorms, locally heavy rainfall possible mainly Southeast Texas and coastal plains tonight. Decreasing clouds with rain and thunderstorms ending from the west Wednesday. Highs Wednesday 60s and 70s. Lows

tonight near 40 Hill Country to the 60s immediate coast and lower Valley. 50s to near 60 rest of South Texas.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Thursday through Saturday
 West Texas — Panhandle: Fair and dry each day. Highs upper 40s to low 50s. Lows low to mid 20s. South Plains: Fair and dry each day. Highs low to mid 50s. Lows mid 20s to around 30. Permian Basin, Concho and Pecos Valleys: Fair and dry each day. Highs 50s. Lows low to mid 30s. Far West: Fair and dry each day. Highs upper 50s to low 60s. Lows low to mid 30s. Big Bend: Fair and dry each day. Mountains, high 50s with lows upper 20s to mid 30s. Lower elevations high 60s to around 70. Lows low 30s to around 40.

North Texas — Fair through Saturday. West and Central: Lows 30s. Highs 50s. East: Lows upper 30s to low 40s. Highs low 50s to low 60s.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Partly cloudy and a little cooler. Highs Thursday 60s. Lows upper 30s to near 40. Highs Friday and Saturday near 60 and lows 30s. Coastal Bend: Partly

cloudy and a little cooler. Highs 60s. Lows 40s, near 50 coast. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Thursday. Partly cloudy and a little cooler Friday and Saturday. Lows Thursday near 50. Highs near 70. Lows Friday and Saturday 40s and high 60s. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Decreasing clouds with a chance of rain Thursday. A little cooler Friday and Saturday. Lows Thursday 40s. Highs 60s. Lows Friday and Saturday near 40. Highs near 60.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma — Cloudy southeast tonight with a chance of showers. Clear to partly cloudy central and west. Lows in mid 20s Panhandle to low 40s southeast. Mostly sunny west Wednesday, partly cloudy east. Highs in upper 50s and low 60s.

New Mexico — Fair skies tonight. Partly cloudy north and fair south Wednesday. Cooler northeast Wednesday. Highs Wednesday 40s to mid 50s mountains and northwest with mid 50s to upper 60s elsewhere. Lows tonight 0 to 25 mountains and northwest with 20s and 30s elsewhere.

Blalock murder trial resumes today

The murder trial of Robert Kimberly Blalock was scheduled to resume this morning following a break in the hearing due to illness of the defense attorney.

The trial began last week when an eight-man, four-woman Gray County jury was seated in 223rd District Court and began hearing evidence last Tuesday.

On Wednesday morning when the jury reported for the trial, Senior District Judge Grainger McIlhany said that Blalock's attorney, John White of Borger, was ill and recessed the court until Thursday morning.

However, Thursday morning White was still ill and McIlhany recessed the court until 9:30 a.m. today.

Blalock, 34, is accused of throwing a Molotov cocktail into the residence of Paulette Noble and her two sons, Terry and Dale.

Dale, 13, died of carbon monoxide poisoning as a result of the May 21 fire.

Blalock was indicted on felony murder in September by a Gray County grand jury.

Assistant District Attorney John Mann said the state should be through presenting its evidence sometime today.

The defense will then present any evidence and said that Blalock will take the witness stand and testify.

Buckle up — it's the law

Crime Stoppers still working on case tips provided by callers

Crime Stoppers of Pampa received 11 calls in January, according to a report released by Cpl. Dave Wilkinson, crime prevention officer of the Pampa Police Department.

Cpl. Wilkinson provided a breakdown of the calls, listed below, and the current disposition of the reported case. Also, there is a notation of what information, if any, that Crime Stoppers may need to further investigate the case.

• Caller #1966 reported a narcotics case on Jan. 9. Currently this case is still actively being worked.

• Caller #1258 reported a criminal mischief case on Jan. 9. Currently this case is still actively being worked.

• An unknown caller reported a narcotics case on Jan. 10. Currently this case is listed as inactive, with the residence and subjects still under observation.

• An unknown caller reported information in a case on Jan. 12 and mentioned that a residence was a

bad place for teenagers. Currently this case is listed as unfounded because investigating officers were unable to locate the residence. If the caller wants to call back and give a more precise location for the officers to check on, it will be appreciated.

• Caller #1212 reported a narcotics case on Jan. 20. Currently this case is still actively being worked. Investigators are having some difficulty locating the residence with what information the caller left.

• An unknown caller reported a theft of cable services on Jan. 21. Currently this case is still actively being worked.

• An unknown caller reported two separate narcotics cases on Jan. 22. Currently both of these cases are actively being worked.

• Caller #7143 reported a narcotics case on Jan. 24. Currently this case is actively being worked.

• An unknown caller reported a criminal mischief case on Jan. 25. This caller responded to a Crime of

the Week which involved damage to buses at the Pampa Middle School. Currently this case is actively being worked.

• An unknown caller reported a wanted person on Jan. 27. Currently this case is actively being worked.

• An unknown caller reported a

narcotics case on Jan. 27. Currently this case is actively being worked.

Wilkinson said he's aware that citizens of Pampa and Gray County may inquire as to why the above cases were placed into the categories of inactive or unfounded.

If anyone has a question on any of the crimes listed, or on past cases, the person can call the 24-hour recorded line at 669-2222 and leave the information, or leave a phone number and Wilkinson will return the call.

Wilkinson said he also can be reached daily Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., by calling the Police Department's non-emergency phone number, 665-8481, Extension 289.

Any citizen may call the special Crime Stoppers number, 669-2222, he said.

The phone is manned 24 hours either by a police officer or a recorder. The caller assigns himself a four-digit number and gives his information.

"The information is then passed on to the police representative responsible for handling that particular case," Wilkinson said.

The caller is asked to check on the progress of the case by contacting Wilkinson at the department's non-emergency number. If an arrest and indictment is made, the caller is eligible for a reward.

"Callers do not have to testify in court and can remain completely anonymous," he explained. "All information called into Crime Stoppers is strictly confidential. Crime Stoppers does not want your name, just your information."

Wilkinson noted there are many unsolved burglaries, thefts and vandalism in Pampa and Gray County.

"We also have people who deal in stolen property and narcotics on a daily basis," he said. "If you have information that would solve one of these crimes, you could be up to \$1,000 richer in a Crime Stoppers reward."

Pampa Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of Pampa needs help this week in solving a business burglary that occurred sometime Tuesday, Dec. 11, or Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1990, at Knight Lites, 618 W. Foster.

Entry into the building was made by the burglar or burglars prying open a rear door with some type of flat-blade tool. The coin-operated machines were broken into, and the currency and some of the merchandise were taken out of them. Also taken from the business were hamburger meat, Coca-Cola beer and cigarettes.

Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for this crime.

If you have information about this crime, or about the sale, manufacture or distribution of illegal drugs, please report it to Crime Stoppers by calling 669-2222.

The board of directors of Crime Stoppers urges citizen involvement in reporting crimes in our community and offers rewards for other crimes not published.

Crime Stoppers does not want your name; all they want is your information. It is strictly confidential, and you do not have to appear in court.

Remember, crime doesn't pay but Crime Stoppers does. Citizens can remain anonymous and earn rewards for reporting crimes in this community by calling 669-2222.

Montford says voters may be asked to choose among school finance alternatives

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Predicting the Senate Finance Committee will act on a school finance reform proposal next week, the panel's chairman urged those with alternatives to a statewide property tax to draft legislation quickly.

"D-Day is coming," said Sen. John Montford, who left the statewide property tax proposal pending Monday. "Either you come with your own plan, or we're going to vote this sucker out."

The Texas Supreme Court has ordered lawmakers to change the school finance system to ensure poor school districts are funded equitably.

The statewide property tax proposed by state Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, would replace local property levies for schools. Other proposals being worked on would take some local property tax revenue from rich poor school districts and give it to poor ones.

Parker's plan would require a constitutional amendment, which needs a two-thirds vote of the Legislature and voter approval in a statewide election. Opinions differ on whether shifting local property tax funds between school districts would require an amendment.

Montford, D-Lubbock, said voters may be asked to choose between a statewide property tax and some backup school funding plan.

"I think probably where we're headed is some type of either-or ballot approach, at least give the voters a choice or a fall-back plan," he said.

But Parker, Senate Education Committee chairman, criticized the idea.

Childress sheriff accused of distributing marijuana from trunk of his patrol car

AMARILLO (AP) — A 12-count indictment returned against Childress County sheriff Claude Bob Lane accuses the lawman of distributing marijuana from the trunk of his patrol car and with selling marijuana near a public elementary school.

The indictment was returned Monday by a federal grand jury and charges Lane with obstructing justice in connection with a federal drug investigation and conspiring to possess with intent to distribute less than 50 kilograms of marijuana and to distribute less than 50 kilograms of marijuana. Fifty kilograms is equivalent to about 110 pounds.

The 10 other counts, which set forth acts allegedly committed to further the conspiracy, charge Lane with several things, including carrying a 12-gauge shotgun during a drug trafficking crime; using the trunk of his patrol car to distribute marijuana; using a telephone in connection with illicit drug activity; and distributing marijuana within 1,000 feet of a public elementary school in Childress.

Fiesta to be held despite war in gulf

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Local military officials say they're not going to let the Persian Gulf war ruin their participation in the 100th annual Fiesta Centennial to be held in April.

But officials said Monday they hope Operation Desert Storm will end before the April 19 start of Fiesta and they expect the local military units to get more cheers as usual when they add patriotic music and marching to the parades.

"I'm sure everyone is hoping the war will be over by then—that's what we're praying for," said Irene Witt, who is coordinating Fiesta planning for Lackland AFB.

Marleen Pedrosa, executive vice president of the Fiesta San Antonio

"I would not be a party to that," he said. "I think it would be very difficult to do. I think the voters would resent it."

House Speaker Gib Lewis, who has assigned several lawmakers to look at alternatives to a statewide property tax, sounded less than enthusiastic, too. "I'd hope we could find something a little more decisive than having to confuse the public with that," he said.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said he was unfamiliar with the approach. "That sounds like something that might have originated from the House."

Doubts have mounted about a statewide property tax in recent days. Republicans, the Texas Association of School Boards, a coalition of poor school districts and a small business group all have questioned the idea.

Montford said an either-or ballot proposition could be complicated by proposals to have the state take over schools' bonded indebtedness for buildings. That might require yet another constitutional amendment.

After four special sessions, the Legislature last year wrote a new school finance plan. But the Texas Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional and has ordered lawmakers to even out funding between rich and poor school districts.

Under the current system, schools are funded by local property taxes, state aid and some federal money. Wide disparities in funding are caused by differences in property values.

The Supreme Court set an April 1 deadline for lawmakers to devise another reform plan, or face an order to cut off state funding for schools.

Lane, 53, had been charged last month in a criminal complaint filed in Amarillo's U.S. District Court Lane accuses the lawman of distributing marijuana from the trunk of his patrol car and with selling marijuana near a public elementary school.

The lawman, who was placed on a paid leave of absence from Childress County, was released on \$50,000 bond.

An affidavit from a Drug Enforcement Administration agent says Lane's case arose from the October seizure of a clandestine marijuana plantation in an area of Childress County known as Garden Valley.

Lane was the primary initial investigating law enforcement officer in that case, the affidavit says.

Officers reportedly uncovered a \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million drug operation. The raid netted 1,100 pounds of marijuana, according to news reports. District Attorney David McCoy said that in addition to an estimated 3,000 plants, the operation had an elaborate cultivation system, irrigation and a barn for curing the plants.

Commission, said military units have indicated that they want to be involved in Fiesta despite the war.

"Military participation is always an integral part of Fiesta," she said.

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Marine widow



Jennifer Garza holds the flag taken from the coffin of her husband, Marine Lance Corporal Arthur Garza, during burial services Monday in Kingsville, Texas. She is comforted by Mary Helen Garza, left, her husband's mother. Cpl. Garza was the first Texan to die in the Persian Gulf conflict.

TB testing urged for Texas jails

AUSTIN (AP) — Testing for tuberculosis in city and county jails in Texas should be routine to avoid an epidemic, the Texas Department of Health says.

John Bybee, director of tuberculosis control for the department, said Monday that testing should include employees, volunteers and some inmates.

"It is a communicable disease, and we're trying to avoid an epidemic," Bybee said.

The expense of even limited jail screening, estimated at more than \$1 million, is making it difficult for the department to interest members of the Legislature in a tuberculosis-screening law.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards cited a lack of money in many rural counties for last year's decision not to require the screening in jails under its jurisdiction.

But health officials maintain that a statewide problem of what the World Health Organization calls the world's deadliest infectious disease is real and worsening.

Statistics show that Texas jails have a tuberculosis case rate of about 27 per 100,000 people, more than twice the statewide rate for the general population of 11 per 100,000 people.

The problem was even worse last year in the prisons of the Texas Department of Corrections, which do their own screening. The department counted about 37 cases of the disease among their 39,000 prisoners for a case rate of 95 per 100,000 people, according to statistics.

Any screening law probably could safely ignore most of the rural jails in the state and focus instead on large, inner-city jails and those in the Rio Grande Valley, Bybee said.

Fort Worth Marine among four reported killed in copter crash

By The Associated Press

Relatives of two Texas Marines killed in a helicopter crash in eastern Saudi Arabia say their loved ones died doing what they loved best, serving their country.

"It's very special in life to be able to be something you're proud of," said Connie Herr of Fort Worth, mother of Capt. David R. Herr, 28, who died in Sunday's crash. "He was proud to be a Marine."

U.S. military officials said Monday that the crash Sunday of the Marine Corps UH-1 helicopter killed four crew members, including Herr and Cpl. Albert G. Haddad Jr., 22, of Denton.

The deaths raise to five the number of Texans reported killed since Operation Desert Storm began Jan. 16.

Herr, a helicopter pilot, was a graduate of Fort Worth Country Day School and Washington and Lee University, where he received a business degree.

"He was a very, very, exceptionally bright man," said Herr family friend Jimmie Thompson. "He wanted to be a Marine for many years."

Haddad, a door gunner, also drew words of praise from friends and family.

"Al was one of the choice young men of our community and his life blood has been mixed with the history of our nation for our freedom, and for that we are eternally grateful," Lakeland Baptist Church minister Ben Smith said.

Haddad, a 1986 graduate of Lewisville High School, is survived by his parents, Albert and Linda Haddad, formerly of Lewisville, and his wife of nearly a year, Cindy.

"We all admired what he was doing. He was a brave person and proud of his country," said Haddad's sister-in-law, Lori Moseley of Lewisville.

"Al belonged to the whole community, just as the rest of your husbands and loved ones do," Ms. Moseley told the families of service members during a support group meeting at Lakeland Baptist Church

Monday night.

Moseley said Haddad, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton near San Diego, had recently received a commendation for his actions during Operation Desert Storm.

The number of U.S. aircraft lost in Operation Desert Storm increased to 23, nine of them from non-combat causes. The crashes have taken eight lives.

Also killed in the Sunday crash were pilot Capt. James K. Thorp, 30, Valley Station, Ky.; and door gunner Cpl. Kurt A. Benz, 22, Garden City, Mich.

The copter crash raised to 34 the number of Americans reported killed in Operation Desert Storm, including 22 non-combat deaths.

Marine Lance Cpl. Arthur Garza, the first Texas serviceman to die in connection with Operation Desert Storm, was buried Monday afternoon in his hometown of Kingsville.

About 500 friends, family and supporters of U.S. troops crowded into Saint Martin's Catholic Church to remember the 20-year-old.

Members of the Marine honor guard presented American flags to both Garza's mother, Mary Helen Garza, and his wife, Jennifer Garza, during the burial ceremony.

Hundreds of students from Memorial Middle School, located along the route to the cemetery, waved signs and ribbons as the funeral convoy passed.

Garza and at least four other Marines were killed Jan. 26 in an offshore accident involving amphibious vehicles off the Saudi Arabian coast, military officials said.

"Arthur had been given much in his life and through his death had given much back," said Father James Fohlker.

Garza's wife and their 6-month-old daughter live in San Diego. He had been stationed at Camp Pendleton.

Funeral arrangements for Army 2nd Lt. Michael G. Garrett, 24, of Hemphill, have not been made, his sister Dorothy Garrett said Monday. Garrett died Feb. 2 from injuries suffered in a California tank mishap.

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Opinion

Capital gains tax needs to be axed

A barrage of news stories from the Persian Gulf have locked on to the high-tech nature of U.S. weaponry. But there is another major contributor to the war effort: Ronald Reagan's tax cuts of the early 1980s, which propelled American industry through eight record years of peaceful expansion.

That period included the most rapid phase of the personal computer revolution. Writer George Gilder has calculated that the "productivity growth rate more than doubled after 1981, to an annual average of 4.5 percent, the best extended upsurge since World War II."

Not too long ago computer columnist Peter H. Lewis reported how flexible our high-tech economy can be in supporting the war effort: "The Compuadd Corporation of Austin, Texas, earlier this month supplied the military's Central Command with 1,300 of the latest and most powerful desktop computers, 350 laptop portables, 1,300 laser printers, 10 fully configured local area networks and thousands of copies of the newest system software and standard office applications." The desktop computers run the i486 microprocessor, the hottest computer "brain" in the world, made by Intel Corp. of California.

Each computer comes equipped with a CD-ROM disc, much like the popular CD music discs. The little discs pack in data, including the entire series of Jane's military books and multitudinous maps.

Unfortunately, the computer revolution of the 1980s is now being slowed down by ruinous tax policies. In 1986 the maximum capital gains tax was increased from 20 percent to 33 percent. Last year's tax increase dropped that top level to 31 percent, but increased the tax on some people from 28 to 31 percent. And last year's tax increase also boosted taxes overall by \$140 billion, helping entrench the recession.

Some members of Congress have begun to murmur about imposing a "war tax." House Speaker Thomas Foley has refused to squelch this movement ("I wouldn't lay it totally aside"). Fortunately, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan testified before Congress recently, "A surcharge at this stage is very clearly premature and, hopefully, unnecessary under any scenario."

A "war tax" would hurt the war effort by hampering the ability of Compuadd, Intel and other vital high-tech companies to innovate. Computer innovation now occurs so quickly that every month brings remarkable new developments. A tax increase now could damage research and development that, two months from now, could well prove essential to fighting the war.

What we really need is a war tax cut. In his State of the Union address, President Bush called again for a cut in the capital gains tax; he should have called for its total elimination. Foley, of course, rejected the idea as "too premature." Bush should continue to argue for the need to eliminate the capital gains tax, reasoning, "A high-tech war requires capital, and the best way to encourage capital spending for research and development is to stop taxing it."

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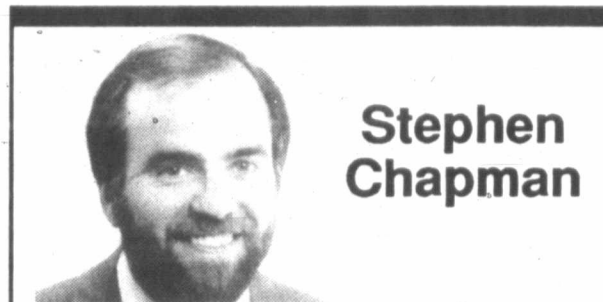
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Don't fear flying to Europe



Stephen Chapman

Saddam Hussein has failed spectacularly to drive the Western imperialists out of the Middle East, but he can take some comfort in the knowledge that he's driving them out of Europe.

While American pilots brave death in the sky, American travelers quail at the prospect. They have abandoned airline flights to Europe in droves, apparently out of fear that they will wind up in the unpleasant company of some unshaven Arab terrorist.

This should be a source of national embarrassment. For Americans to expect that the Persian Gulf war will lead to terrorism against Westerners is perfectly reasonable. We have every reason to think such attacks will occur. But for Americans to shun foreign destinations for the duration of the conflict is simply ridiculous.

The danger of any individual passenger being inconvenienced, much less extinguished, in one of these likely incidents ranks only a tiny bit higher than the risk of being kidnapped by a UFO. Anyone who's addicted to anxiety would be better off worrying about the cab ride to the airport.

But one airline after another reports that travelers are refusing to venture across the Atlantic until things quiet down. Trans World Airlines announced recently that it would eliminate as much as half of its overseas service in response to what it called "an unprecedented reduction in European travel and European bookings."

American Airlines says ticket sales on its trans-Atlantic flights are off by more than a quarter. European carriers have canceled flights not only to destinations in the Middle East but also to some in Europe itself.

Anyone who avoids Tel Aviv or Riyadh is only

being prudent, since the danger of dying in a place where bombs are falling out of the sky is undoubtedly greater than in a place where the precipitation is limited to rain and snow. But calling off a trip to Europe because of panic about terrorist attacks is about as rational as refusing to set foot in California for fear of earthquakes.

Consider the numbers. More than 100,000 people a day shuttle back and forth between the United States and the Old World, and another 1 million board flights within Europe. That adds up to 400 million passengers a year. Even in a terrible year, there is only a handful of terrorist incidents involving airliners and airports.

In 1985, one of the worst years on record, Europe suffered just 15 separate attacks, fewer than half of which were aimed at air travelers. The death toll from all of the episodes amounted to 417—329 of which resulted from a single event, the bombing of an Air India 747, presumably by Sikh terrorists. The danger from the Sikhs somehow hasn't generated hysteria in the traveling public, even though their quarrel with the Indian government continues.

Most of the unfortunate victims were not carrying U.S. passports. But even if every terrorist fatal-

ity in Europe that year had been a tourist from Topeka, the killers would have gotten only about one out of every 90,000 American visitors.

A tourist probably faces a greater risk of choking on a snail at some bistro near the Louvre, or of being run off the Autobahn by a speed-crazed German driver. Those pathetic souls who go through life avoiding any activity that involves a 1-in-90,000 chance of perishing are going to end up with an extreme shortage of amusements. Cross the Atlantic? Heck, they can't even cross the street.

But some responses to the gulf war have been bizarre. Guns and ammunition have been reported selling briskly across the country. Some shoppers in San Francisco have been buying 50-pound bags of rice, which will come in handy if Saddam Hussein carries out his threat to target Bay area grocery trucks. A store in New York reports selling hundreds of gas masks in recent days, as if Scud missiles were about to land on Fifth Avenue.

At work here is a familiar phenomenon, the wild exaggeration of remote risks by coinciding with the gross underestimation of real ones. A typical American motorist has a 1-in-5,000 chance of dying in a traffic accident over the course of a year. But that doesn't stop Americans from driving anytime they need to make a trip of more than two blocks—often as not with their seat belts unbuckled.

U.S. soldiers contemplating an invasion of Kuwait have reason to fear for their lives. U.S. travelers considering a business trip to London or a skiing vacation in the Alps don't. For tens of thousands of U.S. citizens to be intimidated by the infinitesimal risk that they will be killed by a terrorist is no credit to our resolve in the face of adversity, or to our common sense.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 1991. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed adding up to six more justices to the U.S. Supreme Court, resulting in accusations that he was trying to pack the court with judges who would side with his New Deal legislation. (The Senate defeated the proposal the following July.)

On this date:

In 1631, the founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife arrived in Boston from England.

In 1881, Phoenix, Ariz., was incorporated.

In 1917, Congress passed, over President Wilson's veto, an immigration act sharply curtailing the influx of Asians.

In 1917, Mexico adopted its constitution.

In 1940, Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded "Tuxedo Junction," by Erskine Hawkins, William Johnson, Julian Dash and Buddy Feyne, for RCA Victor's Bluebird label.



Half the U.S. army ate there

I ate my first sliced barbecue pork pig sandwich at Sprayberry's in Newnan, Ga., when I was 7 years old. It was a Saturday. On Saturdays my mother would drive us from our home in Moreland six miles to the county seat in Newnan.

Her main purpose was to buy groceries for the following week. That finished, she would drive us, in the '48 Chev, to Sprayberry's.

We always ordered from the curb. That's because my mother enjoyed a beer with her barbecue.

But a rural first-grade school teacher couldn't be seen even in the vicinity of a beer so she would order it in a brown paper bag.

When it came, she would take it off the curb tray and put it on the floorboard of the car. When she took a sip, she would bend down out of sight.

So that makes 37 years I've been eating Sprayberry's barbecue. I've had some marvelous barbecue in other places, to be sure, but Sprayberry's will always have my heart and my loyalty.

I still make the 45-minute drive from Atlanta at least twice a month to ease my cravings. The barbecue has never lost its quality. The Brunswick stew is world class and they serve it with white loaf bread, as God intended.

The onion rings. The icebox lemon pie. Help me, Jesus.



Lewis Grizzard

All this to tell of the recent passing of Mr. Houston Sprayberry, the founder. He was 87. He had been in poor health for a time.

He opened for business in 1926.

"He was," somebody said at his funeral, "what he did."

Until his health failed, and one of his sons took over the business, Mr. Sprayberry was at his command post six days a week.

He was a man of few words.

A man was paying his bill one day with Mr. Sprayberry at the cash register.

The man said, "Mr. Sprayberry, my wife and I have driven 300 miles out of the way to eat your barbecue. I think it's the best in the world. I must have sent you one thousand cus-

tomers over the years."

Mr. Sprayberry replied, "Thank you, that'll be eleven, forty-five."

David Boyd, the brilliant political cartoonist, lives in Newnan. He told me of being in Adelaide, Australia, in 1969.

"I'm in a bar and somebody says, 'Where ya' from, Yank?'"

"I said, 'I'm not a Yank, I'm from Newnan, Georgia.'"

"The guy said, 'Have you ever eaten at Sprayberry's, mate?'"

"Turns out his father was the liaison officer in Georgia during World War II."

"That's how Sprayberry's became so famous. During the war Newnan was on the main route from Fort Jackson to Fort Benning. Half the American army ate there, and the old soldiers kept coming back year after year."

David Boyd said Mr. Sprayberry's funeral was the largest he'd ever seen in Newnan.

I think of Mama now and of her one surreptitious beer a week. The memories of her are precious and Sprayberry's certainly has its place in them.

My sympathy to the Sprayberry family.

"He was what he did."
So fitting an epitaph.

Now is the time for public dissent

By SARAH OVERSTREET

There is no longer the hope of averting war, only the hope that death and destruction will be minimal, that objectives most conducive to peace in the future will be accomplished quickly.

On the first day of America's newest war, I hosted a call-in program on a talk-radio station in southwest Missouri. Some of the callers' sentiments could have come from radio transmissions bouncing back into the atmosphere from across the decades:

"Those anti-war protesters are sending Hussein the message we aren't united—that we're weak."

"Why isn't the media reporting the positive things about this war, rather than how horrible it will be? We don't need to hear that."

Even the U.S. congressman from our district, Rep. Mel Hancock, a

Republican, has publicly castigated anyone who doesn't agree with the president 100 percent, and most especially the media:

"Their morbid obsession with the certain tragedy of war is designed to do nothing less than give aid and comfort to our enemies by unnerving the American people... Like all other patriotic citizens, the news media should be uniting the country behind our president in defense of principle."

And for this conflict, the government has come out with unprecedented restrictions on the press, requiring, among other limitations, review of all news material by military authorities before it can be broadcast or published. Military escorts must be with reporters at all times.

I am stunned by the government restrictions and genuinely surprised at the amount of anti-any-kind-of-dissent sentiment. Reporters have never groused at restrictions designed to pro-

tecting the security of our armed forces. But these further restrictions aren't security; this is blanket censorship and manipulation of news gathering.

After years of reportage that should have made this clear, it appears that many of us still don't have any concept of how easy it would be for a Saddam Hussein to rise to power in the United States if the press did not exist to shine lights into the dark corners that his ilk would like to keep hidden.

The argument that any dissent weakens us may suffer from guilt by association. Since so much of our leadership and decisions in the Vietnam conflict was flawed, the dissent that led to the exposure of those flaws sometimes gets blamed for the weakness.

This is simply not what happened. Vietnam was a classic case of stupid executive decisions, ill-fated military strategy and inadequate understanding of the Vietnamese people, their

country and their history.

Where there are worthy goals and constructive action toward accomplishing those goals, their own strength and success can easily withstand opposing opinions. If Operation Desert Storm is effective, it will be because the strategy is sound and the goals are worthy and workable, not because no one uttered a discouraging word.

Operation Desert Storm is under way. Dissent will not deter it unless the operation and motives are defective.

If its strategies prove sound and its leaders effective, dissent will remain what it is: a valuable American freedom, our right to choose and express what we will believe.

If Desert Storm's leaders and decisions are flawed, dissent will focus our attention on that knowledge. A free press is our only guarantee that that knowledge will reach us.

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Lifestyles

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Mrs. Hoover's class—Waylon Griffin, Ian Jones, Mark Mulanax, Daniel Murrah, Joshua Paulson, Trevor Slater, Kristian Albus, Heather Ascencio, Chrissy Fulton, Brandi Jewell, Rebecca McConnell.

Mrs. Sims' class—Kristen Bell, Sara Collins, Russ Dubose, Jose Gutierrez, Derek Holdridge, Jordan Holmes, Laura Mouhot, Dale Rasmussen, Molly Seaborn, Veronica Tarango, Derek Taylor, Roy Wellborn, Steve West, Daniel White, Jeni Wilson, Amber Yokopenic.

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Mrs. Rogers' class—Patty Dingas, Christopher Harrison, Sarah Landry, Seth Lewis, Michael Shaw, Jami Wilson.

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Most improved in reading—Jessie Rodriguez, Ryan King, Jeanette Venegas, Aleshia Bowers, Stephanie Fisher, Gema Venegas, Apryl Deleon, Amanda Grider, Craig Stout, Amber Caviness, Dwayne Bridges, Tiffanie Ellis, Cody Shepard, Loreta Moya, Justin Hampton, Mark Mulanax, Veronica Tarango, Tami Graves, Michael Shaw, Sarah Cook.

Most improved in Math—Ricky Nichols, Jenny Tollison, Haden Wade, Joey Dancel, Amanda Carter, Katie James, Jennifer Derr, Brendan Zedlitz, Erik Black, Jonathan Wade, Shanna Marshall, J. J. Solis, Michelle Shoffner, Philip Bridges, Dale Rasmussen, Justin Ensey, Flor Tarango, Rene Granillo.

Man young enough to play must play it safe

DEAR ABBY: I am a 64-year-old man, but I look, feel and act like a man of 50. I play tennis three times a week and keep myself in excellent physical condition. I am engaged to marry a wonderful 40-year-old woman. It's the second time around for both of us. I have three grown sons. The lady I'm marrying is childless by choice and she's made it very clear that she wants no children.

Abby, does a man my age need a vasectomy?

LAS VEGAS LOVER

DEAR LOVER: Any man who is young enough to be a lover is not too old to need a vasectomy.

DEAR ABBY: Last December, we invited some out-of-town friends to spend the holidays with us. They have children and two dogs, which they take everywhere. We are not very fond of having animals in our house, but we really wanted to see them, so we told them to come and bring their dogs on the condition that the dogs be put out on the patio while we ate our meals. (If you don't, the dogs are under your feet at the table.)

Well, the dogs were put out only during the Christmas meal—otherwise they were under our feet during breakfast, lunch and dinner. They also got up on the furniture, and even slept in bed with our friends!

I do not dislike animals, but I had a couple of childhood incidents with dogs that left me uncomfortable around them.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

I didn't say anything to my guests at the time, but we would like them to visit again—without their dogs. How can I get them to understand our feelings?

BAFFLED

DEAR BAFFLED: By not reinforcing your conditions, you have already set a precedent. Why not tell them what you told me? You can even show them this letter, but don't expect them to understand your feelings. People whose pets sleep with them regard their pets as their children.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to ask your opinion about a favor I recently asked of my aunt. She's my mother's sister. I asked her if the next time we see each other she would give me a mouth-to-mouth kiss. I am her oldest nephew (nearly 20) and she's in her late 30s. She is very good-looking.

Last New Year's when she gave me a hug and a little peck on the cheek, I asked her for a mouth-to-

mouth kiss and she said, "No!" When I asked her why she said it, she said it wasn't "proper"—then she said she has two boys of her own and she doesn't even kiss them on the mouth, and with that being the case, it wouldn't be fair to kiss her nephew on the mouth. What do you think?

SHUT OUT

DEAR SHUT OUT: Mouth-to-mouth kisses are for lovers—not relatives. Be satisfied with a hug and a peck on the cheek from your good-looking aunt, but look elsewhere for the kind of kisses lovers share.

DEAR ABBY: The letter signed "Seattle" hit a nerve with me. It's true, widowed women are treated with more respect and compassion than divorced women. I happen to be a widow, but I do not readily tell people because some men assume that a widow has inherited money or is sexually starved.

Most people think I'm divorced, and I prefer that designation. After four years with an assumed identity, sign me ...

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These florists, who wire flower orders around the world, offer some tips on buying and caring for roses:

— Select roses that are just beginning to open and avoid those where stems are bent near the flower heads.

— If possible, condition roses when you receive them. Put them in a clean, deep container of warm water, about 110 degrees F, and then place the container in a cool room for about 2 to 4 hours.

— Before arranging roses, cut the stems at an angle with a sharp knife, being careful not to bruise or scrape the stems. Some experts recommend

cutting the stems while the entire flower is immersed in warm water, such as a filled sink.

— Remove any foliage on stems that will be below the water line.

— Arrange roses in a clean, deep vase filled with warm water. Add a floral preservative. A powder that dissolves in water is available from florists for a few cents.

— If you arrange roses in florists' foam, which is presoaked and provides a water source as well as a base,

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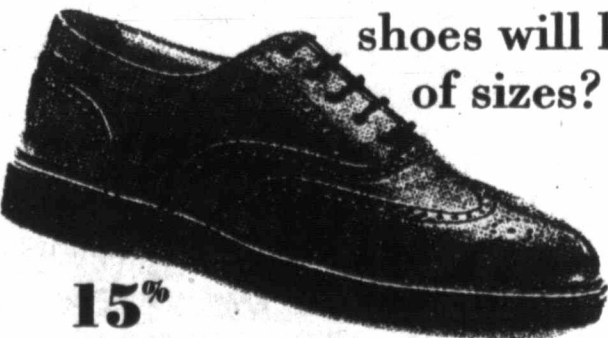
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24 Make muddy
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35 Textile plants
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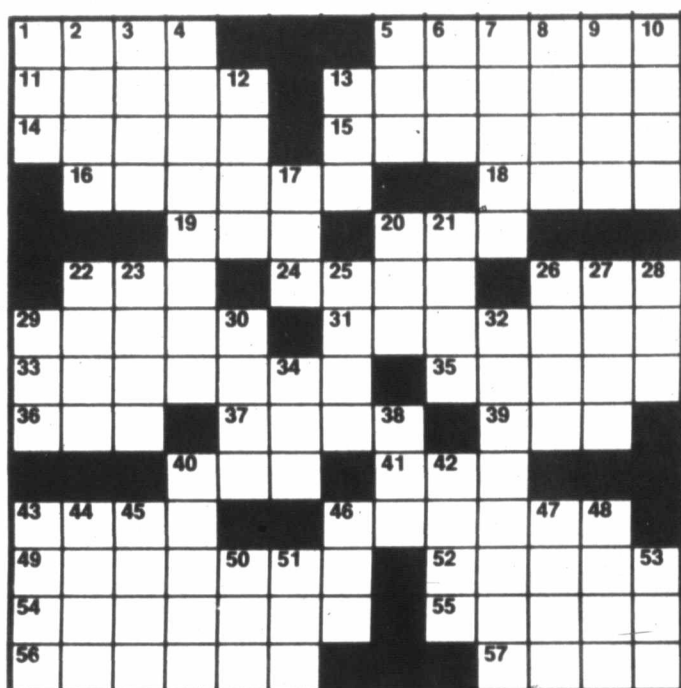
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55 Lacking money
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30 Opera by Verdi
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34 Make an edging
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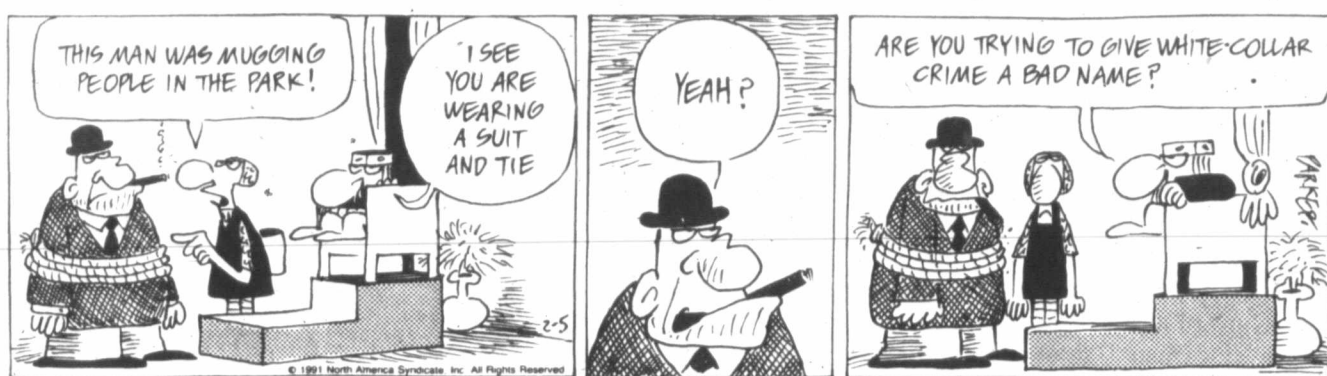
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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's important that you maintain a realistic, positive attitude regarding your responsibilities today. If you inflate them unreasonably, your initiative might become flat.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your commercial survival today depends upon your ability to function independently. Don't labor under the illusion that associates are looking out for anything but their own interests.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It would be wise to visibly support your mate in front of others today, even though you don't agree with your partner's position. It will help to lessen a potentially serious problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Instead of trying to impose your ideas on co-workers today, hear out what they have to say. They might have suggestions that are superior to yours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be very careful today about getting involved in joint endeavors where the funds you invest are controlled by someone else. This is a critical area.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) People over whom you have authority can be guided but not bullied today. If you come on too strong, you might create a situation that could get out of hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Much of your effort today could be counterproductive. This is because you may try to appease associates rather than adhere to your own best judgment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your spending patterns could be greatly influenced by the company you keep today. If you're associating with high rollers, there is a good chance you'll be more extravagant than you should be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might cater to inclinations that test your will against the will of those with whom you'll be involved today. This is an exercise in juvenile expression which you could later regret.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might have to contend with an individual who expounds ideas in a bold and dramatic fashion today. Don't be intimidated by the persona, because the message may lack substance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It is best not to enter a joint venture today where there isn't parity between participants. If the roles are not equal, don't play the game.

Sports

OSU coming on strong

College poll

By The Associated Press

While most eyes this week are fixed at the top of the college basketball poll with the upcoming matchup of No. 1 UNLV and No. 2 Arkansas, there's a new team worth watching at the bottom.

Oklahoma State, a team picked for the bottom of the Big Eight in most preseason polls, was 22nd when the poll was released Monday, but the news hardly set off celebrations in coach Eddie Sutton's office.

"We don't care whether we get any votes or not. I always tell our players 'You want to be in the Top 20 when the season's over.' Polls are for fans, not for coaches and players," said Sutton, who returned to his alma mater after a year off following his resignation at Kentucky.

"I think we're kind of an unknown in a sense. I look at New Orleans, a team we beat at their place. We beat DePaul. In time, if you keep winning, I guess they'll finally recognize you have a pretty good basketball team."

The Cowboys (15-6) have won

four straight, the last two conference road victories at Colorado and Nebraska.

"This team has matured from the standpoint that they're a pretty good defensive ball club," Sutton said. "I always have a little more respect for a ballclub if they guard you and take pretty good care of the ball. When you look at our stat sheet, teams are shooting 41.2 percent against us. We're shooting 51.3. That's a big percentage. We've turned it over 268 times, the opponents 352."

"I really believe our team has matured now." UNLV slid back into its role as a unanimous No. 1 after losing it for one week. The Runnin' Rebels (18-0), the only unbeaten Division I team, received 63 first-place votes and Arkansas (22-1), which plays host to them this Sunday, was No. 2 on all 63 ballots.

Ohio State (18-1), which received two first-place votes last week, held third as Indiana did in fourth. Ohio State suffered its first loss of the season.

Arizona was fifth and was followed in the Top Ten by Duke, Syracuse, St. John's, North Carolina and Kentucky.

Smalltown football star overlooked by colleges

By JERRY HILL
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas (AP) — Try as he might, Valley Mills football coach Allen West just can't put a finger on it. Why is it that every college from sea to shining sea is overlooking a prospect like Jason Hicks?

At 5-foot-11 and 180 pounds, Hicks will not turn college recruiters' heads as a quarterback or middle linebacker. But in addition to passing for more than 2,000 yards, he kicked 42 of 50 extra points and hit 10 of 17 field goals, including a long of 48 yards.

"If he just stood on the sidelines and kicked, there's no telling what he could do," West said. "I would like to stack him up against anybody else in the state fresh. The whole thing is kind of mind-boggling."

But that is a common frustration for coaches at smaller high schools. Other than a few exceptions like Groveton running back Rodney Thomas, recruiters rarely take the time to scour road maps for places like Ladonia, Garden City, Munday or Shamrock.

Closer to home, all-state players at Axtell, Italy, Coolidge, Valley Mills and Connally are finding that success on the high school level doesn't always translate into a college scholarship.

"We usually have schools come by and want to look at them anyway," said Axtell coach Joe Wyatt, who is retiring after 35 years. "I've always had them come by and look at film. But I can't even get anybody to come in and look at Kyle. He's a player."

Axtell defensive lineman Kyle Gholson, a first-team all-state pick, is 6-1, 242. He has already passed his ACT test and is one of the top

students in his class, but his future in football is in doubt.

"I just have to wonder if there's really that many good players going around," Wyatt said.

Italy running back Bobby Wilson (5-10, 185) and Hicks are in the same boat. At least Connally's Fred Silva, a 5-11, 250-pound offensive guard, is being courted by junior colleges. But Gholson, Hicks, Wilson and many more like them will have to wait long after Wednesday's national signing day to determine their football futures.

"Deep down, I didn't really think I would get any attention," said Hicks, a Tribune-Herald Super Center pick at quarterback. "I'm going to try to get something in baseball and walk on as a kicker."

"It is disappointing. But in a way, that's just how it goes."

Although smaller schools are generally overlooked, some of the best players in college and pro football history have come from small Texas towns.

Among them are former Green Bay Packers Donnie Anderson (Stinnett) and Max McGee (White Oak), Heisman Trophy winner Billy Sims of Oklahoma (Hooks) and former Los Angeles Rams linebacker Jack Pardee (Christoval), now head coach with the Houston Oilers.

Other than the ballyhooed battle for Waco High running back Louis Fite, it has been a relatively quiet year for recruiters in Central Texas. Fite, the Class 5A player of the year, committed to Baylor on Friday.

"We try to warn these guys how it's going to be," Waco High coach Johnny Tusa said. "You try to tell them about the bombardment and the number of calls and the pressure. But some of these guys don't remember who told them what."

Rose banned from Hall of Fame

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Pete Rose, kicked out of baseball because his gambling, today was banned from the Hall of Fame when a rule was adopted to exclude players on the permanently ineligible list.

Rose, the all-time hits leader, is the only living person on the ineligible list.

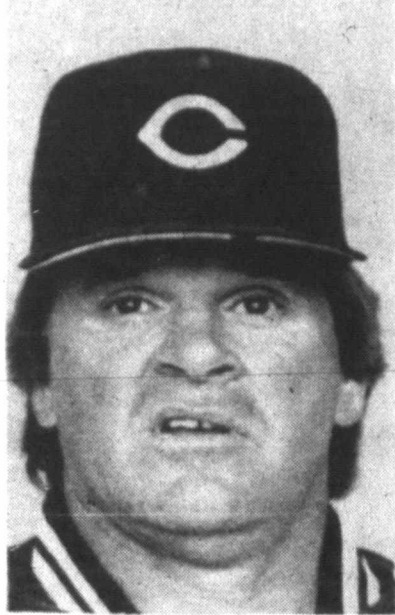
The Hall's board of directors voted 12-0 to accept the proposal presented last month by a special committee.

"The directors felt that it would be incongruous to have a person who has been declared ineligible by baseball to be eligible for baseball's highest honor," Hall of Fame president Ed Stack said. "It follows that if such individual is reinstated by baseball, then such individual would be a candidate for election."

Rose is now living at a Cincinnati halfway house while completing his sentence for cheating on his taxes. He had spent five months at a federal prison camp in Marion, Ill.

Rose, working today as a part-time gym teacher at an inner city elementary school, was not immediately available for comment.

Although the new rule does not



Pete Rose

specifically mention the former Cincinnati Reds player and manager, it states that no one on baseball's permanently ineligible list can appear on the ballot — mailed each December to 10-year veterans of the Baseball Writer's Association of America. Rose would be eligible for the first time in December.

Rose was kicked out of baseball

Aug. 24, 1989 after an investigation into allegations that he bet on games.

A special committee of the Hall voted 7-3 on Jan. 10 for a rule that would prohibit players on the ineligible list from being considered for election by the BWAA.

Four members of the special committee who voted against Rose also are Hall directors.

"It's out of my hands," Rose said on Jan. 14 in his only public comment on the Hall vote.

Four of the 16 directors did not attend the meeting. Commissioner Fay Vincent is vacationing in Jamaica and Hall of Famer Charlie Gehringer has stopped attending Hall meetings.

The majority of the board consists of baseball's old guard, a group that fears Rose may win election to the Hall one day. Although the guidelines on the ballot say that character should be taken into consideration, many writers have said they would vote for Rose based only on his on-field accomplishments.

Among the directors are American League president Bobby Brown, former AL president Lee MacPhail, National League president Bill White, former NL president Chub

Feeney, former commissioner Bowie Kuhn, Hall of Fame president Ed Stack, former Montreal Expos president John McHale, Hall of Famer Roy Campanella, Milwaukee Brewers owner Bud Selig, Boston Red Sox owner Jean Yawkey and Detroit Tigers chairman Jim Campbell.

Brown, McPhail, Feeney and McHale voted against Rose at the Jan. 10 committee meeting, while Stack opposed the new rule.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch writer Bob Broeg also is on the Hall board, as are Cooperstown Mayor Harold Hollis and Stephen Clark Jr., the son of the Hall of Fame founder.

Rose was placed on the permanently ineligible list on Aug. 23, 1989, by the late commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti following a six-month investigation. Giamatti determined that Rose placed bets on baseball games while he was managing Cincinnati, including bets on games involving the Reds.

Rose denied placing the bets, but ultimately signed an agreement accepting the lifetime ban. He can appeal for reinstatement at any time to Vincent, but has not chosen to do so yet.

Mallon wins first LPGA Tournament

LAKE WORTH, Fla. (AP) — Meg Mallon, winner of her first tournament on the LPGA tour, now heads south to the site where she nearly won her first a year ago.

Mallon birdied the last two holes at Wycliffe Country Club for a 1-under-par 71 in the Monday morning windup of the rain-delayed Oldsmobile LPGA Classic. That gave her a 12-under 276, two strokes ahead of rookie Dana Lofland.

The women now move an hour south for their third tournament of the season, the Phar-Mor Inverary

Classic, which starts Friday at the Inverary Country Club in Lauderdale.

A year ago, Mallon was among six players tied for the lead with one hole to play at the Phar-Mor. She pushed her drive into the trees and bogeyed, falling to third place as Jane Crafter sank a downhill 40-foot birdie putt to edge Hall-of-Famer Nancy Lopez by one stroke.

It was a career high finish for Mallon at the time. Later in the year she finished third at the Crestar Classic.

A hard rain Sunday morning

forced suspension of play with Mallon, the third-round leader, in the final group on the eighth tee.

Returning to the course Monday, she made eight consecutive pars before taking a bogey from a green-side bunker at the par-3 16th. That allowed Lofland, who had four birdies and a bogey on the last nine holes in her round of 70, to tie for the lead.

Mallon then hit what she called "the two greatest shots of my life" on the par-4 17th and 18th holes, both to within four feet, and sank both putts to capture the title.



Meg Mallon

District 1-4A standings

BASKETBALL

Team	Boys Won	Lost
Pampa	7-0	26-3
Borger	5-2	18-9
Caprock	5-2	16-11
Hereford	2-5	7-18
Dumas	1-6	8-17
Randall	1-6	8-19

Team	Girls Won	Lost
x-Randall	9-0	25-4
Pampa	7-2	17-10
Borger	6-3	22-7
Dumas	2-7	7-18
Hereford	2-7	13-17
Caprock	1-8	3-23

x-clinched no. 1 playoff seed

Pampa teams go after playoff berths tonight

The playoff picture for both Pampa boys' and girls' basketball teams will come sharply into focus tonight.

Both Pampa club can claim playoff spots with victories at Borger. It's as simple as that, no ifs, ands or buts.

The Harvesters are rolling along with a 7-0 district mark and two-game lead in the standings. Overall, Pampa boasts a 26-3 record and a No. 7 ranking in Class 4A.

Borger and Caprock, both 5-2, are tied for second place and the runner-up playoff spot.

"It's a big deal tonight," said Pampa head boys' coach Robert Hale. "Borger is always a big game for us and it's going to be exciting tonight. The opportunity is there for us to clinch a playoff spot tonight."

Pampa breezed to a 92-58 win over Borger in the first clash between the two teams.

Hale, however, looks for a closer game on the Bulldogs' home floor.

"We need to be both mentally and physically prepared and tuned in to the game that way," Hale said. "If you're not ready to play, then anything can happen."

Borger is coming off a 52-39 win over Dumas.

Like the Harvesters, the Lady Harvesters can lock up a playoff berth tonight. The Pampa girls, at 7-2, have a one-game lead over Borger (6-3) for the second-place runnerup spot.

Randall slipped by Pampa, 60-57, last Friday night to clinch the district championship.

"We're going to try and extend those last two quarters against Randall over against Borger. With the way we played against Randall, I felt like we sent a message to Borger that we can play with anybody," said Pampa girls' coach Albert Nichols.

The Pampa-Borger doubleheaders tip off at 6:30 p.m. with the girls' game.

Scoreboard

Basketball

7th Grade District Boys Tournament

(played last weekend at Valley View)

First Round

Pampa Blue 9 19 27 42

Valley View Blue 3 13 17 32

Pampa scoring — Coy Laury 12, Joel Ferland 11.

Second Round

Pampa Blue 13 24 39 47

Hereford White 10 20 30 39

Pampa scoring — Coy Laury 19, Joel Ferland 6.

The Top Twenty Five

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press 1990-91 college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 3 total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and last week's rankings:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pts
1.	UNLV (63)	18-0	1,575	1
2.	Arkansas	22-1	1,512	2
3.	Ohio St.	18-1	1,405	3
4.	Indiana	20-2	1,392	4
5.	Arizona	18-3	1,228	5
6.	Duke	18-4	1,208	6
7.	Syracuse	19-3	1,163	7
8.	St. John's	16-3	1,143	8
9.	North Carolina	15-3	1,132	9
10.	Kentucky	17-3	1,025	10
11.	Virginia	16-4	846	15
12.	Southern Miss.	14-2	784	17
13.	E. Tennessee	St.	18-2	776
14.	UCLA	16-5	763	12
15.	Nebraska	18-3	698	11
16.	New Mexico	St.	16-2	609
17.	Utah	20-2	583	13
18.	Kansas	15-4	454	24
19.	LSU	13-6	295	14
20.	Georgetown	13-6	280	18
21.	New Orleans	13-3	275	22
22.	Oklahoma St.	15-4	255	—
23.	Oklahoma	15-6	190	21
24.	Pittsburgh	15-7	125	19
25.	Michigan	St.	13-6	113

Other receiving votes: Mississippi St. 99, Princeton 70, Texas 62, Wyoming 54, Temple 47, South Carolina 44, Seton Hall 35, Alabama 30, Georgia Tech 26, Illinois 23, New Mex.

ico 21, N. Carolina St. 26, Connecticut 13, Vanderbilt 13, La Salle 10, Oregon St. 10, Arizona St. 9, Cincinnati 8, Providence 8, Houston 7, Michigan 6, DePaul 5, Iowa 5, Miami, Ohio 4, N. Illinois 4, Butler 3, SW Missouri St. 3, South Alabama 2, Fordham 1, James Madison 1, Texas-El Paso 1, Washington St. 1, Wis.-Green Bay 1.

Tennis

The Pampa High School tennis teams lost to Hereford, 16-2, in a dual match last weekend.

The Pampa teams are entered in the Wichita Falls Tournament Friday and Saturday. Individual results are listed below:

Girls Division

Singles

Gina Alley (H) def. Holly Hinton, 5-7, 6-7.

Trisha Munoz (H) def. Heather Gikas, 3-6.

0-6. Robyn Sublett (H) def. Leigh Ellen Osborne, 1-6, 2-6.

Emily Fuston (H) def. Laura Williams, 2-6.

3-6. Sherry Fuston (H) def. Meredith Horton, 2-6, 2-6.

0-6, 2-6. Brooke Weishaar (H) def. Sharon Smith, 0-6, 2-6.

Exhibition matches — Gabriela Gomez (H) def. Kimberly Martin, 2-6, 6-7; Jennifer Legato (H) def. Erin Fringe, 1-6, 3-6.

Doubles — Alley-Sublett (H) def. Hinton-Gikas, 6-7, 7-5, 4-6; Munoz-E. Fuston (H) def. Osborne-Horton, 2-6, 3-6; S. Fuston-Weishaar (H) def. Smith, 3-6, 2-6; Exhibition: Legato-Gomez (H) def. Fringe-Martin, 3-6, 4-6.

Boys Division

Singles

Torrey Sellers (H) def. Brad Chambers, 0-6, 2-6.

Jamie Kapaka (H) def. Edward Dunigan, 2-6, 2-6.

Randy Robbins (H) def. Joe Welborn, 0-6, 2-6.

Sameer Mohan (P) def. Brandon Flood, 7-6, 6-3.

Eric Cortez (H) def. J.B. Horton, 6-7, 7-5.

1-6. Denny Perales (H) def. John Allen, 1-6, 7-5, 2-6.

Exhibition matches: Michael Sy (P) def. Chris Perales, 6-0, 7-5; Michael Sy (P) def. Bobby Perales, 6-3, 7-6.



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Basketball

The Pampa Optimist Club will hold its annual B-Team Basketball Tournament Saturday at Optimist Park gym, located at 601 E. Craven.

Games start at 10 a.m. with the semifinals to begin at approximately 3 p.m.

The 1991 Optimist Boys Basketball program is made up of nine teams of fourth, fifth and sixth grade students.

"This tournament will feature nine fast-paced, single-elimination games of teams largely made up of fourth and fifth graders," said tournament director Garry Moody.

The Bulls, currently 7-0 in league play, is highly-favored to win the tournament, Moody said.

Strong challenges for the tournament crown are expected from the Sixers (6-1), Mavericks (5-2) and Spurs (5-2).

Photographer Diane Jennings will be taking individual and team pictures of all A and B team players as part of the day's activities.

As a new addition, Optimist Club members will be serving barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs and other items.

Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to the

top four teams following the final game.

No admission will be charged.

Golf

Brian Noel, assistant pro at the Pampa Country Club golf course, received a bonus with his Christmas present last year.

As a Christmas gift, Noel's wife had purchased golf lessons for him with Golf Digest instructor Chuck Cook at Austin's Barton Creek Country Club.

Noel not only received free lessons from Cook, but he also got to play golf with PGA touring Pro Tom Kite.

"We only played 16 holes because he had to leave early, but I was very impressed with him," Noel said. "He's not in the habit of giving out tips, but I did pick up a few from him. He passed on a few things that other people had taught him."

Kite, who makes his home in Austin, won the Tournament of Champions earlier this year.

Noel, who was on the golf team at West Texas State University, said it was the first time he had ever played golf with a big-name pro.



(AP Laserphoto)

New England holds the No. 1 overall pick and could choose Notre Dame's Rocket Ismail, above, in the NFL draft.

Pitt running back on NFL draft list

By The Associated Press

The NFL on Monday released the names of 29 underclassmen who are eligible for the draft, a list that includes Curvin Richards, the second-leading rusher in Pitt history, and prospect Eric Swann, who never made it to college at all.

Rocket Ismail, Todd Marinovich, Chuck Webb and Ed King are among the others who previously declared their intention to turn pro. The deadline was last Friday.

Last year, the first in which underclassmen were allowed to declare themselves without mitigating circumstances, 38 players made themselves eligible. Just 18 of them, however, were selected in the first 12 rounds.

Richards trails only Tony Dorsett on the University of Pittsburgh's rushing list. There were indications last week that Richards would forego his senior season.

Swann, a 6-foot-4, 300-pound defensive lineman, played last year for the Bay State Titans in football's minor leagues. Swann, 20, once was set to play for North Carolina State, but was ineligible under Proposition 48 after he failed nine times to score the necessary 700 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Several NFL scouts have seen Swann and said he had the potential to be a bonafide pro player, although they are concerned that his lack of experience in recent years may have slowed him.

Penn State and Indiana each had two players on the eligibility list. Wide receiver David Daniels and guard Sean Love decided to leave early from Penn State and running back Ernie Thompson and wide receiver Rob Turner are leaving Indiana.

Among those who previously declared were wide receivers Rob Carpenter of Syracuse and Herman Moore of Virginia and running backs Randy Baldwin of Mississippi and Jon Vaughn of Michigan.

Ismail, Notre Dame's all-purpose back, starred as a junior last season and is considered by many to be the best player available in the draft. New England holds the No. 1 overall pick and could choose to take him or trade the rights to select him.

Television, bowl bids motives for forming Big East football league

By DOUG FISHER
Associated Press Writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A Big East football league means visions of television, bowl bids, secure schedules — and hope the league's image-making magic works as well as it has in basketball.

Rutgers football coach Doug

Graber on Monday said its impact may be greatest there.

"Because of our name, Rutgers — we're not the University of New Jersey — we need recognition across the country," he said. "All these other conferences can say you're going to play on TV, you're going to play for a championship, you're going to play in a bowl game."

"Now we can, too."

Big East commissioner Mike Tranchese won't discuss details until today's formal announcement. But he said there would be no surprises.

He courted Rutgers, Temple, West Virginia and Virginia Tech to join current Big East members Syracuse, Boston College, Miami and Pittsburgh. All cur-

rently play football as independents.

Rutgers, Temple and West Virginia compete in the Atlantic 10 in other sports. Virginia Tech is in the Metro Conference.

The new schools would compete in the league only in football and not in basketball. The Big East's other members — Connecticut, Georgetown, Provi-

dence, St. John's, Seton Hall and Villanova — don't play Division I-A football.

Play in the new league will begin this fall, although the teams have some previous schedule commitments. West Virginia president Neil Bucklew said the problems should be few because most of the schools already play each other.



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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF TEXAS
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JANUARY 31, 1991

and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinbefore numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on January 31, 1991, seized and levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in March, 1991, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the East Door of the Courthouse of said County, in the City of Pampa, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 A.M., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suits and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Gray and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Suit Style of Suit and No. Property Description
#360 Pampa Independent School District vs. Caldwell, Helen; Lots 29 and 30, Block 1, Carlson Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 393, Page 606, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (Account No. 1-10-30115001029) (204 Albert)

#434 Pampa Independent School District vs. Holman, Marshall B.; Lot 10, Block 25, Talley Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 368, Page 13, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (534 Davis) (Acct. #1-10-3073002501).

#505 City of Pampa vs. Mathis, James F.; All of the West Twenty-One Feet (W21') of Lot No. Two (2) and East Thirty-One Feet (E31') of Lot No. Three (3), all in Block No. One (1) of the Carlson Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas (112 W. Albert) (Acct. #1-10-30115001002).

#628 City of Pampa vs. Willis, Alfred et ux Reva Willis Estates; Lot Eight (8) and Lot Nine (9) of Block One (1) of the Brooks-Lightfoot Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, as the map or plat of such addition is recorded in the office of the county clerk of Gray County, Texas (702 S. Somerville) (Acct. #1-10-30880001008).

#827 City of Pampa vs. Mathis Stanley; Lot 23, Block 2, Prairie Village Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 434, Page 312, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (925 Varnon St.) (Acct. #1-10-30595002023).

#846 Pampa Independent School District vs. Robertson, Jimmie; Lot No. Eleven (11), Block No. One (1) of the Green-Novotny Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas (1105 South Dwight) (Acct. #1-10-30300001011).

#884 City of Pampa vs. Cole, Bobby; 50 Feet by 62 Feet, being part of Plot #164 of the Suburbs of Pampa and part of Lot 15, Block 5, Hillcrest Terrace Subdivision, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 463, Page 580, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (629 Yeager St.) (Acct. #1-10-30365005015).
Lot 14, Block 5, and 50 Feet by 92 Feet out of Lot 15, Hillcrest Terrace Subdivision, City of Pampa, as described as the First Tract and

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Second Tract, respectively, in Volume 399, Page 682, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (Yeager St.) (Account No. #1-10-30365005014).

#895 City of Pampa vs. Gonzales, Arnold P. & Gonzales Herminia; Lot 1, Block 3, Wood Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 479, Page 141, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (703 S. Ballard) (Acct. #1-10-30810003001).

#990 City of Pampa vs. Jones, Tommy; Lot 12, Block A, Schulze Annex to the Harlem Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 468, Page 163, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (530 Crawford) (Acct. #1-10-30635001012).

#1022 City of Pampa vs. Shoffner, Douglas; All of Lot N. Twenty-Three (23) in Block No. Three (3) of the Haggard Addition to the City of Pampa, as described in Volume 465, Page 145, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (1041 S. Clark) (Acct. #1-10-3035003023).

#1160 City of Pampa vs. Smith, Jimmie M.; Lot 12, Block 3, Cole Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 484, Page 33, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (424 N. Sumner) (Acct. #1-10-30155003012).

#1202 City of Pampa vs. Delatree, Jose; Lot 4, Block 2, Hindman Addition to the City of Pampa, being more particularly described in Volume 523, Page 57, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas; Save and Except, the West 4 Feet of said Lot conveyed to the City of Pampa (507 Maple) (Acct. No. #1-10-30370002004).

#1273 City of Pampa vs. Prestidge, Margie; Lots 10 and 11, Block 29, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 540, Page 836, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (1020 E. Scott) (Acct. #1-10-30795029010).
Lot 13, Block 29, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 540, Page 836, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (Scott St.) (Acct. #1-10-30795029013).

#1315 City of Pampa vs. King, Kirby L.; All that certain Lot, Tract or Parcel of Land being a part of Plot 138 of the Suburbs of Pampa, being more particularly described in Volume 424, Page 581, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (919 Rham) (Acct. #1-10-307201380101).

#1476 City of Pampa vs. Otto Peitz, et al.; Lots 21 and 22, Block 16, Wilcox addition to the City of Pampa, being more particularly described in Volume 37, Page 100, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (804 E. Gordon) (Acct. #1-10-30795016021).

#1481 City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District and Gray County vs. N.L. Roland, et al.; Lots 14 Thru 26, Block 29, Inclusive, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, as described in volume 30, Page 110, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (Brunow St.) (Acct. #1-10-30795029014).
Lots 9 and 10, Block 1, Carlson Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 306, Page 94, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (824 S. Cuyler) (Acct. #1-10-30115001009).

Lots 1 thru 13, Block 38, Inclusive, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 32, Page 145, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (Brunow St.) (Acct. #1-10-30795038001).

Lots 14 thru 26, Block 38, Inclusive, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 526, Page 84 Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (Brunow St.) (Acct. #1-10-30795038614, 1-10-30795038002 & 1-10-30795038814).

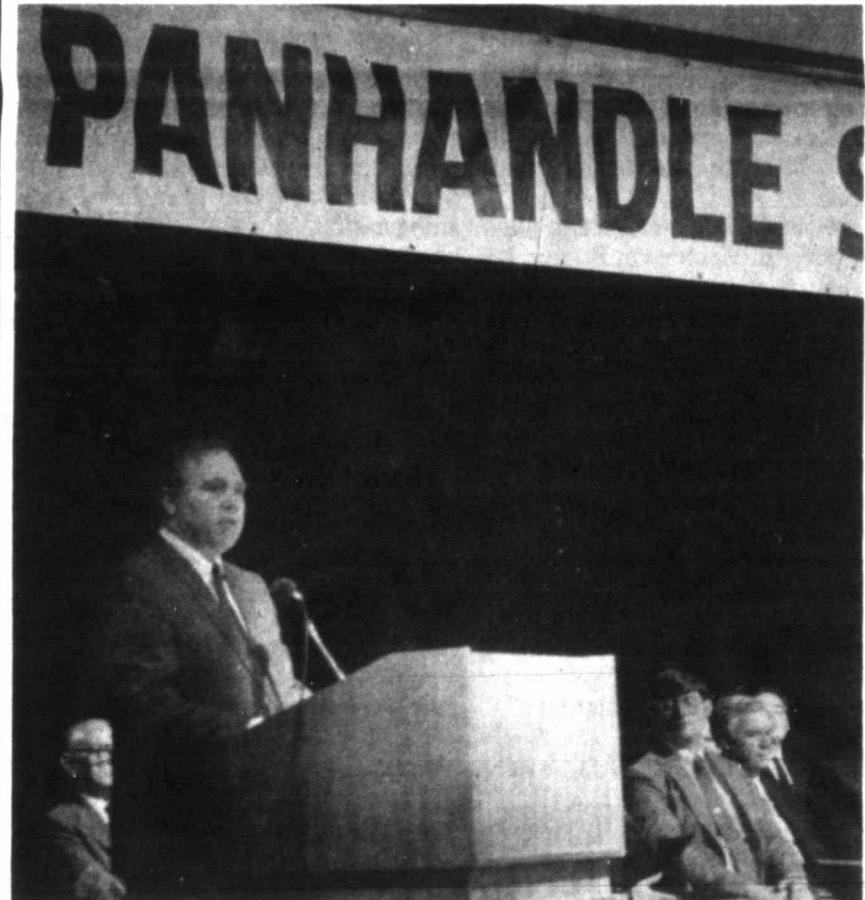
#1526 City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District and Gray County vs. Harlan J. Boyle, et al.; Lot 6, Block 1, Vincent Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 219, Page 183, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (422 N. Wynne) (Acct. #1-10-30775001006).

#1582 City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District and Gray County vs. John R. Grimsley, et al.; 1.0 acre, more or less, out of Survey #92, Block 3, of the I&GN RR Co. Survey, as described in Volume 322, Page 249, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas (Acct. #1-10-3001300309241).

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Gray County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.)
upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above should be sold thereof to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; any property sold should be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from the date the purchaser's deed is filed for record in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendant or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.
Dated at Pampa, Texas, January 31, 1991.

Jimmy Free
Sheriff, Gray County Texas
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 1991
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Hebert installed



(Staff photo)

Former Pampa Harvester athlete Ken Hebert addresses the audience during the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies Sunday. Hebert was installed as the 88th member of the PSHOF.

Feeling of invincibility leads pro athletes into addiction

HOUSTON (AP) — Money, fans and a feeling of invincibility make it easier for professional athletes to succumb to the lure of drugs, alcohol or gambling, addiction experts say.

As the media trumpets tales of yet another athlete's slip into addiction, more and more people find it difficult to understand how a gifted individual with so much can throw it all away.

But psychologists and substance-abuse counselors told the Houston Chronicle in Sunday's editions that despite perceived images of strength, athletes often turn out to be especially vulnerable.

"Athletes have more opportunity to take something," said Michael Smith, a therapist at the John Lucas-New Spirit Treatment and Recovery Center near Houston.

Professional athletes earn huge salaries that enable them to support cocaine addictions that would bankrupt the average worker.

But money is only one factor. Talented athletes learn early on that many people are eager to serve them, and far too often they fail to develop skills that make them self-reliant and less likely to fall prey to temptations, experts say.

"Most athletes have everything done for them," said A. Joyce Bossett, an administrator at Willow Park Hospital in Dallas who has worked with numerous addicts, including former Rockets guard Lucas.

"When an athlete buys an airplane ticket, that's something new for him. He's used to a trainer just handing it to him," she said.

Dexter Manley, the former Houston Yates

High School star who returned to the NFL last year after treatment at the Lucas center, recalls how policemen tended to protect him, giving him a false sense of security.

"I remember at Oklahoma State, I got stopped for speeding and the guy let me go," Manley said. "He knew who I was."

"I had parking tickets in college I never paid for. You get spoiled; you think there's nothing you can do wrong."

Manley said he believes substance abuse remains a problem in the NFL, although he credits the league with taking measures to remedy the situation.

"I don't think white athletes do cocaine," he said. "I think they're more into alcohol. I think black athletes do more cocaine, and I'm concerned and I want to know why. But I can't answer that."

Many experts regard addiction as an ego-centered problem, and athletes often have trouble with their self-image.

"They feel they have an image to uphold," said Smith, a former high school football player and a recovering addict. "They play in pain; they consider themselves all-powerful; they can handle anything."

Smith said athletes make difficult patients because they can't accept being powerless over substances.

Lucas said: "You never hear an athlete say he can't do something. He won't say, 'Michael Jordan is better than I am; I can't stop him.' He'll say, 'I gotta force his right hand and make him go left.'"

"When you tell me I can't beat something, my response is going to be, 'How can some little powder or a beer beat me?'"

Pampa middle school girls split games with Borger

The Pampa seventh-grade girls' team closed the basketball season with a 25-12 win over Borger Monday night.

Tamikay Calloway led Pampa scorers with 10 points, followed by Serenity King 8, Jill Trollinger 4, Leann Dyson 2 and Jennifer Medley 1.

Pampa led at halftime by a 15-6 score.

The Pampa seventh-

graders closed out the season.

Borger edged by Pampa, 32-31, in the eighth-grade girls' game.

Selina Miller scored 12 points for Pampa, including four 3-point goals. Marci Leal had nine points and one 3-point goal while Misty Scribner had 5 points, Sara Hills 2, Jennifer Holland 2

The game was close most of the way. Pampa led by one, 20-19, at halftime, but Borger went on top by six, 28-22, going into the fourth quarter.

The Pampa eighth-graders are entered in the district tournament Friday at Dumas, starting at 5 p.m.

Tarleton State cleared of ineligible player charges

STEPHENVILLE, Texas (AP) — Tarleton State University has been exonerated of charges that it used an ineligible player during the 1990 football season.

The NAIA National Eligibility Committee ruled that Kevin Wayne Johnson, an offensive tackle for Tarleton in 1990, was not "athletically identified" with Sul Ross State University in 1989.

Although Johnson was registered at Sul Ross for the fall 1989 semester and lived in a dormitory for at least a week, instructors told the NAIA they could not confirm whether he had ever attended classes.

"We felt comfortable and confident in our position that there was no violation of any eligibility," said Dennis McCabe, Tarleton State University interim president.

Tarleton Coach Hal

McAfee, who guided the Texans to an undefeated regular season (10-0) and also to the NAIA national playoffs for the second consecutive year, said the ruling was important for his 1990 team.

"This is a tremendous vindication for our players," McAfee said. "Their efforts on the field will not be diminished by off field allegations."

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Directors of Frank Phillips College will accept sealed bids for construction of a Student Union Building, in the Office of the President, until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 19, 1991. Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud. The awarding of the bids will not be made at that time. Bids will be received for General Construction including, Plumbing, Ventilating, Heating, Air Conditioning and Electrical Work. Plans and Specifications may be obtained from BGR Architects & Engineers, 2118 34th St., Lubbock, Texas 79411. A bid bond, payable to Frank Phillips College in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible total for the bid submitted, must accompany each bid. A 100% Performance and Payment Bond will be required of the winning bidder. Bids should be addressed to Frank Phillips College, Box 5118, Borger, Texas 79008. The college reserves the right to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bids.

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2 Museums

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

ALANREED-McLean Area Historical Museum: McLean, Regular museum hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.

HUTCHINSON County Museum: Borger. Regular hours 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays except Tuesday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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RIVER Valley Pioneer Museum at Canadian, Tx. Monday thru Thursday, 8-4 p.m. Friday, 8-5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday 1-5 p.m.

ROBERTS County Museum: Miami. Winter Hours, Tuesday-Friday 1-5 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m. Closed Saturday and Monday.

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5 Special Notices

TOP O Texas 1381, February 5, 1991, stated business meeting, 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments. W.M. John Chaney.

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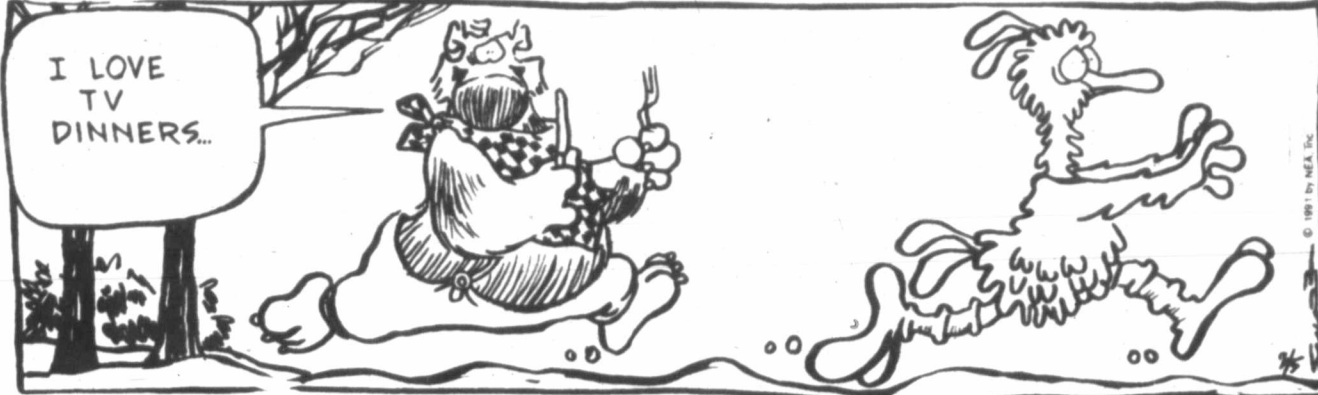
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Administration unveiling sweeping changes in financial system

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with an ever-mounting toll of bank and savings institution collapses, the Bush administration is proposing the most sweeping package of financial system changes in more than 50 years.

If adopted by Congress intact, the package would propel fundamental and irrevocable changes in financial services industries touching nearly every American who borrows or saves.

Longstanding laws barring commercial and industrial companies from owning banks would crumble, as would the division of banking from the insurance and securities industries.

And, for the first time since the establishment of federal deposit insurance in 1934, government guarantees to bank customers would shrink rather than expand.

The administration also would lift restrictions on interstate banking dating to the 1920s, allowing giants like Citicorp and Bank of America to establish branches to compete with local institutions.

The core of the administration's proposal, a 550-page study prepared by the Treasury Department, was

being released today, although most of its provisions have been known for weeks.

Today's study focuses on long-term changes. Specific proposals for curing banking's most pressing short-term problem, the weakness of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., have been postponed.

The fund has been depleted by more than 800 failures over the past four years, and banking trade groups are discussing ways to replenish it without turning to the taxpayers.

Advocates of the Bush plan say it is long overdue. Innovations in the delivery of financial services have cut banks off from some of their best customers. Wealthy depositors open money market accounts with brokerage houses. Large companies issue their own commercial paper rather than borrowing from banks.

Opponents, however, say it could lead to a dangerous concentration of financial power, depriving local communities of control of their financial institutions. They also fear conflicts of interest as commercial and financial firms merge, and harm to retail customers, who may confuse uninsured securities offered by their banks with insured deposits.

The Treasury plan calls for the Federal Reserve to take over the FDIC's responsibilities for regulating

banks, leaving the FDIC largely an insurance agency. The Fed and the Comptroller of the Currency would share supervision of bank holding companies.

According to the administration's fiscal 1992 budget, released Monday, savings from the changes will not begin to be realized until 1994.

Changes in the deposit insurance system could produce the biggest savings by encouraging large depositors to be more cautious. The idea is to prod banks into avoiding the risky investments that have gotten so many into trouble.

However, the rule changes are carefully crafted to minimize disruption to average depositors. At the last minute, the Treasury Department backed away from a proposal that would have limited depositors to \$100,000 in insurance no matter how many accounts or banks they used.

Instead, the administration will propose a milder version limiting insurance to \$200,000 per institution: \$100,000 for retirement accounts and \$100,000 for other accounts.

Depositors could obtain virtually limitless insurance by splitting their money among several banks. Still, it's somewhat more restrictive than current rules allowing a couple with one child to insure up to \$1.2 million at a

single institution by using a combination of single, joint and trust accounts.

More significantly, the proposal will attempt to discourage regulators' practice of bailing out even uninsured depositors in most failed institutions.

The FDIC would lose its discretion to protect uninsured depositors. In the rare instance when protecting all depositors is crucial to confidence in the financial system, the Treasury secretary and the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board could authorize such a bailout.

In that case, the Federal Reserve would contribute the extra amount required, with later reimbursement to come from the FDIC. Potentially, this could affect general taxpayers if the bank insurance fund were too weak to repay the Fed. A loss by the central bank means it would have fewer profits to forward to the Treasury.

Other elements of the proposal would streamline the regulatory bureaucracy, charge higher deposit insurance premiums to riskier institutions and offer lighter regulation as a reward to bank owners who invest more of their own capital.

The ambitious program faces considerable obstacles in Congress, where wary legislators may seek to shore up the FDIC fund and enact deposit insurance reform, but avoid the structural changes the administration says are needed to bolster bank profits.

Counties not doing good job reporting DWI cases to state

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Police in Texas often don't know when they have arrested habitual drunken drivers because counties do a poor job of reporting DWI offenses to state officials, a newspaper reported.

Habitual drunken drivers continue to endanger Texas roadways because many counties do not follow a state law that requires them to report driving-while-intoxicated convictions to the Texas Department of Public Safety in Austin, the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* reported.

Repeat DWI offenses carry stiffer sentences. Yet prosecutors often operate without the information needed to send habitual DWI felons to prison because previous convictions are not recorded on DPS computers, the newspaper found.

DPS computers, which police check after stopping intoxicated motorists, are supposed to contain information about prior driving convictions. When those convictions have not been recorded, police may never learn that the driver already had a suspended license.

Officials of several counties told the *Caller-Times* that they did not know they should report DWI convictions to the DPS.

"There are guys and ladies who can move around from county to county, get DWIs and get away with it," said Dick Berry, the first assistant Nueces County attorney. "So counties that do not report convictions to the DPS are endangering everyone else on the highways."

Examples cited in the newspaper's investigation include the finding that Nueces County reported only about one-third of its felony DWI and alcohol-related involuntary manslaughter convictions in 1989 and 1990. It also found that only about one-third of misdemeanor DWI cases in El Paso County were reported to DPS last year.

Other examples include seven counties that have not reported any DWI convictions with license suspensions since 1981: Duval, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Roberts, Crockett, Edwards and Loving counties.

Thirty-three Texas counties last year did not report any DWI convictions involving license suspension in their misdemeanor and felony courts, according to DPS drivers' license files.

But not all 33 counties went all year without a single DWI conviction, said Steve Boline, a supervisor with the DPS Driver Improvement and Control Bureau in Austin.

Boline blamed poor reporting on a high turnover rate in county and district clerks' offices and the frequent command changes following elections.

The only apparent penalty for failing to report DWI convictions is removal of the judge or clerk from office, Boline said.

A 1985 study by the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin stated that, "The collection of data on individuals arrested for DWI is an important factor in reducing the amount of property damage, and the number of lives lost in DWI-related accidents."

Except for first-time offenders, judges must suspend DWI offenders' drivers licenses. Within 10 days of DWI-related license suspensions, court clerks are required to send a form called the DL-17, listing the convictions, along with the drivers' licenses, to DPS.

A toughened DWI law that took effect in 1984 increased DWI penalties, including new mandatory three-day jail terms for second offenses and 10-day terms for the third time. It also requires those convicted of DWI-related involuntary manslaughter to serve at least 120 days in jail, even if granted probation.

Sign of the times



Stan and Pama Miller honor three relatives serving in the war with Iraq with this poster during Sunday's patriotic rally in Central Park. They were among the more than 500 attending a rally to show support for Gray County and other area residents serving in the U.S. military during the Persian Gulf war.

California cuts off stored water supplies to farmers; officials say urban areas next

By STEVE GEISSINGER
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The state has cut off the water it supplies to California's drought-plagued farms, and city officials fear urban areas will be next.

Faced with reservoirs averaging less than one-third of their normal supply, the California Water Project said Monday that all state irrigation water deliveries to farmers have been stopped.

It was the first farm supply cut-off by the State Water Project, which dates back to the 1960s.

"We don't want to be delivering water that we should not be delivering due to limitations of the drought and the need to maintain water in storage, in case next year is dry," said Peter Gate, a California Water Project spokesman.

State officials also said there's a

50-50 chance the project will be able to deliver only half the water it now sells to water districts serving urban users.

"We're anticipating greater than that unless there's some big weather changes in the next few weeks," said Teddy Morse, a spokeswoman for the Santa Clara Valley Water District, which serves 1.5 million customers south of San Francisco. The county receives about one-third of its water from state supplies.

Far to the south, Anaheim, an Orange County city that receives 30 percent of its water from the state, has been scrambling to impose mandatory water rationing to comply with expected cuts. Nonetheless, Diem Vuong, Anaheim's water engineering manager, said possible 50 percent cuts sound heavy.

"We know it's real," Vuong said. "Our concern right now is to get the message to the people."

California is in its fifth consecutive year of drought. All the measures are intended to conserve a dwindling water reserve.

Following orders from the state Department of Water Resources, operator of the state project, engineers curtailed operation of 10 plants that pump state water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta into the California Aqueduct.

In a normal year, the State Water Project supplies about 7 percent of the water used by California's 30 million residents.

The project supplies most of the water in the Central Valley, a farming region in the state's midsection about 300 miles long and up to 100 miles wide.

The situation may worsen. An even larger water supplier, the federal Central Valley Project, is expected in its regular mid-month allocation decision to reduce deliveries to farms by 65 percent.

The cutbacks come at a time when farmers are preparing their spring planting. They will have to pump more groundwater, which requires electricity, or take land out of production. Many have decided against growing cotton, alfalfa and other crops that require a lot of water.

"Everybody's trying to assess the situation and determine what it means. It caught a lot of people off guard. Trying to keep trees and vines alive is going to be a real challenge," said Bob Krauter, a spokesman for the 83,000-member California Farm Bureau Federation.

The state cutoff had the blessing of Gov. Pete Wilson's administration. The governor also has appointed a task force assigned to bring him a drought management plan by Feb. 15.



The Gilbratar Reservoir in Santa Barbara, Calif., shows the effects of four years of drought. The cracked earth and dead trees would normally be under water.

Prosecutor in rape trial says she was 'misled'

HOUSTON (AP) — Seven former high school athletes were sentenced to 10 years probation after they pleaded guilty to felony sex assault charges after questions were raised about the victim's credibility.

Defense lawyers said Monday prosecutors agreed to the plea bargain after learning that the woman was a prostitute who smoked crack cocaine.

The 22-year-old victim had started testifying Friday and was scheduled to return to the witness stand Monday before District Judge Jim Barr agreed to the plea bargain.

Prosecutor Belinda Hill acknowledged that questions had arisen about the woman's credibility. "I'm disappointed," Ms. Hill said. "In some things, I was misled."

Defense lawyer Lonnie Knowles, who represented Jesse Lee Reese, 18, said the victim's ex-fiance told prosecutors over the weekend that the victim "may have been a 'crack star,' a woman of the evening who does it for crack."

Houston police Sgt. C.A. McClelland, who arrested the defendants, was not pleased with the outcome of the case.

"I'd like to see them go to the penitentiary," he said.

The defendants insisted that the woman had lied

when she claimed she was abducted at gunpoint and raped for 6 1/2 hours.

"She's a prostitute, plain and simple," defendant Andre Darden, 18, said. "She got in the car willingly. She consented to have sex with us. We didn't force her to do anything."

Defense lawyer Don Davis said that if there hadn't been questions about the woman's credibility, some of the defendants would have wound up in prison.

The woman testified that the seven forced her into a car at gunpoint, drove her to the home of defendant Christopher Demming, 18, and raped her repeatedly.

All seven lost their college football scholarships after they were charged.

The other defendants were James Roberts, 19; Patrick Rhodes, 19; Isaac Hudson, 18, and James Roger Lomax Jr., 18.

The woman told an examining nurse at a hospital that she had used crack until the previous year.

The woman apparently had insisted to Hill that she had not used crack for a year, but some of the information that led to the plea-bargain indicated she had used the drug last month.

Cheney: No 'drop-dead date' for starting ground offensive

By ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration says there is no "drop-dead date" by which it must begin a ground offensive against Iraq, and that U.S. military chiefs have not recommended a timetable to President Bush.

"No one knows today the precise date on which we might begin a ground campaign," Defense Secretary Dick Cheney told reporters Monday. "That decision simply hasn't been made yet and it will await developments."

Cheney said Bush wants to take "maximum advantage" of the devastating effects of allied aerial bombardments on Iraq's offensive military capabilities before starting a land war to liberate Kuwait. The air campaign began Jan. 17.

"There is no drop-dead date out there by which we feel we have to act," Cheney said.

Bush gave a positive assessment of the war Monday and said the United States will not be lured prematurely into a land battle, where American and allied casualties are expected to be far higher than those occurring during the lopsided allied air campaign.

"We are going to set the timetable for what lies ahead — not (Iraqi leader) Saddam Hussein," Bush told the nation's governors at a White House meeting on the 1992 budget.

"I have confidence that we're doing the right thing, and I have confidence that it is going the way we planned," the president said.

"And there have been no surprises, and there will not be any quick changes, nor will I try to tie the hands of the military because I just feel we have to go forward and prosecute this to a successful conclusion," Bush said.

Cheney said the military commanders have not recommended a timetable for a ground offensive.

In a surprise move from Tehran, Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani offered to meet Saddam Hussein on ending the Persian Gulf War. Rafsanjani also said he was willing to resume official contact with Washington in the interests of peace.

U.S. officials gave the proposal a chilly response.

"What's to mediate?" State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said. "The only mediation ... that would be appropriate would be for the people who communicate with Saddam Hussein to convince him to comply with the 12 United Nations resolutions" demanding Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait.

Similarly, Cheney said, "If someone can come up with a diplomatic resolution that achieves that objective, that would be fine, but I frankly don't expect it."

Also on Monday, the administration defended allied bombing raids that Jordan says have injured and killed Jordanian truck drivers on Iraq's highway from Baghdad to Amman. U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar condemned the attacks saying, "Jordan is an innocent victim of what is happening."

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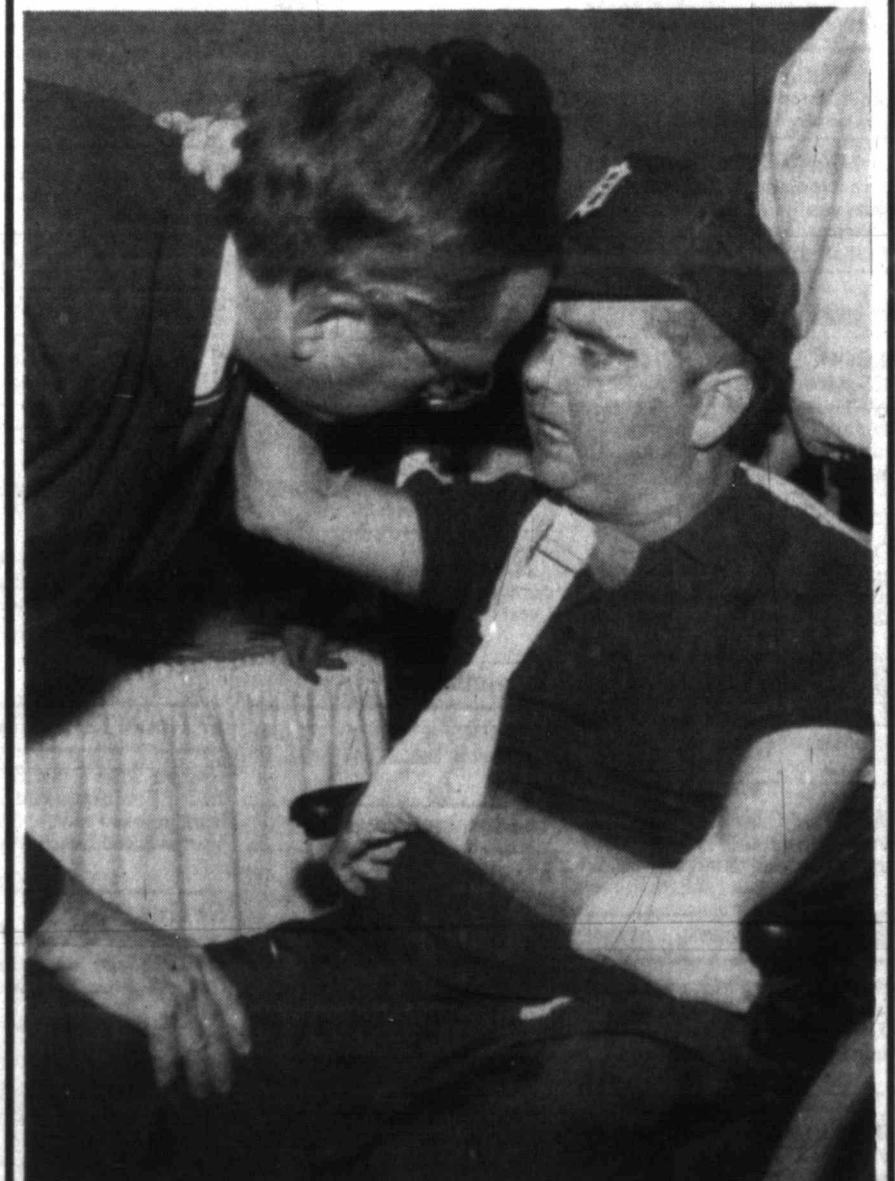
Ms. Tutwiler said the trucks were traveling through a war zone "and specifically through an area that has been the source of Scud (missile) attacks against neighboring states."

"Moreover, we have credible information that war material, including some related to Scud missiles, has been transported in convoy with civilian oil trucks," she said. "Such material contributes to Iraq's occupation of Kuwait and is a legitimate military target."

In a speech Monday to the American Mining Congress, Cheney said that although Iraq's air force has shown "absolutely no ability to operate" against allied forces, he remains concerned that Iraq could spring some surprises soon.

"If we contemplate what lies ahead, how Saddam Hussein might try to respond ... there's always the possibility, of course, that he could launch some kind of massive air strike, send all of his airplanes at once against Saudi Arabia or Israel," Cheney said.

Atwater visit



Former Republican National Chairman Lee Atwater, right, talks with Sen. San Nunn, D-Georgia, during the 44th birthday party Monday for Vice President Dan Quayle in Washington, D.C. Atwater is undergoing treatment for a brain tumor.