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Wright: Place lake's future in voters' hands

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Gray County Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright wants to let the county's voters help determine the future role of the county in management of the Lake McClellan National Grassland Park.

Wright suggested to Commissioners Court on Monday that the local ballot for the May 1 election ask Gray County voters to indicate whether they want the county to continue managing the Lake McClellan park.

Gray County holds a contract with the U.S. Forest Service, owner of the park, for management of the Lake McClellan area. The park

includes a concession building there. Lake McClellan covers 316 surface acres and the park in which it lies is located approximately three miles north of Interstate 40 in southwestern Gray County.

Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy on Monday asked Wright to develop suggested proposals relating to administration of the Lake McClellan area that could be included in the May 1 ballot of Gray County voters. Wright is expected to present those proposals at the March 15 meeting of the Commissioners Court.

Also on Monday, Wright told Commissioners Court that a representative of the U.S. Forest Service told him Sunday night that the Eco-

logic Stimulus Program proposed by President Bill Clinton would provide approximately \$260,000 for hiring unemployed people to work in projects at Lake McClellan National Grasslands Park.

Wright urged his fellow commissioners to contact U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpalus, D-Amarillo, and U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, R-Texas, asking them to support such proposed legislation.

If such funds were available to Gray County, Wright said, improvements to the park could be made "a lot faster and at less expense to the county" than at present.

Kennedy expressed tentative support for allowing voters to express their opinion on the county's future

role with the park, saying, "As far as having a referendum vote, I always think it's good when you can involve the public."

Kennedy said today that he favors a non-binding referendum concerning management of Lake McClellan National Grasslands Park.

Kennedy noted that he would generally be reluctant about making a 10- to 15-year commitment to a project on behalf of the county. "Typically, we try not to bind a future (commissioners) court," he explained. However, Kennedy suggested that he would have no qualms about the county making such a long-term commitment if the voters of Gray County approved of the idea.

In addition to asking whether the county should continue managing Lake McClellan, Kennedy recommended that the ballot determine how long of a commitment voters would want the county to undertake, if any, and whether voters would approve of the county spending \$100,000 a year for the next 10 years toward management of the park.

Wright said after the Commissioners Court meeting that he is confident the voters would approve of continued management of the park by Gray County.

"I think when the overall proposal is drawn up, the voters would be in favor of Gray County supporting the lake financially — up to a certain dollar amount," he said.

The Gray County budget for the fiscal year that began Jan. 1 allocates about \$59,000 in county funds for management of the lake area, including the salary for a manager of the concession building at the park, Wright said.

In other news on Monday concerning the Lake McClellan National Grassland Park, Wright said he expects installation of 40 picnic tables, 40 fire rings, and 40 grills in the park during this month. Precinct employees for the county will begin the project on March 15, he said.

Since Jan. 1, about 300 visitors to the park have paid for park permits, Wright said. "Things are slow, primarily due to the weather," he told commissioners.

Odyssey of the mind



(Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanek)

Performing for family and friends Monday night were Pampa students preparing for Odyssey of the Mind competition on Saturday. The middle schoolers — Dottie Youngblood, at left, Lindsay Lewis and Erik Derr — along with Seth Lewis and Christopher Harrison, behind the scenes, created a story analogous to "The Old Man and the Sea." The students are taught by Cay Warner and coached by Jeanne Derr. Teams from Pampa elementary schools also are scheduled to travel to Lubbock for competition on the Texas Tech campus.

Lockridge drops request for 2 part-time deputies

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy informed Gray County Commissioners Court on Monday that Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge has dropped his request for permission to hire two part-time deputies on a volunteer basis.

Kennedy said after the Commissioners Court meeting that Lockridge did not cite a reason when he asked the county judge to drop the item from the agenda of Monday's meeting.

Lockridge said today that he dropped the idea because the approximately \$1,000 cost of paying for the liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance for the two employees would be too expensive for this fiscal year. Lockridge said he was not pressured by any county employee to drop his request.

At last month's meeting when Lockridge made his request for authorization to employ two volunteer deputies, Kennedy cited the cost of the insurance coverage in questioning the proposal. Kennedy also maintained that employing two part-time deputies for the constable, even on a volunteer basis, might increase the risk of the county being sued.

Last month after a Commissioners Court meeting at which he made the request, Lockridge told the News

that he needed the deputies because administering his precinct involves a heavier workload than for any other precinct in the county.

Lockridge said last month that he works 10 to 12 hours a day, five days a week. Among the responsibilities held exclusively by the Precinct 2 constable, Lockridge said, are serving hot check warrants for the justice of the peace courts in the county; serving writs for justices of the peace; and sending out jury notices for justices of the peace courts.

Precinct 2 covers the northwestern one-fourth of Gray County, including a portion of the city of Pampa.

Also on Monday, the Commissioners Court:

- Delayed appointing a replacement to fill a vacancy in the Gray County Industrial Corporation board of directors.

- Approved a request from District Clerk Yvonne Moler for authorization to replace deputy Sue Reddell, who resigned from her position. Reddell's last day of work for the district clerk was on Friday.

- Opened two bids for installation of a new elevator in Gray County Courthouse and delayed awarding a bid until the March 15 meeting. The low bidder was Esco Elevators Inc. of Fort Worth, which submitted a bid of \$40,151. The other bidder, Dover Elevators of Midland, submitted a bid of \$76,500.

Both of the bids were for an oil hydraulic elevator to serve the general public. The current elevator in the courthouse, a 5-foot by 6-foot structure approximately 60 years old, is manually operated and runs on a cable.

- Delayed taking action on transferring funds within the county budget to pay the county attorney's monthly computer rental fee. Kennedy said he expects to identify fund sources in the county budget by the March 15 meeting.

- Held a closed meeting for about 45 minutes to discuss a pending claim for overtime pay. Commissioners Court took no action after that meeting.

- Approved changes in Gray County's business auto insurance policy and general liability policy for the county's 130 full-time and four part-time employees. The changes in the insurance policy extend the coverage to offer protection for county employees and officers as individuals. The county's insurance company for both types of coverage is Titan Indemnity of San Antonio.

- Approved a request from First National Bank that it be allowed to exchange approximately \$6 million in securities that matured this year and are pledged to the county's deposit at the bank for securities with a later maturity date.

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Armed standoff appears near end

WACO (AP) — The armed standoff between federal agents and a violent religious cult appeared to be on the verge of ending today as ambulances and military vehicles raced to the compound and area hospitals were told to expect injuries.

Police cleared the road leading to the rural, fortified compound of the Branch Davidian sect just before six ambulances raced down it.

A blue military bus pulled toward the compound along with a Humvee utility vehicle, police paddy wagon and tarp-covered utility truck.

Reporters, however, were kept more than two miles from the site and could not see where the vehicles stopped. A Dallas TV station, using a helicopter above the action, showed the ambulances parked at a fork in the road just outside the compound.

Authorities notified two Waco hospitals to be ready for wounded.

"Our staff is on standby. We've been prepared to accept any of the patients who may be coming over. We have been told to be prepared" by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said Lisa Coggins, spokeswoman at Providence Health Center.

Marsha Jepson, spokeswoman at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, also said the hospital had received a fresh call from law officers to expect casualties.

In Washington, a key law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said shortly before noon CST there was some confidence the situation could end today.

Law officers have talked with cult members by telephone since the a raid by 100 ATF agents Sunday erupted in gun battles that killed four agents and at least two cult

members, one reportedly his 2-year-old daughter.

Cult leader David Koresh said he had been gravely wounded in Sunday's gunfights. Koresh — who says he is Jesus Christ — had not been publicly heard from since 2 a.m. Monday.

He began letting children leave the sect in pairs after a Dallas radio station agreed to read a statement about his religious beliefs.

Early today, eight children and two women were allowed to leave the compound. Ten children were allowed to leave on Sunday and Monday.

The assault had been planned for months ATF agents, who had war-

rants to search the fortified compound and arrest Koresh.

The raid failed when the agents encountered overwhelming firepower, including at least one .50-caliber machine gun.

"The problem we had is we were outgunned," Sharon Wheeler, an ATF spokeswoman, said Monday. "They had bigger firearms than we had."

The agents also feared hitting women and children in the compound, Wheeler said.

Sixteen agents were wounded in the gun battles Sunday. Cult member Delroy Nash was taken into custody after a second, brief gunfight Sunday night and charged with

attempted murder of a federal law officer.

Members of the Branch Davidian sect believe Koresh is the Lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelations and can bring about the end of the world. The sect broke more than 60 years ago from the Seventh-day Adventists, who disavow any connection to the Branch Davidians.

In London, the British Foreign Office said it had confirmed the names of 11 British men, woman and children who moved to the cult's headquarters last month following a call from Koresh. The office spokesman said up to 50 Britons may be involved with the cult.



(AP Photo)

A truck hauling an armored personnel carrier heads toward the Mount Carmel compound of the Branch Davidians cult early today.

Court hears arguments about Haitian refugees

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration today urged the Supreme Court to let it continue intercepting and returning Haitians trying to escape their homeland, saying the policy was needed "to protect against a humanitarian tragedy at sea."

But a lawyer for returned Haitians told the justices, "This is not rescue. This is aiding and abetting their persecutors."

Justice Department lawyer Maureen Mahoney argued that stopping Haitian refugees on the high seas and returning them to Haiti without considering their pleas for political asylum does not violate federal immigration law or international treaty obligations.

A federal appeals court last year struck down the repatriation policy, but the Supreme Court postponed the effect of that ruling until it rules in the case, sometime by July.

The policy and the Supreme Court case were inherited from the Bush administration, which began repatriation efforts last May. At that time, candidate Bill Clinton called the policy "cruel" and "illegal."

But after his election, President Clinton reassessed his position.

The policy is being carried out by 20 Coast Guard ships located 13 miles off Haiti's shores.

Under a previous policy, Haitians were intercepted 13 miles from the U.S. coastlines and those with plausible claims for political asylum received hearings. They most often were taken to the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo, Cuba, for those hearings.

Ms. Mahoney said the lower court's ruling is "threatening our foreign policy interests," and that the policy is aimed at preventing "a mass exodus of migrants ... in unseaworthy vessels."

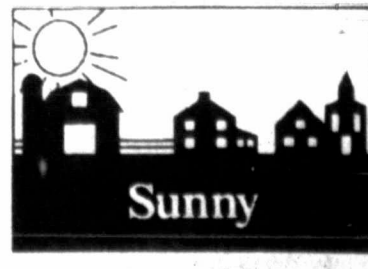
But Yale law Professor Harold Koh, who represents Haitian refugees sent back to Haiti without hearings, said the government policy has "erected a floating Berlin wall around Haiti that keeps people in."

"This is not a polite, bloodless matter," Koh said as he told the court about one returned Haitian who was "driven off the boat with fire hoses" and later was beaten and forced into hiding.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time today.

Obituaries

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

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions

Marisol Martinez, Pampa; Claudia Inez Quarles, Pampa; Alva Lee Reams, Pampa; Ethel Mae Stillwell, Pampa; Susie Marie Chase (extended care), Miami.

Dismissals

Nickey Jay Green, Pampa; Erika Nicole Hunnicutt, Pampa; O.B. McBride, Borger; Albert L. Phillips, Pampa.

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions

No admissions were reported.

Dismissals

Mary Taylor, Shamrock; Dennis Surber, Shamrock; Lydia Aultman, Shamrock; Glenna Kilpatrick, Shamrock.

Fires

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

MONDAY, March 1

10:20 a.m. — Three units and six firefighters reported to a smoke scare at 1410 S. Cuyler. No fire was discovered, but a report indicates a broken steam line was responsible for the smoke.

Accidents

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

MONDAY, March 1

10:11 a.m. — A 1968 Pontiac driven by J.W. Holt, 83, Pampa, collided with a 1989 Ford pickup driven by Steve Martin Broome, 41, 1421 Williston, in the 100 block of East Foster. Holt was cited for unsafely backing up. No injuries were reported.

Calendar of events

OPEN HOUSE AT LEFORS SCHOOLS

An open house is set for 6:30-8:30 tonight at Lefors Schools in honor of Texas Public Schools Week. Visitors are invited to visit the classrooms.

Police report

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

SUNDAY, Feb. 28

Taylor Petroleum-Texaco, 1524 N. Hobart, reported a theft of over \$200.

Linda Lee French, 624 N. Christy, reported a violation of a court order.

Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, reported a theft.

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Blanca San Miguel, 408 1/2 Frost, reported a theft. Culberson Stowers, 804 N. Hobart, reported criminal mischief.

Marsha Boyd, 1208 S. Dwight, reported a theft of over \$20 and under \$200.

Leo McMahon Sr., 701 N. Zimmers, reported a forgery.

Charlene Martinez, 1609 Mary Ellen, reported a theft under \$20.

Arrests

MONDAY, March 1

Stanton Caviness, 41, Corpus Christi, was arrested for four outstanding warrants. He was released on bond.

Lawrence Rajski, 23, 520 Yeager #6, was arrested on two outstanding warrants. He was released after paying the fine.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.05	up 1/8
Milo	3.42	up 1/8
Com	4.12	up 1/2

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

Ky. Cent. Life	31 7/8	up 1/8
Serico	4 1/2	NC
Occidental	20 1/4	dn 1/8

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

Magellan	66.01	up 1/8
Puritan	15.47	up 1/8

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

Amoco	55 3/4	dn 3/8
Arco	119 7/8	dn 1/2
Cabot	38 1/4	NC

Sheriff's Office

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

SUNDAY, Feb. 28

Bonnie Slater reported aggravated assault at Lot 17, Kingsmill Camp.



(AP Photo)

Art Garfunkel, left, and Paul Simon perform together for the first time in nearly a decade in a benefit performance at the Music Center in Los Angeles Monday evening.

Simon & Garfunkel raise \$1 million for needy children in reunion benefit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Simon and Garfunkel made nostalgia pay for needy children with a rare reunion performance.

Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel played such hits as "Sounds of Silence," "Scarborough Fair," "Mrs. Robinson" and "Bridge Over Troubled Water" in a benefit that raised \$1 million for the Los Angeles Children's Health Project.

Neil Young also performed Monday night, and Steve Martin offered comedy skits between sets. Celebrities in the audience included Jack

Nicholson, Alec Baldwin, Kim Basinger and David Crosby. Tickets cost \$100 to \$500.

"You've done your part — now it's up to us," Simon told the crowd as he introduced Young, who opened the show at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

Simon and Garfunkel joined Young during the singing of "Helpless," blending their smooth harmonies with Young's thin, haunting voice. Young sat in on "Sounds of Silence."

The Children's Health Project is a traveling health program for home-

less youngsters already established in several other cities. The project was organized by The Children's Health Fund, created in 1987 by Simon and a doctor.

Simon and Garfunkel broke up over personal and professional differences shortly after winning a Grammy in 1970 for "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

They reunited in 1980 for a concert in New York's Central Park and again in 1983, performing at Shea Stadium in New York and Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.

White Deer Land Museum board seeks guidance from commissioners

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Three months after Gray County Commissioners Court appointed members to a newly created advisory board to the White Deer Land Museum, the board remains uncertain as to its purpose.

And the Commissioners Court, the legal authority to which the board reports, apparently has not provided any answers to that question.

For the second consecutive time since February, Commissioners Court on Monday delayed taking action on a request from the advisory board for guidance.

The request came in a Feb. 2 letter from Larry Franklin, chairman of the White Deer Land Museum Board.

Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy said he and Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene, who is the county Commissioners Court's representative on the advisory board, plan to develop a letter of response to Franklin that they will submit to Commissioners Court for consideration at a March 15 meeting.

"They're (the advisory board) just seeking a clarification on what more is expected of them ...," Kennedy noted in an interview.

Museum curator Anne Davidson,

in a phone interview on Monday, said that she believes the advisory board was established to enhance the museum's responsiveness to the needs of the general public.

"The museum needed growth, and that board was essential for the growth of the museum," Davidson added.

There has never been a board of directors in the history of the White Deer Land Museum, which is owned by Gray County, Davidson said.

The Gray County Commissioners Court holds ultimate authority on issues addressed by the 11-member advisory board to the White Deer Land Museum.

City briefs

WATER WELL Service, Doug Kennedy, 665-4088. Adv.

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

TAX SERVICE, Glenda Brownlee, 1433 Dwight, 665-0310, 274-2142. Adv.

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

PERSONAL TOUCH last week for fall items 50, 60, 75% off. Great sale at \$10. Hurry 4 more days left! Adv.

SUPPORT THE Harvesters! Get your green and gold arm bands from the Hobby Shop. Adv.

PRE-EASTER Sale at Sand's Fabrics, come in and draw an Egg for Total Ticket Discount, beautiful Spring fabrics arriving daily. Adv.

ALL ITS Charm announces the addition of the Year cards for friends and family. 109 W. Francis. Adv.

EASY'S POP & Cheese Shop. 32 ounce fountain drinks 59 cents, Coke 8 pack 20 ounce bottles \$3.59, 3 liter Coke \$1.89. Having a party? 12 inch cheese tray \$11.95. Come see us! Adv.

LITTLE MEXICO'S recipes no longer used at The Lunch Box. Adv.

PANSY PLANTS have arrived! Choose from several colors and plants Now. They thrive in cold weather. Seed potatoes and onion sets are also in. Watson's Feed & Garden, 665-4189. Adv.

IMAGES FULL line of Estee Lauder fragrance, make-up and skin care. Also Lauder for men. 123 N. Cuyler, 669-1091. Adv.

IT'S TIME to apply Pre-Emergent Weed & Feed to your lawns, in stock at Watson's Feed & Garden. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, mostly clear, the low in the upper 20s, north winds around 10 mph. Wednesday, sunny with a high of 55 and north winds 5 to 15 mph. The high on Monday was 51 degrees; the overnight low was 33 degrees.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, clear. Lows in the 20s. Wednesday, sunny. Highs in the mid- to upper 50s. Wednesday night, clear. Lows in the mid-20s to lower 30s. Extended forecast: Thursday through Saturday, lows in the mid-20s to the mid-30s. Highs in the upper 40s to mid-50s. South Plains: Tonight, fair. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Wednesday, sunny. Highs in the upper 50s to near 60. Wednesday night, clear. Lows in the 30s. Extended forecast: Thursday through Saturday, dry. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 50s. Permian Basin: Tonight, fair. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday, sunny. Highs in the mid-60s. Wednesday night, clear. Low in the 30s. Extended forecast: Thursday through Saturday, dry. Lows in the

mid-30s to lower 40s. Highs in the 60s.

South Texas — Texas Hill Country and South-Central Texas: Tonight, clear and cold. Low in the 30s Hill Country, 40s South Central. Wednesday, sunny and mild. High in the 60s and 70s. Wednesday night, clear and cold again. Low in the 30s Hill Country, 40s South Central. Extended forecast: Thursday through Saturday, mostly clear. Low in the 30s Hill Country, 40s South Central. High in the 60s to near 70. Texas Coastal Bend: Tonight, mostly clear and cooler. Low in the 40s inland, 50s coast. Wednesday, mostly sunny and mild. High in the 70s. Wednesday night, mostly clear and cool. Low in the 40s inland, 50s coast. Extended forecast: Thursday through Saturday, mostly clear. Low in the 40s inland to 50s on the coast. High in the 60s and 70s. Texas Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, mostly clear and cooler. Low in the 40s inland, near 60 coast. Wednesday, mostly sunny and mild. High in the 70s to near 80. Wednesday night, mostly clear and cool. Low in the 40s inland, 50s to near 60 coast. Extended forecast: Thursday through Saturday, mostly clear.

Low in the 40s inland, 50s coast. High in the 70s.

North Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the mid-30s west to lower 40s east. Wednesday, partly cloudy with highs in the mid-50s northwest to the lower 60s southeast. Wednesday night, fair with lows in the 30s. Extended forecast: Thursday through Saturday, mostly fair with cool nights and mild afternoons. Highs in the lower 60s. Lows in the low 40s.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of light rain, some light snow is possible in extreme northeast. Lows 30 to 40. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of light rain in northeast and east-central Oklahoma, some light snow is possible in parts of northeast Oklahoma. Highs from the upper 30s in extreme northeast to the lower 50s in southeast Oklahoma.

New Mexico — Tonight, fair. Lows zero to 20 mountains, 20s to mid-30s elsewhere. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs 40s to mid-50s mountains and north, upper 50s to mid-60s south. Wednesday night, mostly fair skies. Lows teens and 20s mountains and north, upper 20s and 30s south.

U.S. has spent most of history in the red

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States was born in hock — the price tag for independence — and has spent most of its history in the red.

In the beginning, the debate was whether and how to retire a \$77 million debt the colonies incurred fighting the British.

Today, President Clinton and Congress are tussling over how to reduce the mammoth debt, the latest chapter in a debate that has resounded throughout the nation's history.

What's strikingly different today, of course, is the size of the national debt — now just over \$4.1 trillion, or about \$4 trillion more than the nation managed to accumulate in the first 153 years of its existence.

That \$77 million national debt looked pretty daunting in 1789 — it was 38 times bigger than the government's total revenue that year, whereas today's national debt is less than four times government revenues.

Looking at it another way, however, today's government will borrow more than 10 times the 1789 national debt figure every day of this year to pay its bills.

"True fiscal irresponsibility is a fairly recent development," said Rudolph G. Penner, who served as chief economist in President Ford's budget office.

Which raises the question: Why?

It's popular these days to blame government gridlock or President Reagan's tax cuts and big defense buildup of the early 1980s. Both undoubtedly were contributors, but

the causes run deeper. One is the financial burden of benefits for the elderly, including Medicare, which was begun in the mid-1960s.

The government spent \$3.2 billion on Medicare in 1967; last year, it spent \$129 billion. Social Security in that same period grew more than tenfold. Taxes to pay for those and other programs grew, but not nearly so fast as the payouts.

Billionaire Ross Perot, during his failed run for president, likened the debt to "a crazy aunt we keep down in the basement." But he is far from the first American to decry deficits as shameful.

"Retiring the debt was a national obsession" during the late 1800s, James D. Savage wrote in his book "Balanced Budgets and American Politics." He quoted a writer as stating in 1869 that most Americans would "endure any amount of sacrifice rather than bequeath a portion of their debt to future generations."

President James Polk in 1844 called federal deficits a "blighting influence."

Nearly 50 years later, President Benjamin Harrison called the debt "criminal."

Sentiments of that sort haven't carried much weight lately.

The projected budget deficit for this year alone, \$319 billion, is larger than all the debt accumulated from the year the republic was founded through 1964.

In the formative years of the United States, unlike today, it was easy to put a finger on the cause of the

national debt. It was money needed to fight for independence. The issue then was whether and how to pay off the debt. Some states, particularly those in the South, thought paying it off would place an uneven burden on them. They wanted to default, but they lost the argument.

The wrangle was settled in 1790. Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the Treasury, prevailed. He got the federal government to assume the war debts of the states after he offered to place the nation's capital on the Potomac River between Virginia and Maryland — two states that opposed the Hamilton plan.

Hamilton's Federalist Party soon fell from power, but the national debt lived on. Starting at \$77 million in 1789, it rose to \$127 million by the end of the War of 1812. Then it fell steadily to an all-time low of \$38,000 in 1834.

The debt grew slowly over the next two decades. In 1863, it topped \$1 billion for the first time. After the Civil War, the government recorded budget surpluses for 28 consecutive years, ending with the financial panic of 1893. Since then, there have been only 27 surplus years, the last in 1969.

Annual budget deficits topped \$10 billion for the first time during World War I, then declined most years until the start of World War II. In the first two years of U.S. participation in the war, the national debt nearly tripled, to \$136 billion.

The debt hit \$1 trillion in 1981 and has quadrupled in the decade since.

The Agriculture Department said that between November and December 1992, the number of recipients rose by 244,126. Between December 1991 and December 1992, the number increased by 1.8 million.

The program paid \$1.8 billion in benefits in December 1992 for an average of \$68.40 per person, the department said.

The government plans to spend \$28.1 billion this year on food stamps. The Clinton administration wants to increase food stamp benefits by \$9 billion from 1994-1997.

In Virginia, the number of recipients grew 15 percent in one year to reach 539,536 in December.

Approved the transfer of \$42,918 from the general account to the salary account; \$942 from the performance rewards account to the district adult probation account; and \$838 from the FM&LR account to the Lake McClellan account.

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decades, said Gray County Treasurer Scott Hahn.

Approved the sale of property at 123 S. Nelson for \$1,500 on which tax payment was delinquent that had been seized by the city of Pampa, Gray County, and Pampa school district.

Approved the payment of

County

• Authorized the county to solicit bids from the county's five banks for a two-year contract as county depository bank. First National Bank in Pampa has been the official county depository bank for several

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U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., from left, New Jersey Gov. Jim Florio, and President Clinton gesture to an audience at Rutgers University Monday.

Clinton gets his MTV

By RON FOURNIER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — There he was, President Clinton, back on trendy MTV — promoting community service, talking pizza and the Beatles, reflecting on the dangers of being president.

And perhaps wooing some young voters along the way.

In a chatty 10-minute interview shown Monday night on the cable TV music channel, Clinton related how a White House steward recently walked into his bedroom and caught the First Couple in bed.

But, the president added quickly, "It wasn't as lusty as it sounds."

He said the steward "honestly" thought the Clintons were already out of bed. The steward was asked to use a different door next time, Clinton said.

He also admitted that he occasionally will "sneak around and eat" some pizza, even though the Secret Service doesn't like him to eat order-out food because of safety concerns.

Asked by interviewer Tabitha Sorenson if he ever considered hosting a Beatles reunion at the White House, Clinton, a fan of the former British rock group, smiled and said

he hadn't thought about it, but, "It's not a bad idea."

Clinton, 46, also noted that Rolling Stones lead singer Mick Jagger, who turns 50 on July 26, is "taking good care of himself."

In a more somber moment, Clinton conceded that he occasionally considers the threats he faces as president.

"There's not a lot I can do about it. The Secret Service works hard to protect me and I work hard to try to be accessible to people," Clinton said.

He also urged youngsters to contact their congressman in support of the "motor-voter" bill making it easier to register to vote.

The MTV interview, which Clinton taped Monday afternoon during a trip to New Jersey, was part of a 30-minute special on his community service plan. In last year's campaign, Clinton used MTV, a previously unorthodox political venue, as a way to attract young voters.

The president unveiled his community service program that he promised will "change America forever and for the better."

Starting with a modest 1,000 slots this summer, Clinton said his program would allow students to

repay college loans in two new ways:

—Serving the community for one or two years.

—Making payments based on a percentage of their income, with bills due at tax collection time.

The administration will set a cap on loan amounts forgiven by the federal government for community service.

Clinton said he hoped 500,000 people get involved in the community service program in six or seven years.

He acknowledged that the program could run short of money if enrollment is higher than expected, but said if that happens, "I'll go back to Congress and try to get some more money."

The administration plans to spend \$9.5 billion in the next five years on the program.

Clinton, who compared his initiative with President Kennedy's Peace Corps, told MTV viewers he regretted that he did not join the corps in the 1960s.

"I wish I'd had a chance to work in another country and I think if I hadn't gotten a scholarship to go to England and live, it's something I might well have done," said Clinton, a Rhodes Scholar.

New home sales drop drastically

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite the lowest mortgage rates in nearly two decades, new home sales plunged 13.8 percent in January, the biggest drop in 11 years, the government said today. The plunge pushed sales to the lowest level in eight months.

Sales fell sharply in both the Northeast and West. They also were down in the Midwest and unchanged in the South.

The Departments of Commerce and Housing and Urban Development said sales totaled 561,000 at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, down from 651,000 in December.

The drop was the largest since sales fell 19.5 percent in January 1982 during the previous recession. The January 1993 rate was the lowest since sales totaled 552,000 last May.

The departments also revised the December increase in sales to a smaller 4.7 percent, from 6.3 percent in its earlier estimate a month ago.

Still, many analysts said the housing industry continued to revive.

"The housing fundamentals have turned increasingly positive with low interest rates and high affordability and it is only a matter of time before the sales pace notches up to trend pace of about 675,000 units," economists at Mitsubishi Bank in New York wrote in advance of the report.

"Moreover, the volume of mortgage applications is quite high, as reflected in the Mortgage Bankers' Association purchase index, which suggests momentum is building," they added.

Fixed-rate, 30-year mortgages averaged 8 percent in January, down from 8.21 percent a month earlier, according to surveys by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Rates had fallen to 7.53 percent by last week, the lowest since they averaged 7.51 percent during the week ended April 6, 1973.

The median price of a new home in January was \$117,000, down 6.4 percent from \$125,000 a month earlier.

At the end of January, the seasonally adjusted estimate of new homes for sale was 273,000, representing a 5.7-months supply at the current sales pace.

The National Association of Realtors reported on Monday that sales of previously owned homes also fell in January. The 6.4 percent drop was the first since a 1.2 percent decline last August.

Analysts said sales could not be maintained at the December pace, which had boosted them to their highest level in nearly 20 years.

Regionally, sales of new homes fell 39.4 percent in the Northeast, to a 43,000 annual rate. They were down 28.5 percent in the West, to a 133,000 rate. Sales were off 7.8 percent in the Midwest, to 107,000, and unchanged at 278,000 in the South.

Perot on the stump

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — America cannot afford to continue "massive, dreamlike spending programs" until the nation's deficit is controlled, and Clinton's economic plan is short on details of how to do that, Ross Perot said today.

"I can't understand the details of the plan," Perot said on "CBS This Morning." Citing newspaper accounts that the Clinton proposal would add \$1 trillion to the national debt over four years, Perot said, "If that's true then that's not a good plan."

"We need a detailed plan for the American people to see, a detailed timing of when these things will occur, when we will get our debt and deficit down," he continued.

"Instead, we're getting major new social programs every day, all of which are magnificent in concept. But when you're broke you can't go to Europe. ... We cannot continue the massive, dreamlike spending programs until we get this under control."

He complained that "Washington is still growing and gloating" while corporate America is downsizing.

Perot's morning TV appearance was a precursor to appearances on Capitol Hill later in the day as the Texan with 19 million presidential votes under his belt continues to carve himself a role in reducing the deficit and reforming the government.

Already this year, the 1992 inde-

pendent candidate has barnstormed through Florida, Maine and Texas to promote his watchdog group, United We Stand America.

And today, Perot was giving an earful to the Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress, a House-Senate panel that will recommend ways to streamline the legislative branch.

Next week, Perot says he'll travel to Colorado, New Mexico and California.

And on March 21, Perot will conduct United We Stand America's first televised town meeting to discuss government reform. Perot said the group is composed of "idealistic, selfless patriots," who will become powerful enough to make demands of government officials.

Perot already has praised President Clinton's Feb. 17 economic speech to Congress, but contends Americans still "don't have accurate numbers" on the administration's deficit-cutting program.

"That's the reason why I have been sort of ducking and weaving and bobbing about this plan," he said, adding that Clinton should "give us details on spending cuts. Tell us precisely when they will occur."

Perot told members of Congress today, "When people realize you have 300 committees and subcommittees, and a personal staff that has grown to 12,000 in Congress with an additional 20,000 in support agencies, the people will want you to trim down," Perot said in prepared remarks submitted to the committee.

"You must eliminate all of the perks and practices that have caused the American people to lose confidence in Congress. The White House must do the same."

Perot expressed hope that one day Congress, the White House and the rest of government could hang out signs reading, "Not for sale at any price."

Last week, at rallies in three Texas cities, Perot saved his harshest comments for Congress.

"For those who raised their own salaries 23 percent, tell 'em to give an example of sacrifice; cut your salaries," he said.

Congressional leaders have pledged to freeze their salaries at \$133,600, hold the line on staff pay and reduce House and Senate staff — but they have not offered to take a pay cut.

Lobbyists have been another target of Perot, who has called their proliferating ranks "a cancer that must stop."

In Maine, where Perot received 30.4 percent of the vote and edged out George Bush for second place in the presidential election, Perot denounced lobbyists who wear "\$1,000 suits and alligator shoes."

The wealthy Texas businessman offered his own prescription for fixing the U.S. government: better bookkeeping, a balanced budget amendment, a presidential line-item veto, quarterly reports on spending, congressional pay cuts, cuts in lawmakers' perks and retirement funds, and elimination of political action committees.

Health care costs continue to skyrocket

By MARIANN CAPRINO
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite wider use of cost controls, health care benefits rose 10 percent last year to an average of \$3,968 per worker, a study found.

"The good news is that the 10 percent rise in total health plan costs was the lowest rate since 1987," John Erb, author of the study by the consulting firm Foster Higgins, said Monday. "But it's still three times the inflation rate. That's the bad news."

The cost of providing care through health maintenance organizations averaged \$3,313 per worker last year, up 8.8 percent from 1991. The cost of traditional health insurance rose 14.2 percent

to an average of \$4,080 per worker.

Still, the study showed that HMOs and other managed care programs — which hold down costs by requiring approval for hospital stays and medical procedures and by closely monitoring other medical services — are beginning to live up to their promise of delivering significant cost savings, Erb said.

"The fact that more employers and workers are accepting managed care bodes well for health care reform efforts in Washington," he said.

The survey found that about 51 percent of employees were enrolled in HMOs or other programs that prohibit or severely limit an employee's choice of doctors, hospitals and labs.

The Clinton administration wants to overhaul the nation's health care system to stem rising costs and provide coverage to an estimated 35 million uninsured Americans.

The survey polled more than 2,440 companies that provide health benefits to more than 24 million workers and their dependents.

New York was the most expensive city in terms of health care costs, with indemnity insurance averaging \$4,852 per worker and HMO coverage costing \$3,448.

The Minneapolis-St. Paul area was the least expensive, with indemnity plans averaging \$3,347 per employee and HMO costs averaging \$2,969.

NBC news president Gartner steps down

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC News President Michael Gartner announced his resignation today.



Gartner

an apparent casualty of the General Motors crash debacle.

Gartner, 54, a former Wall Street Journal editor and owner of several Iowa newspapers and TV stations, relinquished day-to-day responsibility for the News division and said he would resign as its president on Aug. 1.

"Given the publicity of late, I think it best to announce it now in hopes that this will take the spotlight off of all of us and enable us to concentrate fully on our business," Gartner wrote in a memorandum to his staff.

Don Browne, executive vice pres-

ident of NBC News, will take over Gartner's responsibilities, and a search for Gartner's successor will begin immediately, NBC said.

The resignation was also announced on the network's "Today" show.

Gartner said late last year he told his family, friends and NBC that he intended to leave between Aug. 1, his fifth anniversary in the job, and Oct. 25, his 55th birthday.

NBC executives, meanwhile, expect to receive the results of an internal investigation of the GM fiasco later this week.

As president of NBC's news division for five years, Gartner was criticized for slashing its budget, naming the alleged victim in the William Kennedy Smith rape trial and mishandling the "Today" show change from Jane Pauley to Deborah Norville.

But Gartner's career apparently was finally undone by NBC's ill-fated "Dateline NBC" report Nov. 17 on the alleged dangers of GM

pickup trucks with side-mounted fuel tanks.

NBC issued an on-air apology last month for rigging a fiery test crash with tiny model rocket engines. The apology came after GM slapped the network with a defamation lawsuit.

Gartner publicly defended the news division after he knew just a few details of the setup.

The Journal said Gartner told friends he will return to Des Moines, where his family lives, and oversee his newspapers and write a book.

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Opinion

The costs of quotas

They don't call George Bush a gracious loser for nothing. He did yeoman work to secure his own defeat — and to help inflict on us, the current reign of tax-and-spend Democrats — when he signed his Civil Rights bill that tightens racial and sexual quotas in the workplace.

That is one of the conclusions implied in an article in the Feb. 15 issue of *Forbes*. "How affirmative action slows the economy" is a searing look at the job-killing, recession-stoking power of the multiplicity of quota laws that the feds are imposing on us. By *Forbes*'s estimate, the federal government spent some \$425 million on civil rights oversight in 1991, of which just over \$300 million was aimed at the private sector. The cost of private-sector compliance? At least \$6 billion, according to the magazine.

The indirect costs are even more staggering. Federal quota requirements have increased the labor and capital costs of government contractors by an average of 6.5 percent, according to Peter Griffin, an economist at Cal State Long Beach. That translates into about \$95 billion — or 1.7 percent of GNP.

These are huge sums of money diverted from more productive, efficient, profitable ventures. Productivity is hampered as well because employers have to subordinate merit to color or gender in many hiring decisions, meaning, as *Forbes* puts it, you often have "the wrong people in the wrong jobs."

Add the human cost — the injustice of reverse discrimination, and the tearing at the communal fabric that is its consequence — and you have a recipe for social tragedy.

If quotas had advanced the overall status of the black population, or other minority groups, perhaps some of the costs wouldn't seem so burdensome. But by many important indices — levels of poverty, single parenthood, criminal activity — the condition of great numbers of African-Americans has declined dramatically during the period in which quota programs have reached their zenith.

The *New Republic* reports that in the final weeks of the Bush administration, speechwriter Andrew Ferguson suggested a presidential address warning against racial Balkanization in the United States (and, by implication, the race-conscious quota programs that promote that dangerous trend). "I don't want to make any right-wing speeches," George Bush reportedly snapped, proving again that, even if the rest of us don't deserve Bill Clinton, Bush deserved his own fate last November.

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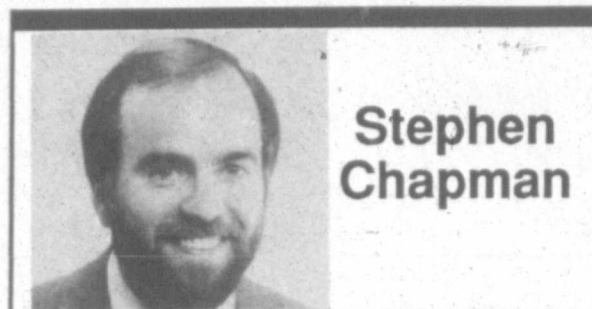
Clinton's plan flawed, not frivolous

Bill Clinton's State of the Union address had a statesmanlike tone, ringing with brave vows to accept responsibility, look to the welfare of generations to come and accept the hard choices needed to discipline the federal budget. He asked the American people to sacrifice by paying more in taxes, in exchange for which the federal government would sacrifice by paying more in taxes, in exchange for which the federal government would sacrifice by reducing its appetite for spending money it doesn't have. His approach was refreshing and even inspiring.

To go bad the details of the actual budget program fell short of his words. Defending his program Thursday, the president railed against "people saying that we really can't make fundamental change." But the real defect in his approach is that it does too little, not too much.

After the thunder and lightning of Clinton's speech, the deficit reduction amounts to a drizzle. The heroic choices he urged would take four full years to pare the deficit by just a third, from \$310 billion this year to \$206 billion in 1997. His program would pile another trillion dollars onto the nation debt before his first term is out — more than George Bush added during his time in office. This is austerity?

Instead of the one-for-one trade of tax increases for spending cuts he implied, it turns out that Clinton's plan involves at least 60 cents in tax increases for every 40 cents in spending cuts. Although he attacks domestic outlays with what he called "150 difficult, painful reductions which will cut federal spending by \$246 billion" over five years, he also proposed 131 easy, painless increases that will boost federal spending by \$109 billion. With the exception of Social Security and Medicare, the overall domestic budget escaped unscathed.



Stephen Chapman

This approach will be rationalized as an essential response to the heartless budget-cutting of the Reagan-Bush era. In fact, this year, domestic programs, including entitlements, will cost \$176 billion more than they would have if George Bush had just kept them from expanding faster than inflation. Domestic discretionary spending (spending on all domestic programs except entitlements) rose by \$27 billion after adjustment for inflation over the last four years.

To save money here, Clinton doesn't have to do anything so shocking as actually reduce outlays. He needs merely to slow the rate of growth. In the absence of action, domestic discretionary spending will rise by \$48 billion over the next four years, an increase of 22 percent. Clinton could save some money and still allow this portion of the budget to increase.

Spending restraint, however, is not this president's obsession. He declared Wednesday that "it's time for government to be as frugal as any household in America." But a household that is in debt doesn't begin the process of getting out by borrowing more. Clinton's plan wouldn't reduce this year's deficit — it would increase it by at least \$13 billion. He thinks this "investment" is urgently needed to

"create jobs and guarantee a strong recovery." What is really needed is a tiny bit of patience. For some time, growth was modest, keeping unemployment up. Recently, though, it has gathered steam, a signal that jobs will soon proliferate. His fiscal stimulus may do nothing to boost growth, or it may merely fuel inflation by boosting growth after it's already robust. But it will certainly add to the debt our children will inherit.

Clinton does deserve credit for some politically hard decisions — extracting savings from Social Security recipients, freezing federal salaries, trimming or eliminating several domestic programs and, last but not least, raising taxes.

The response from Republicans, that any tax increase is a bad one, is frivolous. Contrary to their suggestion, you cannot spend more than you have for free. If the federal government takes in X dollars and spends X plus Y, Y doesn't fall from heaven — it represents real resources diverted from the economy. If Clinton is willing to reduce spending in exchange for raising taxes, he will lighten the real weight of government, which is what the Republicans ought to be most concerned about.

That means the GOP should oppose tax increase only to the extent that they are not matched by genuine, permanent cuts in federal outlays. Republicans in Congress ought to concentrate their energy on pushing for additional spending reductions, not opposing tax increases as a matter of course. Unfortunately, it's not even clear that the GOP will support the spending cuts Clinton has proposed, much less offer their own.

Clinton's plan doesn't go as far as it should to restore fiscal discipline and contain the growth of government. It does go further than most of his critics are prepared to go.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 2, the 61st day of 1993. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on March 2, 1943, the World War II Battle of the Bismarck Sea began as American and Australian warplanes intercepted a Japanese convoy that was en route to Lae, New Guinea. In the ensuing battle, most of the 16-ship convoy was destroyed and more than 3,000 Japanese troops were killed.

On this date:

In 1793, 200 years ago, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

In 1899, Congress established Mount Rainier National Park.



My dog's nanny

For a number of years I've employed a nanny to walk my dog Catfish, the black Lab, three times a week.

She does a great job. She walks Catfish to the park near my house and unleashes him so he can chase squirrels and smell.

I'm not sure which Catfish likes the best, chasing squirrels or smelling, but he's best at smelling. He's never caught a squirrel, because they are quicker than he is, but he's smelled every square foot of that park.

"How did the park smell today?" I asked Catfish after one of his walks.

"An exhilarating olfactory experience," is probably what he would have replied if he could talk, but Catfish can't talk.

Anyway, after the problems Zoe Baird and Kimba Wood had with nannies, problems that cut both them out of becoming attorney general under the Clinton administration, I decided I'd better find out if Catfish's nanny was an illegal alien.

Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, it has been divulged, also hired an illegal alien to work for him. One wonders why all these good Democrats, who want to bring the rich to their knees, have been practicing such Republican concepts as having servants.

I'm certain Hillary Clinton will explain all that in her first State of the Union speech to Congress.



Lewis Grizzard

The lady who walks Catfish is named Esmeralda. "Esmeralda," I asked her when she brought my dog in recently, "you aren't an illegal alien, are you?"

"No, Senor," she replied. "I didn't think so," I said to Esmeralda, "but, just for the record, you wouldn't be lying to me, would you?" Zoe Baird could have made the same mistake I made: Her nanny might have sworn to her she wasn't an illegal alien either.

"Au contraire, Monsieur," said Esmeralda, who did admit however her real name was Fifi.

"Well," I replied, "That's that." "Da, da," said Fifi, who mentioned at this point her nickname was Olga, as in Volga.

If you going to work for the United States, I believe you should be completely clean and not have a single skeleton in your closet. I wanted to

make sure I didn't either.

Esmeralda-Fifi-Olga also does some cleaning for me.

"Senorita," I began.

"Please refer to me as fraulein," she interrupted me.

"Sorry, Fraulein," I corrected myself, "But have you even found any skeletons in any of my closets?"

"Of course not, Mein Fuhrer."

"Did you say Fuhrer?" I asked her.

"I meant, 'my dear friend.' Fuhrer in Spanish means 'friend.'"

"I took Spanish in high school," I said. "I thought Spanish for 'friend' was 'amigo.'"

"They changed it," said Fraulein Esmeralda-Fifi-Olga. "Fuhrer now means 'friend' in Spanish and 'amigo' means, 'May I see your papers please?'"

After my interview with my dog's nanny, I felt I had broken no laws in hiring her and could be a candidate for attorney general of the United States, if I had a law degree, since the president can't seem to nominate anybody who doesn't have a serious illegal hiring problem.

I felt a lot better about being a law abiding citizen after making certain my dog's nanny didn't fall under the alien category.

"Nice work," I said to Catfish's nanny this morning, after his walk.

"No problem, Mon," she replied. "Want some ganja?"

Middle class is hot and bothered

The middle-class tax cut was almost born on the campaign trail, in a large diesel bus, to a man who kept shouting its name — yet never said, "read my lips." That's what made that other guy so untrustworthy, the man on the bus explained: He's said "read my lips" when he talked about another idea that was almost born, "No new taxes...."

The middle-class tax cut died in a speech on Feb. 17 when the man, now out of the bus and standing in front of the U.S. Congress, was calling for "shared personal sacrifice." Suddenly, in the midst of all the wonderful things the government could be doing with that money instead of giving anyone a tax cut, the idea of a middle-class tax cut began to sound pretty greedy.

When that money would be going to put displaced young poor people to work, to give a permanent investment tax credit to small businesses, to fix the infrastructure, to protect the environment, to provide health care for everyone and to reduce the federal deficit enough that our children and grandchildren wouldn't be stuck with our bills, how could a person be so petty as to want the tax cut the man had yelled about when he was on the bus? The man's wife, who'd clapped so hard in the bus whenever the man had yelled about it, scolded that anyone upset over the dead tax cut was playing the "blame game" that had kept Washington in gridlock and prevented all these wonderful things from happening.

The folks who had so liked the idea of a middle-class tax cut back when the man was yelling for it,



Sarah Overstreet

blinked and tried to figure out when they had become the bad guys: "Let's see. In October, the man said it was something we deserved because during the '80s, while our salaries were going down and we were losing our benefits, Congress increased our taxes, decreased those on the rich and used our tax money to offset what they lost by letting corporations run amok. And all the good he says we're gonna do with that money — wasn't that supposed to go along WITH the tax cut, not instead of it? What are we missing here?"

Judging by the man-on-the-street interviews local news crews conducted after President Clinton's speech, a lot of middle-class Americans are doing what they always do: Gutting it out and not complaining. Some are praising the president as a brave sacred-cow killer, and some are saying they'll do whatever it takes to get the country back on track, that they don't mind doing their part as long as everyone else (spelled t-h-e r-i-c-h) does the same. Few mention the lost tax cut, intuiting

that it is no longer politically correct to speak of, marking one as just another greedy pig at the government trough.

They sincerely wish the president well, as do I. But it was particularly galling to hear Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell toss off the proposed energy tax increase — \$17 a month for a family making \$40,000 — as if it were nothing. "It's less than \$200 a year," he said. Actually, it's \$204. For a couple trying to raise a kid or two on \$40,000, the last few years have brought a growing sense of desperation; perhaps with one of the parents even taking a second job, or putting things like medical care and car repairs on a high-interest credit card. A tax cut seemed like a rest stop, a small place to catch one's breath before plunging back onto the interstate and trying to keep one car-length ahead of creditors. Does Mitchell have any idea what \$200 will buy a family like that?

In his new book, "Boiling Point," economist Kevin Phillips chronicles the decline of middle-class prosperity and how it defeated the president who ignored it and swept in Bill Clinton, who promised, "I am a product of the middle class. And when I am your president you will be forgotten no more."

But just as playing on middle-class frustration got Clinton elected, if he does not keep his promises to the middle class, "or if budget pressures make it impossible for him to do so," Phillips warns, "his failure could unleash demons."

Read Phillips' lips, the middle class is really hot.



Ted Larter, left, and his son, Alan, stand Monday in a caboose they have bought and renovated complete with wood floor, coal stove, and oak seats in Northfield, N.H. (AP Photo)

All aboard — a caboose for a home?

NORTHFIELD, N.H. (AP) — A beach house or a cabin in the mountains is nice. But how about bringing up the rear with a caboose as your vacation retreat?

Ted Larter is offering railroad buffs the chance to own a caboose for \$2,750 to \$5,000 and take occasional excursions in the refurbished cars.

Frank and Carole Judge of Bedford stay in their vacation caboose almost every weekend.

"I love the Orient Express experience. I love the old-time movies — all of that era. I love the adventure of it," said Mrs. Judge, who hired an interior decorator to coordinate curtains, furniture and wall-paper in the caboose.

Judge described himself as a lifelong railroad buff. "I dislike static displays," he said. "I don't like seeing a piece of railroad equipment with grass growing on the tracks."

Larter, who operates two hydroelectric plants for a living, has resold most of the dozen cabooses he has bought since 1986.

Customers pay an additional \$100 a month for maintenance and rail space at an old railroad station overlooking the Winnepesaukee River that Larter bought in 1989 with his 25-year-old son, Alan, and business partner John Clement.

For trips, Larter leases an engine and crew.

Seven caboose owners and their families climbed aboard just before Christmas a few years ago, traveled 50 miles north to Lincoln on a lightly traveled freight track, slept in their cabooses overnight and returned.

They have also traveled to Laconia on the Fourth

of July for the fireworks display, and to Weirs Beach for a few hours of sun and water.

Most of the cabooses had been abandoned in rail yards. They were used in earlier days to carry tools and crew members who watched for smoking wheels caused by burning wheel bearings. Automatic detectors now alert engineers.

The cabooses often come with broken windows and doors, or with graffiti on the side. One was burned out.

Some owners panel or paint the metal walls. They add windows, sand the wood floors, put down rugs and install sofa beds or bunk beds, tables, sinks, showers — and a toilet to replace the hole in the floor with the plastic seat.

Larter said there's no profit. He resells the cars for what he pays to buy and transport them: \$2,750 for the 25-footers, up to \$5,000 for a 50-footer. He has customers from Maine and Massachusetts, as well as New Hampshire.

Larter would like to take longer trips, but the cost of leasing engine and crew — about \$1 a mile — makes that difficult. Right now, he divides the cost among those who make the trips, so all he and his son get is a free ride.

"We don't need much excuse to go for a ride," said Larter, who plans one or two trips a month now.

Each car has a raised one- or two-seat observation station where the conductors used to sit. That can be the most fun, Alan Larter said.

"You put your arm out the window and wave at all the kids and play train," he said.

Defendant's partner testifies King seemed 'crazed'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A policeman who witnessed the beating of Rodney King testified that the motorist seemed "crazed and hostile" but appeared to be obeying orders to lie face down on the ground.

Officer Rolando Solano also testified Monday that his partner, Theodore Briseno, was angry when he returned to their patrol car and that Briseno said of the beating, "The sergeant should have handled it better."

Briseno, Sgt. Stacey Koon and Officers Laurence Powell and Timothy Wind are accused of violating King's civil rights when he was clubbed, kicked and stomped after a car chase in 1991. Solano is not a defendant.

In other testimony Monday, George Holliday, whose nine-minute amateur video of the beating is at the center of the case, said that he missed about a minute

of the confrontation while he put his pants on and got his camera.

He started filming from his balcony after he was awakened by a helicopter and sirens.

Holliday recalled that moments before he began shooting, he looked out his window and "saw a black man who was spread-eagled on the car ... his feet spread apart and his hands on top of the car."

Solano, also testifying for the prosecution in the second week of the federal trial, said King was on the ground most of the time and more than once appeared to be attempting the face-to-ground position he had been ordered to assume.

As he had during the officers' earlier state trial on brutality charges, Solano testified that King appeared dangerous and confrontational.

"I interpreted the person was crazed and hostile," he said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Clymer tried to undermine the credibility of his own witness but was rebuffed by the judge.

The four officers were acquitted in state court last spring, touching off riots that left more than 50 people dead and caused \$1 billion in damage.

They could get up to 10 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines each.

Planes begin second wave of U.S. airdrop to Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.S. planes parachuted more than 21,000 meals and a half ton of medical supplies onto eastern Bosnia today, but a Muslim enclave the Americans were trying to help was reported falling to the Serbs.

The flight by three Air Force cargo planes was the second in a relief effort that began Sunday night and is aimed primarily at hungry Muslims besieged by Serb fighters. Again, it was not clear if the supplies reached their intended recipients.

Many bundles dropped Sunday night over the Cerska region were said to have missed the target, landing mostly in territory controlled by Serb fighters.

One report today said some Muslims were killed by Serb sniper fire Monday while trying to collect supplies dropped by the Americans. The unconfirmed report, passed on by a U.N. spokesman in Geneva, came from ham radio operators.

Ham operators also reported that Serb militiamen had captured much of the Cerska enclave, which has been under siege since last spring.

Cmdr. Barry Frewer, a spokesman for U.N. peacekeepers in Sarajevo, said Serbs swept over part of Cerska late Monday and there was heavy shelling. But he could not confirm the enclave was completely in Serb hands.

"It may not have fallen yet, but it would appear to be imminent,"

Frewer said. Other U.N. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Cerska had fallen.

Nenad Unukic, a ham radio operator in Zagreb, Croatia, said Muslim ham operators in Cerska reported "thousands" of people dead in heavy fighting. There was no way to confirm the reports, which often are exaggerated.

Ron Redmond, a spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency in Geneva, said Serb military commanders had blocked U.N. efforts to evacuate up to 1,500 wounded and seriously ill Muslims from the Cerska area.

He also said that Serbs were stepping up their ethnic cleansing campaign in the north and that thousands more Muslims could begin streaming into central Bosnia.

In all, six plane loads of food and medicine have been dropped over eastern Bosnia in the U.S. operation, which is being run out of Rhein-Main Air Base in Germany. It is the most direct U.S. intervention so far in the nearly year-long Bosnian war.

The C-130s dropping the supplies fly above 10,000 feet to reduce the risk of drawing anti-aircraft fire and, as another precautionary measure, have flown their missions at night.

Crew members said cloud cover helped hide them from view early today as three C-130s dropped nearly 19 tons of food and 1,000 pounds of medical supplies around Zepa.

As on Sunday night, no hostile fire was reported.

The last overland food convoy to reach Zepa, an area of 29,000 people, got there Feb. 21 and it was designated a "high priority" location by the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

Redmond said today that ham operators in the Cerska area were reporting that some Muslims were killed early Monday trying to recover food dropped by the Americans.

He said there was no way to verify the reports and he had no information on how many people were killed. Bosnian authorities were telling people to wait until nightfall before searching for aid parcels, he said.

The first three plane loads of food and medicine were dropped early Monday, intended for the estimated 20,000 Muslims in the Cerska area, where aid had been cut off since the war broke out.

Bosnia's Muslim-led government in Sarajevo said Monday that the drop appeared an almost total failure.

On Monday, Defense Secretary Les Aspin and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Colin Powell, issued a statement calling the initial airdrop "successful."

But a senior Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity said only about one-third of the bundles appeared to have hit the mark.

Clinton plan hits high-income, two-earner couples

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's tax plan has an unadvertised extra bite on high-income Americans — a greater tax penalty for marriage.

The income tax traditionally has extracted a higher tax from couples at some earning levels, compared with what two single people with comparable incomes would pay. This "marriage penalty" would be worsened by Clinton's deficit-reduction plan, which includes a new 36 percent top rate and a 10 percent surtax on those with taxable incomes over \$250,000.

Bill Dunn, an accountant with the Washington office of Coopers & Lybrand, offers the example of a single man and woman earning \$100,000 each. Their exemptions and typical itemized deductions leave them with taxable income of \$78,782 each. Under current law they would owe a total tax of \$39,888.

If they married and filed joint returns, their combined taxable income would be \$161,721, resulting in a tax of \$42,662. That is a marriage penalty of \$2,773 under current law. Their separate taxable incomes

are below the \$115,000 level at which the Clinton's proposed 36 percent rate would take effect for singles, so their income tax liabilities would not change.

However, the 36 percent rate would take effect at the \$140,000 level for couples filing jointly, meaning that if they married, \$21,721 of their taxable income would be taxed at that higher rate. That would boost their liability to \$43,748 — or \$3,859 above what they would pay as two single people.

Thus, the marriage penalty would be \$1,086 higher than under present law.

"The surtax would cause an additional penalty on married couples, because it would take effect at the same \$250,000 (taxable income) level whether you are married or single," Dunn noted.

"You take two people with \$150,000 salaries, put them together, and boom! You're in the surtax bracket," Dunn explained.

The tax system generally is biased in favor of married couples. A larger share of a couple's income is taxed at a lower rate, compared with the brackets used by singles.

However, that bias is not great enough to offset the effect of combining two people's incomes onto one return. Also, for non-itemizers, the standard deduction for couples (on 1992 earnings) is \$6,000, compared with \$7,200 allowed two single people.

There have been instances in which two-earner couples divorce at the end of the year to beat the penalty, and remarry on New Year's Day. And, of course, there probably are many people who live together without marriage for the same reason.

In 1981 Congress declared the marriage penalty a problem that ought to be corrected and created a special two-earner deduction of up to \$3,000. That deduction was repealed in 1986 under the assumption that the simplified three-rate system adopted in a major tax overhaul that year would reduce the penalty in most cases.

The penalty drops as the gap between two spouses' earnings widens. The penalty is \$1,284 when two spouses earn \$50,000 each. But if one spouse earns \$50,000 and the other \$20,000, the penalty falls to \$466.

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Morales introduces plan to elect minority judges

By LAURA TOLLEY
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Saying Texans deserve a better system for electing district judges, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has presented a plan to increase minority representation on the bench and reform campaign spending.

The proposal outlined Monday by Morales consists of a system of electing state district judges in sub-districts in Texas counties whose population exceeds 100,000.

Such a plan would affect about 28 counties, he said. However, the package of proposed campaign finance reforms would cover all state district judicial races.

"What we're after here is nothing more and nothing less than simple justice," Morales said during a news conference Monday afternoon at Houston's City Hall.

Morales said he picked Houston as the site to announce his plan because the biggest disparity in minority representation in the judiciary exists in Harris County.

Of the county's 59 state district judges, three are Hispanic and two are black, he said. The next worst disparity is in Dallas County where

of the 37 judges, four are black and one is Hispanic.

"There really is no excuse ... for this degree of disparity," he said, adding that the system is "crying out for structural reform."

The plan was presented earlier Monday to Gov. Ann Richards, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney. Morales said he plans to discuss his package Tuesday with a special Senate subcommittee and the House Judicial Affairs Committee.

In January, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the at-large system of electing state district judges in eight urban Texas counties was unfair to black and Hispanic voters, and thus was a violation of the Voting Rights Act.

The court gave the state six months to come up with a plan or face the possibility of a court-imposed judicial selection system.

Morales said he decided on a new election plan rather than switching to a system of appointing district judges because he believes voters don't want to surrender their right to decide who sits on the bench.

He also said he thought the plan should go beyond the counties targeted by the federal appeals court ruling.

Under the proposal, Morales said

minority voter participation would increase by creating smaller judicial voting districts.

Although he did not have any specific numbers on how many more minority judges might be elected, he said he believes the system would create a judiciary that would be more representative of the black and Hispanic communities in the targeted Texas counties.

It would be up to the Legislature to decide the specifics of the voting process, including such items as residency requirements. However, Morales suggested that a constitutional amendment would be the best way to establish the new system.

The attorney general's campaign reform package proposes a \$1,000 maximum limit on individual and political action committee contributions, a prohibition on contributions to unopposed candidates and maximum spending limits of \$50,000 per election.

It also would require additional disclosure information from judges and contributors.

"The taint of political favoritism and the influence of big money are doing immeasurable harm to the public's faith and confidence in our judicial system," he said. "We must eliminate once and for all the perception that justice is for sale in Texas."

James Baker joins Houston law firm

HOUSTON (AP) — James A. Baker III, former secretary of state and White House chief of staff in the Bush administration, will become a senior law partner at Baker & Botts in Houston.

Baker & Botts is ignoring its nepotism rule to bring Baker aboard, said Managing Partner E. William Barnett. Baker's son, James A. Baker IV, is a partner in the firm's Washington, D.C., office.

Baker will split his time between Houston and Washington, D.C. Barnett said he expects Baker to work for clients in international and financial legal matters.

"I am very pleased to be joining this distinguished firm which has so long been associated with my family," Baker said in a statement.

Baker's great-grandfather, Judge James Addison Baker, is the firm's name partner and was with the firm from 1872-1897. His son, Capt. James A. Baker, in turn followed suit, practicing law from 1877 to 1941.

Last week, Enron Corp. announced it had hired Baker and former Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher as consultants to help the company do business overseas. Baker also has been appointed to the board at Rice University, which has created a public policy institute named for him.

Enron also said Monday it has elected Wendy Gramm, former chairman of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to the board of directors.

Mrs. Gramm served as commission chairman from 1988 until this year. She is married to U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

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Man mistakenly jailed for 8 months

AUSTIN (AP) — A man who had been mistakenly held in jail for eight months instead of being sent to a state hospital for treatment has been released and transferred to a halfway house.

Marshall Grant, 37, was found mentally incompetent to stand trial on a misdemeanor assault charge last June.

A judge's order that he be taken to the Austin State Hospital for treatment was apparently lost in a paper work mix-up that wasn't discovered until last week, authorities said Monday.

Grant shook hands with Judge Wilfred Aguilar and hugged Woody Simmons, treatment director at the Travis County Jail after he was told that he would be

released from jail. He also thanked Ray Kohler, his lawyer.

During his eight-month stay at the jail, Grant was taking his medication regularly and receiving counseling, and over the weekend a psychiatrist decided Grant had regained competency. The decision meant Grant could be tried on the assault charge.

Grant pleaded no contest to the charge, and was assessed the maximum jail term, one year. Because most jail inmates receive two days of credit for each day served, Grant was immediately eligible for release.

In a telephone interview with the Austin American-Statesman from jail last Friday, Grant had said he would like help finding a place to live when he was released. He had

been living at the Salvation Army at the time of his arrest.

Jail officials arranged Monday through a local office of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to have Grant placed in a halfway house located on the grounds of Austin State Hospital.

Psychiatrist Richard Coons testified at the hearing that Grant was competent, but said that when he does not take his medication, he often hears voices.

Grant later told the judge that he assaulted a woman in June because voices warned him she was going to spray him with tear gas.

During questioning by Aguilar, Grant said, "The best way for me to stay out of jail is to stay on the medication."

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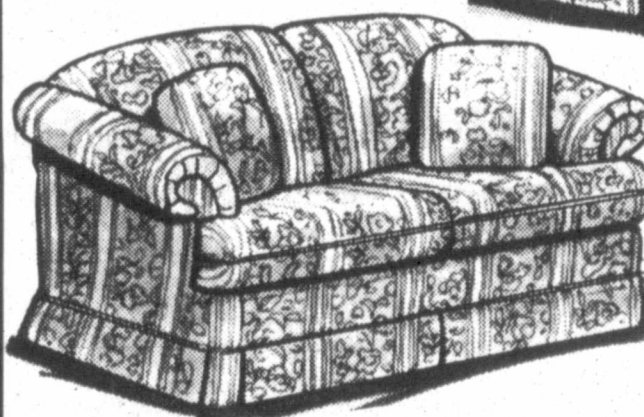
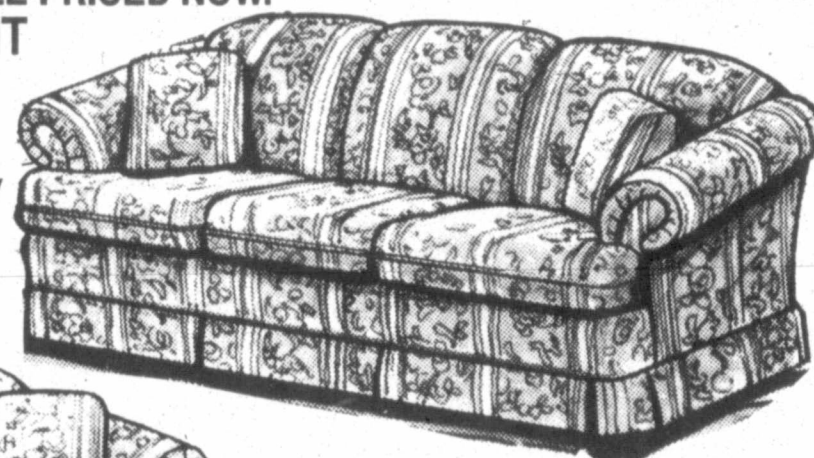
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Club News

Magic Plains Chapter of American Business Women's Association met Feb. 8 at Sirlin Stockade.

Members voted for Business Associate of the Year and Woman of the Year. Plans were made for Texas Trash Out Day April 3.

Christine Gwiazda of Germany gave the program discussing her family and village and comparing German and American school systems. She is staying in the home of Danny and Ellen Malone.

Ten members and two guests were present.

Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association met Feb. 15 to honor their Business Associate of the Year and Woman of the Year.

Ronnie Loter of Cabot Corp. was named Business Associate of the Year and La Nella Hensley was honored as Woman of the Year.

"Put Ons" from Central Baptist Church provided entertainment.

Fifty-five members and guests were present.

The next meeting is set for March 8.

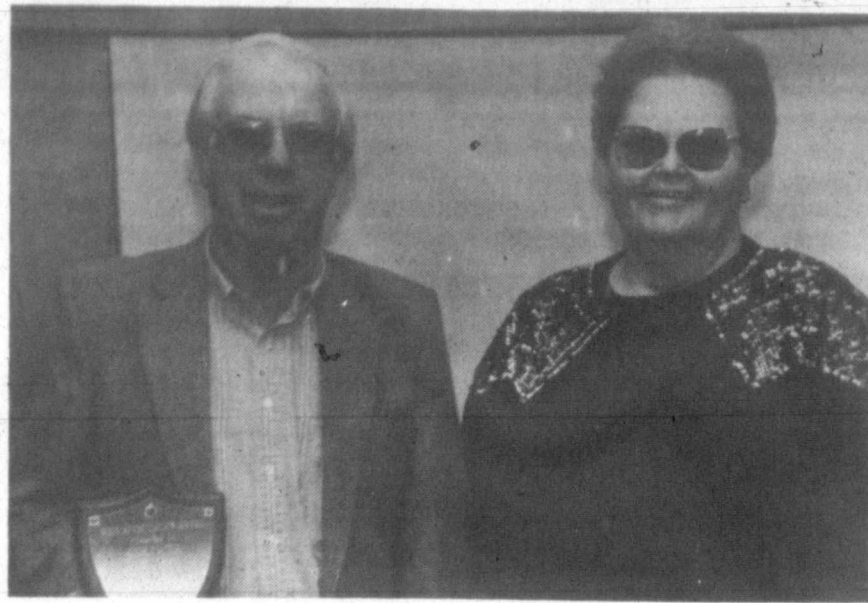
Borger Stamp Club elected officers. Named were the Rev. William Houghton, president; Ann Whitesides, secretary; Pete Marsh, vice president; Willis Ray, treasurer; and George Robie and Jim Calhoun, publicity.

The club meets the first and third Tuesdays in the Hutchinson Library Club Room, 625 Weatherly. Visitors are welcome.

Cachets of the last "Borpex" exhibition held in November 1992 are available. For information contact Secretary Ann Whitesides, 311 Dallas St., Borger, 79007.

Highland Hobby Club met in the home of Brenda Martinez Feb. 23.

Business meeting was called to order by Marilyn Kirkwood. She gave the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report.



(Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Ronnie Loter was named as Business Associate of the Year and La Nella Hensley was named Woman of the Year by the Magic Plains Chapter of American Business Women's Association.

A wash cloth shower was given to two members having birthdays in February.

The next meeting will be in the home of Gloria Norris on March 1.

The door prize was won by Kirkwood.

Kappa Alpha Chapter #3001 met at the Biarritz Club on Feb. 20. The dinner meeting was hosted by Eva Dennis. Ann Turner assisted with presentations. Attending were Dennis, Roy and Elsie Floyd, Fay Harvey, Lucille Merillat, Sylvia Sanders, Marilyn Butler, Gary and Elizabeth Swinner. Guests were Jimmie Brown of Perryton, and Dan and Jo Puckett.

The next meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. March 4 at the Red Cross Building, 108 N. Russell.

Twentieth Century Club met in the home of Janice Hoffer on Feb. 23. A program in AIDS was presented by Faye Watson. Committee chairmen distributed Pampa's Solid Waste Disposal fact sheet and

names and addresses of companies who sponsor television programs containing violence and sex.

The next meeting is set for March 9 in the home of Linda Moore.

Altrusa International Club met Feb. 22 in the Starlight Room with President Brenda Tucker presiding.

Becky Holmes announced that Maxine Howell was the winner of the ring raffle. Daisy Bennett won the "Extra Mile Award" for selling the most tickets.

Mary Wilson was welcome back to the club. Marian Jameson reported that a make-up meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m. March 15 at the Senior Citizens Center.

Marilyn McClure presented the Accent "What is a Sponsor?" for Honor Your Sponsor Night. Sandy McCoy entertained the club with a "Fractured History" of the world.

A memorial was sent to International Foundation in memory of Charlene Morris's father.

The next meeting is set for March 8.

Hospitality training scheduled for Thursday

Texas hospitality training for business managers and employees is set for 2-4 p.m. Thursday, in the M.K. Brown Heritage Room, 1000 N. Sumner.

The trainer will be Susanna Coppennoll, extension assistant of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Texas A&M University.

The agenda includes topics such as the importance of hospitality and service, identification of appropriate guests, common mishaps in service delivery and community pride.

The free program is offered by the Gray County Extension Service and the Tourism and Retail Committees of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Coppennoll has worked as sales director for Holiday Inn, as associate staff member of the Texas Engineering Extension Service at Texas A&M and as personnel training manager for Alexander Oil Co.

In 1989 through 1992, she served as coordinator of the statewide service management training program

"Texas Hospitality: Sharing Our Heritage — Sharing Our Pride," in cooperation with the Texas Department of Commerce and Southwestern Bell Foundation.

Coppennoll has conducted 22 Texas hospitality instructor training programs and over 75 employee and manager hospitality training workshops. She has led workshops or made presentations related to teambuilding, goal setting, rural hospitality and festival evaluations.

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However, if you are sure he's the man with whom you want to spend the rest of your life — ask him anyway. Of course, there are no guarantees that he will say "yes," but nothing ventured, nothing gained.

P.S. Leap year occurs every four years when there will be 366 days instead of 365 — the extra day being Feb. 29.

Volunteers needed for 'Lights On' crusade

The Gray/Roberts Unit of the American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to walk their blocks in the "Lights On" for cancer control community crusade from April 12-19.

Volunteers will go house-to-house

in their neighborhoods to deliver nutrition information. A brief training session and distribution of materials will take place the week before the walk. Coordinators will be phoning Gray/Roberts residents during March to enlist block walkers.

To participate in the "Lights On" campaign as a block walker or a phone bank caller, call Marilyn Howell at 665-0022 or stop by the National Bank of Commerce at 1224 N. Hobart 6-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 9 and March 18.

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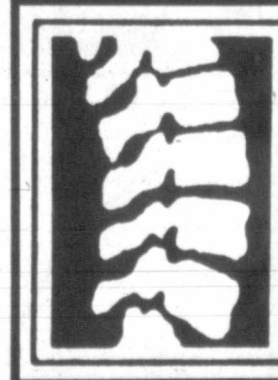
Scientists have found the world's first poisonous bird. It's called a hooded pitohui (say: PIT-oh-hoey). It lives on the Pacific island of New

Guinea. And it has very poisonous feathers.

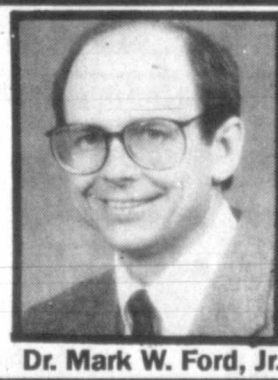
A U.S. science student made the discovery by accident. He had cut his finger while handling a pitohui. After sucking the cut, his mouth instantly began to burn and turned

numb (he wasn't hurt).

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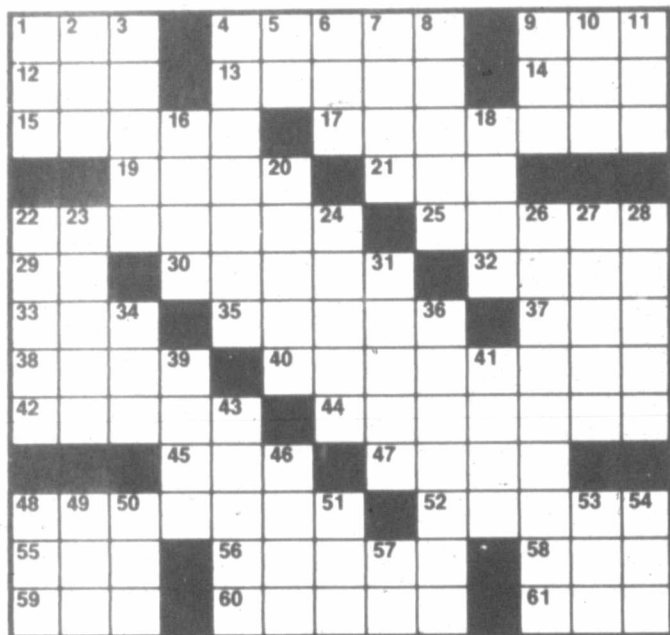
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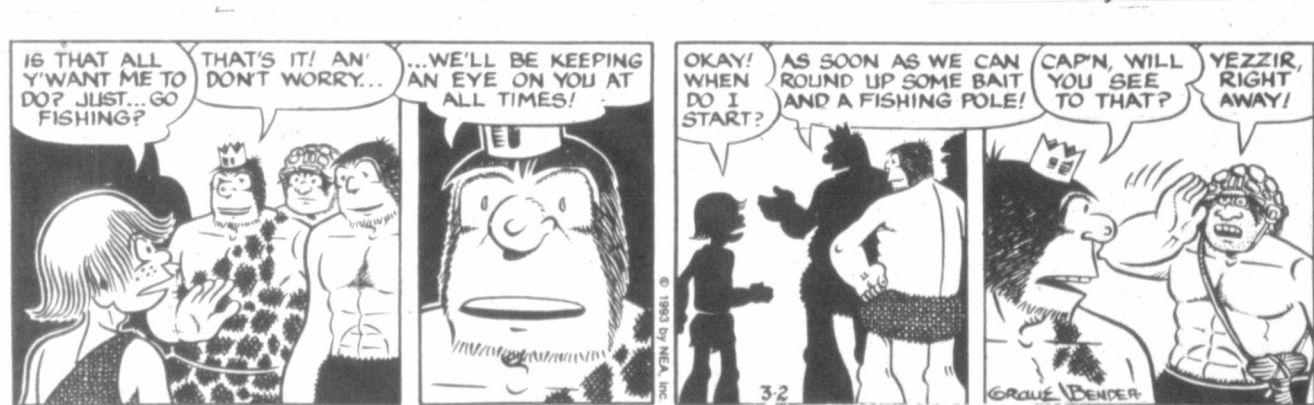
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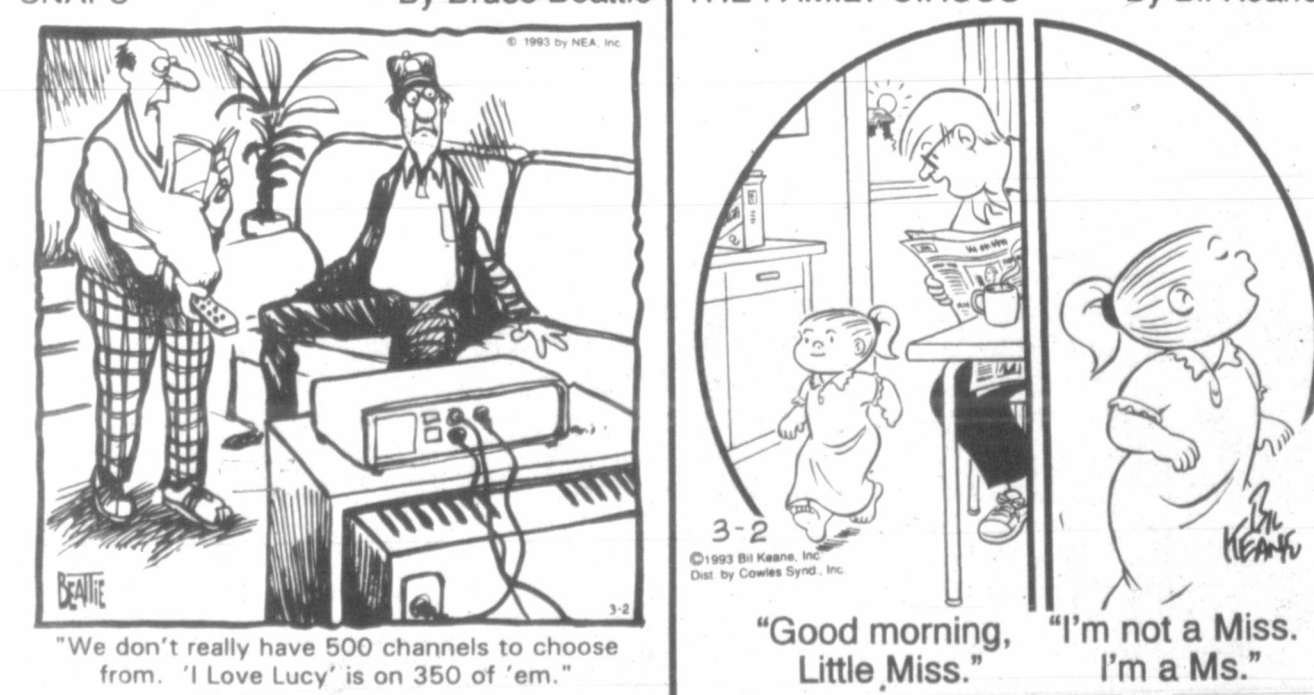
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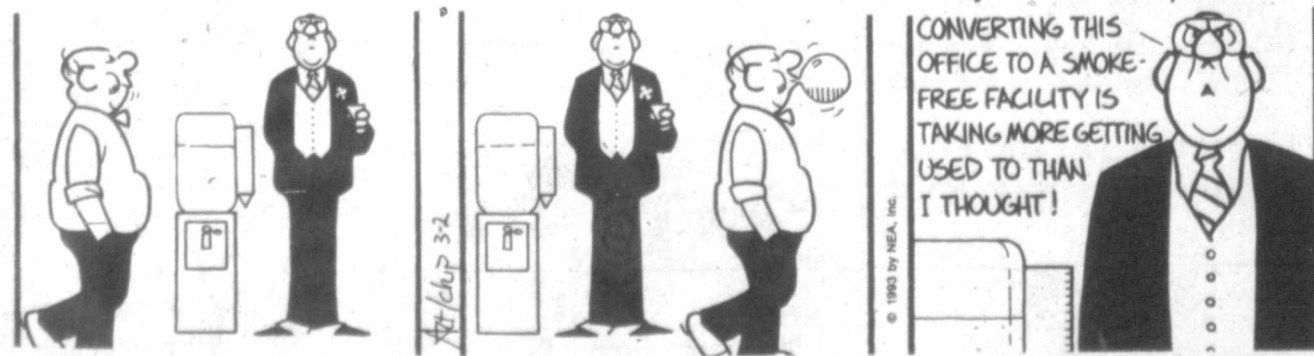
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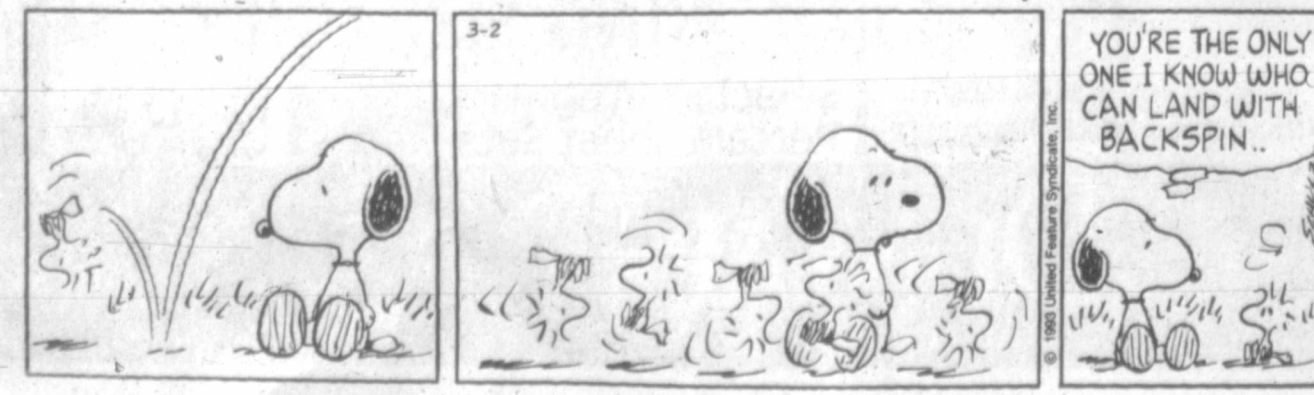
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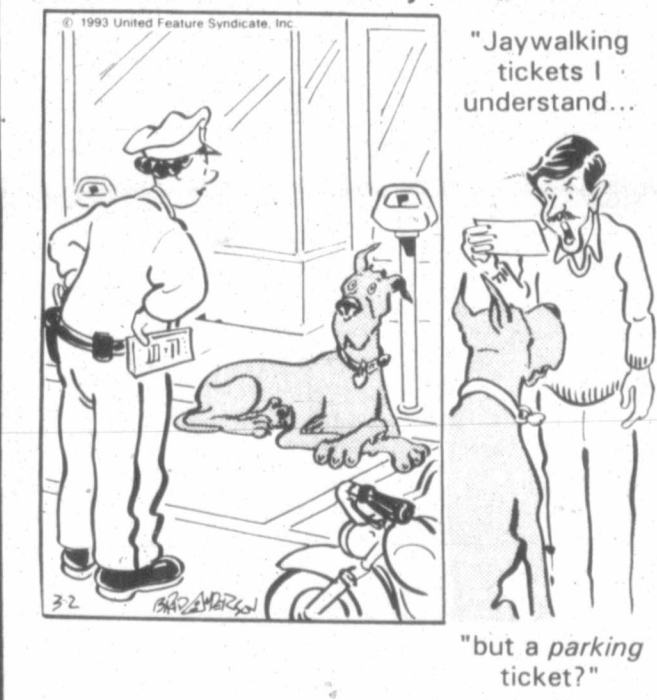
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Where your finances are concerned, you might run the gamut between prudence and extravagance today. Balance your affairs, but don't overload them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Treat people in your charge with consideration today, but don't overindulge them. Pampering could establish a precedent that will be hard to retract.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't take the lion's share of credit today regarding an achievement that was accomplished with another's help, especially if you know deep down that the other person's input was greater than your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Personal relationships can be enhanced today if you make it a policy to give your friends the benefit of the doubt. When making judgments, be sure they are gentle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You have the wherewithal to accomplish whatever you set out to do today, but you must be realistic regarding the size of rewards you expect in return for your efforts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You possess some information that is of significant importance to one of your associates. Conversely, he or she knows something that could be helpful to you. A beneficial exchange is likely today.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In order to win support for your ideas and opinions today, use a creative approach. Let your audience think that what you conceptualized has originated with them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your financial prospects look promising today, provided you don't take foolish risks. If you're going to add to your resources, your best chances are along conservative lines.

Sports

Sooners spoil Oklahoma State's top 20 debut

By OWEN CANFIELD
AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Jeff Webster had 19 points and Bryant Vann 17 as Oklahoma frustrated 7-footer Bryant Reeves and spoiled No. 19 Oklahoma State's debut in the rankings with an 89-80 victory Monday night.

College basketball

The loss crippled Oklahoma State's chances of winning or tying for the Big Eight title. The Cowboys (18-6, 8-5) must hope league-leading Kansas loses to Nebraska on Wednesday night or the race is over.

Oklahoma (19-9, 7-6) held Reeves to 12 points — seven below his average on 5-of-11 shooting — and withstood a career-high 29 by Randy Rutherford. Reeves had the Cowboys' first seven points, then didn't score again until hitting a free throw with 12 minutes left in the game.

Oklahoma's pressure defense forced the Cowboys into 23 turnovers and held them to 45-percent shooting. They came in averaging nearly 52 percent.

The Sooners' widest lead was 71-56 with 9:45 remaining. Oklahoma State then went on a 9-0 run.

But then the Cowboys committed turnovers on four of their next five possessions and the Sooners took advantage, scoring eight straight points to push the lead to 79-65 with just under four minutes left. Oklahoma State got no closer than eight points thereafter.

Angelo Hamilton had 13 points and Ryan Minor 11 to go with a dozen rebounds for Oklahoma.

Rutherford made six 3-pointers to lead the Cowboys' offense. Brooks

Thompson, who had 23 points in the their victory over Oklahoma in the first meeting this season, added 15 points.

The Sooners used an 11-0 run, which included seven free throws and a monstrous alley-oop dunk by Ken Conley, to take their largest first-half lead, 33-22 with 3:13 left.

Rutherford's third 3-pointer of the half ended the run and helped Oklahoma State get within six points. But a 3-pointer by Vann with eight seconds left pushed the Sooners' lead to 40-31 at halftime.

New Mexico 90, UNLV 88
LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — Marc Thompson's putback basket off teammate Tracey Ware's airball with 5 seconds left gave New Mexico State a 90-88 victory over No. 16 UNLV and the lead in the Big West Conference.

New Mexico State (21-6, 13-3) beat the Rebels (19-5, 12-4) for only the second time in 22 meetings.

Thompson, who teamed with point guard Sam Crawford to carry New Mexico State to a 50-38 half-time lead, made his only basket of the second half after Ware's 15-foot jumper sailed over the basket. Thompson, who finished with 15 points, grabbed the loose ball and laid in a 3-footer.

UNLV point guard Dedan Thomas's 20-footer at the buzzer glanced off the front of the rim.

Crawford, the national leader in assists, also scored 15 points and had 13 assists.

Dexter Boney led UNLV with 28 points. Evric Gray scored 22 points and J.R. Rider, the nation's second-leading scorer added 20.

NMSU shot 59 percent in the first half to lead by as much as 38-24 with 6:00 left in the first half.

But the Rebels used a 9-1 run off an exchange of technicals on Rider and Aggie center James Dockery to

erase a 68-60 New Mexico State lead with 13 minutes remaining.

Dockery, whose four straight baskets early in the second half kept the Aggies in front, fouled Rider as the UNLV star went for a slam. The two exchanged shoves and were both assessed a technical.

Rider made four free throws and Crawford hit just one, and the momentum shifted toward the Rebels.

St. John's 90, Syracuse 70
NEW YORK (AP) — St. John's, picked for next-to-last in the Big East before the season started, guaranteed itself no worse than a second-place finish with a 90-70 victory over Syracuse on Monday night.

Shawnelle Scott, who had been hampered by an ankle injury, led No. 25 St. John's (17-8, 12-5) with 20 points and 10 rebounds, eight on the offensive boards. Lawrence Moten led Syracuse (17-8, 9-8), which had won three straight, with 20 points.

St. John's finished in a three-way tie for first with Seton Hall and Georgetown last season. But the graduation of four starters and the retirement of Hall of Fame coach Lou Carnesecca didn't bode well for the Redmen this season, and the league's coaches picked them ninth in a preseason poll.

The Redmen will play first-place Seton Hall (12-4) on Saturday.

The victory over Syracuse came easy for the Redmen, who took a 28-13 lead thanks to a 20-0 run. The Orangemen never were closer than nine points in the second half, sustaining their worst loss this season.

This was the first time in seven meetings between the teams that the final margin was more than seven points.



Oklahoma's Angelo Hamilton scrambles on the floor for a loose ball while teammate Ryan Minor and Oklahoma State's Randy Rutherford look on. (AP Photo)

Top athletes



(Special photo)

Three Pampa tennis players, from left, J.B. Horton, Josef Chervenka and Brooks Gentry, were named athletes of the week by the Harvesters Booster Club.

Fly fishing seminar scheduled at M.K. Brown Civic Center

A fly fishing workshop is scheduled for Saturday in Pampa, beginning at 2 p.m. in M.K. Brown Civic Center.

The workshop will be conducted by Barrie Bush of Santa Fe, N.M., who has been fly fishing for the past 50 years.

Bush was a successful businessman in San Francisco, Calif. when

he chose to give up the fast-paced life to become a fishing guide. Bush had been a guide for the past six years and in 1991, he opened the Santa Fe Fly Fishing School.

Charlie Munger, a biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, will also be at the workshop. Munger will answer questions regard-

ing state fishing regulations and give out information on the species of fish native to this area.

The workshop is open to the public and is free of charge. It's sponsored by the City of Pampa, Northcrest Pharmacy and First National Bank of Pampa.

Steinbrenner returns to command post as Yankees' owner

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — On the first day of George Steinbrenner's return to baseball, there was no doubt about who was boss.

"Where's Gene Michael? Hey, Stick, get over here!" Steinbrenner commanded, summoning his general manager.

Steinbrenner then called over Don Mattingly, who was busy fielding grounders at first base. The three of them posed for pictures with Steinbrenner smack in the middle.

Steinbrenner was stuck in the middle all day Monday, and he clearly loved every minute. His 2 1/2-year suspension ended at midnight, and he couldn't wait to resume his role as the active owner of the New York Yankees.

"I never really thought about the

day I'd come back, but I'm just glad to be back," he said.

More than 200 reporters wearing special "The Boss Is Back!" press stickers rushed to meet him when he arrived in the morning. It took Steinbrenner a full hour to make his way 50 yards through the mass to the field at Fort Lauderdale Stadium.

When Steinbrenner got inside the ballpark, more than 2,000 fans — about 10 times the number who normally would watch a workout — mixed loud cheers and boos. There was a brief "George Must Go!" chant, but a "Welcome Back Boss" message flashed on the scoreboard and a small plane flew overhead trailing a "Welcome Back George" sign.

The spectacle was so big, the throng so thick — especially for a so-so team — that it even took one of the Yankees' newest stars a few

minutes to wade through the crowd to meet the owner.

"Hiya, sir," Wade Boggs said, extending his hand when he finally reached Steinbrenner.

"Hiya, sir?" Steinbrenner repeated. "I'm just glad you're here."

But no one was as happy as Steinbrenner to make the scene. His suspension, imposed by Fay Vincent for consorting with a known gambler and paying him \$40,000, was over and again he was the talk of the town. He spent the day in the spring-training sunshine signing autographs, kissing babies and posing for more pictures.

"It makes me feel good," Steinbrenner said as two dozen camera crews jostled for position next to him. "I'd rather get shoved around a little bit than have no one here."

There wasn't a chance of that happening. And the Yankees, at least for now, said they were happy to see him.

"Absolutely, I'm glad he's finally here," manager Buck Showalter said. "We'll sit down soon and start discussing what we want to do."

For one day, too, Steinbrenner said the things his players and staff wanted to hear.

"I don't think you'll see me back in the swing like I was. Today was different because it was the first day," he said. "But in the old days, you might have seen me in Gene Michael's office by now."

Steinbrenner planned to meet with Michael, Showalter and his players today.

"I'm still going to be hands-on, but I will try to delegate more," Steinbrenner said. "Maybe there were mistakes made on my part in the past. But don't forget, we won more games than anyone in the 1980s, so somebody had to have been doing something right."

But, even during those good times, people didn't always do it

third and fourth. The Wildcats, working on a perfect Pac-10 season, were No. 1 on five ballots, while the Wolverines, who have suffered half their losses this season to Indiana, received three first-place votes. Kentucky (21-3), which lost at Tennessee the day after Indiana lost, dropped three places to fifth.

Duke jumped from ninth to sixth and was followed by Vanderbilt, Kansas, Utah and Seton Hall.

"And the way Duke is playing without Grant Hill, they're still a top three or four team," Smith said.

Not even members of Smith's team, who are trying to finish on top of the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season schedule for the first time since 1988, are worried about the top ranking now.

North Carolina (24-3) received 49 first-place votes and 1,600 points from the nationwide panel of writers and broadcasters to easily outdistance Indiana (25-3), which had eight first-place votes and 1,517 points. The Hoosiers, who have played three games without injured forward Alan Henderson, had been No. 1 for four weeks until losing at Ohio State in overtime to snap a 13-game winning streak.

Smith has two more nominees for No. 1.

"Certainly you have to consider Arizona, going through the Pac 10 without a loss," he said.

Arizona (21-2), which has the nation's longest current winning streak at 19 games, and Michigan (22-4) each moved up one spot to

"We don't care about the spotlight too much," North Carolina center Eric Montross says. "As long as we're playing well, we know that we'll be there when the time comes if we continue to improve. That's what's important to us."

North Carolina is the sixth team to be ranked No. 1 this season, joining Michigan, Duke, Kentucky, Kansas and Indiana, matching the number that did it in 1989-90. Since 1980, the most teams to hold the top spot in one season were the seven that did it in 1982-83.

Smith is trying to guide his team to another top 10 finish. The Tar Heels closed last season at No. 18, their worst finish in a final poll since they failed to crack the top 20 in 1990. Twice, in 1982 and 1984, the Tar Heels were No. 1 in the final poll.

Harvesters tangle with Eastern Hills in 4A basketball regionals

The Pampa Harvesters meet Fort Worth Eastern Hills at 8 p.m. tonight in the regional semifinals in Wichita Falls.

Tonight's victor meets the Justin Northwest-Plainview winner later this week in the regional finals and a trip to the final four tournament in Austin.

Pampa has a 25-5 record while Eastern Hills is 28-5. The Harvesters defeated Sweetwater, 68-57, and Eastern Hills downed Wichita Falls, 84-73, in the area round last week.

The Harvesters are sparked by 6-1 senior Dwight Nickelberry, who averages 20 points a game. Seivern Wallace, a 6-4 junior, adds 11 points and eight rebounds to the Harvesters' attack.

Guards Lamont Nickelberry and Duane Nickelberry are both hitting about 10 points an outing.

Guard Juan Bragg averages 21 points and forward Princeton Parks 18 for Eastern Hills.

Tonight's game will be played in the D.L. Ligon Coliseum at Midwestern State University.

Marge Schott starts serving her one-year suspension.

Steinbrenner said he thought about disguising himself in a beard and old clothes, walking into the stadium and jumping on top of the dugout to announce, "I'm back!"

But he decided on a more subdued entrance — he just walked in — in light of the World Trade Center explosion and the shooting of federal agents in Texas.

"I couldn't just come in here and do a comedy act," he said. "Now is not the time."

Mattingly and many others were surprised at Steinbrenner's casual arrival.

"I thought he'd be a little more dramatic than just walking in," Mattingly said.

But, as it was quickly pointed out, it's a long season and the drama is just beginning.

Poole hurls three-hitter as Pampa rips Dalhart

The Pampa Harvesters baseball season is in full swing... sort of.

Despite an 8-1 victory over Dalhart Saturday in a seven-inning game, Harvesters' coach Rod Porter said, "Our bats aren't quite as far along as the rest of our game, but they're slowly coming around."

Pampa's eight runs came on five hits and 12 walks. Junior Tony Cavalier lead the way with a single and a double. Senior Brad Smiley and junior Tracy Peet both added key hits for the Harvesters.

Senior hurler Chris Poole pitched six innings, surrendering just three hits, three walks and one earned run, while striking out 10. He threw 99 pitches in the game. Porter then went to the bullpen to give junior shortstop Greg Moore a chance. Moore threw just 11 pitches, quickly

striking out all three batters he faced. Poole earned player of the week honors for his effort on the mound.

"I feel like really good things are gonna happen for us this season," Porter said. The Harvesters are 1-1 after the victory and play four games this week. Tuesday at 4:30 p.m., they'll play at Canyon. Friday at 5 p.m., the Harvesters take on River Road on the road and the Harvesters next home date comes Saturday March 6 with a double header against Elk City starting at 1 p.m.

Porter also noted that his team has seen a limited amount of live pitching this season, because of the weather. "Once we get out there a little more, I'm confident our bats will start coming alive," he said.

Lady Harvesters place second in ABC Relays

The Pampa girls track team placed second at the ABC Relays at Frenship over the weekend with several outstanding individual efforts. Mechelle Abbott cleared 5-foot-2 in the high jump, taking first place; M. Leal took first in the 3200-meter run with a time of 13 minutes, 2.77 seconds and all three relay teams took second place in their respective races.

The final team totals were: 1. Frenship, 151; 2. Pampa, 147; 3. Big Spring, 98; 4. Plainview, 92; 5. Estacado, 29; 6. Dunbar, 25; 7. Levelland, 18; 8. Lamesa, 26.

Pampa's individual place-winners were:

Discus — 6th place, J. Whitney, 82-1.

Long jump — 4. L. Imel, 15-3 1/2; 5. J. Hutcherson, 15-3; 6. L. Ramirez, 15-0 1/2.

High jump — 1. Mechelle Abbott, 5-2.

Triple jump — 3. L. Imel, 33-1; 6. L. Ramirez, 31-10 1/2.

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100-meter hurdles — 4. M. Abbott, 17.49; 5. L. Ramirez, 17.53; 6. K. Sparkman, 18.01.

300 hurdles — 2. M. Abbott, 50.69; 4. L. Ramirez, 52.61; 5. K. Sparkman, 53.45.

100 — 3. T. Chesser, 12.81; 4. K. Rainey, 13.52; 5. A. Tollerson, 13.71.

200 — 2. T. Chesser, 28.28; 3. J. Hutcherson, 29.00.

1600 — 2. M. Leal, 5:56.09.

1600 relay — 2. Pampa, L. Jones, M. Adams, E. Calloway, B. Jackson, 4:24.82.

Free agency becomes way of life in National Football League

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

At 12:01 a.m. Monday morning, one minute after free agency officially became a way of life in the NFL, the phone rang in agent Ralph Cindrich's office.

Cindrich's answering service took the call from one of the clubs. "They said they wanted to make sure we knew they were the first to call," the agent said.

Do you get the feeling this may be a seller's market?

NFL teams received the official list of 484 free agents from the league on Monday. It came complete with some intriguing names, headed by Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Reggie White, who is expected to attract the most frenzied bidding.

Cindrich, who was in Dallas attending an agents' seminar on the new rules and regulations, said he did not anticipate a groundswell of player movement. "I think about 90 to 100 will move," he said. "It will be about the same as Plan B was."

Plan B, of course, is history, ruled illegal by a federal court in a ruling that eventually led to the contract settlement and the new free agency system. Under it, almost all players with five years in the NFL whose contracts have expired are free to sign with other teams. The exceptions are "franchise" and "transition" players, who are guaranteed significantly higher salaries in exchange for being held back from free agency entirely, or for clubs to retain first refusal rights.

White was listed as Philadelphia's "franchise" player, but he can reject that designation because he was one of the plaintiffs in the free agency suit. The same was true of Phoenix safety Tim McDonald. Both were second-team All-Pro. The only other All-Pro on the unrestricted list is defensive back Gill Byrd of San Diego, another second-team choice.

For agents like Cindrich, Monday meant fielding preliminary contacts from the teams. "Some teams will want to look players over," Cindrich said. "Some players will have no part of that, especially if their old clubs want them back."

There are plenty of those. Denver, with linebacker Karl Mecklenburg and wide receiver Mark Jackson on its list of five, would like to see all of them remain with the Broncos. New coach Wade Phillips made that clear.

"I think the good thing is, they like playing here," Phillips said. "It's a good place to play, and it's a good organization, and I think the club has treated them well, as far as salaries and so forth."

Houston Oilers tackle Don Maggs, said Monday he already has

been contacted by the Denver Broncos and the Green Bay Packers.

Some teams signed their own free agents Monday to keep them off the market. Among those was Tampa Bay tackle Rob Taylor, who agreed to a new two-year contract, and Indianapolis running back Clarence Verdin, a two-time Pro Bowl selection.

Both the Colts and Bucs have other familiar names available. They include Indianapolis kicker Dean Biasucci and Tampa Bay quarterback Vinny Testaverde and wide receiver Mark Carrier.

A number of other marquee quarterbacks are available. They include Phil Simms and Jeff Hostetler of the New York Giants, Jim McMahon of Philadelphia and Jim Harbaugh of Chicago.

Harbaugh said he'd take the opportunity to examine his options.

"I don't see any harm in visiting a couple of teams, checking out their city and coaches," he said. "I've always been happy in Chicago and chances are that's where I'll continue, but its only prudent to look around."

The free agent championship went to Washington with a league-leading 21 unrestricted players. They include wide receivers Gary Clark and Art Monk; guard Mark Adickes; defensive backs Todd Bowles, Brad Edwards and Danny Copeland; and linebacker Monte Coleman.

Pittsburgh had the fewest players on the unrestricted list with four available: linebacker Bryan Hickie, tackle Tunch Ilkin, defensive end Aaron Jones and linebacker Hardy Nickerson.

Super Bowl champion Dallas had seven unrestricted players, including backup quarterback Steve Buerlein, defensive end Charles Haley and wide receiver Kelvin Martin. AFC champion Buffalo listed eight, including linebackers Carlton Bailey and Shane Conlan, tight end Pete Metzelaars and defensive back Clifford Hicks.

Two-time NFL rushing champion Emmitt Smith of the Cowboys is on the restricted free agent list.

PHS teams split soccer twinbill

Pampa defeated Caprock, 3-1, last weekend in a high school boys' soccer match.

Heath Stevens scored twice for Pampa while Greg McDaniel added one goal.

Pampa improves its record to 3-1 in District 4 and 5-4 overall.

In girls' action, Pampa fell to Caprock, 2-1.

Erin Brown scored a goal for the Lady Harvesters and Courtney Smith scored one in a shootout.



Ruben Sierra of the Athletics works on his bunting during the first day of spring training Monday. (AP Photo)

Jackson prepares for return to baseball

By The Associated Press

Is Bo ready? He's about to find out.

Bo Jackson will be a designated hitter for the Chicago White Sox in Wednesday's intrasquad game and will take fly balls in the outfield later this week.

Jackson learned to slide on his right side even before his left hip replacement surgery and did a head-first dive into third base during a practice session the first week of camp at Sarasota, Fla.

Chicago has until March 15 to decide whether to exercise Jackson's option for 1993 for \$910,000 or buy out his contract for \$150,000.

But general manager Ron Schuler said a decision to pick up the option could come sooner if Jackson's comeback continues once exhibition games begin. Jackson has worked out at first base and continues doing everything during drills except run.

"He runs fast enough to play," manager Gene Lamont said. "He goes at it good. The one thing I admire is that when he goes out there, he really goes at it."

Although Jackson's speed now is

considered to be average, Lamont is curious to see how fast Jackson is out of the batter's box. Jackson still displays a slight limp, but it is nowhere near the hobbling Jackson displayed before leaving spring training last year.

"The question is, if his hip does hold up, how good is he going to play?" Lamont added. "One big part of his game is his speed, which won't be there. It looks to me like he'll have the power. But as far as the throwing, we'll have to see more. The one thing I can't forget is how long has it been since he played."

Meanwhile, there's no doubt about George Steinbrenner's comeback.

With a self-congratulatory turn worthy of a Broadway showman — which he occasionally is — Steinbrenner celebrated the end of his 2 1/2-year suspension with a gala entry at the Yankees' camp in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"I never really thought about the day I'd come back, but I'm just glad to be back," Steinbrenner said.

More than 200 reporters wearing special "The Boss Is Back!" stick-

ers rushed to meet him, and more than 2,000 fans mixed cheers and boos to greet him.

"It makes me feel good," Steinbrenner said as two dozen camera crews jostled for position next to him. "I'd rather get shoved around a little bit than have no one here."

With this out of the way, the Yankees can now focus attention on their improved team, which added Jim Abbott and Jimmy Key to the pitching staff in the off-season. It remains to be seen whether Steinbrenner dropped his bullying tactics during the suspension, which came about after he gave \$40,000 to a known gambler.

At Haines City, Fla., the Kansas City Royals said pitcher Mike Boddicker will have arthroscopic surgery Wednesday to repair torn meniscus cartilage in his left knee.

Boddicker is to return to spring training camp Saturday. Trainer Nick Swartz said he could be pitching again in two weeks.

"This is the best shape I've come to spring training in since I was 22, and I still get hurt," the 35-year-old Boddicker said.

Boddicker said he first noticed soreness in the knee Friday and that it got worse after he ran 10 100-yard dashes Saturday morning. He threw batting practice that afternoon, but was held out of fielding drills.

"It doesn't hurt at all throwing," Boddicker said. "I can pitch on it like this. I just can't do anything else effectively. It's my landing knee, which is even worse."

The New York Mets received good news on a pair of players who underwent MRI examinations Monday at Port St. Lucie, Fla.: second baseman Jeff Kent and pitcher Anthony Young. Kent, who complained of soreness in his right arm, was diagnosed with a superficial injury to some of the fibers to his cuff tendon, and no major structural damage was found. The second baseman will be put on a strengthening program for two weeks and is allowed to throw lightly in the meantime.

Young had felt soreness in his left leg, and an examination revealed it was just that and the pitcher shouldn't miss any time on the mound.

Kite quietly becoming one of golf's greatest

By KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — He's never mentioned in the same breath with Jack Nicklaus or Arnold Palmer or even Tom Watson. Even now, he usually gets second billing behind Fred Couples.

Last year, for the first time in 18 years, he wasn't even invited to The Masters.

Still, Tom Kite quietly has established himself as one of the best to play the game.

And the soft-spoken, bespectacled Texan definitely isn't through yet.

Already the PGA Tour's all-time money-winner and a champion 19 times, the 43-year-old Kite is playing perhaps the finest golf of his career.

"Right now I feel so good about myself, my game, that I might as well just sit back and enjoy it, watch it like a spectator," Kite said.

It has been entertaining, to watch.

After winning twice in 1992, including the U.S. Open for his first major title, Kite has been on a tear this year. In the four tournaments he's played, he's won twice and finished second once.

Two weeks ago in the 90-hole Bob Hope Desert Classic, he won with a record 35 under par, finishing with a 62 for a 7-shot victory.

Earlier, in the Tournament of Champions, he closed with a 64 at La Costa to finish one shot behind winner Davis Love III.

Trailing by four strokes with seven holes left Sunday at Riviera Country Club, Kite birdied five holes down the stretch to win the Los Angeles Open going away.

After shooting an opening 73 that left him back in the pack, Kite rallied with a 66 on Saturday, includ-

ing a 30 on his last nine holes, and a 67 on Sunday, with a 31 on the back nine.

The \$180,000 winner's check raised his career earnings to more than \$8 million, far beyond Watson, who is second with just over \$6 million.

"Tom is playing absolutely great," said Couples, who finished tied for second with three others, three shots behind Kite in the LA Open. "When you're on a roll like he is, you just keep winning."

Said Payne Stewart, also in the group three strokes behind the winner: "Tom Kite could be playing the best golf of his life."

Consistency has been a hallmark for Kite since he joined the tour in the early 1970s, and now he seems to have raised that consistency to a new level.

"It's a total maturing of everything — the physical part, the mental part, the maturing of Tom Kite," he said. "I've always thought of myself as a good putter, and my swing is getting really good."

And he has learned the virtue of patience.

Recalling a stretch during the LA Open when he missed four putts within eight feet, he said he didn't get down on himself.

"Years ago, I might have gotten impatient," he said. "Instead, I got determined. Instead of going off the deep end, I'm doing better than I've ever done in my life being patient. I'm easier on myself, nicer to myself. And most importantly, I'm being more forgiving."

Kite, recalling his first few years on the tour, compares the way he's playing now to the way Johnny Miller was playing then.

"I remember being totally amazed how easy he was making the game look and how well he was playing at that time, and how he was able to separate himself from the field," Kite said of

Miller, who won eight tournaments but in the last six months, I've done Johnny Miller shots. It's neat."

"I don't how long it will last, neat."

Johnson scores 30 as Hornets edge by Utah

By BOB MIMS
AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The ailing Charlotte Hornets found the cure by sending the Utah Jazz spiraling deeper into the doldrums.

"It wasn't so much a must win, but a must effort we needed," Larry Johnson said after scoring 30 points to help the Hornets snap a two-game losing streak with a 110-107 victory Monday night — and drop the Jazz to 0-5 since the All-Star break.

Johnson hit 11 of 19 shots to lead Charlotte Monday night, while Alonzo Mourning added a career-high 22 rebounds, 17 points and tied his career blocked shots mark with nine.

"Anything that was in the vicinity of arm's reach I tried to block or rebound," Mourning said.

"That was by far our biggest win of the year," added Charlotte coach Allan Bristow.

Johnny Newman, sinking eight of nine shots, had 21 points for the Hornets, while Kendall Gill finished with 19.

Karl Malone led all scorers with 32 points, but missed what would have been the tying jump shot in the final seconds as Utah dropped its fourth consecutive home game since the All-Star break.

John Stockton added 22 points and 14 assists for the Jazz, who also got 18 points from Jeff Malone.

The last time Utah lost four in a row at home was in 1985.

"Our guys were fighting so hard to get back into the game," said Utah coach Jerry Sloan. "They were trying to the point that it was almost impossible for them."

With the win, the Hornets tied its season series with Utah at one game apiece. The Jazz won 93-91 Dec. 16 at Charlotte.

Trailing 90-78 early in the fourth period, the Jazz scored 10 straight points — keyed by reserve center Mike Brown's three jumpers — to pull within 2. They could get no closer.

Down 107-105, Malone missed a short jumper and then fouled out trying to get the rebound. With 9.2 seconds to play, Mourning made both foul shots, securing the Hornets' victory.

The Jazz had the last shot, but Stockton was unable to get his 3-point attempt — which fell short, anyway — off before the horn.

A 10-2 Charlotte run — with Gill and Johnson scoring twice — had given the Hornets an 80-70 lead with 3:41 left in the third quarter. Charlotte held an 86-78 lead going into the final 12 minutes.

The Hornets led 13-10 four minutes into the game when Utah launched a 10-0 run, with Malone getting six of his 13 first-quarter points. Malone added a hook and a pair of free throws to push the Jazz lead to 29-20 at the 1:16 mark.

Stockton had a three-point play, a driving layup and a 3-pointer in the opening two minutes of the second quarter — then dished off to Tyrone Corbin under the basket and added a foul shot to give Utah a 14-point lead.

But the Hornets quickly erased the Jazz advantage, unleashing their running game to catch the Jazz flat-footed and on the short end of a 17-6 scoring spurt.

Pan new treat

By PAUL
AP Science

WASHINGTON

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Panel OKs new cancer treatment

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal committee approved an experimental plan to treat brain cancer by infecting tumors with a herpes gene and then killing the cancer cells with the same medicine that kills herpes.

A National Institutes of Health committee on Monday endorsed the unusual experiment proposed by researchers at the University of Iowa. It still needs approval by the NIH director and the Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Kenneth W. Culver, an NIH researcher who is moving to Iowa to run the experiment, said the technique already has been tried on five patients at NIH. He said the patients have developed no toxic reactions to the therapy, but that it is too early to determine if there has been improvement in the cancers.

"The therapy we'll use in Iowa will be an advance in the sense that we're going to try a different surgical approach," said Culver.

Members of an NIH panel called the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee approved the use of the experimental technique for 15 patients. If the treatment proves itself, the panel said the investigators then could request permission for 15 more patients.

Culver said the experimental trials could start in June if it receives final FDA approval by then.

Under the system proposed, patients suffering from brain cancer, which is almost inevitably fatal, would undergo surgery to remove as much of the tumor as possible.

The patients then would be infused with a harmless virus that has been altered to contain a gene from the herpes simplex virus. The herpes gene makes the virus sensitive to a drug called ganciclovir.

Once inside the brain, the genetically altered virus would infect any remaining tumor cells. When this occurs, the herpes gene is established inside the cancer cells.

Culver said that once the tumors are infected by the virus, the patients would be given ganciclovir. This drug would kill both the virus and the brain tumor cells, he said.

"The only place that the drug would cause any toxicity is in the cells with the herpes gene," Culver said.

Only brain cancer patients who have failed to improve after standard therapies would be considered for the experimental trials. Patients who fail standard therapies usually survive for only a few weeks to a few months.

The gene therapy technique has been tested extensively in mice and rats. The researchers said they found the fast-growing tumor cells were the only cells in the brain that would integrate, or take in, the altered virus.

Gene therapy against brain cancer is receiving increased research by scientists. In January, researchers in San Diego treated a 51-year-old woman with cells that had been genetically altered to contain a gene for interleukin 2, a protein that boosts the attack cells in the immune system.

The theory is that these immune system cells then would attack the brain tumor.

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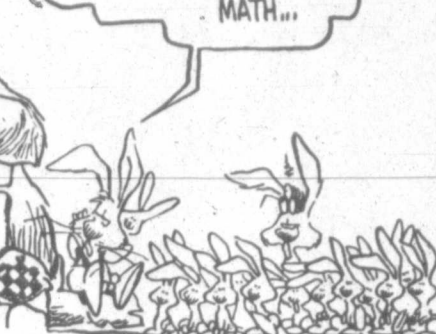
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Security's tight in Trade Center bombing aftermath

By LARRY McSHANE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Bags were checked at the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty. Motorists opened car trunks for inspection at the Rockefeller Center parking garage. And police kept a higher profile.

Commuters returning to work after the deadly bomb blast at the World Trade Center on Friday saw more blue uniforms at bus and train stations.

More officers also patrolled City Hall, court buildings and police headquarters, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said Monday. Over the weekend, the transit agency posted officers at tunnels below the East and Harlem rivers.

Police weren't the only ones stepping up security. Five hundred people from the city's major corporations attended a police primer on anti-terrorist security Monday. The last such meeting came during the Gulf War.

Many security chiefs said they were taking a second look at controlling access to their buildings.

"We're always reviewing security measures, and after Friday's inci-

dent, we're reviewing them again," said Bob Shabazian, spokesman at

the American Stock Exchange. "I can't say more than that."

"We don't comment on security at all," said Joe Carella,

spokesman for the Empire State Building — a typical reaction. But some changes were obvious at the 102-story Empire State Building, which was the target of bomb threats within hours of Friday's blast. Some entrances were closed, and bags were searched.

"I'm actually more afraid of being mugged than being bombed," said Josephine Herbert, 23, of London, as she waited for an elevator up to the observation deck.

Similar procedures were in effect at the United Nations and the Statue of Liberty. At Rockefeller Center, trucks were stopped and their loads checked; patrons at a parking garage were asked to open their trunks.

At the World Trade Center, authorities are considering a shutdown of the underground public parking garage where the bomb went off.

"Everything is going to be on the table," said Stanley Breznoff, executive director of the Port Authority, which operates the twin 110-story towers.

Elsewhere:

—Security was stepped up at Chicago's 110-story Sears Tower, the world's tallest building, where more than 5,000 people work daily, said Perry Chlan, a spokesman for Sears, Roebuck and Co. He would not give specifics.

—Security also was tightened at the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the world's largest commodities futures exchanges.

—In Los Angeles, security was increased at city buildings and the L.A. World Trade Center.

—Newark International Airport in New Jersey was moved to a Level 3 alert, which means limiting access to some areas and adding more uniformed and undercover personnel.

In New York City, copycat callers continued to plague police with bomb threats: 55 came in on Monday, the fourth straight day of at least three dozen crank calls. The department usually fields 10 bomb threats a day.



(AP Photo)

Members of the joint terrorist task force gathers evidence Monday at the scene of Friday's bomb blast at the World Trade Center in New York.

Unemployed man's gamble pays off: \$2.6 million jackpot

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Any luck Bill Gallagher owes his Irish roots may be debatable, since it was last St. Patrick's Day that he lost his job. Then again, he just won \$2,591,904 playing a 50-cent slot machine.

Laid off on March 17, 1992, after 19 years with a New York bank, Gallagher moved to Salt Lake City eight months ago hoping to find a more receptive job market.

Gallagher still hasn't found a job, but since Friday he doesn't need one because of his happy encounter with a slot machine in a Wendover, Nev., casino.

"I really didn't think I had the luck of the Irish," he said.

Gallagher, reached over the weekend at his Salt Lake County home, said he's still reckoning with his sudden wealth.

"I'm 40 years old," he said.

"Now that I have all this money, I can be a lot younger."

Gallagher had gone to the casino with his sister, Susan Valentini, to forget about his frustrating job search.

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Stratolounger calls this 3 piece sectional "PLUS FOUR"™ because it gives you so much more! Four extra-deep adjustable back pillows a chaise recliner and a luxurious super sofa bed with an exclusive Pillow-Top™ Strato-Pedic Innerspring mattresses. Take advantage and save hundreds of dollars and you HAVE ONE WEEK TO DO IT!

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HERE'S WHY STRATOLOUNGER IS YOUR FINEST FURNITURE VALUE

- Lifetime warranty on reclining and sofa bed mechanisms. (See store for details)
- Exclusive "Stratolounger" Genesis Reclining Mechanism
- Utilized steel construction with exclusive "In-Bar" for exact alignment and precise, easy opening and closing of recliner units
- Locked ottoman will not slide open from weight of body on seat
- No-wobble ottoman with steel stabilizer bar cannot sway from side to side
- Kiln dried hardwood at all stress points adds strength and durability
- Sag resistant steel spring adds buoyancy and seat life, wire stabilizers add strength
- Fiber wrapped seat cushions with buoyant polyfoam core for extra comfort
- No-sag back springs for added comfort
- Deep padding over select wood frame a custom furniture touch
- All corners double dovetailed and glued for added strength
- Upholstered and padded front rail shaped for more finished furniture look
- Arms padded with polyfoam for luxurious comfort

ANNUITIES: A matter of great interest.

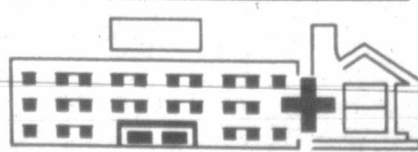
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