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Good Evening!

LOCAL

PAMPA — The proposed 1994-1995 budget for the Pampa Independent School District will be discussed and voted upon at a special meeting of the district's board of education beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday at Carver Center.

In addition, the board will consider amendments to the 1993-1994 budget, technology purchases and the tuition rate for the 1994-1995 school year.

PAMPA — Pampa's Park and Recreation Advisory Board will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the City Commission Chambers on the third floor of City Hall.

The only thing scheduled to be discussed is a volleyball court for Central Park.

Following that presentation, Shane Stokes, recreation superintendent, and Reed Kirkpatrick, parks director, will also give their reports to the board.

PAMPA — The board of directors of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation are scheduled to meet at 3 p.m. Thursday in the organization's headquarters at 301 N. Ballard.

NATIONAL

ALTOONA, Pa. (AP) — An elephant that crushed her trainer in Hawaii had gone on a similar rampage here and bolted from a circus tent in Harrisburg.

Tyke, a 9,000-pound African elephant, killed trainer Allan Campbell at Saturday's Circus International Show in Hawaii when he came to the aid of a groom who had upset the elephant by walking behind her. Tyke was destroyed by police.

State officials said an examination showed no illness that would explain her violent behavior.

Ed Migley, who owns Rhode Island-based Circus America, where the elephant appeared last year, said Tuesday the animal "had all the tendencies of a killer."

"It was a mistake for Tyke to be presented in a circus," he said.

After the circus leased Tyke last year, she charged through an entryway and ripped away part of a wall when someone walked behind her during a show in Altoona, and bolted from a performance in Harrisburg.

NEW YORK (AP) — A social worker handed subway tokens to a mental patient and told him to move to a different hospital. The patient jumped in front of a subway train and lost his legs. Now a judge has awarded him \$4.2 million.

Hector Manuel Rivera, 43, will use the money to move himself and his mother out of their subsidized home, his lawyer, Robert Tessler, said Tuesday.

The money also will buy equipment such as a motorized wheelchair and will pay for Rivera to live in an institution when his mother is no longer able to care for him, Tessler said.

State Court of Claims Judge Albert Blinder ordered the Manhattan Psychiatric Center, a state-run hospital, to pay Rivera.

Rivera, a paranoid schizophrenic, was recommended for hospitalization because he suffered from hallucinations. He told his lawyer the devil told him to leap in front of the train in 1976.

WORLD

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's military rulers put a stop today to foreign reporters entering and leaving the country by plane.

A plane bringing in four German television journalists was not allowed to land. The flight was chartered by the NBC-owned Miami television station WTVJ.

It was not clear how long the ban would continue. The government was expected to address the matter after a Cabinet meeting today.

But Haitians handling landing permit papers said "flights for journalists would no longer be allowed," said NBC-TV correspondent Kerry Sanders, one of nine journalists who had hoped to leave Haiti on the plane Wednesday.

"The rationale is that if Haitian citizens are not allowed to fly in and out of the country, the folks here are asking why should journalists be able to get in and out," Sanders said.

President Clinton banned scheduled air service between Haiti and the United States in May.

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Gov. Richards to visit Pampa next week

Gov. Ann Richards will be the honored guest of a banquet next week at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center sponsored by the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce.

She will be in town to recognize Lamar Elementary School, a Texas Partnership School, and Creative Graphics of Pampa, a local small business which recently received a Smart Jobs Fund grant.

Tickets to the Aug. 31 luncheon cost \$6 and may be purchased from the chamber's office, from the Promote Pampa Committee or from members of the Pampa/Gray County Citizens Activities Association. The luncheon is scheduled to begin at 11:45 a.m.

Three years ago, Lamar Elementary School's principal at the time, Tim Powers, applied to the state asking that the school be named a Texas Partnership School. Out of nearly 2,000



Gov. Ann Richards

applications from across Texas, Lamar was one of the 83 schools selected to pioneer the partnership experiment.

As a result, the school has operated with fewer regulations than other Texas schools. It was given additional in-service days

to train its teachers and has developed programs such as math carnivals.

Furthermore, Lamar teachers instruct the same class two years in a row.

"The teacher and the student know each other well by the end of their first year together," said Lee Carter, the current principal of Lamar. "This allows more time for the education process and reduces the time of getting acquainted."

In fact, one member of the staff is assigned to parent liaison full time, and progress by the student is measured by using a portfolio rather than a traditional grading system.

This year's fourth graders at Lamar improved on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test by 7.7 percent in writing, 9.8 percent in reading and 26.3 percent in math.

"The program very definitely has made an impact on our school," Carter said. "The teach-

ers are very excited about it. It allows them to have more control over what happens in their classroom."

Richards has praised the work of Texas school teachers, pointing to the site-based management of schools, such as Lamar, which allows parents, teachers, students and principals to decide how best to make their school succeed.

In Texas, SAT scores are the highest they have been in 14 years and a record number of high school juniors, more than 98,000, passed the TAAS test, which is required to graduate from Texas high schools.

Richards will also recognize Creative Graphics of Pampa during her visit.

In June of 1991, Jerry and Nolene Hawk purchased Fugate Printing Co. and renamed it Creative Graphics of Pampa in October of 1993 after expanding their business.

The expansion came with the

addition of high-tech equipment which gives the business the capability to deliver hundreds of messages electronically each day as well as re-ink cartridges for laser printers and ribbons to typewriters.

Creative Graphics was awarded the first Smart Jobs Fund grant in the Texas Panhandle. It totals \$13,000 and lasts for a two-month period beginning this month.

Recently, the store has hired three new employees, increased its payroll by 122 percent and began training the new employees in the new technology.

In addition to the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club of Pampa, the Pampa Rotary Club, the Altrusa Club, the Top O' Texas Kiwanis Club and the Optimist Club of Pampa will attend the luncheon and help welcome the governor to the city.

Following her stop in Pampa, Richards will travel to Borger and Amarillo.

Gospel fest



Jackie Harper practices for the upcoming Gospel Fest sponsored by City of Pampa employees. The event is scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. at Central Park and will continue through the day. Some 30 to 40 performers are expected from Pampa, Amarillo, Borger, White Deer, Wheeler and other areas. There will be no admission to the Gospel Fest, but a love offering will be taken, with proceeds going to a Christmas fund for needy children. Harper does most of her gospel singing at First Christian Church. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

City Commission approves budget plan on first reading

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK
Staff Writer

During Tuesday's meeting of the Pampa City Commission, the city's proposed 1994-1995 budget was read for the first time, the first step in getting it formally approved.

Prior to the reading of the ordinance, a public hearing was held to discuss the budget and get public input as required by law.

Ray Velasquez was the only person to speak at the hearing and asked for clarification on a point concerning the budget in general. Specifically, he wanted to know how the property values in Pampa increased by nearly \$5 million when there hadn't been any major construction project in the area nor any industry moving to Pampa.

City Manager Bob Eskridge said the increase was due to reassessment and the reappraisal of property by the Gray County Appraisal District.

In addition to increased taxes from property, the 3 percent increase in the city's 1994-1995 budget would be paid for by projected increases in sales tax receipts, the elimination of two city employees and a late fee that would be charged to the city's water customers if they fail to pay their bills on time.

Mayor Richard Peet as well as commissioners Ray Hupp and Robert Dixon thanked the directors and other city employees for their work and efforts in keeping the budget in hand over the last year and in the future.

Other ordinances related to the budget and also approved on the first reading included one levying the ad valorem taxes for the upcoming fiscal year and another which provides for the late payment penalty on utility bills and a time for discontinuation of services if not paid.

That ordinance provides for a penalty of 5 percent of the bill of a utility customer who fails to pay after 15 days. Notice is then sent, and if nothing is done within ten days, ser-

vice can be cut off.

In another item, the commission agreed to help fund Clean Pampa Inc.

In addition to money the organization now gets from water bills and a donation by the city, facilities ranging from office space to phone service to fax and copy machines can also be used by Clean Pampa Inc. for its operation.

Despite the help, a shortfall in funds still remains for the organization.

Pam Green, executive coordinator for Clean Pampa, said she has been meeting with area businesses to help raise money and will continue to do so.

In other business, the commission approved appointing Tom Mechler to the Cable Advisory Board, approved July's list of disbursements and authorized a Household Hazardous Waste Event Day.

The Household Hazardous Waste Event Day would be sponsored by the city as well as the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and would help promote safe disposal of potentially dangerous chemicals and environmental education. The one-day event would also provide a place people can legally dispose of waste.

In the work session prior to the public hearing and regular meeting of the commission, Pampa Police Chief Chuck Flemins recommended the addition of a stop sign at the intersection of Buckler Avenue and Faulkner Street to help control east-west traffic and the installation of a yellow blinking traffic light at Baker Elementary School at the intersection of Barnes Street and Thut Street.

Both matters were discussed and approved earlier this month by the city's Traffic Commission and could be easily funded within the current budget using equipment the city has in storage and poles which could be purchased from Southwest Public Service, according to Flemins.

Senate GOP wants crime bill changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a campaign-season power play, Senate Republicans pressed their demand today for changes in crime legislation that's one short step from President Clinton's desk. But it isn't certain which side has the votes to prevail in a final showdown.

"I want to take the pork out and put the get-tough provisions back in," Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas said after a private GOP caucus.

On the Senate floor, California Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein charged the opposition stemmed from a National Rifle Association campaign to strip out a provision banning 19 assault-style weapons.

"Does anyone believe the NRA cares about anything but assault weapons?" she asked, standing next to oversized black and white drawings of AK-47s and other weapons.

There was no schedule for voting on the measure, which

has been trapped since earlier this week in the tug of war between the two parties.

Gramm claimed the GOP would muster 41 votes on a procedural motion the Republicans are using as leverage to force the other changes they want, although he acknowledged some of the support was "squishy."

Democrats pinned their hopes on support from a small group of moderate Republicans.

In their private meeting, GOP lawmakers discussed seeking votes on eight or nine proposed changes — none of which would tamper with the assault-weapons ban — in exchange for dropping their procedural point of order. At the same time, several senators said some Republicans would insist on a vote on the weapons at some point.

Any such proposal would need approval from Senate Majority George Mitchell, who said on Tuesday any changes would effectively

doom the bill by sending it back to the House.

Gramm and Feinstein underscored the political stakes in a brief joint appearance on NBC.

The public is "not stupid," said Gramm, chairman of the Senate GOP campaign committee. "They know that for 25 years Republicans have been trying to get tough laws on the books and build prisons, to grab violent criminals by the throat. And for 25 years, basically Democrats have been coddling criminals."

Feinstein, in a tougher-than-expected race for re-election, interrupted to say, "Phil, that's nonsense."

The White House also criticized Republicans, while privately lobbying moderate GOP senators for support.

"I would never mean to suggest that all Republicans are playing politics with this bill," said spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers. "Just a few."

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

LAVERTY. Beedie May — 10 a.m., Calvary Baptist Church.
WEST. Geneva Amanda Bohannon — Graveside, 10 a.m., West Park Cemetery, Hereford.

Obituaries

HAROLD E. EASTLAND
 McLEAN — Harold E. Eastland, 84, died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 1994. Services are pending with Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home of McLean.

BEEDIE MAY LAVERTY
 Beedie May Lavery, 92, died Sunday, Aug. 21, 1994. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Aaron Lavery, pastor of Gageby Baptist Church of Briscoe, officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lavery was born on May 1, 1902 in Hugoton, Kan. She had been a resident of Pampa since the early 1930s. She married L.A. Lavery on Dec. 28, 1920 at Liberal, Kan. He preceded her in death on Nov. 23, 1967. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by three daughters, Pearl Sims, Elsie Allen and Beedie Sharp; three brothers, Jess Hess, C.J. Hess and George Hess; and a sister, Leta Hoskins.

Survivors include two sons, the Rev. Aaron Lavery of Mobetie and Austin Lavery of Lewiston, Idaho; three daughters, Mable Herrel of Commerce City, Colo., Mary Hooten of Herber Springs, Ark., and Leta Herring of Amarillo; a sister, Mildred Hall of Hugoton, Kan.; 23 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Calvary Baptist Church or the Hospice of the Panhandle.

JESSIE EDWARDS O'BRIENT
 LUBBOCK — Jessie Carlton O'Brient, 95, died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 1994. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. O'Brient was born on Jan. 6, 1899 in Durham, N.C. She married Earl James O'Brient on Sept. 19, 1925 in Washington, D.C. He preceded her in death on June 20, 1964. She was a former resident of Pampa from 1942 until she moved to Lubbock in 1984. She was a member of the League of Women Voters and the Republican Party. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Pampa.

Survivors include two sons, David O'Brient of Houston and Earl O'Brient Jr. of Naples, Fla.; six grandchildren, James O'Brient and David O'Brient Jr., both of Houston, Janet Foose of Pittsfield, Mass., Beverly Carnes of Hartford, Conn., Alan O'Brient of San Francisco, Calif., and Connie O'Brient of Belfast, Maine.

REX PRYOR
 STINNETT — Rex Pryor, 54, died Monday, Aug. 22, 1994. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in the Riverview Baptist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Gillmore, pastor, officiating. Masonic graveside services will be in Highland Park Cemetery with Isom Masonic Lodge No. 1242 officiating. Arrangements are by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Pryor was born in Borger and had been a life-time resident of Hutchinson County. He was a production supervisor for Texaco and was a Baptist. He also belonged to the Isom Masonic Lodge No. 1242. He married Glema Hall in 1958 at Borger. He was preceded in death by a son, Wesley Wayne Pryor, in 1964. Survivors include his wife; a son, James Rex Pryor Jr. of Eunice, N.M.; a daughter, Danita Sanders of Stinnett; his father, Ernest Pryor of Skellytown; a sister, Ernestine Jarnigan of Borger; and three grandchildren.

GENEVA AMANDA BOHANNAN WEST
 HEREFORD — Geneva Amanda Bohannon West, 79, died Monday, Aug. 22, 1994, in Panhandle. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in the West Park Cemetery with Ben Mereness, minister of the First Street Church of Christ in Dumas and her grandson-in-law, and Leonard Harper, minister of the Panhandle Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements are by Rix Funeral Directors.

Mrs. West was born in Drakes Creek, Ark. She graduated from Hereford High School. She married Floyd West in 1932 at Clovis, N.M. She had lived in Hereford from 1951 until moving to St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle 16 years ago.

Mrs. West was a homemaker and past member of the Central Church of Christ and the Hereford Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1963, and by two sons, Kieth Wayne West in 1941 and Kenneth Neil West in 1988.

Survivors include a daughter, Clara Jayne Kelly of Panhandle; a son, Tommy West of Sacramento, Calif.; two brothers, Theron Bohannon of Chatsworth, Calif., and Olaf Bohannon of Northridge, Calif.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandsons.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, Aug. 23
 1:34 p.m. — Three units and five firefighters responded to an electrical short at 1415 N. Hobart.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911
 Fire.....911
 Police (emergency).....911
 Police (non-emergency).....669-5700

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today. No arrests were reported.

TUESDAY, Aug. 23
 Keith M. Hart, 704 Lefors, reported criminal trespass.

Janice Lee Spears-Smith, Borger, reported forgery. Wanda Fay Jones, 1112 S. Sumner, reported theft. Erin Sue Crane, 1144 N. Starkweather, reported information.

Elmer Holder, 2215 N. Nelson, reported burglary of a motor vehicle.

Dean Ray Bliss, 516 N. Zimmers, reported a prowler.

Debra Jackson, 2119 N. Banks, reported criminal mischief.

James Clinton Lawyer, 1108 S. Faulkner, reported information.

Marie Ann Eastham, 2531 Christine, reported information in reference to criminal mischief at 429 N. Banks.

Billy Bush, 237 Henry, reported assault.

Bryan Lee McClellan, 511 Naida, reported disorderly conduct (firearm) in the 100 block of West Brown.

Holly Christine Akemon, Wellington, reported criminal mischief in the 800 block of West Francis.

A juvenile reported domestic violence.

Ambulance

American Medical Transport reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Aug. 23
 9:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a report of illness. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital.

11:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital to transport a patient back to a residence.

3:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded south of Pampa to a mutual aid call from the Lefors EMS with a cardiac patient. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital.

7:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a Pampa residence on a report of a fall. One patient was transported to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo at the doctor's request.

11:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a Pampa residence on an assault. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital.

Accidents
 Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Aug. 24
 10 p.m. — A 1989 Chevrolet pickup driven by John Matthew Chaney, 20, 2105 N. Banks, was in collision with a 1988 Chevrolet driven by Billy Dwayne Stone, 57, Amarillo, in the 100 block of West Brown. Chaney was cited for failure to control speed, failure to stop and exchange information and no proof of financial responsibility.

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

Wheat.....3.24
 Milo.....3.80
 Corn.....4.19

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

Serico.....2.78 dn 1/8
 Occidental.....21 up 1/8
 The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan.....67.53
 Puritan.....16.09

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

Amoco.....57 7/8 dn 1/8
 Arco.....103 3/8 up 3/4
 Cabot.....27 NC
 Cabot O&G.....19 7/8 up 1/8

Chevron.....42 1/2 up 1/4
 Coca-Cola.....46 1/4 dn 1/4
 Diamond Sham.....28 7/8 up 1/8
 Enron.....30 1/8 dn 1/8
 Halliburton.....29 3/4 up 1/2
 HealthTrust Inc.....28 3/4 up 1/4
 Jergensoll Rand.....36 1/4 up 3/8
 KNE.....25 NC
 Kerr-McGee.....47 1/4 up 1/8
 Limited.....19 3/8 NC
 Mapco.....55 7/8 dn 1/8
 Maxus.....4 7/8 NC
 McDonald's.....26 3/4 up 1/4
 Mobil.....82 up 1/2
 New Atmos.....17 dn 1/4
 Parker & Parsley.....25 1/8 up 1/4
 Penney's.....50 up 3/8
 Phillips.....32 7/8 up 1/8
 SLB.....57 1/4 up 5/8
 SPS.....26 1/8 dn 1/8
 Tenneco.....47 up 3/8
 Texaco.....61 dn 1/8
 Wal-Mart.....24 1/8 NC
 New York Gold.....384.00
 Silver.....5.23
 West Texas Crude.....17.09

Hospital
CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions
 Lefors
 Bernice Clara Sawyer (extended care)
 Miami
 Pearl Wallace Skeen
Dismissals
 Pampa
 Margaret Isabel Arellano and baby boy
 Terry Brookshire
 Linda Rose Carlton

Canadian
 Jacquelyn Marie Chaffin
Lefors
 Bernice Clara Sawyer (extended care)
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Admissions
 No admissions were reported.
Dismissals
 No dismissals were reported.

Calendar of events
VFW DOMINO DAY
 VFW Domino Day is set for 1-5 p.m. Thursday at the Post Home, Borger Highway. Free coffee, bring your own dominos. No alcohol permitted.
SKELLY - GETTY - TEXACO RETIREES CLUB
 Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club is to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Community Center, Skellytown.

Sheriff's Office
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incident in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today. No arrests were reported.

TUESDAY, Aug. 23
 Domestic violence was reported at Price Road and Texas 152.

Volunteers join to form county CASA program for abused, neglected children

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
 News Editor

Finding the best "casa" or house for children who have been abused or neglected and subsequently removed from their homes in Gray County is the dream of a group of local volunteers who announced the formation of CASA of Gray County at a community meeting Tuesday.

CASA, the Spanish word for house, is an acronym for Court Appointed Special Advocates, volunteers who act as the child's voice in court in determining home placement for children in foster care or for whom foster care is contemplated.

Janet Watts is to head the newly formed agency, leaving her three-year post as director of Tralee Crisis Center, announced CASA board president Mike Sublett.

She is scheduled to begin part-time duties Sept. 1, while continuing at Tralee until Oct. 15.

Moore County court-at-law Judge Delwin T. McGee praised the efforts of CASA volunteers in his four-county area. He noted an initial reluctance on the part of area attorneys and judges to use CASA volunteers, but said with time and experience that vanished.

Volunteers do not function as social workers who supervise parental visitation or remove children from their home, but serve as a buffer between parents and social workers who may have become adversaries when children are taken away, he said.

Texas CASA official Lynn Blanco told the 26-member audience where CASA volunteers are used, children spend an average of 13 months in foster care, rather

than the state average of 24 months in foster care. She estimates Texas saves \$44.8 million annually by using volunteer advocates. In 1993, 21,000 children were supervised by the courts because of having been abandoned, abused or neglected. Twenty-five percent of those children have CASA volunteers assigned, she said.

Gray County's chapter is the 36th in Texas with 600 CASA organizations in the United States, she said.

Children enter the judicial system — not as delinquents — but because the Department of Protective and Regulatory Service files a complaint against their caretakers for abuse or neglect, District Judge Lee Waters said.

The kids are placed with a foster family, relatives or in an institution with their situation reviewed twice yearly.

"My concern is for children who get into the system that we don't damage them with in the judicial system," he said.

CASA is receiving terrific community support from local civic clubs, said board member Assistant District Attorney Tracey Blades. Ten potential CASA volunteers have signed up, she said.

Serving on the board of directors are Sublett, Blades, Dr. Moss Hampton, the Rev. Jim Fox, Marge Holland, Sara Carmichael, Jean Martindale, Janice Miner, Dr. Meganne Walsh and Mark McVay.

CASA of Gray County is funded through tax deductible donations.

For more information about becoming a CASA volunteer, call Sublett at 669-6700.



Janet Watts

Watts to head CASA program

Janet Watts has been named to lead CASA of Gray County.

Making the announcement Tuesday, Mike Sublett, board president of CASA of Gray County said, "She is an asset beyond measure for the beginning of this program."

Watts is a 1980 Shamrock High School graduate. She attended West Texas State University and completed degree requirements through Regents College of Albany, N.Y.

Her strengths lie in grant writing and budgeting, knowledge of the judicial system and understanding of volunteer agencies, she said.

Watts worked six years in Community Supervision and Corrections before beginning her three-year stint with Tralee Crisis Center as executive director.

Judge denies Chavis' request for reinstatement

WASHINGTON (AP) — A judge today refused to reinstate Benjamin Chavis Jr. as executive director of the NAACP, saying the ousted leader must wait for another judge to resolve his lawsuit seeking damages from his firing.

Declining to issue a temporary restraining order, Superior Court Judge Herbert Dixon said the court could not force the NAACP to take Chavis back any more than it could force Chavis to continue to work against his wishes.

Dixon said Chavis would have to wait for Superior Court Judge Richard Saltzman to resolve his lawsuit seeking damages from his firing last week-end.

A hearing before Saltzman is set for Sept. 2, but both Chavis and NAACP officials said they hoped to discuss an out-of-court settlement before then.

"All I'm asking for is for my civil rights to be respected by the NAACP," Chavis said after the 15-minute hearing. "This has been a traumatic experience for my family. I would like for it to be resolved."

Earl Shinhoster, the NAACP's interim administrator, declined to comment directly on the ruling, saying only that the NAACP is "stepping up and moving forward."

Dennis Hayes, NAACP general

counsel, said the civil rights group has always been willing to negotiate with Chavis.

He said Chavis had had an opportunity to discuss a settlement Friday, the day before the board of directors voted to fire him.

"He did not avail himself of that opportunity," Hayes said. "I think he didn't understand that opportunity was available to him."

Meanwhile, officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, struggling with growing debt and court-ordered corporate donors, say the civil rights group wouldn't be able to survive more of Chavis' leadership.

"My God, the organization would be virtually destroyed," NAACP staff attorney Willie Abrams said after a court hearing Tuesday. "Are there people who would give Dr. Chavis money? I don't believe so."

Chavis' attorney, Abbey Hairston, said some members of the NAACP board of directors have unfairly painted Chavis as "essentially, a crook."

"The NAACP has a long history of survival," she said. "But what will Dr. Chavis do?"

Board members voted 53-5 at a meeting Saturday to fire Chavis from the \$200,000-a-year job he has held since 1993.

Board members complained Chavis ran up a \$2.7 million deficit, didn't tell them he used NAACP money to settle a \$332,400 sex discrimination claim by former employee Mary E. Stansel and tried to move the NAACP way from its longstanding integrationist ideology.

NAACP attorney Lawrence Greenwald said Chavis failed to get written board permission before committing the group to a debt, as required by its constitution.

"When a board resoundingly speaks, the court should not intervene," Greenwald said.

Chavis filed suit Monday, arguing the NAACP denied him a hearing, besmirched his reputation and left him unemployed when his wife, Martha, is pregnant with twins.

NAACP lawyers asked Dixon to throw out Chavis' lawsuit, saying it was filed in the wrong court system. D.C. Superior Court handles local litigation. The NAACP has its headquarters in Baltimore and was formed as a corporation in New York.

Chavis also contends that the NAACP failed to follow its own rules in dismissing him, Hairston said. It did not give Chavis formal notice that the board would meet about his future, and it did not properly record the vote, she said.

City briefs

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy and fair with a low in the lower 60s and southwest winds from 10 to 20 mph. Thursday, hot with a high in the mid 90s and south winds from 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday's high was 95; this morning's low was 66. Pampa received 0.01 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, fair south. Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms north. Lows in the 60s. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in mid to upper 90s. Thursday night, fair. Lows in the 60s. South Plains: Tonight, fair. Lows in mid 60s west to low 70s east. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in mid to upper 90s. Thursday night, fair. Lows 65-70.

North Texas — Tonight: Late night cloudiness central otherwise fair. Lows 70 to 75. Thursday: Partly cloudy with widely scattered thunderstorms south. Highs 93 east to 97 south. Thursday night: Late night clouds central otherwise fair. Lows 70 to 75.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in mid 90s to near 100. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in mid to upper 70s. Coastal Bend: Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows from mid 70s inland to low 80s coast. Thursday, partly cloudy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs from mid 90s inland to near 90 coast. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows from mid 70s inland to low 80s coast. Lower Rio

Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in upper 70s inland, low 80s coast. Thursday, partly cloudy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs from upper 90s inland to near 90 coast. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in upper 70s inland, low 80s coast.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma — Tonight, clear. Lows upper 60s to low 70s. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 90s.

New Mexico — Tonight, cloudy with widely scattered early nighttime showers and thunderstorms. Lows upper 30s and 40s mountains with 60s to near 70 southeastern plains. Thursday, afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs 70s and 80s mountains with mostly 90s elsewhere. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with 60s to near 70 lower elevations south.

Suspect sought in stabbing deaths of two gay men

DALLAS (AP) — An Arkansas parolee was sought today in the stabbing deaths of two gay men, one of whom was naked when he was thrown through a window after the attack.

Police in the suburb of Irving have uncovered similarities in the death Friday night of Larry Allen at a motel and the June slaying of Leopoldo "Paul" Quintanilla Jr.

Law officers were seeking Edwin B. Perkins, 33, in the attack on Allen, who was stabbed over his entire body and then thrown through a plate-glass window on the motel's third floor.

Manhunt continues for bandits who robbed bank, killed woman

By LAURA TOLLEY
Associated Press Writer

NORMANGEE, Texas (AP) — A gang of robbers who struck a small-town bank shot, then ran over, an 82-year-old woman on her daily visit to her husband's grave in a country cemetery.

The bandits stole the woman's car and speeded through a police roadblock with guns blazing.

Ruby Bottoms Parker was killed and a state trooper wounded after as many eight robbers took more than \$170,000 from the Normangee State Bank on Tuesday morning.

Four were captured Tuesday, but the search continued today for the others, who were described as clean-cut, "sort of college types" in their early 20s.

The armed men, disguised by nylon stockings pulled over their heads, entered the bank at about 10:30 a.m. and ordered everyone to the floor, bank vice president Joel Shaw said.

"They came in and went in different places and told us they'd blow our heads off if we didn't get down on the floor. They were poking everybody with shotguns, and some had pistols. It was pretty scary," Shaw said.

Normangee is a ranching community of about 600 people in southern Leon County about 100 miles northwest of Houston.

As the robbers fled, they fired several shots, shattering a glass refrigerator door in a grocery store, said owner Bob Biddle. No one was hurt.

Most of the bandits went to the Hopewell Cemetery, about two miles west of Normangee, where investigators believe the men had left another getaway car, said Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

One gunman shot Mrs. Parker, a retired nurse, through her car window, not far from her husband's grave, Leon County district attorney David Barron said. The bandits then pulled her from the car and drove away, Barron said.

About three miles west of the cemetery, on Old Spanish Road, the robbers blasted through a roadblock set up to stop them. One of the gunmen leaned out of a window with a handgun and wounded a state trooper, Cox said.

Stephen Fox Bynum, 32, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan with a gunshot wound to his right shoulder, Cox said. He was in stable condition today.

Four suspects, two from Houston and two from Normangee, were captured Tuesday, officials said. Two were caught in Robertson County and the other two in Madison County, Cox said.

Held in the Leon County Jail were James Tyrone Hoskins, 18, of Houston and Anthony Coleman, 23, of Normangee. A Leon County dispatcher said the two were charged with aggravated robbery and capital murder.

In Robertson County, which adjoins Leon County on the west, authorities held Rudolfo Alonso Jr., 19, hometown undetermined, and Coleman's half-brother, Marques Jones, 20, of Normangee on charges of aggravated robbery, capital murder and attempted capital murder.

Officials said the slain woman's car was found burning Tuesday night in near west Houston. Officials said flammable liquid had been ignited in the passenger seat.

Another vehicle believed to have been used in the robbery was discovered late Tuesday afternoon off Highway 6 in Waller County near Hempstead, about 31 miles northwest of Houston.

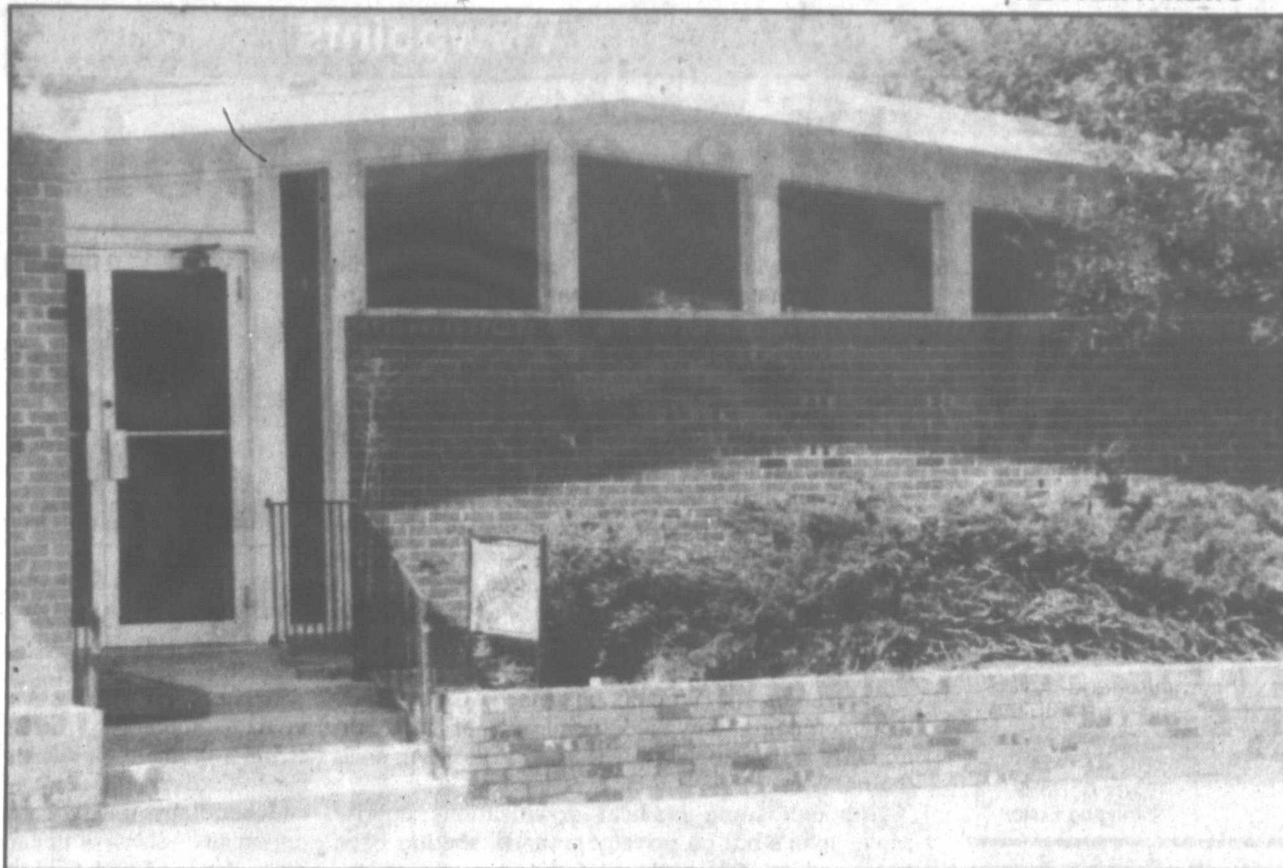
A large, white, plastic sack containing an estimated \$6,000 was found near the vehicle off Highway 6. It was stashed in a nearby treeline, officials said.

Waller County Sheriff Randy Smith said nearby residents reported four men and a woman climbed out of the vehicle and began knocking on doors in the rural area, saying their car had broken down.

"Fortunately, they were not aggressive at this point," Smith told the *Houston Chronicle*. "The five were last seen after noon, walking south toward Hempstead, in clusters of two and three."

Witnesses described them as clean cut, "sort of college types in their early 20s," Smith said.

Discovery of the car triggered a two-hour search in a wooded area by about 30 officers, some with bloodhounds from the state prison system. But authorities said they were convinced the five had left the immediate area.



The Texas Department of Health office in Pampa will be moving into temporary quarters at 600 W. Kentucky, shown above. (Pampa News photo)

TDH moves office into temporary quarters

Texas Department of Health staff members are set to move to temporary quarters Thursday and Friday in anticipation of co-location with other social service agencies in 1995.

The agency will move to 600 W. Kentucky, formerly known as the Elder Clinic, to continue immunization and prenatal and postnatal services to women and children.

Normal operating hours will resume Monday.

Only emergency patients will be seen in the Hughes Building office through Friday, said TDH nurse Carolyn Hall.

The immunization clinic scheduled for 9-11 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Thursday will be held in WIC offices in the Hughes Building, 400 W.

Kingsmill, Hall said.

Donna Stephenson, social worker for the Chronically Ill and Disabled Children program of TDH, is to relocate to the Elder Clinic also.

The Elder Clinic features six examination rooms to accommodate the nine member staff.

The telephone number will remain 665-0746.

Car of missing tourist located

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Family members of a man missing in Puerto Vallarta say officials have told them they've located the rented Volkswagen the man and his companion were believed to be driving.

But officials still have not located Jerry Inman, 51, of Irving, who was last reported seen while drinking margaritas at a mountainside restaurant on Aug. 2 with his girlfriend, Ann-Jamigan, 43, of North Richland Hills, a suburb of Fort Worth.

Friday, authorities said in broadcast reports that the body of a woman found in a Puerto Vallarta river was that of Jamigan. She had suffered head and chest injuries in an apparent auto accident.

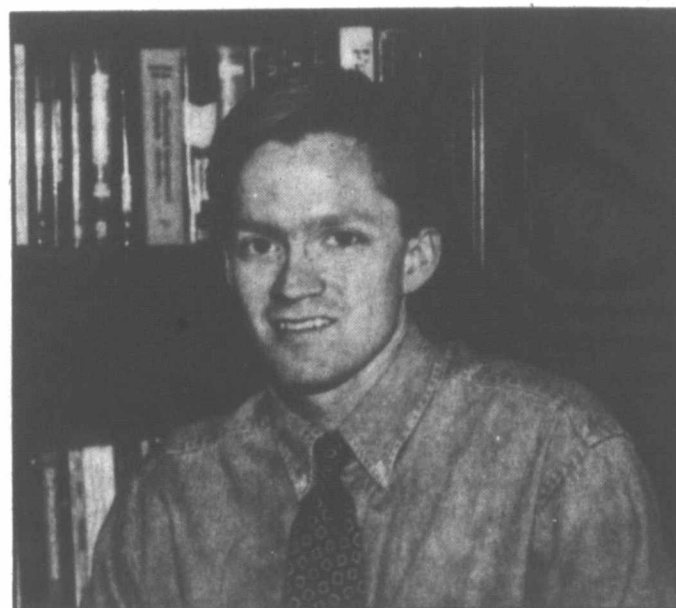
Her identification and cash had been found in a purse that was with the body.

Police speculate Jamigan could have been thrown in the river during a car crash.

Gary Inman of Burkburnett, the missing man's son, told KAUZ-TV in Wichita Falls that the rental car was found Tuesday afternoon in the river, about 200 yards from the mountainside restaurant, Chico's Paradise.

He says Mexican officials think the car had a blowout, the couple lost control and the vehicle went over a cliff. The son told the station that Mexican officials found skid marks on road.

Divers are supposed to search the river tomorrow for Jerry Inman's body.



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Endangered species rules draw criticism

AUSTIN (AP) — Environmentalists are complaining that the "property rights" movement is being orchestrated by industries wanting to weaken environmental laws for profit.

"Polluters and abusers are trying to mislead the good stewards into thinking that environmental protections are hurting rather than helping to protect their lives and their property," Tom Smith, director of Public Citizen of Texas, said Tuesday.

Agribusiness leaders deny the allegation, saying that the government is attacking landowners' rights to own and manage their property.

"The ever-widening circle of regulation puts virtually every farmer and rancher in Texas at risk," said Bob Stallman, a Columbus rice farmer who is president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

Stallman announced that 29 groups have joined a coalition called the Farmers and Ranchers for Property Rights.

He said the group will push for a law during next year's legislative session to increase property rights and will fight against the federal Endangered Species Act and other proposals aimed at protecting natural resources.

Environmentalists said the groups are overreacting to laws designed to protect public resources.

In back-to-back news conferences, the two sides debated a proposal by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to designate critical habitat of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler. The songbird nests in some 800,000 acres in 33 Central Texas counties.

Stallman said that under the proposal he cannot build a fence or cut down a cedar tree on his property without first getting a permit from the federal government.

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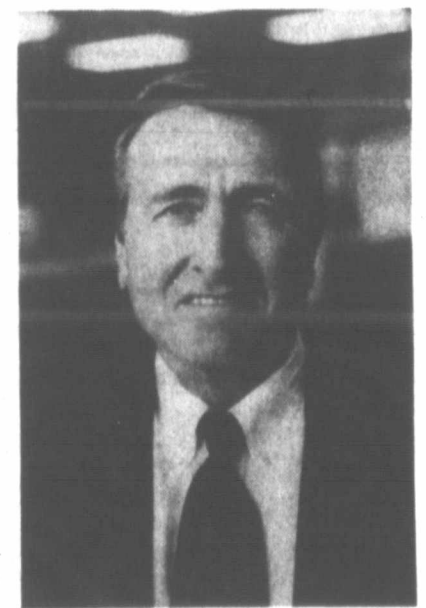
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Opinion

Protectionism can hobble free market

Of all the shallow arguments offered by protectionists bent on hobbling world commerce, surely the often-invoked "dumping" charge, leveled at U.S. steel makers by Mexico's government, has to be one of the flimsiest.

The very premise of dumping allegations — that it's somehow unfair for a company to export goods abroad at lower prices than it charges in its own country — fails simple logic. Just as prices can vary from one community to the next for assorted legitimate reasons, so can they reasonably vary for a given product from one country to the next. A poorer market simply might not be able to bear as high prices as a richer one.

And even if, as dumping charges presume, an exporter is simply trying to undercut competition in the market that's being targeted — so what? As is typically the case when competitors engage in a price war, consumers win. That bolsters an entire economy. No company is going to price itself out of business unless it isn't productive enough to compete in the first place. And if cheap foreign goods do drive off domestic rivals, only to see the victors raise prices later, in a free market new competitors will replace them to lower prices yet again.

Mexico's enunciated commitment to free trade (and to NAFTA) notwithstanding, its government decided to slap tariffs on major producers of two widely used types of steel. While that country's steel producers will cheer the move, Mexico's myriad steel-using industries and, ultimately, Mexican consumers will pick up the tab through far-ranging price hikes.

But there is also irony in all this. While U.S. steel producers (and some others) can now justifiably gripe about being unfairly restrained in the booming Mexican market, it is these same U.S. steel makers that themselves have so frequently begged our government to crack down on steel "dumped" here from abroad.

It's always interesting why so many American industrialists and businessmen preach for free enterprise and a free market only to turn to government to protect them with tariffs, quotas and other kinds of favoritism. Are they perhaps really afraid of a true free market?

At least there is a lesson in this for American industry, now that the shoe is on the other foot. Arbitrary tariffs for contrivances like dumping can cut both ways; in other words, protectionism can backfire.

Economists, of course, have been preaching that truth literally for generations in lecture halls. Maybe a little firsthand experience with it in the marketplace will bring it home.

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Berry's World



The grim politics of AIDS

Nettie Mayersohn's bill has been killed. She is the New York State assemblywoman — a Democrat, liberal; strongly pro-choice — who has been trying for years to get a law passed that would require the state to tell mothers if their newborns are HIV-infected. (All infants are tested at birth in New York, as in 43 other states, but these are blind tests — no names are attached.)

Had her bill come to the floor in both the Assembly and the Senate, it would have passed. The leadership, however, prevented a vote. This is an election year, and it was considered wise not to offend such lobbyists against the bill as the National Abortion and Reproduction Rights Action League, the Gay Men's Health Crisis, the National Organization for Women, and the ACLU. They were defending, they said, the privacy of the mother. Once a baby is identified as HIV-positive, so is the mother.

Although some medical organizations oppose Mayersohn's bill on privacy grounds, she has been heartened by the support of the majority of the physicians on the Committee for the Care of Children and Adolescents with HIV Infection. They represent the only doctors with direct, long-term experience treating and caring for precisely the children this debate is about.

These physicians emphasize that "HIV-specialized medical care — and other interventions — improve the outcome of HIV-infected children identified at birth ... resulting in a better and longer life."

As for privacy, the majority on the committee stressed what should be obvious. As it is now, a mother who decides not to be tested — or not to find out the results of the blind test — cannot evade knowing her child's or her own HIV status ...



Nat Hentoff

"Unfortunately, sooner or later HIV will declare itself. The goal of newborn testing is to identify infection before it is too late to prevent certain consequences."

A persistent argument against making the state give the mothers the medical facts — as it does when sickle-cell anemia or syphilis are present at birth — has to do with fear and panic. If a woman is told she and her baby must be tested — say Mayersohn's opponents — she will flee the health care system. Yet no evidence of such flight by a mother has been produced. The advocates of silence, however, do cite what happened when Illinois mandated HIV testing before a marriage license could be issued. Some people did indeed hasten to another state to get the license and avoid being tested.

But is the value of an infant the same as that of a marriage license? Will a marriage license get terminally ill if it is not treated in time? *Newsday* recently published an interview with a woman who did not find out that she and her son were HIV-infected until nine months after he was born. She very much wishes she had known the results of the blind test given her son — now ill — at birth.

"I gotta know," she says, "so I can take care of

him and so I can take care of myself." Other mothers who were kept ignorant by New York state felt the same way in additional interviews.

As this year's New York legislative session was about to end, Nettie Mayersohn rose in anger on the floor of the Assembly. She spoke of "powerful groups who have made a determination that they own AIDS — and that there can be no changes in public health law without their approval. As a result, we will continue to send thousands of newborns home from the hospital to suffer the miseries of preventable opportunistic infections — and a premature death."

"Last week, a great fanfare and a slap on the back for ourselves, we passed a much-needed domestic violence law. I submit to you that our failure to pass a mandatory HIV-testing bill makes us accomplices in domestic violence in its crudest and most obscene form — the abuse and neglect of the most neglected children of our state."

Next January, the legislators — and their timorous leaders — will come to the state capital once more.

"This issue will not be laid to rest here today," she told her colleagues in July. "There are people who care enough to keep it alive. Child advocates, reporters, doctors, mothers, and the many citizens across the country who are astounded by what we are doing here in Albany by ignoring that these babies are independent, living, breathing human beings whose right to health care is being violated."

A dissident Ulster County, N.Y., chapter of NOW supports Mayersohn and her bill: "If the well-being of women and their children is not the concern of NOW, who will speak for them?"

Not even the ACLU — to whom the due process rights of these infants are of no concern.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 1994. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Aug. 24, 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty went into effect, with the parties agreeing that an armed attack against one would be considered "an attack against them all."

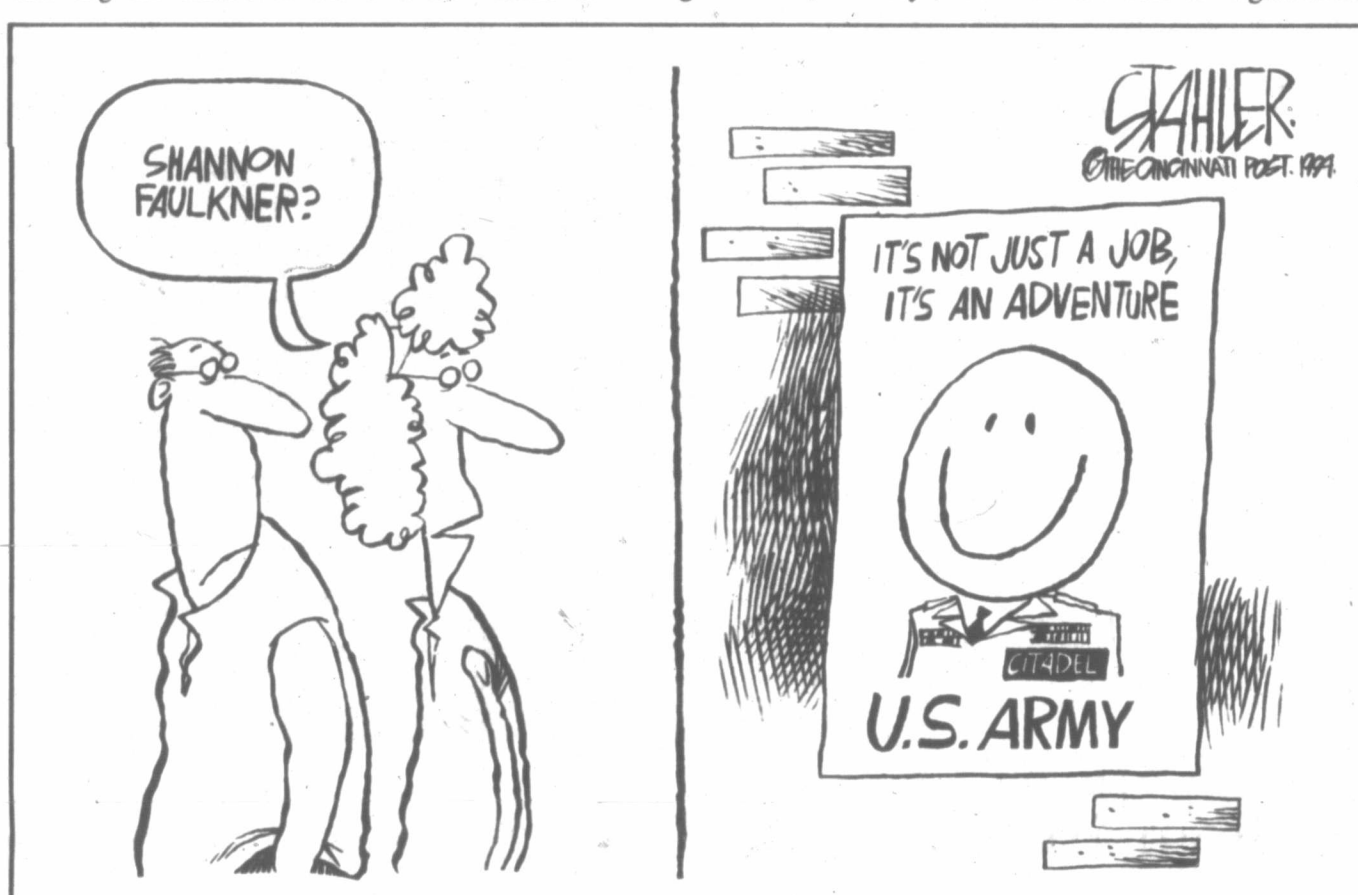
On this date:

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died.

In 1814, British forces invaded Washington, D.C., and proceeded to set fire to the Capitol and the White House.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly non-stop across the United States, traveling from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in just over 19 hours.

In 1954, the Communist Control Act went into effect, virtually outlawing the Communist Party in the U.S.



Those pairs of shiny 'magic shoes'

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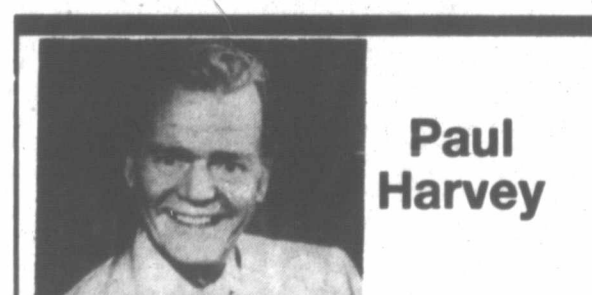
You are a single girl; how would you like a job in Chicago?

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Paul Harvey

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It's got to be those shoes.

Next Christmas time, when you see a selfless lad or lass from the Salvation Army standing in the cold beside a curbside kettle — whether you drop a coin or not — you will be greeted by a beautiful, fair-faced smile.

Smile back. And then glance at those beautiful shoes.

They walk where you and I would not care to, through byways that you and I would not dare to.

We all want to go where they are going without having been where they've been. Good luck to us.

Eritrea's inspiring fight for democracy

ASMARA, Eritrea — Rwanda, Somalia and Nigeria — names that evoke a continent's turmoil — seem far away and oddly out of place in this tranquil African country of mountains and desert by the Red Sea.

Even government offices in Eritrea's capital city recall one of American democracy's most inspiring moments. On the walls hang a picture of khaki-clad soldiers climbing up a sand dune behind a colleague who is victoriously planting an Eritrean flag.

Just as the Iwo Jima monument captured a triumph, so does the Eritrean picture. It also reminds three contrite powers — America, Russia and Israel — that they were united in Eritrea's war for independence — on the wrong side.

All three backed an Ethiopian communist dictatorship's 1-million-man army with massive numbers of Russian tanks and artillery, and then watched incredulously as a poorly equipped but impassioned Eritrean People's Liberation Army of 100,000 men and women won what the *Wall Street Journal's* Geraldine Brooks called "a bargain basement war."

"We thought they were just a bunch of Arab-backed terrorists," said an Israeli foreign ministry official. "Was that ever a mistake."

But all nations suffered diplomatic myopia in 1991. Three years later, this tiny war-ravaged nation of 3.2 million people is rebuilding its infrastructure by repeating biblical history — making bricks without straw.

Despite a few visible reconstruction successes, their task is daunting. The life expectancy rate is 46



Chuck Stone

years, the adult literacy rate is 20 percent, and the per capita gross domestic product is a lowly \$75 to \$150. Far worse is the issue of respect — or lack thereof. The average American, with typical geographical illiteracy, doesn't have the faintest idea where Eritrea is.

President Clinton and Congress have pledged economic assistance, but both are being countermanded by small bureaucratic minds.

Still, Eritrea, like Job, continues to gird up its loins, united by its charismatic, honest president, Issaias Afwerki; an equally incorruptible national character; a determination to protect a Jeffersonian free press; a passion for education; and one of its biggest treasures — thousands in the Eritrean diaspora who support their beloved nation.

One of them, American University-based Professor Bereket Habteselassie, is chairman of the Constitutional Commission, which is laying the foundation for what happened in Philadelphia in 1789.

At home, Senait Iyob had become pregnant while "in the field." After her baby, Stephanos, was born

in an underground cave in 1984, Senait carried him on one shoulder and her rifle on the other.

Today, Senait is married to Baraki Gebreselassie, the minister of information and culture, who eloquently talks about being "partners" with a freedom of the press.

The word is heard frequently. In a New Year's message to his people, denouncing an armed clash at the Sudanese border between the jihad movement and Eritrean soldiers, President Afwerki declared that, "Together with our partners, we have spared no effort to build on the conducive environment to consolidate the prevailing peace ..."

At Asmara University, its soft-spoken, scholarly president, Wolde'ab Yisak, described his reorganization plan for the social sciences to foreign academics. "I expect us to be partners in this task," he said.

In this democratic African oasis of reciprocal civility (crime is almost nonexistent), partnership has broader sociological implications.

With Eritrea's nine languages and nationalities equally divided between Christians and Moslems; three weekly newspapers published in Tigrean, English and Arabic; women who comprised 30 percent of the wartime army; and the thousands of demobilized jobless ex-fighters still volunteering their skills, partnership is a necessary expression of democracy.

"We are making progress," said Fozia Hasm, minister of justice and one of two women in the 16-member cabinet. She smiled jocularly. "Next time we will be 10 out of 16."

If any African nation has the chance to become a model of democracy, lay your bets on Eritrea.

Garth in Australia



American country singer Garth Brooks, center, speaks with members of the New South Wales Police Cycle Squad in Sydney, Australia, on Tuesday. Brooks, who is currently touring Australia on a country and western concert tour, left a press conference and met with police officers who were escorting the governor of Tokyo. Brooks will perform in Sydney on Aug. 30-31. (AP photo/Telegraph Mirror)

Morales: Voters must approve casino gambling

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — If casino gambling is ever to reach Texas, the final hand will be played by Texas voters. Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said in a legal opinion Tuesday that voter approval is needed before casino gambling is allowed in the state.

The 1995 Legislature is expected to face a strong push from casino interests to legalize gambling.

Morales said state lawmakers alone can't decide the issue. Instead, he said a constitutional amendment is needed. An amendment requires a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate, plus voter approval in a statewide referendum.

"On issues of this magnitude ... the citizens legally and rightfully have the deciding voice," Morales said. "The state may not allow such gambling without the permission of the voters."

The opinion followed inquiries by state Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, and state Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, about whether legalizing slot-machine gambling requires a constitutional amendment.

Morales said such gambling is a form of lottery still prohibited by the Texas Constitution. He said lotteries are defined as games of chance that offer a prize.

People on both side of the issue said a constitutional amendment will make it more difficult to get casino gambling approved in Texas.

State Republican Party Chairman Tom Pauken said Morales' opinion "effectively kills casino gambling in Texas for the foreseeable future. And I'm glad that's happened."

Lloyd Criss, chairman of the Texas Association for Casino Entertainment, called the opinion a "roadblock" because a constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds majority of lawmakers. Without an amendment, lawmakers could have

approved casino gambling with a simple majority vote and without a statewide referendum.

But Criss said, "We will find a way around, through or over the roadblock. The statewide polls we have seen show 60 percent of the registered voters are for casino gambling."

Criss said casino gambling would bring \$500 million to the state annually while creating 70,000 jobs that pay between \$23,000 and \$28,000 a year.

"We wanted the people to vote on this because we think everyone will see this is good business for Texas," Criss said.

Mark Bell, a spokesman for Secretary of State John Hannah, said if the Legislature approved a constitutional amendment on casino gambling, Texans could vote on the matter sometime next year.

Morales, a Democrat, was criticized by Republican opponent Don Wittig for not releasing the opinion sooner.

Average ACT scores improve for Texas students from 1993

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas students did better overall on the ACT college entrance exam this year, but Hispanic students' scores went down, according to figures announced by the Texas Education Agency.

The average composite score in Texas on the American College Testing program assessment was 20.2, up from 20.1 in 1993.

The national average was 20.8, on a 36-point scale.

For Mexican-American and Chicano students, the average composite score in Texas dropped from 18.1 to 18.

For Puerto Rican, Cuban and Hispanic students, the average went from 18.5 to 18.3.

Black students' composite score remained at 17.2 in Texas, the same as last year.

White students' score rose from 21.3 to 21.4 in the state, and Asian-American students' composite score went from 21.5 to 21.7.

A record 56,735 students who graduated in 1994 took the ACT, making it the fifth consecutive year that the number of test-takers increased, according to TEA.

"The rising scores on the ACT

are yet another sign that the hard work of educators in the field and students in the classroom is paying off," said Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno.

"The continued boost in the numbers of students taking the college-entrance exam is encouraging news, as well as the increase in students opting for more rigorous academic courses," he said.

The ACT recommends a core program of four years or more of English and three years of social studies, three years of natural sciences, and three years of algebra and higher mathematics.

ACT data shows that students who take such a core program score higher than those who don't, the Texas agency said.

This year, Texas students who took a core program received a composite score of 21.3, compared with 17.9 for students who didn't, TEA said.

The agency said 63 percent of ACT test-takers, or 35,913, took a core program.

The ACT is based in Iowa City, Iowa. The other major college entrance exam is the Scholastic Assessment Test.

Police chief suspended over nude photos

SEVEN POINTS, Texas (AP) — The police chief of this small community has been suspended, accused of using city equipment to take photographs of a nude woman in his office.

Chief Robert Young was suspended for 90 days with pay Aug. 18 after the Polaroid pictures were seized from his safe, council members said.

"The chief took some photos back in his office using city equipment and (they) were obscene photos taken during the day, on duty," Councilman Gary Dunn said. "He violated our trust by doing this."

A tip from one of Young's own officers caused Mayor Marian Hill to order other officers to search Young's office, KDFW-TV reported Tuesday.

Councilman Lew Seaton said

the council engaged in heated debate about the pictures for two hours. A motion to fire Young failed, but the council voted to suspend him, Seaton said.

Seaton, who considers Young a close friend, said he didn't like the way the council handled the situation.

"All I can say was they did break into the office to get the pictures. To me it was breaking in. They took the lock off," he said.

Young was not immediately available for comment Tuesday. His home telephone number is unlisted.

Seven Points is about 48 miles southeast of Dallas and has a six-person police department.

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Smoke jumper Mike Morgen of Boise, Idaho, works up a mountainside grass fire adjacent to a ranch near Warren, Idaho, on Tuesday. (AP photo)

Weather eases fire threat

By The Associated Press

Cooler, calmer weather slowed the spread of forest fires in parts of the Northwest on Tuesday, helping fire crews extend fire lines and easing the threat to houses.

"We're kind of leaning back and licking our wounds," said Jim Mershon, fire information officer for the Kootenai National Forest in northwestern Montana.

Across the West and the Plains, 30 major fires continued burning Tuesday after charring 494,000 acres in Washington, Idaho, Montana, California and Oklahoma, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho. It said 19,300 firefighters were at work.

Crews using bulldozers strengthened lines along the leading edge of the 14,500-acre Little Wolf fire southwest of Whitefish, Mont. It had been threatening 30 houses scattered in the forest.

The weather also helped firefighters working on blazes in Washington state, and crews said they were within a day of fully containing the month-old Tyee Creek fire, which had cov-

ered 127,500 acres. Crews had cut 88 miles of trail around the fire.

The Tyee Creek and other fires have destroyed at least 37 houses or cabins in central and eastern Washington since July 24. Most were started by lightning.

In the Sierra Nevada just west of the California-Nevada state line, the Cottonwood fire was 80 percent contained Tuesday after burning 46,800 acres in one week.

Weather conditions also helped in parts of Idaho, but in the southwestern part of the state, smoky temperature inversions prevented retardant drops.

"The cooler temperatures keep the smoke in and hold down fire activity," Boise National Forest spokesman Andrew Taylor said. "It preheats the fuels and dries them. When the smoke lifts, it's off to the races. It's like taking the lid off a pressure cooker."

The Oklahoma fire burned about 5,000 acres in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, home of hundreds of bison and Texas longhorns, before it was contained Tuesday.

Flood of Cuban refugees described as 'total chaos'

By HILARY APPELMAN
Associated Press Writer

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — With no sign that Cubans are heeding U.S. advice to stay home, the Coast Guard has called in more ships to intercept refugees sailing toward Florida.

Hundreds of flimsy rafts and inner tubes bobbed in the choppy Florida Straits on Tuesday, stretching the resources of their rescuers close to the breaking point. There were 3,253 refugees picked up by the Coast Guard, the most in one day since the 1980 Mariel boatlift.

The bodies of eight rafters washed ashore near Havana, Cuban radio reported. Those who search for refugees say many others are dying, though the exact number will probably never be known.

"We've never seen anything quite like this," said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Jim Howe. "We're throwing everything at it that we have."

Cuba acknowledged for the first time Tuesday that it has relaxed its migration policy, although it remains opposed to illegal departures and blames the United States for prompting the current exodus.

"It's total chaos out there and it's getting worse," said Arnaldo Iglesias, a leader of Brothers to the Rescue, a group of Cuban exiles that searches for rafters. "We are begging people, 'Please don't do it.'"

The Brothers to the Rescue planes drop packages of Snickers bars, fresh water and smoke flares to rafters. Pilots call in raft locations to the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard called in 10 more ships from as far away as the West Coast and the Great Lakes to join the 20 already patrolling the 90 miles between Cuba and Key West.

Howe said the Coast Guard gets to all the rafts that are spotted, although it sometimes takes a few hours.

"There's nothing we can do about

that, other than send a message saying: Stay home," Howe said.

A total of 280 Marines were dispatched from Camp Lejeune, N.C., to assist with security and crowd control aboard refugee-carrying Coast Guard and Navy ships.

During the Mariel boatlift, which brought 125,000 Cubans to Florida's shores in five months, as many as 5,000 refugees came ashore in a day. So far this year, about 16,000 Cubans have come ashore.

Cubans have been fleeing in greater numbers since the Aug. 5 riots in Havana which prompted Cuban leader Fidel Castro to threaten another Mariel.

Unlike the Mariel exodus, when most Cubans came in boats carrying a dozen or more people, the recent rescues average only three or four people per raft.

Since last week's policy change by the Clinton administration, Cubans intercepted at sea are being taken to the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, on Cuba's southeastern tip, where they will be held indefinitely.

In Washington, Defense Secretary William Perry described Guantanamo as a "boring, frustrating" place with nothing for arriving Cubans to do.

Another Defense official worried about restiveness. "It's not clear that three squares a day and a soccer field are going to be enough" to maintain calm, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Several Caribbean countries agreed last month to take in Haitian refugees interdicted at sea and U.S. officials are now trying to renegotiate those agreements to include Cubans.

The White House has predicted that the number of refugees will drop off once word of the policy change filters to the communist island. But Coast Guard officials say many of the rafters they are picking up knew about the change and came anyway.

12-year-olds charged with shooting death of transient

By AVIVA L. BRANDT
Associated Press Writer

WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP) — Twelve-year-old John had a simple reason for helping his buddy pump more than 18 bullets into a drifter: "I wanted to shoot him. I was mad at him for hitting my best and only friend with a rock."

After prosecutors read John's statement at a hearing, John and his friend Manuel, also 12, were each held on \$100,000 bond for investigation of second-degree murder.

Both boys had misdemeanor juvenile convictions — John for theft and Manuel for harassment — but Columbia Elementary School Principal Rom Castilleja said they both had potential to be good students.

"Both wanted to be listened to, wanted to be recognized for things they did, wanted someone to care about them," he said. "They were

just like any other kid in a lot of respects."

The two skinny boys were shackled at the ankles and wrists at the hearing Monday. Manuel's white T-shirt hung to his thighs over baggy jeans. John wore his identical T-shirt tucked in, his dark bangs tickling his eyebrows. They wore matching sneakers.

Chelan County Prosecutor Gary Riesen expected to charge the boys as juveniles today, perhaps with first-degree murder. A hearing will be held later to determine whether to try them as adults. The AP did not use their last names because they are juveniles.

If convicted as juveniles, they could be sent to a detention center until they turn 21. If convicted as adults of first-degree murder, they would face at least 20 years in prison.

Emilio Pruneda Alcantara, 50, was shot to death on a riverbank Saturday

after he threw rocks at the boys, who had disturbed him by firing guns nearby, Detective John Matney said. Police believe the boys had stolen the two .22-caliber pistols used in the attack.

"Manuel shot his gun once and the man threw a rock at Manuel. I saw the rock fly and Manuel went 'Ahh!' and shot a bunch more shots," Deputy Prosecutor Gordon Edgar read to the judge from John's statement, the *Wenatchee World* reported.

The boys' parents were with them when they were questioned.

John told police he saw Manuel run up the riverbank, bleeding, and heard him say "I'm not leaving until this guy is dead."

"I go, 'OK,'" John's statement said. "I walk down the bank and jumped down on a rock so I could see the guy. He was in the water up to about his waist ... He was bleeding in two places."

"The man wasn't moving and looked dead. I had the revolver at my feet and Manuel's gun in my hand. I shot Manuel's gun until it was empty. My first shot hit him in the eye and it was sick, so I closed my eyes and shot him more."

Pruneda Alcantara's body was found near his only possessions — a blanket, a couple of cans of food and a blue tarp.

Manuel's mother, who is partially paralyzed from an operation four years ago to remove a brain tumor, said her son began getting into trouble after she fell ill.

"I think it affected him quite a lot," she said Tuesday, the left side of her face drooping with paralysis. "After the surgery, when he saw me, that changed him."

Manuel had been in and out of foster homes for the past two years, and he ran away from his mother's home 10 days before the shooting, she said.

Teacher suspended for refusing to comply with moment of silence

SNELLVILLE, Ga. (AP) — A teacher has the right to oppose the state-mandated moment of silence, but he shouldn't deny students their rights in the process, administrators and some students said.

Brian Bown was suspended from his job at South Gwinnett High School on Tuesday because he refused to comply with a new law that says students will sit quietly for up to 60 seconds each morning. Critics say the law is a thinly veiled attempt to get prayer into the public schools.

"All he had to do was stand and be silent," Gwinnett County School Superintendent George Thompson

said. "He interfered with the students' rights to participate in the moment of silence."

Thompson recommended that Bown be fired, and the school board must hold a hearing on the recommendation within 10 days of the suspension.

"I think it is divisive when a American government teacher openly violates the law in front of students," Thompson said. "It could encourage them to do the same thing."

On the first day of the school year Monday, Bown continued lecturing on the Protestant Reformation during the moment of silence scheduled

during in his first period class.

Bown, 41, said today he did not prevent his students from observing the moment of silence if they wanted to do so. He said he was setting a good example for them by standing up for his beliefs.

"How could I ever ask my students to respect me when I refuse to stand up for what I believe is right?" he said today on ABC's *Good Morning America*.

Bown, who has taught at the suburban Atlanta school for five years, said he would go to court seeking to be reinstated and to overturn the law, which he believes is unconstitutional.

Legislators pushed the bill in the General Assembly this year. An administrator announces the moment of silence over the school's public address system.

While some students said they supported Bown's stance against religion in public schools, others said Bown was rude to those who wanted to use the moment to pray.

"There were two girls in the class who really wanted to pray, and he just kept talking," said Michael Highfill, a sophomore in Bown's first period class. "I don't think he should be fired, but he should show respect if students want to pray."

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Cheering the Pampa Academy of Christian Education Pacers on to victory for the 1994-1995 school year are cheerleaders (front row from left) Summer Ferguson, Angie Edmondson and Kelly Ebel and (back row from left) Brienna Taylor, Kristal Lee and Kazia Parker. The Pacers are coached by Terry Ferguson. The football season opener will be at 4 p.m. Sept. 9 against Wheeler Christian Academy in Wheeler. The cheerleaders will be selling balloons at Chautauqua for a fund-raiser. (Special photo)

Russian official: Nuke security needs improvement

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's top nuclear research institute acknowledged Tuesday that security there needs improvement, but said no uranium or plutonium is missing.

Western news reports have described lax security at the Kurchatov Institute, and there have been suggestions that some of the four shipments of contraband plutonium seized in Germany since May could have come from the institute in northwest Moscow.

The 50-year-old institute has seven nuclear reactors, which are now shut down, and dozens of smaller research devices that use radioactive materials.

The institute's security chief, Nikolai Bondarev, said controls are outdated and inadequate. "Before, we could not expect attacks by international terrorists. ... Now the conditions have changed," he told a news conference at Kurchatov's sprawling complex.

The uranium and plutonium are protected by a four-level security system that includes a guarded perimeter, armed guards at the research compounds, rooms with

alarm systems, and safes, said Nikolai Ponomarev-Stepnoi, institute vice president.

But he added that the system was designed for Soviet times, when there was "iron discipline and fear" in the nuclear establishment and little black market for radioactive materials.

"We need to improve the system. It has its faults," he said. "If I was standing outside, thinking about how to get the materials, I would have found a way."

Since the Soviet collapse, there have been numerous reports that officials and workers in the defense, research and nuclear energy sectors have turned to theft and smuggling to supplement their meager salaries.

Kurchatov is cooperating with Western research centers, including some in the United States, to improve security, said Ponomarev-Stepnoi.

He said several hundred tons of uranium, including some enriched uranium, have passed through the complex. He would not disclose the amount of plutonium kept there, but said none of it was weapons-grade.

Ponomarev-Stepnoi said the insti-

tute checked its stockpiles after the German seizures were reported, and found nothing missing.

German officials said the small amounts of seized plutonium almost certainly came from Russia.

Top German intelligence officials came to Moscow for talks, and the sides signed an agreement Monday to cooperate in fighting nuclear smuggling. But Russia said there was no proof it was the source of the nuclear materials intercepted in Germany.

Ponomarev-Stepnoi said two Kurchatov experts' business cards were found among thousands carried by the alleged smugglers detained in Germany, but he called the two scientists "beyond suspicion."

The institute annually receives 2,500 foreign guests and sends 1,000 of its own scientists abroad, "and everybody gives out business cards," he said.

Ponomarev-Stepnoi said he did not see the results of an analysis done in Germany on the contraband nuclear material, but heard reports from Russian counterintelligence officials.

Clinton signs trucking deregulation bill

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — On New Year's Day, the heavily-regulated Texas trucking market will open wide — sparking a shakeout in rates, routes and services — under national trucking deregulation signed Tuesday by President Clinton.

Many in the trucking industry are bracing for a period of turmoil that undoubtedly will swallow some small trucking companies while resulting in lower rates for shippers in metropolitan areas.

"The lesson of deregulation is that the big get bigger and the small get eaten," said Hampton Rogers, acting executive director of the Texas Motor Transportation Association, which represents both large and small carriers.

"What this means is anybody can haul anything for any rate over any route in Texas, absent safety regulations obviously."

That's a big departure from the current system under which the Texas Railroad Commission regulates who can carry freight for hire. The commission also oversees the

rates, routes and services that the state's almost 3,000 carriers for hire can offer.

The Railroad Commission will maintain its authority over trucking safety and insurance regulations, and continue to oversee the operations of moving companies as well as the movement of hazardous materials.

Otherwise, the deregulation is near total — which advocates contend will result in billions of dollars of savings for consumers in the form of lower prices.

"Trucking companies are going to have to look at their competitive posture vis-a-vis other companies more closely," said Railroad Commission spokesman Brian Schaible.

Where shippers now know that carriers will offer virtually identical rates for hauling cargo from one location to another, deregulation will mean a free-for-all in prices in the competitive marketplace.

"The shipper is going to have some homework to do," Schaible said.

Rogers, whose organization represents some 750 motor carriers, said deregulation will mean lower rates for shippers in the Golden Triangle —

between Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. But it also will translate into higher rates in rural areas.

Some 19,000 trucking companies operate in Texas. While only 3,000 of those currently carry freight for hire, the number is likely to explode under deregulation, Rogers said.

"The consequences will be both good and bad for the trucking industry," he said. "You'll see large trucking companies take advantage of a free market, but I think you'll see smaller companies have a very difficult time surviving in an unregulated trucking market."

Rogers predicted that deregulation will mean job losses in an industry that employs more than half a million Texans, with an annual payroll of \$13.7 billion.

The Railroad Commission is studying ways to make the transition to full deregulation as painless as possible, Schaible said.

"The trucking industry in Texas is a major employer, it's a major revenue source for state and local governments," he said. "We naturally want to help it in the transition process so we can preserve the health of that industry."

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Food

Personal chefs a hit among boomers

By LUIS CABRERA
Associated Press Writer

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The latest trend for baby boomers struggling to squeeze more quality out of their quality time?

Personal chefs — they'll do the shopping, cook a couple of week's worth of gourmet, low-fat meals and leave them in the freezer to consume at will.

"It's a business whose time has come. I don't think this would have worked 10 years ago," said David Mac Kay, executive director of the U.S. Personal Chef Association, which in less than two years has grown to more than 300 members serving clients in 46 states.

In Spokane, the 2-month-old personal chef service Finnigan's Feast is growing as fast as owners-operators Sara and Bob Finnigan can handle it.

"Everyone who's tried it so far has become a long-term client," Sara Finnigan said.

Finnigan's Feast offers clients an extensive menu, including entrees as

highbrow as minted lamb ragout and cranberry glazed pork, and as down-home hearty as chili con carne and turkey pot pie.

The service has a supply of recipes large enough to avoid repeating any for six months, "unless a client requests it," Sara Finnigan said. "It's a very personalized business."

It doesn't come cheap. A normal Finnigan's Feast service of nine to 10 dinners costs \$250, including groceries and preparation. To attract new customers, the service offered a \$200 special in July.

Recipes and operational and marketing tips for Finnigan's Feast and other such services come from the national association, based in Albuquerque, N.M. That's where Mac Kay and his wife Sue relocated after several years of running the prototype service in San Diego.

Mac Kay, whose background is in electrical engineering and marketing, said it didn't take long to realize they had hit on a marketable idea.

"We realized that this was a real niche, and found there was nobody

around the country really doing anything like this," he said.

The couple spent 1990 and 1991 writing freezable recipes, training manuals and software packages for personal chefs. After about eight months of testing the concept in 1992, "we were ecstatic with the results and decided we would go national with this," Mac Kay said.

"The range of people involved goes all the way from the homemaker in Kenner, La., to the (former) executive chef," he said.

Potential service operators pay \$99 to join the association, then buy one of three recipe and training packages, costing from \$500 to \$1,000.

Mac Kay said most personal chefs can count on an income between \$30,000 and \$50,000 per year.

The Finnigans, who are able to complete more services by working as a team, figure to make between \$48,000 and \$68,000, Bob Finnigan said. They serve about 12 clients now, and would like to bump that up to 20 or even 25, he said.

Client Beth Crafton said having a

personal chef has eased stress on her and her husband, Doug, both of whom sell medical equipment. "We were spending a lot of money eating out. We'd get home from work, we'd both stare into the refrigerator and say, 'Why don't we just go out?'"

"Then you figure you blow \$20 easily on something generic that really isn't that healthy for you."

Crafton said she appreciates the personal attention. "She comes into your home and she surveys you — 'Do you like a lot of meat? Do you prefer low fat? Do you have any allergies?' — It's quite a lengthy survey."

Crafton said she also likes the heat-and-eat convenience, and the ability to store the meals until they're ready to use.

"It doesn't go to waste," she said. "So often we'd go grocery shopping with the best intentions, buy fresh vegetables and then end up throwing them out."

"It's a pleasure to come home and not have to figure out what we'll have for dinner," said another client, Kathi Shirley.

Shrimp's subtle taste revealed with sauce

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor
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For AP Special Features

For these easy kebabs, you combine three convenient low-fat sauces — hoisin, tomato and plum sauce — to make one tangy marinade. Serve the grilled shrimp with a sesame dipping sauce that's also low in fat. A mere drop of sesame oil is all that's needed for flavor.

Shrimp Kebabs with Sesame Dipping Sauce

1 pound fresh or frozen medium-size raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
1/4 cup hoisin sauce
1/4 cup tomato sauce
1/4 cup plum sauce or snipped chutney

1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 teaspoons grated gingerroot
2 teaspoons minced garlic
1/8 teaspoon white or black pepper

Sixteen 6-inch bamboo skewers or eight 12-inch bamboo skewers, cut in half

1 fresh pineapple or 8-ounce can pineapple chunks (juice pack), drained

1 medium red and/or green sweet pepper, cut into 1-inch squares (1 cup)

Cooking oil
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Thaw shrimp, if frozen. For marinade, in a medium mixing bowl combine hoisin sauce, tomato sauce, plum sauce or chutney, lemon juice, gingerroot, garlic and white or black pepper. Add shrimp and stir to coat. Cover and chill for 1 hour. (Do not marinate longer or the shrimp will get tough.) Soak bamboo skewers in the water for 30 minutes.

If using a fresh pineapple, cut in half lengthwise through crown. Set one half aside. With a knife (preferably a pineapple knife or sturdy grapefruit knife), cut around the shell of the other half to loosen rind. Remove rind; cut into quarters. Trim core; cut fruit into chunks. Reserve 16 chunks; save any extra for another use.

Drain shrimp, reserving marinade. On each skewer, thread 1 shrimp, 1 pineapple chunk, 1 sweet pepper square and 1 more shrimp, leaving 1/4-inch space between items. Repeat with remaining skewers and ingredients. Brush skewers with some of the reserved marinade.

Brush grill rack with cooking oil; place skewers on rack directly over hot coals. Grill, uncovered, for 4 minutes. Turn and brush with reserved marinade. Grill for 4 to 6 minutes more or until shrimp turn pink.

To serve kebabs, if desired, stick the sharp ends of the skewers into the outer shell of the reserved pineapple half, so the kebabs can easily be removed by guests. Serve kebabs with Sesame Dipping Sauce.

Makes 16 servings.

Sesame Dipping Sauce: In a small serving bowl stir together 1-3rd cup rice vinegar or white vinegar, 1/4 cup honey, 1/4 cup lower-sodium soy sauce, 2 tablespoons toasted sesame seed and 2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil. Cover and set aside or chill for 30 minutes to allow flavors to blend.

Curried Lamb Kebabs with Couscous

2 tablespoons frozen apple juice concentrate, thawed
1 to 2 teaspoons curry powder
1 teaspoon grated gingerroot
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
Nonstick spray coating
12 ounces boneless lean lamb, cut into 1-inch cubes
4 to 5 green onions, cut into 1-inch pieces

1 large red or green sweet pepper, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
1 and 1-3rd cups boiling water
2-3rds cup couscous
1 tablespoon snipped parsley

For sauce, in a small bowl combine apple juice concentrate, curry powder, gingerroot and garlic powder.

Set aside.

Spray the unheated rack of a broiler pan with nonstick spray coating. For kebabs, on four 8-inch-long skewers, alternately thread lamb, green onion and red or green pepper. Place kebabs on rack. Brush with sauce. Broil 3 inches from heat for 6 to 8 minutes or until lamb is desired doneness, turning occasionally.

Meanwhile, in a medium mixing bowl combine boiling water, couscous and parsley. Cover; let stand for 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork before serving. Serve lamb kebabs with couscous.

Makes 4 servings.

Move over pasta, here comes Panini

NEW YORK (AP) — In her new cookbook, *Panini, Bruschetta, Crostini* (Hearst Books, \$20 hardcover), Viana LaPlace gives readers a rich taste of traditional and contemporary trends in sandwich-making in Italy.

In the introduction, she writes: "Bread is basic to the way Italians eat, so it is not surprising that they have devised a variety of ways to enjoy it. Not only does bread always accompany a meal, but the Italian repertoire includes numerous dishes in which it plays an important role."

"...I explore three variations on the theme of bread: panini, Italian-style sandwiches; bruschetta, grilled bread with toppings, a kind of rustic, open-faced sandwich; and crostini, miniature, sophisticated versions of bruschetta."

In her recipe for swordfish and arugula panini, LaPlace uses fresh swordfish and a coating of fragrant herbs, served with fresh green arugula and slices of tomato. For convenience, use a small stovetop grill or pan-fry the swordfish.

For dessert, LaPlace offers toasted bittersweet chocolate panino, made with fine-textured country bread and bittersweet choco-

late. Toast in the oven until the chocolate melts and the bread is crisp and hot. A word of caution: Wait until the panino cools a little or the chocolate may burn your tongue.

Swordfish and Arugula Panini

2 slices fresh swordfish, about 1/2 inch thick, each weighing 4 to 6 ounces

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons mixed chopped fresh herbs including oregano, rosemary, thyme and tarragon

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

4 slices country bread
2 teaspoons Maionese al Limone (recipe below)

2 teaspoons capers

8 fresh green arugula leaves, stems trimmed

4 tomato slices

Moisten the swordfish on both sides with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil.

Coat the grill with the remaining olive oil. Grill swordfish over gentle heat about 3 minutes on each side. Coat with herbs and season with salt and pepper. Cook for an additional minute on each side, or

until herbs are wilted and dark green and swordfish is tender. Transfer to a plate. Remove skin.

Lightly toast the bread. Spread mayonnaise on two slices of bread and sprinkle with capers. Top with arugula, tomato and swordfish. Cover with remaining bread. Makes 2 servings.

Maionese al Limone

1 egg, at room temperature

1/4 teaspoon salt

3/4 cup olive oil

Juice of 1/2 lemon

Combine the egg, salt and 3 tablespoons of the olive oil in a blender. Blend until the mixture is light yellow. With blender running, add the remaining olive oil in a slow, steady, thin stream. Stop pouring only if the oil is not being absorbed. Blend without adding any more oil until the oil in the blender is absorbed. Continue adding the remaining oil in a thin stream. Add the lemon juice; blend briefly. Adjust the seasonings, adding more salt or lemon juice if needed. Transfer to a small bowl. Cover tightly and refrigerate until needed.

Makes 1 cup.

Note: The United States

Toasted Bittersweet Chocolate Panino

2 small slices fine-textured country bread

About 3/4-ounce high-quality, bittersweet chocolate, roughly 3/8-inch thick, or enough chocolate to cover 1 slice of bread

Arrange the chocolate on one slice of bread, stopping short of the edges by about 1/2 inch (the chocolate melts so it needs a little extra room). Cover with the other slice of bread.

Place in a 500-degree F oven; toast for about 5 minutes on each side. Use tongs when turning the sandwich over — the chocolate will be somewhat liquid and may drip on you. The panino is ready when the bread is lightly toasted on both sides and the chocolate melts. Cool briefly before eating.

Makes 1 serving.

Recipes from: *Panini, Bruschetta, Crostini* by Viana LaPlace (Hearst Books; May 23, 1994. \$20, hardcover).

It's all in the timing

By The Associated Press

Fruits and vegetables sizzled over a hot grill can give your menu an extra zing. Getting it right is a matter of timing — time of year and time over the coals. The following tips are from the National Pork Producers Council and the National Pork Board.

Summer Grilling Season

Peaches, Nectarines, Plums: Peel and cut in half, remove pits. Grill face down 6 to 8 minutes.

Corn: Immerse ears of corn (in husk) in cold water one to two hours. Grill either in or out of the husk. For in-the-husk, grill over direct heat until husks are charred, 15 to 20 minutes, turning occasionally.

Eggplant: Cut off stem. Cut eggplant in half or into 1/2-inch wedges. Grill 12 to 15 minutes.

Tomatoes: Cut tomatoes in half. Grill 8 to 12 minutes. Or skewer cherry tomatoes and grill 2 to 3 minutes.

Onions: Cut in quarters and skewer so onions lie flat. Grill 15 to 20 minutes.

Garlic: Rub whole garlic heads with oil. Wrap in foil. Grill 45 minutes, turning occasionally.

Fall Grilling Season

Apples: Core apples and peel if

desired. Cut into halves and grill for 10 to 12 minutes. Or cut across into rings and grill 6 minutes.

Papayas: Peel if desired and cut across into 3/4-inch rings. Or cut lengthwise into quarters. Grill 5 to 8 minutes.

Pears: Core pears and peel if desired. Cut lengthwise or into 3/4-inch wedges. Thread onto skewers and grill 6 minutes for wedges and 10 to 12 minutes for halves.

Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes or Yams: Cut in half or into 1-inch wedges. Cook in boiling water until tender. Grill 8 to 10 minutes.

Melons: Cut in wedges, remove seeds. Peel if desired. Grill 3 to 4 minutes.

Spring Grilling Season

Apricots: Cut into halves, remove pits. Thread onto skewers. Grill 4 to 6 minutes.

Pineapple: Peel and core pineapple. Cut into 3/4-inch rings or 1-inch wedges. Grill 6 to 8 minutes.

Artichoke: Trim off stem and outer leaves, cut off top third. Trim thorny tips and boil 30 to 45 minutes in water (with 3 tablespoons vinegar per quart of water). Drain and cut in half lengthwise. Grill face down 5 to 8 minutes.

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Lifestyles

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dear Abby is on a two-week vacation. Following is a selection of some of her favorite past letters from the early 1970s.)

DEAR ABBY: My mother is my problem. I am an only child — if you can call a woman of 24 a "child." I want to have an apartment with a very nice girlfriend of mine, but every time I mention it, my mother hits the ceiling. She keeps telling me I am her "whole life." Yes, my father is living, but he and Mom never had much of a marriage. They never go anywhere together and they have no friends.

If I go on a date, my mother waits up for me and asks me a lot of questions. ("What did you say? What did he say?")

I used to tell Mom everything, but I don't anymore, which hurts her, and she lets me know it.

I know I should move. But how can I? Mom does everything to keep me home. I pay no room and board, although I have offered and can well afford it. Mom does all my laundry (even my lingerie every night), and she makes my bed and cleans my room, closets and drawers.

Can you help me, Abby?

TOO MUCH MOTHER

DEAR TOO: You answered your own question. ("I know I should move.") But the "how" may take more fortitude than you possess. First, tell your mother that you are moving. Pack up. And move! Avoid lengthy discussions, explanations, and debates. And don't feel guilty. You are entitled to a life of your own, and under the present setup, you'll never have it. The free room and board, laundry, housekeeping, etc., are extensions of the umbilical cord.

DEAR ABBY: Seeing as how I was new in town, I stopped a nice-looking man on the street and asked him for directions. He said it wasn't far and, since he was going that way, he would walk me there. Before we parted, he asked me if he could see me again, and I said yes.

To make a long story short, George and I started going together and now, six months later, we are very much in love and have even talked about marriage some time in the future.

Abby, George never talks about his parents, his life or anything to do with his past. He says he has no living relatives — no parents, sisters or brothers. He doesn't talk about his job, either. He just says he "sells" for a living.

I am 28 and have never been married. George says he is 32 and has never been married either. He has been to my apartment, but I have never been to his. (I don't even know where he lives!)

Is it possible that he has no living relatives?

WONDERING

DEAR WONDERING: Possible, but not probable. Before you invest more time in this mysterious character, find out what he "sells" and for whom. Then check up on him. I have a hunch it's a line you don't need.

DEAR ABBY: Our son was recently married to a lovely girl. They had been engaged for almost a year. The girl's parents are quite well-to-do, and they gave their daughter and our son a "picture-book" wedding.

When the newlyweds returned from their honeymoon, they blushingly confessed that we would have a grandchild exactly six months after the wedding. Naturally, we were shocked and disappointed, but felt nothing would be gained by making them feel more ashamed than they already appeared to be.

The problem: Our daughter-in-law is afraid to tell her parents. She's a shy little thing and has asked us to tell them. We think she and our son should tell them. We leave it to you, Abby. Who should tell them, and how?

IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR IN: The shy little thing should tell her parents that they are going to have a grandchild, which, if it arrives on time, will be three months "premature."

Problems with feet increase with years

By DR. MICHAEL FREEDMAN

NEW YORK (AP) — If you consider yourself an average person, you probably take about 10,000 steps every day and will walk approximately 115,000 miles during your lifetime. That's equal to more than four strolls around the globe.

And with every step you take, you exert a force greater than your body weight on certain bones and muscles of your feet. Running triples that force.

This year-after-year pounding, often coupled with ill-fitting shoes and natural changes that occur with aging, result in aching feet for many older people.

One poll by the Gallup Organization indicated that 62 percent of Americans think foot pain is normal, which may be one reason that foot problems worsening with age tend to be ignored and left

untreated.

As we get older, various changes in our feet occur, increasing the likelihood of problems. For example, our skin loses some of its elasticity and makes the feet more susceptible to bacterial and fungal infections. Soles and heels lose fat and become less padded, causing possible calluses on the weight-bearing points of the feet.

As skin thins on top of your feet, it becomes more easily bruised by tight-fitting or tight-laced shoes. Also, muscle tone diminishes, and ligaments and tendons lose some of their elasticity, altering the shape of the feet so much you may have to change to a different shoe size.

Foot problems can also be caused or intensified by other health problems, such as obesity, poor circulation, arthritis and diabetes.

The best way to care for your feet, of course, is to use them.

Regular walking and other exercise improves circulation, increases flexibility, reduces fatigue and helps strengthen muscles.

Foot problems also can be avoided or minimized by washing your feet daily in warm water, dusting your feet (and the inside of your shoes) regularly with a hygienic powder, examining your feet for any unusual skin lesions (especially people with diabetes) and keeping your toenails trimmed.

An estimated 25 million Americans have gallstones or suffer from other gallbladder disorders, and an additional million join their ranks each year.

And even though gallstone problems are more common in females at a younger age, by the age of 60, almost 10 percent of all men and an estimated 20 percent of women have come down with the disorder.

The gallbladder itself is a small pear-shaped organ from 3 to 6

inches in length, and is connected to the liver and intestine by small tubes called bile ducts. Bile is a greenish-brown fluid that is essential to the digestion of fatty foods. It is produced by the liver and flows into the gallbladder, which serves as a receptacle for bile storage.

In many people, gallstones remain "silent" and cause few problems. Once symptoms arise — such as steady pain in the upper abdomen, nausea, jaundice, chills and fever — they can cause serious problems. In older people, the disorder can be more difficult to treat, especially if a patient has other medical problems.

The gallbladder is an important organ, but it is not essential for life. Many people have had their gallbladders safely removed in an operation called a cholecystectomy, one of the most common surgical procedures in the world.

Newsmakers

Panhandle Professional Writers (PPW) recently announced the winners of its 1994 writing contests at the annual awards luncheon held in conjunction with the Frontiers in Writing Conference at Amarillo College.

Winners in the book-length manuscript category were **Reba Hanks**, Pampa with *Cupid Detective*, honorable mention, and **Rochelle Lacy**, Pampa, with *Dangerous Gulf*, honorable mention.

Poetry winners included **Elaine W. Ledbetter**, Pampa, with *Unclaimed Heaven*, who placed third.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Ricky D. Cloud, son of Bob W. Cloud, Pampa, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

He joined the Navy in June 1988.

Cliff Spencer, 9, the son of Julie Morgan, Pampa, recently attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. This special camp provides children who are visually or hearing impaired or have physical disabilities, ages 7 through 16, the opportunity to attend summer camp and participate in summer camp activities. Spencer was sponsored by the Pampa Lions Club.

Gaylene Skaggs and Katie McDonald, vocational home economics teachers at Pampa High School, recently attended the 1994 State Professional Development Conference for Home Economics Teachers. The August conference provided initial information enabling home economics teachers to make the appropriate modifications in program focus and practice to meet new priorities.

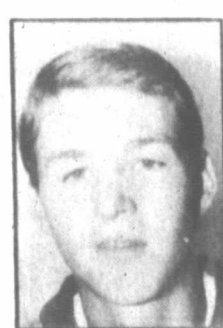
Pamela Gail Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Earl Lee, Pampa,

recently graduated from the American Commercial College in Lubbock with high honors. She obtained an associate's degree in business and is employed with Alderson's car dealership where she was recently promoted to office manager and warranty clerk.

Dustin Scott Brown, Pampa, son of Jim and Linda Bruton, Pampa, has been nominated to receive honorary award recognition in *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1993-94*. Only five percent of all high school students receive this award each year.



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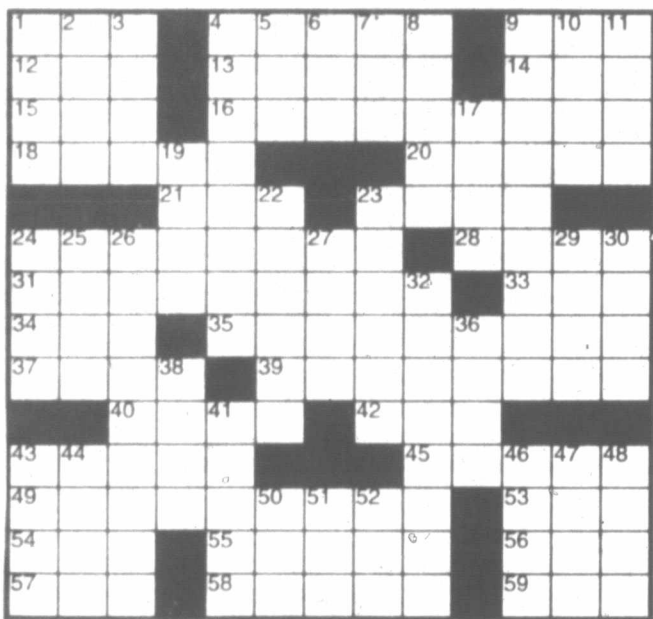
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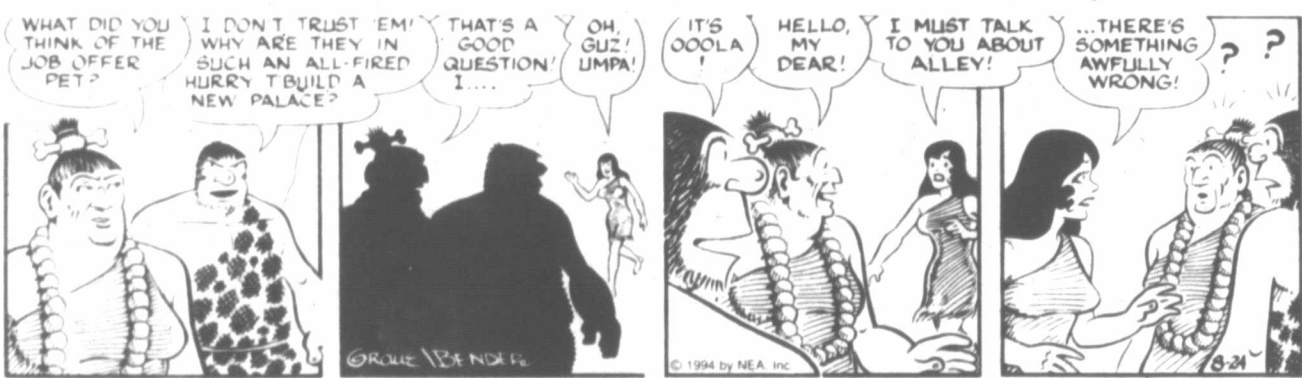
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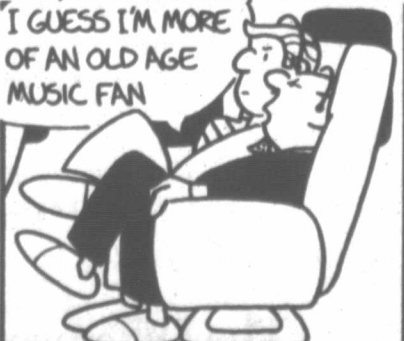
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be both persistent and consistent in situations today that require a partnership effort. There must be parity in the performances of you and your counterpart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If someone comes to you for advice today, don't pretend you're knowledgeable about something if you're really not. This person will be counting on the information you give him/her.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Instead of operating prudently in the management of your resources today, you might be tempted to take chances. A loss could occur if you become careless.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're not apt to gratify your intentions today if you do things in fits and starts. Be consistent and don't launch projects purely on impulse.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Instead of weighing your words today to be certain they are not offensive to others, you might just blurt things out with far more bite than you intend. Think before you speak.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Guard against inclinations today to reward the undeserving while ignoring persons who should be complimented. Your judgment is questionable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't do anything today to make yourself look more important at the expense of others. If you do, and even succeed, the applause could be clouded with sneers and jeers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There is a possibility today you might repeat a recent mistake if you haven't learned from that experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A joint endeavor in which you're involved could turn out to be counterproductive today if the participants make emotional judgments instead of logical ones.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This may not be a good day to try to imitate the tactics of someone you admire in a career situation. He/she has a greater array of experiences upon which to draw than you do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you might have to work in close proximity to a careless co-worker. Keep a close eye on his/her performance. Do the complicated assignments yourself and delegate the simple ones.

Sports

Notebook

GOLF

PAMPA — School has started and it's time once again for the annual Hole-in-One Shootout sponsored by the Pampa High School Choir Boosters.

Preliminaries will be held at the middle school on Friday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The ten finalists will have a play-off Sunday at Hidden Hills Golf Course with the winner driving away in a new car provided by Culberson-Stowers. In addition to the chance at a hole-in-one, each finalist will receive prizes donated by area merchants.

Tickets may be purchased from any high school choir member at a cost of five dollars. This entitles the bearer to three shots. Additional balls may be purchased at the tee for one dollar each.

The golf shootout is one of the fundraising activities the choir sponsors this year to raise funds for its annual trip. Last year, the group traveled to Colorado Springs where it sang in Sunday services at the Air Force Academy.

BASEBALL STRIKE

NEW YORK (AP) — As the strike completed its 12th day, delegations from both sides met separately with federal mediators. The parties decided all 12 members of management's negotiating pool will attend today's session along with 18 players.

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners, already homeless while the Kingdome is closed, will lose between \$19 million and \$23 million this year if the strike wipes out the rest of the season.

BASEBALL

BOSTON (AP) — Boston Red Sox third baseman Scott Cooper and left fielder Mike Greenwell underwent arthroscopic surgery on their shoulders and will be out for the season if the strike ends.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies came to a tentative agreement with pitcher Carlton Loewer, their first selection in the June draft.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Peter Tuber struck out 13 batters as Northridge, Calif., won 6-4 over Middleboro, Mass., in the second round of the Little League World Series.

Springfield, Va., beat Brooklyn Center, Minn., 4-1; Venezuela clinched a spot in Thursday's semifinal with a 4-1 victory over Taiwan; and Saudi Arabia eliminated Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, 6-3.

FOOTBALL

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Cornerback Rod Woodson, quarterback Joe Montana, wide receiver Jerry Rice, safety Ronnie Lott and defensive end Reggie White are the only active players selected to the 48-man All-Time NFL team in conjunction with the league's 75th anniversary.

The Pittsburgh Steelers led with six players. **PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Carlton Haselrig, a Pro Bowl guard only two years ago, was placed on the reserve-left camp list. He cannot be reinstated for the rest of the season. Three-time Pro Bowl kicker Gary Anderson was placed on the reserve-did not report list. He can return to the roster only by requesting reinstatement from the commissioner's office.

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Los Angeles Rams cornerback Darryl Henley can travel with the team if he posts \$1 million bail and is accompanied by a court officer everywhere but on the field, a judge ruled.

Henley, 27, is free on \$200,000 bail while awaiting trial for allegedly running a nationwide cocaine network.

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Tony Meola, the goalkeeper for the U.S. soccer team during the World Cup, was waived by the New York Jets.

AUTO RACING

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Stock car driver Ernie Irvan can respond to people by moving his arms, legs and head, although he still isn't fully conscious and remains in critical condition, a doctor said.

Dr. Errol Erlanson said he was "jubilant" about the progress Irvan has made since Saturday's accident.

TENNIS

COMMACK, N.Y. (AP) — Top-seeded Goran Ivanisevic withdrew from the \$313,750 Waldbaums Hamlet Cup during his match against Richy Reneberg due to an ailing left hip.

Second-seeded Stefan Edberg, No. 3 Michael Chang, No. 4 Todd Martin, No. 5 Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia, No. 6 Cedric Pioline and No. 7 Marc Rosset advanced.

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — Fourth-seeded Ivan Lendl survived a slow start on the way to an 0-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Rodolphe Gilbert in the first round of the OTB International Tennis Open. Top-seeded Sergi Bruguera and Mats Wilander also advanced.

UMAG, Croatia (AP) — Sasa Hirszon, Croatia's top player in the \$400,000 Croatian Open, was felled by dehydration and sun-stroke in his match against Emilio Sanchez. He was forced to stop while trailing 5-4 in the first set.

GOLF

WEST LINN, Ore. (AP) — Mark O'Meara made a 7-foot par putt on the second playoff hole as he and partner John Cook won the \$750,000 Fred Meyer Challenge charity golf tournament.

O'Meara and Cook beat Phil Mickelson and Ben Crenshaw in the playoff after each team finished the 36-hole, best-ball event at 17-under-par 125.

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Hank Kim shot a 4-under-par 68 and bettered the medalist record by two strokes with a 36-hole total of 132 in the stroke-play qualifying at the U.S. Amateur Championship.

BASKETBALL

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Restricted free agents guard Nick Van Exel and forward Antonio Harvey have signed multiyear contracts with the Los Angeles Lakers.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Alabama-Birmingham plans to move up to Division I-A football in 1996, just five years after the school fielded its first football team.

Owners, players still far apart as talks resume

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

Baseball strike

NEW YORK (AP) — When baseball labor talks resume today, the odds are better for raised voices than a settlement.

"Maybe we need a little shouting," Kansas City Royals pitcher David Cone said Tuesday. "I know that there are fans all over America who would like to shout right now."

With the strike in its 13th day, there's no sign owners will alter their demand for a salary cap or that players will ever accept one.

"If they stick with a salary cap, players are going to play a lot of golf," Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Brett Butler said after the union delegation met with federal mediators for about two hours.

Owners will be at the bargaining table for the first time in nearly 4 1/2 years. Jerry Reinsdorf of the Chicago White Sox, Jerry McMorris of the Colorado Rockies and Drayton McLane of the Houston Astros will be joined

by eight or nine other management officials. The management team met with the mediators for about 3 1/2 hours Tuesday.

"Everyone had a different way of articulating their concerns for the economics of the game," said Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington, the spokesman for the group. "But the unanimity of the final message was that we have to bring about some fundamental change to the player compensation system in order to ensure the future viability of the game."

Today's session is the first since Aug. 12, when baseball's eighth work stoppage since 1972 began. The strike canceled 14 more games Tuesday, raising the total to 155.

"There's not that much optimism right now," said Cone, one of 18 players who met the mediators. "There's no reason to expect anything substantial tomorrow."

Owners, by their own choice,

had refused to attend bargaining sessions. But they changed their stance after federal mediators asked last week.

"It is very much a step in the right direction that the stakes holders — as they have been referred to — the owners and the players, will sit down with each other and have a dialogue," management negotiator Richard Ravitch said.

Ravitch said owners will stick to their salary-cap proposal. He repeated that owners want to have a fixed figure or percentage of revenue assigned to player compensation.

"No, we're not going to change our view on that tomorrow," he said.

Harrington left open a possibility that owners could refer to other plans they've considered.

"We've looked at other alternatives," he said. "We're willing to discuss them also."

Players made clear that no progress is possible as long as owners insist on a cap.

"Once you take the salary cap off the table, we're willing to talk about all aspects of the game," Butler said. "But that's got to come first."

Harrington said the 12-member management delegation has the authority to enter into a tentative agreement, subject to ratification by at least 21 of the 28 clubs. But no one on either side expects that will happen any time soon.

"We want to play baseball," Butler said. "But we're not going to play baseball with the thought process of a salary cap in this industry. It's just not going to happen."

With players standing behind him during a news conference, union head Donald Fehr continued to attack management, saying "all of their public statements are choreographed."

During a midday news conference, Ravitch for the first time in these talks threw a barb at Fehr.

"Don said yesterday I've never seen Don's picture in a uni-

form on a playing card either." Ravitch and Fehr continued their public debate later Tuesday night on CNN, appearing jointly with Labor Secretary Robert Reich.

"You've got to allow the collective bargaining process to go on," Reich said, adding that if there is no settlement, baseball's antitrust exemption could be reexamined by Congress.

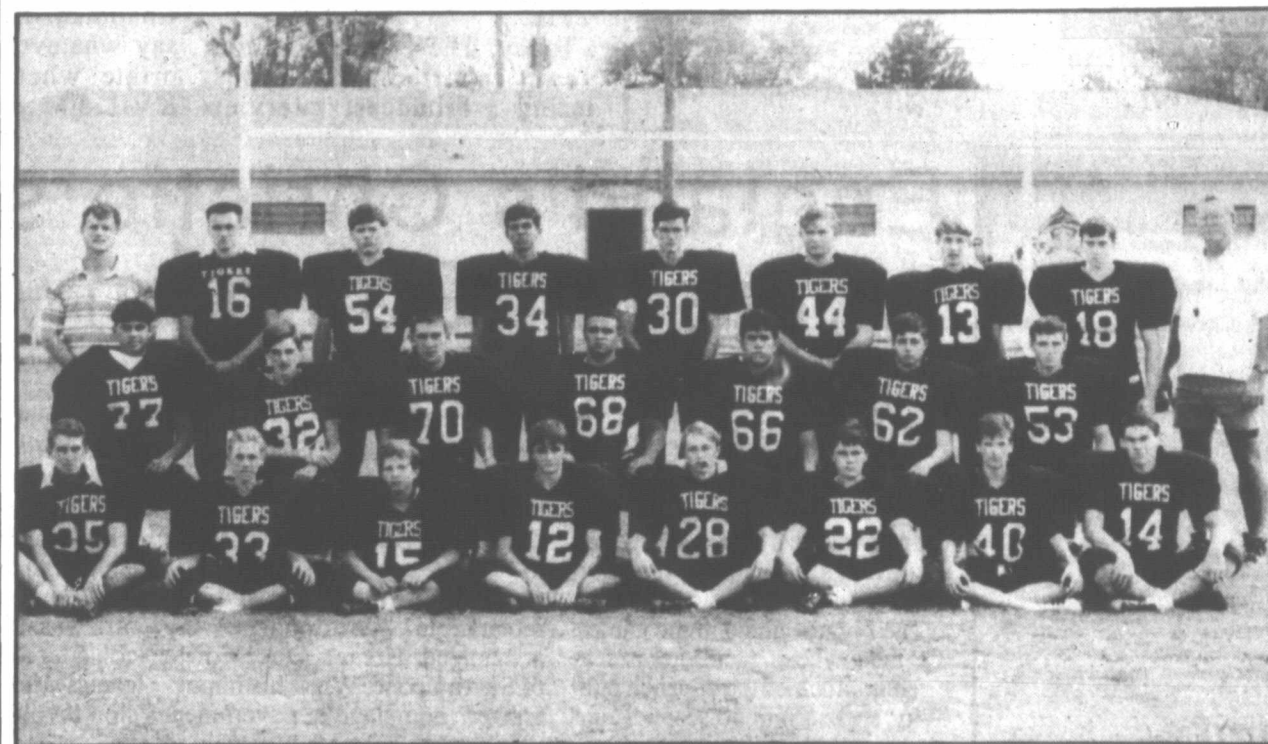
Players, who have lost about \$53 million in salary since the strike began, said the money wasn't the issue.

"We like the idea of in a free agent year not worrying about what a salary cap looks like," Jay Bell of the Pittsburgh Pirates said. "We want to go to the teams where we want to go."

Atlanta Braves pitcher Tom Glavine said if owners don't remove their demand for a cap, the World Series is doomed.

"If that's the way they're thinking," he said, "tell us now because we'll take our vacations and take the rest of the year off."

McLean Tigers



The McLean Tigers kick off the 1994 football season Sept. 2 at Patton Springs. McLean's first home game is Sept. 16 against Silverton. The Tigers have reached the playoffs five of the last six years. (Pampa News photo)

Our national pastime is their World Series

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — The championship game of the Little League World Series is still three days away, but it looks more and more like a formality. We're already down to a two-horse race.

There are four American entries, but it was the thoroughbreds, Venezuela and Taiwan, who staged the most awesome display of our national pastime seen here so far. With right-hander Cesar Hidalgo striking out every one of the first 12 batters he faced, and eventually getting 15 of his 18 outs the same way, the Latin Americans prevailed 4-1 Tuesday afternoon.

The final score aside, neither team did much to hurt the perception that one of them will be crowned 12-year-old champions of the globe by nightfall Saturday. Had the game been on TV, you would have come to the same conclusion. It wasn't, unfortunately, because neither team is American, which these days is one way to ensure a ratings disaster. That's too bad.

The Taiwanese squad is a delight to watch. They hit the ball all over the place, occasionally with power. They move base runners along, turn the double play and find the cutoff man — all without spraying chewing tobacco and with a minimum of fuss. In nearly every way, they look like worthy successors to perhaps the most impressive tradition going in small-scale sports.

Since 1969, when they laid claim to their first championship, teams from Taiwan have won the Little League World Series 15 times. That includes one run of four straight (1971-74), one run of five (1977-81) and five of the last eight titles.

Incredibly, though, the kids from Venezuela this year may be even better. They're bigger. They hit the ball a little harder and play it a little slicker in the field. And they have at least one kid — and maybe two — who can bring heat like Roger Clemens.

"My team hasn't seen anyone throw that fast against them," Taiwan manager Cheng-Wu Chenn said afterward through an interpreter and the radar gun backed him up: Hidalgo was clocked at 75 mph, which, at Little League distances, made it the equivalent of a 99 mph major league fastball.

"And they hit real well, too," Chenn added. "They are the best we have seen."

Asked the same about his opponent, Venezuela manager Ramon Diaz did not hesitate.

"Before we came to the World Series, all that we heard about was the Taiwanese. We heard about their reputation and what they have done in the past," Diaz said, also speaking through an interpreter. "Yes. They are the best we have seen."

The Venezuelans' second win in the round-robin phase of the tournament guaranteed them a spot in Thursday's international final. There, considering the relative weakness of the teams from Canada and Saudi Arabia, they are likely to meet the Taiwanese again.

But had the brackets not been rigged nearly 20 years ago to make sure an American team makes it to Saturday, their next meeting would almost certainly have taken place in the final. And for some people, that would have been too much to take.

"For a long time, we had to deal with the typical American resentment that somebody played our game better than we did," said Creighton Hale, the president and CEO of Little League Baseball, now in his 37th year with the organization.

"We had complaints all the time from all over — the kids from overseas were too big, too old, too this, too that. ... But the only violation we ever found in any of our investigations was that the districts they were drawing kids from were too big. And we've taken care of that."

"The only thing I ever thought the great foreign teams proved," Hale said with a chuckle, "is that kids anywhere can develop skills fast if they're doing something they love."

In a normal year, at this juncture of the season, baseball dumps a mixed bag of emotions on the doorstep.

We pick up the paper and feel bad to find out yet one more squad of pint-sized foreigners is on course to win yet one more Little League title. Then we scan the big-league rosters and feel better because — for whatever reasons — precious few of those same kids will go on to play baseball for a living.

But this year, because of the strike, even that small bit of consolation is being denied. Woe is us.

NFL teams make roster cuts
Bears pick up two wide receivers from Rams

By ADAM NAZIMOWITZ
AP Sports Writer

So it goes in the NFL. One minute you're no longer needed by a team, the next you're snatched up by another and back in the NFL.

Such was the case with wide receivers Nate Lewis and Greg McMurtry, both released by the Los Angeles Rams over the past two days, and picked up together by the Chicago Bears on Tuesday night.

On Tuesday, teams had to make cuts to get down to the NFL roster limit of 60. There are usually a few well-known players given their early walking papers, but not many this year.

Lewis, acquired from the San Diego Chargers in the offseason and used as a kick returner and starter in the first three exhibition games, became an expensive victim of the Rams' depth at wide receiver.

The Rams decided to go with a younger set of wide receivers, some of whom earn considerably less than Lewis' \$600,000 salary.

"We've just got some younger receivers we decided to go with," coach Chuck Knox said. "We thought this would give Nate a chance to catch on with another team. I'm sure it was a bit of shock for Nate, but these days there's economics in anything you do."

Knox probably had no idea how fast his statement would come to fruition. Lewis, who finished with 38 catches for 463 yards and four touchdowns and returned 33 kickoffs for 684 yards for the Chargers last season, agreed to terms with the Bears hours later. Chicago also came to terms with McMurtry, released Monday by the Rams.

McMurtry, who spent the last four years with New England, caught 22 passes for 241 yards with one touchdown with the Pats last season.

"We've tried to address a need for us," Bears coach Dave Wannstedt said. "It's ironic because Greg visited us during the free agent market. ... We were talking five months ago about Nate being a possibility for us at that time. We've investigated these guys. We're excited to see if they can help us in some way."

The Rams also placed quarterback

T.J. Rubley on injured reserve. Rubley, who started seven games in 1993, is expected to have elbow surgery and isn't expected to play again this year.

Also cut were veteran defensive backs Terry Taylor and Cliff Hicks, center Brad Fichtel, rookie defensive linemen Kevin Patrick and Maa Tanuvasa and free-agent rookie line-backer Andy Mason.

The Bears will be without receiver and punt returner Terry Obee, out for the season with a broken leg and dislocated ankle. He was placed on injured reserve, along with linebacker Robert Bass, who will have knee surgery today.

Defensive back Anthony Blaylock was put on the reserve non-football injury list with a knee injury and will miss at least the first six weeks of the season.

Redskins

Washington settled on three tight ends and may have all their wide receivers following the mandatory cutdown.

Nine players were removed from the roster. Cut were center Matt Elliott, tight end Ray Rowe, defensive end Jason Simmons, linebackers Tyler Lawrence and Gonzalo Floyd, and wide receivers Gregory Clifton and Keith Williams.

Wide receiver Mark Stock, a four-year veteran acquired from Pittsburgh in 1992, was placed on injured reserve.

Defensive end Martin Hochertz, with a sprained knee, was designated waived-injured reserve, meaning he will be released after he recovers from his injury.

"We're all set on our tight ends," general manager Charley Casserly said. But it was not clear whether they would keep five wide receivers.

Anthony Abrams, a defensive tackle released by Buffalo, was claimed off waivers.

49ers

Linebacker Darin Jordan, a five-year veteran who battled back from a serious knee injury, was among five players waived.

Also released were cornerback Tomur Barnes, defensive end Jamal Fountaine, fullback Jay Hillman and safety Jackie Kellogg. Rookie offen-

sive lineman Rudy Barber was placed on injured reserve after refusing an injury settlement.

Jordan, 29, a former Northeastern standout who was special teams co-captain last year for San Francisco, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in the final 1993 regular-season game and was released in February.

Jordan then re-signed for the league minimum of \$162,000 on Aug. 14 following successful rehabilitation.

"His movement was good, and he was athletic as ever," coach George Seifert said, "but it gets to be a game of numbers. Darin's been a heck of a player for us and I don't like not having him on the club."

Jets

Tony Meola, the goalkeeper for the U.S. soccer team who played well during the recent World Cup, was waived.

While several of his former teammates were signing lucrative contracts to continue playing soccer overseas, Meola was trying to catch on as an NFL kicker.

Unfortunately for him, he was playing behind one of the best kickers in league history, 38-year-old Nick Lowery.

Meola, dubbed "Captain Hook" by Jets teammates early in camp for his tendency to shank kicks, was signed as a possible designated kickoff man who could learn the ropes from Lowery.

Only one of Meola's five exhibition-game kickoffs reached the end zone, but coach Pete Carroll said the team hopes to keep him around.

"We would like to get him on the practice squad," Carroll said. "We'll have to see how the numbers fall."

Browns

Antonio Langham, the Browns' No. 1 draft pick, will be the starting left cornerback over Donald Frank, acquired in a trade with San Diego.

Langham, the ninth overall pick in the draft, was one of the last first-rounders to sign. He reported to camp nearly three weeks late because of the contract dispute.

"He's done a good job defensively and he's done a good job in the kicking game. He came in behind, but he picked things up quickly," coach Bill Belichick said. "I don't think any of us ever had a doubt he'd be a starting cornerback for us this season. It was just a matter of when."

The Browns also released eight players, notably offensive lineman Mike Withycombe, a six-year veteran who played with several teams.

Pampa's Palmer wins more medals



Wendell Palmer of Pampa adds more medals to the trophy room in his home. (Pampa News photo)

Wendell Palmer of Pampa brought home three gold medals from two prestigious Masters Track and Field events earlier this month. The 62-year-old Palmer won both the shot put and discus at the 1994 Pam Am Games held in Edmonton, Canada. He also won the discus at the National Masters Meet held in Eugene, Ore.

Palmer also won a silver medal in the weight pentathlon and a bronze medal in the hammer throw at the Pam Am Games. At Eugene, he captured a silver medal in the shot put and a bronze medal in the hammer.

Medal winners in the two meets are listed below:

Pam Am Games (at Edmonton, Canada)

Shot put

1. Wendell Palmer, 44-10
2. Phil Mulkey, 44-3
3. Len Olsen, 42-0

Discus

1. Wendell Palmer, 174-6
2. Walt Badorek, 167-4
3. Len Olsen, 149-6

Hammer

1. Len Olsen, 134-9
2. Max Woelke, 134-8
3. Wendell Palmer, 133-6

Weight pentathlon

1. Len Olsen, 4,344 points
2. Wendell Palmer, 4,274 points
3. Ray Feick, 3,806 points

National Masters (at Eugene, Oregon)

Discus

1. Wendell Palmer, 173-11
2. Walt Badorek, 168-4
3. Len Olsen, 152-7

Shot

1. P. Mulkey, 46-2 1/2
2. Wendell Palmer, 45-9
3. Walt Badorek, 44-10 1/2

Hammer

1. Stewart Thompson, 152-7 1/2
2. Len Olsen, 137-3
3. Wendell Palmer, 131-11 1/2

Cowboys gag sportscaster

DALLAS (AP) — After getting into an on-the-air squabble with Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer for asking critical questions, sportscaster Dale Hansen is getting hints about areas he will be forbidden to cover in his role as analyst for Cowboys broadcasts.

Hansen is the sports anchor and lead sports anchor for WFAA-TV in Dallas, but also has been the analyst for Cowboys' games on KVIL-FM, working with play-by-play announcer Brad Sham.

He has insisted his role on the Cowboys' radio network, where he has teamed with Sham for the past 10 years, is not a conflict with his television duties. He has maintained that because his paycheck came directly from a radio station, he was not in the Cowboys' employ.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, in effect, fired Sham on Tuesday from the owner's television show in the wake of critical comments Sham made toward Switzer and Jones, and in defense of Hansen, on Sunday's pre-game show on KVIL.

Today, The Dallas Morning News reported that Jones, during a broadcast interview

Sunday, said there are areas the broadcast team should not be getting into.

"We think a lot of Dale Hansen. He does a great job. You know he serves two roles. Basically, on Channel 8, he's a journalist. When he's doing our ballgames, he does work for the company that I call the shots on," Jones said.

"We want our broadcasts to be positive. We want them to be entertaining for our fans, and that's the way it should be. ... And not have the kind of criticism that you have when you are in a journalistic role. I don't see that changing," Jones said.

KVIL program manager Ron Chapman went to Cowboys' offices in suburban Irving on Tuesday to talk to Jones, the newspaper said.

The station has this season and next remaining on its contract to broadcast the Cowboys games. Chapman said he wanted to assure Jones "that we were not out to sling outrageous slings and arrows. I wanted to assure him we are not out to take editorial stands."

Hansen said Tuesday that he had talked to neither Jones nor Chapman. He said he plans to say whatever he thinks appropriate when he is behind a KVIL-FM microphone and

said he doesn't think Jones really meant what he said on the radio.

"If and when they try to tell me what I can and can't say something, then I quit. If they don't like it, they can fire me," Hansen said.

"I have always respected Jerry Jones because he can take a shot. Maybe he's not that way anymore."

During an appearance on Hansen's sports show Thursday night, on the final day of Cowboys' training camp in Austin, Texas, Switzer exploded when Hansen asked him about reports that there was dissension among the Cowboys' coaching staff.

Switzer accused Hansen of manufacturing news and suggested to him that as the analyst on Cowboys' broadcasts, "we're on the same team," and Hansen shouldn't be airing news critical of the team.

Since then, Hansen has quit as co-host of Switzer's weekly Wednesday radio show on another Dallas radio station, KRLD, and has told the station it would be better off finding a new host for a show of Stephen Jones, Cowboys' vice president and son of the owner.

Scoreboard

RODEO

The second annual John and Gladys Bowers Memorial Saddle Barrel Race Series has been completed at the Bowers Ranch. Complete results are listed below:

July 27, first week

5 & under

1. Kelly Longo, 24,400; 2. Chelsea Luster, 22,930.

6-9 years

1. Taylor Gregory, 20,113; 2. Heath Lunford, 20,868; 3. Casey Reeves, 21,879.

10-13 years

1. Audrea Whaley, 17,555; 2. Shonda Hurst, 17,567; 3. Melody Seeley, 17,735.

14-18 years

1. Stacy Palmer, 17,358; 2. Matt Reeves, 17,550; 3. Kimberly Cloud, 17,948; 4. Kayla Douglas, 17,975.

\$150 Novice

1. Lisa Maddox, 18,178; 2. Polly Weaver, 18,496; 3. Dany Cloud, 18,840; 4. Linda McConnell, 19,021; 5. Kelly Smith, 19,023; 6. Kerri Kumph, 19,061.

\$350 Novice

1. Janice Rucker, 18,323; 2. Heather Johnson, 18,802.

Open Division

1. Lisa Hefley, 17,057; 2. Kara Pierce, 17,097; 3. Linda McConnell, 17,485.

August 3, second week

5 & under

1. Kestley Longo, 20,126.

6-9 years

1. Kestley Longo, 20,126.

10-13 years

1. Kestley Longo, 20,126; 2. Kara Longo, 20,403.

14-18 years

1. Jacey Richardson, 17,091; 2. Audrea Whaley, 17,158; 3. Amanda Shumaker, 17,324; 4. Jamie Meen, 17,765.

\$150 Novice

1. Lisa Maddox, 18,422; 6. Marsha Johnson, 18,499.

\$350 Novice

1. Jacey Rucker, 17,790; 2. Tammy Didway, 18,275; 3. Janice Rucker, 18,339.

Open

1. Lisa Hefley, 17,027; 2. Tammie Porter, 17,129; 3. Kelly Garrison, 17,170; 4. Jacey Richardson, 17,175.

Aug. 10, third week

5 & under

1. Kestley Longo, 21,365.

6-9 years

1. Kestley Longo, 21,365.

10-13 years

1. Jacey Richardson, 17,692; 2. Kara Longo, 20,403.

14-18 years

1. Jacey Richardson, 17,043; 2. Amanda Shumaker, 17,309; 3. Audrea Whaley, 17,486.

\$150 Novice

1. Summer Laffey, 17,455; 2. Lara Futrell, 17,535; 3. Matt Reeves, 17,650.

\$350 Novice

1. Lisa Maddox, 17,949; 2. Cassie Salabrenner, 18,073; 3. Amy Miller, 18,253; 4. Sarah Maul, 18,429.

Open

1. Janice Rucker, 17,655; 2. Tammy Didway, 17,724.

Aug. 17, fourth week

5 & under

1. Kestley Longo, 19,810.

6-9 years

1. Kara Longo, 20,158.

10-13 years

1. Kara Longo, 20,158.

1. Jacey Richardson, 16,862; 2. Amanda Shumaker, 17,199.

14-18 years

1. Matt Reeves, 17,360; 2. Lara Futrell, 17,721.

\$150 Novice

1. Polly Weaver, 17,666; 2. Dawn Bleicker, 17,704; 3. Lisa Maddox, 17,940.

\$350 Novice

1. Janice Rucker, 17,880+5

2. Heather Johnson, 18,026+5

Open

1. Jacey Richardson, 17,169; 2. Kathy Hill, 17,318; 3. Judy Morris, 17,363.

Overall Saddle & Buckle Winners

Audrea Whaley, saddle

Polly Weaver, saddle

Kestley Longo, buckle, 5 & under

Taylor Gregory, buckle, 6-9 years

Jacey Richardson, buckle, 10-13 years

Stacey Palmer, buckle, 14-18 years

Lisa Maddox, buckle, \$150 novice

Janice Rucker, buckle, \$350 novice

Jacey Richardson, buckle, open

SOFTBALL

Standings in the Pampa Recreation Department fall softball leagues are listed below:

Men's Open Division 1

Team Won Lost

Harvey Mart II 6 0

Pampa Machine 4 2

Brogan's Stars 4 4

Specialty Compressor 2 4

Albertson's 2 4

Moose Bulls 2 4

Men's Open Division 2

Team Won Lost

Ananda Energy 5 1

West Texas Ford 4 2

Christian Consolidated 4 2

Hoechst-Celanese 2 4

Halliburton 2 4

Cabot Carbon Black 1 5

Men's Open Division 3

Team Won Lost

Jordan Unit 5 1

Trand 5 1

City of Pampa 3 3

J & J Motor Co. 3 3

City Limits 2 4

Crall Products 0 6

Mixed Open

Team Won Lost

Great Plains Financial 8 0

Mr. Gatti's 6 0

Easy's Club 6 1

X-Rayted 6 2

Albertson's 5 2

Bill Allison Auto 4 3

Subway 4 4

Rangers 3 4

Hoechst-Celanese 3 5

Pampa Machine 2 5

Sherwin-Williams 1 7

Culbertson-Stowers 1 8

Jordan Unit IV 0 7

*Standings as of Aug. 22.

England's Christie saves best run for last at Commonwealth Games

By BOB BAUM
AP Sports Writer

VICTORIA, British Columbia (AP) — Linford Christie's quick visit to the Commonwealth Games was just about everything the event's promoters hoped it would be.

The biggest name in the games, the man whose picture was featured in much of the advance publicity, spent about 40 seconds running in four races over two days.

And, as all good showmen do, he saved his best for last.

The ageless Englishman, a powerful muscular machine as he bolts down the track, won his second Commonwealth Games gold medal in the 100 meters Tuesday in 9.91 seconds, matching the sixth-fastest time in history.

When it was over, he bowed and blew kisses to the crowd, then draped himself in the English flag for his victory lap. He even signed an English flag for a fan as he walked out.

At 34, when many sprinters would be past their prime, he is at the top of his sport, a world champion and Olympic gold medalist. Still, he keeps running, and winning.

"Age is in the mind," he said. "Every day they keep telling me I'm old but I'm still going out here and mixing it with the young ones and beating them all the time."

Christie's time was his fastest of the season. Only world record holder Leroy Burrell, Carl Lewis and Christie himself have run the 100 faster than the intense Englishman did Tuesday.

When it will all end, he said, he doesn't know.

"I'm just really enjoying myself," he said. "I'm enjoying athletics so much. We just take it one race, one year at a time. One day I'll just get up and say, 'That's it.'"

Christie overshadowed a remarkable performance by unheralded Horace Dove-Edwin of Sierra Leone. When his impoverished homeland's government was unable to pay his way to Victoria, the Commonwealth Games Association stepped in and provided the air fare. A shoe company came through to provide him with a good pair of running shoes.

And he stunned a world-class field by winning the silver medal in 10.02 seconds. Dove-Edwin, a student at LaGrange College in Atlanta, hopes to compete in that city's Olympics in 1996.

While Christie dominated the track, two issues familiar to international competitions surfaced Tuesday — drug testing and boxing scoring.

English shot putter Paul Edwards, in a Victoria hospital for treatment of an obstructed bowel, said he had been told that there was "a problem" with his drug test in the recent European Championships.

England team manager Alan Lindop would say only that an English male athlete had failed a drug test at Helsinki.

Edwards said, though, that he has "had no notification of a failed drug test, but I have been told by Mr. Lindop that there was a problem with my test in Helsinki."

Commonwealth Games officials said they would take no action against Edwards unless the international federation did so. The shot put event is scheduled for Saturday but it's not known whether Edwards will be healthy enough to compete.

Meanwhile, a Nigerian boxing official said that African countries considered pulling out of the games after a controversial decision involving a Tanzanian fighter.

Frank Okanta, head of the Nigerian Amateur Boxing Association, said Tanzanian Mubana Matumla lost his fight to Paul Shepherd of Scotland because he was black. The 11-8 decision brought a chorus of catcalls from the crowd.

"We are extremely dissatisfied with the results of the fights. I think they are extremely biased," he told Canadian Press after Tanzania's protest was denied. "It's all slanting toward European countries."

"I think there's a time we'll all boycott the Games and form our own African Commonwealth Games and fight amongst ourselves."

Scotland's Frank Hendry of the International Amateur Boxing Association, chairman of the jury that reviewed the fight, said there is no racism involved in any of the decisions.

Back on the track, world champion Colin Jackson, running for Wales, repeated as 110 hurdles champion and matched the games record of 13.08 he set four years ago at Auckland, New Zealand.

Angela Chalmers, the flag bear-

er in the opening ceremonies for host Canada, repeated as women's 3,000 champion before her hometown crowd and broke her games record by more than six seconds, winning in 8:32.17.

Other gold medalists at the sun-drenched Centennial Stadium were Nigerian Mary Onyali in the women's 100, Australian Catherine Freeman in the women's 400, Daniela Costian of Australia in the women's discus, England's Denise Lewis in the heptathlon and Kenyans Charles Gitonga at 400 meters and Johnstone Kipkoech in the 3,000.

Australia, the dominant force in swimming throughout the games, had a slower-than-usual night with three golds in six events.

England won two golds when Martin Harris upset Australia's Steven Dewick in the men's 100 backstroke and Mark Foster edged Aussie Darren Lange by one-hundredth of a second in the 50-meter freestyle.

Danyon Loader, who had won three silver medals in the earlier competition, gave New Zealand its first swimming gold by touching the wall 16-hundredths of a second ahead of Australia's Scott Miller in the men's 200 butterfly.

Australia's Elli Overton, the winner Friday in the 400-meter individual medley, won the 200 IM for her second gold in a games record 2:15.59.

Australia went 1-2 in the women's 800 freestyle with Stacey Gartrell taking the gold and Hayley Lewis the silver. And the Aussie women easily won the 400 medley relay in 4:07.89, also a games record.

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PRE-SEASON NFL FOOTBALL

Librarian saves stories about Oilers' Carlson

By DAVID UHLER
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Carol Compton reaches into a file cabinet in the library at Winston Churchill High School and pulls out a manila envelope stuffed with newspaper clippings.

On the upper right hand corner of the envelope, the librarian and teacher has carefully written the name of school's most famous graduate: "Carlson, Cody."

Cody Carlson, who led the Churchill Chargers to two state semi-final appearances before his graduation in 1982, is the starting quarterback for the Houston Oilers.

Compton has been saving newspaper stories about her former student for years, "just in case one of the students wanted to read about him or do a paper on him."

"We've had kids graduate from here who have gone on to be doctors and lawyers," she says. "Some of them have even come back here as teachers."

"It's always fun to see kids that you know make their mark in the world."

It's a different world than it was just four months ago. That's when Warren Moon, the longtime starting quarterback for the Oilers, was unceremoniously traded and Carlson was elevated to the top spot.

Last weekend Carlson played before the hometown fans in an exhibition matchup at the Alamodome between the Oilers and the Buffalo Bills.

Carlson grew up in the city and his parents still live here. His sister, her husband and their two children live in nearby Gonzales.

Carlson's wife, Barbara, is from Kerrville. Her parents and brother live there.

The Oiler preseason football camp at Trinity University had Carlson's family and friends as frequent visitors.

"I kind of feel sorry for the rest of the guys," Carlson said at the time. "Training camp is a tough time of year because all you're doing is sleeping, eating and drinking football, especially when you're family isn't around. But I can see my family and friends because this is where I grew up."

Friends and family, occupy-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lefors has opened bidding for repairs needed at the city office and civic center, located 101 N. Court. Bids are required to be submitted to the City Clerk, during office hours, 9-11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on August 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 1994.

The City of Lefors is still accepting bids on the remaining properties. Original Town--W 27' of lot 10, Block 3
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2 Museums

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21 Help Wanted
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Study finds one more reason for elderly people to exercise

By BRENDA C. COLEMAN
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Here's one more reason for older people to exercise regularly: It may protect them from a dangerous type of internal bleeding that kills thousands of elderly Americans every year, a study found.

"People who are physically active are at lower risk of having a severe gastrointestinal hemorrhage," said Dr. Jack M. Guralnik, an epidemiologist at the National Institute on Aging and a co-author of the study.

Gastrointestinal hemorrhage is bleeding anywhere in the digestive tract. It most often includes bleeding ulcers, cancers, or diverticula — small sacs that balloon out from the intestine and are common in older people.

The study found that elderly people who exercised at least three times a week, even if they just walked or worked in their gardens, were 30 percent less likely to suffer severe or fatal gastrointestinal hemorrhages.

Findings of the study of 8,205 people ages 68 and older were published in Wednesday's issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

"People go to bed worrying about cancer and heart attacks. They don't go to bed worrying about gastrointestinal hemorrhage," Guralnik said. "But it's an important problem in older people."

More than 6,000 deaths were blamed on the problem and 542,000 hospitalizations were linked to it in 1991, the latest year for which figures are available from the National Center for Health Statistics.

Eighty-five percent of the deaths that year were in people over 65.

Guralnik said researchers don't know why exercise might prevent

such bleeding, but regular activity may increase the overall health of internal organs by improving their blood supply.

"If the blood supply is inadequate, there may be damage to cells, breakdown of tissues and then bleeding," Guralnik said. Physically fit people are more efficient at delivering blood to organs.

In times of physical stress, including illness, older people who are fit may have a greater "margin of safety" in terms of delivering adequate blood to the digestive tract to prevent damage and bleeding, he said.

Researchers statistically discounted the effects of health traits and medications that are known to increase the likelihood of digestive bleeding, such as taking aspirin, ibuprofen and various arthritis drugs.

Dr. John Schaffner, director of clinical gastroenterology at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, said the findings are difficult to interpret because they lump together too many different kinds of digestive bleeding. Schaffner said he is skeptical that regular exercise has much effect on bleeding from cancers and diverticula, for example.

Also, he said, tremendous variation exists in the intensity with which people exercise, and the study didn't account for variations.

Some people in the study exercised more vigorously, such as by jogging, but the study was not sensitive enough to tell whether they faced less risk of digestive bleeding than mild exercisers, Guralnik said. Schaffner said the study "opens the way" for further research, but factors that could affect the results need to be better defined.

Previous studies of exercise in the elderly suggest that it protects against heart disease, depression and broken bones from osteoporosis.

Africa's newest nation defies stereotypes

By EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press Writer

ASMARA, Eritrea (AP) — Imagine a country with clean streets, no corruption and hard-working people. Switzerland? Singapore? No. It's the newest nation in Africa.

Eritrea, born of a 30-year war for independence from Ethiopia, defies virtually every stereotype of Africa.

Its buzzwords, rarely heard elsewhere on the continent, are discipline, commitment, sacrifice and nation-building.

Optimism bubbles through Eritrea, a strip of land that runs along the Red Sea from Djibouti to Sudan. What it lacks is rain.

A decade of severe drought has put 60 percent of the 2.5 million people at risk of starvation and diverted resources from the task of building a workable economy.

But the former fighters who run the country believe that, with a little help from the rest of the world, they can overcome all obstacles and become self-sufficient.

Eritreans celebrated their first anniversary of independence May 24 with a mixture of jubilation, sobriety and hope. They have big dreams for their small country.

Dr. Nerayo Teklemichael, a pediatrician, then soldier, now head of the Eritrean Relief and Rehabilitation Agency, envisions his country emulating the economically dynamic "Asian tigers."

"We have the means, the patience and the dedication to handle our problems — all we need is just assistance to help ourselves," he said in an interview in Asmara, the capital, where he oversees efforts to make sure the hungry are fed.

Unlike many African nations, Eritrea considers foreign aid a short-term necessity on the road to prosperity rather than a long-term source of support and hard currency.

"Being a new country, we need foreign aid, but we

want to be out of foreign aid and food aid and move the economy forward," said Hagos Ghebrehewet, Eritrea's first ambassador to Washington and now an economic adviser to the government.

"We don't want the population to think there is aid coming and they don't have to work," he said. "Fortunately, this is not their mentality."

"You always feel you have to do more because the sons and daughters of this country died on the battlefield. So we have to work harder to become a real democracy, and to show that their sacrifice was worth it. I want to do whatever I can in my life and have it better for my children, but make sure my children understand what they have and how we got there so we don't lose it."

Potential donors and investors are impressed.

The United States has provided \$7 million for development projects and \$9.5 million in food assistance this year. The Peace Corps will start sending volunteer English teachers next year.

Israel is offering aid and training. Bankers and businessmen from all parts of the world are looking for investments.

Ray Woolley, chief executive of David Whitehead Textiles Ltd. in Zimbabwe, visited Asmara to investigate possible joint ventures and expressed enthusiasm about the country's future.

The half-Christian, half-Muslim nation, once an Italian colony, is strategically located on the world's busiest shipping lanes and near the Arabian oil fields. When it became independent, it kept Ethiopia's entire 720-mile coastline.

Eritrea has deposits of gold, potash, zinc, copper and salt, and probably oil. The long coastline and miles of beaches give it great potential for fishing and tourism.

Although the new government canceled an oil exploration deal Ethiopia had signed with British Petroleum, it has expressed willingness to consider offers from BP or other companies. Several U.S. firms have sent representatives.

Because its potential population is only 3.5 mil-

lion even if all 1 million refugees return, Eritrea has fewer worries about unemployment and demands for land than most African countries. It is a little smaller than Bangladesh, which has 110 million people, about the size of England, population 46 million, and a bit larger than Pennsylvania, where 12 million people live.

President Issaias Aferworke, who uses jeeps to get around and often roams the city on foot, has promised elections by May 1997. He led the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, the leftist rebel movement that defeated the Ethiopian army and now supports a free-market economy.

Leaders of the Front became ministers and civil servants in the provisional government. They live in barracks, eat in communal dining rooms and get pocket money but no salary. A government order said they would be paid starting Jan. 1, but many say they have yet to see a check.

Officials get to the office early and stay late. Citizens walk in the tree-lined streets of Asmara day or night without fear of attack. There are no beggars. Students direct traffic and motorists obey them.

In the countryside, where thousands of people survive on donated food, the traditional conical huts with thatched roofs are spotless. Storage space is scarce, so the food usually is left in the open, under tarpaulins. No one steals it.

Like many Eritrean farmers, Ibrahim Mohammed prefers independence to charity. He said he needed fodder for his surviving livestock. Other farmers asked for oxen to till the land and seeds to plant.

Over the next two years, the main political focus will be on drafting and ratifying a constitution under the guidance of Bereket Habteselassie, a professor at Howard University in Washington.

"One way or another, it will be ratified by the population," said Ghebrehewet, the former ambassador. "There will either be a constituent assembly elected by the people or a referendum. ... The next step will be elections."

Board balks at banning roosters

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (AP) — Roosters free to crow at dawn now owe a debt to the fight against sexism.

A proposal to ban roosters, but not hens, from residential neighborhoods was rejected by the city Board of Health.

Under current rules, chickens — of whatever gender — are allowed in residential neighborhoods.

Monday's 2-1 vote was feathered with fowl puns and jokes about anti-male bias in this city known for a large lesbian community and all-women Smith College.

"Where else but Northampton would we vote to get rid of the male

of the species?" asked board chairman John Joyce.

Board member Michael Parsons was wary of the whole issue.

"I think we should table it," Parsons said.

"That's where chickens belong: on the table," chuckled Joyce.

Health Agent Peter McErlain said the proposal was prompted by a complaint over the morning crowing of two roosters. The Board of Health has traditionally adopted rules on animals.

The final vote fell along gender lines, with Dr. Anne Bures the only board member voting to exile the male of the species.

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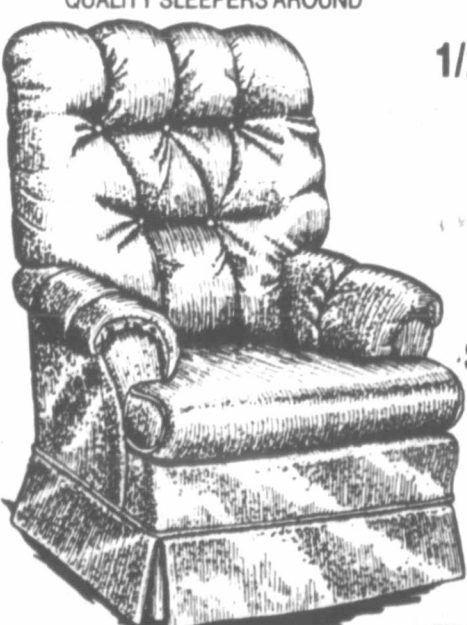
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