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County asked to reconsider Pantex resolution



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Doris Smith, who with her husband, Phillip, farms near the Pantex plant, urges Gray County Commissioners Court to reconsider a resolution in favor of the proposed Pantex expansion.

County rejects additional pay raise

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy's proposal to increase county employees' pay by \$100 a month, effective 1992, fell on deaf ears during budget discussions in the regular Commissioners Court meeting on Tuesday.

Kennedy said he had been concerned that the proposed \$50 a month per employee raise was not enough, considering the increased costs of health insurance and cost of living.

"I'm concerned about the well-being of the county employees and their abilities to provide for their families," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said the additional \$50 a month per employee would cost the county \$74,000.

Kennedy said his proposal came at a time when he had seen salaries for other employees, whose offices are in the courthouse, increased. "We sit here and worry about this money. But I've noticed raising people's salaries is not an issue that raises much attention," he said.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley said, "I'm not for going up another \$50. I think, just checking

with other companies around, that we're paying right up there or more, counting the retirement. I've had too many people coming to my door asking for jobs. Today, in my opinion, having any job is better than none."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene said that if too much of a pay raise is given, the Commissioners Court might be "sitting here next year saying 'we're going to raise the thunder out of the taxes or cut one-third of the people.'"

Wheeley said, "I may be wrong, but as far as I'm concerned, it's hard on everybody to make a living these days."

County Clerk Wanda Carter mentioned that some of the increases in salary some years back given to the men employees of the county were not given to some of the women employees in the courthouse. "Some of them (women) are heads of households with children. The women have been held back," Carter said.

No motion was made and no action was taken on Kennedy's proposal. The proposed \$50 a month increase per county employee is still included in the proposed \$5.2 million 1992 budget.

During a public hearing on the proposed tax rate of 30.294 cents per \$100 valuation, Susan Triplehorn spoke and asked the Commissioners Court to reconsider dipping into the Highland General Hospital fund for the shortfall of the 1992 budget, estimated at the end of Tuesday's session to be about \$345,000.

"For the past eight to 10 years, I've attended many budget sessions and many regular sessions where you've called upon those funds (from the sale of the hospital).

Those funds have always been beneficial. I really hate for the county to use those funds."

Triplehorn said \$600,000 at a rate of 6 percent interest would generate \$36,000. She said if the money is used up, there will be no interest to draw.

"Once you do away with those cash funds, then each and every year we're going to see a tax increase," she said.

The proposed tax rate is up from 27.39 cents per \$100 valuation set last year. The Commissioners Court unanimously voted to advertise that the proposed tax rate of 30.294 cents per \$100 valuation will be presented for adoption at the next meeting of the Commissioners Court on Sept. 16.

In other budget action, Wheeley said he would take \$2,000 off his request for road materials and \$6,000 out of his budget for a vehicle purchase and \$22,000 that would have been paid to an employee that he is not going to replace.

"We're going to have to cut. I don't think any of our offices are at a bare minimum," Wheeley said.

The Commissioners Court also unanimously voted that effective Jan. 1, no officeholder can replace any employee without first getting permission of the Commissioners Court.

In other budget action, the Commissioners Court unanimously voted on a motion by Greene, seconded by Wheeley, to deny a request by County Treasurer Scott Hahn for mileage money for his daily trips to the post office and bank. Hahn had put in a \$500 request for the mileage.

"I'd be willing to accept \$300 that Wanda (Carter, county clerk)

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By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Representatives of Panhandle Area Neighbors and Landowners (PANAL) on Tuesday presented Gray County Commissioners Court with their views of the proposed Pantex expansion and urged the Commissioners Court to rescind a prior resolution in favor of the expansion.

Following the presentation, the Commissioners Court voted to consider the item at the next regular meeting, set for Sept. 16. Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright said he would like to invite representatives in favor of the proposed expansion to be at the next meeting.

Doris Smith, who farms west of the Pantex plant with her husband, Phillip, said of the Pantex issue, "This is not a local issue. This is not an emotional issue. It will affect the food chain across the United States and it will affect taxes across the United States."

Smith pointed to the current Rocky Flats, Colo., plant as an example of what the Texas Panhandle could be faced with should Pantex be expanded. Rocky Flats was shut down in November 1989 because of numerous health and safety violations.

Regarding the tax dollars that are and will be spent, Smith said it is currently costing more than \$2 million a month to pay "idle" workers at the Rocky Flats plant. She said the Rocky Flats plant has also contaminated the groundwater supply.

Smith said that Pantex as well has contamination of the solvent toluene present at 329 feet below the surface while the Ogallala aquifer lies at 390 to 420 feet beneath the site. The aquifer provides drinking and irrigation water for parts of eight states.

Because of Pantex's contamination, the Environmental Protection Agency in July of this year added Pantex to its Superfund National Priorities List. This list is compiled of the most hazardous waste sites posing the greatest threat to human health and the environment. Pantex is a World War II-era ordnance facility which is the nation's final assembly plant for nuclear bombs and missile warheads.

C.E. Williams, manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, spoke to the Commissioners Court, also urging them to reconsider their endorsement of Pantex expansion. Sept. 30 is the final date to

notify Department of Energy with any comments on the proposed expansion.

Williams said the potential for plutonium contamination is a real concern.

He also cited the already present contamination, caused by the solvent toluene, and stressed that the contamination could reach the aquifer.

Smith said, "A lethal dose (of plutonium) is just a dust speck. It will remain lethal for 250,000 years."

Smith said the disposal of the plutonium waste is also a concern of PANAL.

Frank Wink, also a farmer near the Pantex plant, said some of the Amarillo city fathers have deemed him and others as "unpatriotic" because of opposition to Pantex's expansion.

Wink, speaking with emotion, said that his great-grandfather's land was condemned in the 1940s for the building of the original Pantex site. "Two weeks were given for him to vacate the site."

Wink said, "If my concern for the environment, my family and neighbors is unpatriotic, then I'm guilty."

He also added that it will take \$1.7 million to \$2.2 million in clean up for every warhead produced. He said there have been about 60,000 produced to date.

Jim Osborne, also a farmer near Pantex, said his wife, Jeri Osborne, had conducted a study which showed that the southwestern quadrant of Carson County has a much larger death rate for cancer than the state.

The state has an annual death rate of 155 people per 100,000 population. Her study concludes that the portion of Carson County studied has an equivalent rate of 429 deaths per 100,000 for the first seven months of this year.

She said 11 people died of cancer during those seven months. At that rate, she said the county would have an equivalency of 735 deaths per 100,000 population for this year.

Addis Charles Jr., also a farmer, said that the Department of Energy has stressed that with new technology, anything at Pantex will be safer. However, he said, he has seen no proof of that new technology.

"We are living with an agency whose forte is lies, deception, fraud and mismanagement," Charles said.

Smith said, "We're not going to sit back and trust that DOE will do it right this time ... Pick one of the sites that's already contaminated. Don't come into the bread basket."

Time capsule



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Justice of Peace Margie Prestidge, left, and James Stone, Gray County employee, place time capsules of PVC pipe containing memorabilia about Gray County into a decorative pillar at the north entrance of Gray County Courthouse Tuesday morning. Gray County commissioners and County Judge Carl Kennedy, as well as Ola Gregory Covey, former longtime county employee who came to Pampa when the county courthouse was moved from Lefors, were among those attending the event. A program from Gray County Historical Appreciation Week, December 1970, donated by Tracy Cary, was also one of the items stored in the time capsules which was not included in the news article about the subject in Sunday's paper.

Football poll

Interested in testing out your prediction skills for the upcoming football season?

Starting Thursday, readers will be given a chance to pick winners of football games, with a chance to win a gift certificate.

See Page 12 in Thursday's edition of *The Pampa News*.

Cold winter coming up? Your guess is as good as anyone's

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Fall is in the air and several new editions of farmer's almanacs are in the book stores. Both are turning people's thoughts to winter, wondering if this will be the year.

Will the coming winter be another dose of mild temperatures and little precipitation, or are we really due another severe winter like 1987 and '88, as some coffee shop prognosticators suggest?

'We just look at the systems that are coming in. Once you get past about three days, it's real hard to tell what's going to happen.'

The Southern Farmer's Almanac, which relies on 40 years of computer data in drawing up its forecasts, suggests the overall winter will be cold, but very dry.

Similar predictions come from *Harris' Farmer's Almanac*, which relies on Denver-based meteorolo-

gist Edward Pearl for its outlooks.

In the preface to their forecasts, *The Southern Farmer's Almanac* says what many meteorologists are too polite to state: that trusting an almanac is a little like basing your life on the daily horoscope.

Clemmie Brown of the National Weather Service in Amarillo pointed out, "We don't even pay too much attention to our own National Weather Service 10 day outlooks. We just look at the systems that are coming in. Once you get past about three days, it's real hard to tell what's going to happen."

However, Brown said his gut feeling is the Panhandle will have an early winter. "But that's just my opinion," he insisted.

Southern, meanwhile, is predicting warm days and cold nights through November for the Panhandle. By Dec. 6, their computer reports, the warm weather will fade and there will be snow on the ground in the Pampa area.

The wintry weather is predicted by *Southern* to continue through the end of December, with only a brief



(Staff photo)

Former Pampa policewoman Susan Ortega directs emergency efforts during the infamous blizzard of 1987. Almanacs, which build reputations on accurately predicting weather patterns, are suggesting a cold and wet December for the Panhandle. Overall, though, the almanacs are calling for another generally dry winter.

warming trend the week of Christmas.

Harris is also saying rain or

snow can be predicted at two to four day intervals in December and that precipitation will be above normal.

That could spell a White Christmas for the Top of Texas.

However, Brown, of the Weather Service, said anyone who says the Panhandle is "due a bad winter since we haven't had one in a couple of years" is not in touch with how weather systems work.

Brown said, "Going back three or four years, you can see it's been a while since we've had a blizzard. In Pampa, it was March 17, 1988. You had 22 inches and there were only four inches of snow in Amarillo. But that doesn't mean we're due. You just never can tell. You can go two or three years in a row with bad winters every year and then go seven without one."

While those kinds of hedged bets are the safest, they are certainly not the most fun. *Harris* is much more specific in predicting that the cold, wet weather of December will give way to a mild January, with chances of rain or snow only on the 5th through the 7th and the 29th through the 31st.

Southern is also predicting a warm January, but they warn to look

for freezing rain or sleet around the 20th.

February will also be dry, though cooler than January, both almanacs are suggesting.

Then comes March, when blizzards become the "B" word in the Pampa area and people pull out their "I survived the blizzard of '88" T-shirts. Talk turns to the winter of '87 when a roof at the Pampa Mall caved in from all the snow.

Will there be a snowy repeat of '88 in Pampa, or will it just be a wind tunnel, like 1990 and '91?

Harris is calling for "some severe weather about mid-month" and *Southern* is predicting above normal precipitation. That spells big time snows.

However, *Southern* offers some hope by also calling for "unseasonably mild" weather in March.

The bottom line? It's all a guess. And those who guess right will be able to say, "I told you back in September it was going to do this!"

Everyone else will hope for better luck, or a better almanac, next year.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DAVIS, Paul E. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Wellington.

Obituaries

CLIFFORD CLARK

GROOM — Clifford Clark, 82, died Monday, Sept. 2, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. today in Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel in Amarillo with the Rev. Richard Neyer, pastor of St. Mary's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church of Groom, officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's Cemetery in Groom.

Mr. Clark was born in Sioux City, Iowa, and was a Groom resident for 81 years. He was a retired farmer and a cattleman. He was a member of St. Mary's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rose, in 1988.

Survivors include five sisters, Marion Kendrick of Groom, Bernice Hartzog of Bovina, Doris Irlbeck of Happy, Lucille Smith of Mesquite and Mable Beardsly of Newcastle, Wyo.; a grandson; and three great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM LEWIS CLARK

William Lewis Clark, 83, died Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1991. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Clark was born on Feb. 10, 1908, in Parkman, Okla. He moved to Pampa in 1990 from Erie, Colo. He married Hazel Blomgren in 1946; she preceded him in death in 1987. He married Lela Clark on July 28, 1990, in Pampa. He was a Baptist. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Navy Seabees.

Survivors include his wife of the home; five stepsons, Lester Blomgren of Smyrna, Ga., Darwyn Blomgren, Duane Blomgren and Dwight Blomgren, all of Colorado, and Gary Clark of Pampa; two stepdaughters, Darlene Blomgren of Colorado, and Donna Carter of Clinton, Okla.; two brothers, Clarence Clark of Shattuck, Okla., and Chester Clark of Seagoville; one sister, Ruby Fischer of Colorado; several step-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to any Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter.

PAUL E. DAVIS

WELLINGTON — Paul E. Davis, 66, brother of a Pampa man, died Monday, Sept. 2, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kerry Hookstra, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Davis was born in Durant, Okla. He married Ulvorn Stephens in 1944 at Hollis, Okla. He was a building contractor. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II where he received a Purple Heart. He was a member and past master of Masonic Lodge No. 763. Mr. Davis was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 238. He was a 32nd degree Mason. He was a member of the Al Mina Temple of Galveston, the Scottish Rite and the First Christian Church. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Davis, in 1964.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Ronnie Davis of Odessa and Eddie Davis of Wellington; a daughter, Betty O'Rear of Wellington; six brothers, H.E. Davis Jr. of Wellington, Kenneth Davis of Pampa, Danny Davis of Iowa Park, Sonny Davis of Rogue River, Ore., Bobby Davis of Wichita Falls and Jackie Davis of Mansfield; four sisters, Francis Jones of Bennington, Okla., Dorothy Daniels of Odessa, Helen Nix of Wichita Falls and Betty Simpson of Northfield; and seven grandchildren.

LEONA M. FOWLER

Leona M. Fowler, 90, died today, Sept. 4, 1991. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Fowler was born Dec. 3, 1901. She had been a resident of Pampa for 50 years. She was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include one brother, Tom Sanders of Pampa; four sisters, Velma Sims of Woodville, Colo., Marie Pitman of Dallas, Audrey Young and Thelma Pate, both of Wichita Falls.

MARGARET ANN WEATHERLY VINCENT

AMARILLO — Margaret Ann Weatherly Vincent, 58, died Monday, Sept. 2, 1991. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. today at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Fred Tinsley Jr. officiating. Services are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Vincent was born on the Weatherly's Springhill Ranch in Des Moines, N.M. Her grandparents, John and Maggie Weatherly, were pioneer Panhandle ranchers. She moved with her parents to Amarillo in 1944, graduating from Amarillo High School in 1951. She attended the University of Arizona. She married Robert Carr Vincent on Nov. 1, 1961, at Amarillo. They bought a ranch in Cimarron County, Okla., in 1964 where they lived until 1984.

She served on the Boise City, Okla., School Board for five years and was an active leader in the Republican Party of Oklahoma. She was active in the Randall County Republican Party and the Republican Women's Club. At the time of her death, she was serving as treasurer of the Pi Beta Phi Alumni Organization of Amarillo. She had also been active in numerous historical societies, civic and charitable organizations in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas. She served as a communicant of Saint James' Episcopal Church in Dalhart and was active in all phases of church activities.

Survivors include her husband of the home; a daughter, Dawn Ann Vincent Davis of Portales, N.M.; three sons, Weatherly Carr Vincent of Amarillo, Clifton Edward Vincent II of Boise City, Okla., and John Robert Donald Vincent of Amarillo; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Weatherly of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Justin Paul Dauer, Chelsea Ann, Shibil Scott and Brittany Catherine Claire Davis, all of Portales, N.M.; and a cousin and business partner, Norma Durvines O'Neal of Panhandle.

The family requests memorials be made to the building fund of Saint James' Episcopal Church, 801 Denver Ave., Dalhart, Texas 79022; the Nita Stewart Halen Memorial Library, 1805 W. Indiana Ave., Midland, Texas 79701; or to the Carson County Square House Museum, P.O. Box 276, Panhandle, Texas 79068.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions	Dismissals
Richard Albert Ellis, Pampa	Doyle Webb, McLean
John Haynes, McLean	Lois Williams, Pampa
William Joel Hunnicutt, Borger	William Lewis Clark, Pampa
Vicki Lindsay, Pampa	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Nadean Spinks, Borger	None
	Dismissals
	None

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Sept. 2

Pampa Independent School District reported a burglary and criminal mischief at Wilson Elementary. Police reported disorderly conduct at 1208 S. Dwight.

Hiley Armstead, 1504 W. Kentucky, reported injury to an elderly person at the nursing home.

Azelle Loftis, 1615 N. Russell, reported criminal mischief in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

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

Armando Ramirez, 1219 S. Wilcox, reported criminal mischief at the residence.

The city of Pampa reported a theft at Ballard and Browning.

Western Sizzlin', 922 W. 23rd, reported a theft at the business.

Mark Nolte, 512 Ward, reported found property in the 400 block of North Faulkner.

American Vacuum Cleaner Co., 420 Purviance, reported a burglary at the business.

Police reported domestic violence in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill and the 1000 block of South Dwight.

Arrests

TUESDAY, Sept. 3

Billy Don Sells, 18, no known address, was arrested at 1208 S. Dwight on a charge of disorderly conduct.

GRAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrests

TUESDAY, Sept. 3

James Floyd Williams, 28, 404 Lowry, was arrested on a parole violation.

Kenneth Allen Taylor, 30, Lefors, was arrested on a parole violation.

Minor accidents

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

TUESDAY, Sept. 3

8 a.m. — A 1982 Jeep driven by Carol Fields, 1024 Mary Ellen, collided with a 1976 Lincoln driven by Misty Weldon, 1201 N. Russell, at Willison and 22nd. Fields was cited for failure to yield right of way.

12:15 p.m. — A 1988 Chrysler driven by Margaret Creed, 1017 N. Somerville, hit two city signs in the 200 block of North Russell. Creed was cited for driving the wrong way on a one way street.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, Sept. 3

8:39 a.m. — Medical assist at 839 S. Russell. Two units and four firefighters responded.

12:31 p.m. — Smoke scare at 19th and Nelson. Three units and eight firefighters responded.

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets on Thursday at 10 a.m. in Room 11 at Clarendon College, Pampa Center. To arrange for a partner, call Marguerite Ward at 669-7543.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health Immunization Clinic will be offering vaccines that give protection against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, rubella and mumps. The clinic is located in the Hughes Bldg., 408 W. Kingsmill, Suite 100, and will be open Thursday, Aug. 22, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. The fee is based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

CHRISTIAN COALITION

The Christian Coalition will meet Thursday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m., Lovett Library. Speakers will be Rep. Warren Chisum and Alice Patterson, Coalition field director.

EASTERN STAR

Top O' Texas Chapter 1064 Order of Eastern Star will meet Thursday, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.		Cabot O&G	17 1/2	up 1/8
		Chevron	71 1/2	up 1/8
Wheat	2.68	Coca-Cola	64 3/8	dn 5/8
Milo	3.93	Enron	64 1/8	dn 5/8
Com.	4.36	Halliburton	37 1/4	dn 5/8
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		Ingersoll Rand	47 5/8	up 1/8
Ky. Cent. Life	9 5/8	KNE	26 3/8	NC
Searco	3 5/8	Kerr-McGee	42 3/8	dn 1/4
Occidental	24	Limited	27 1/4	dn 1/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		Mapco	49 7/8	dn 1/8
Magellan	68.19	Maxus	9 3/4	dn 1/4
Puritan	13.94	McDonald's	31 7/8	dn 5/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.		Mesa Ltd.	2 1/4	up 1/8
Amoco	51 3/4	Mobil	68 3/4	up 1/8
Arco	117 1/2	New Atmos	19 3/4	NC
Cabot	30 3/8	Penn's	50 5/8	dn 1/4
		Phillips	26 5/8	dn 1/8
		SILB	72	dn 1/8
		SPS	31 1/2	NC
		Tenneco	40 1/8	up 1/8
		Texasco	63 7/8	up 1/8
		Wal-Mart	49 5/8	dn 1/8
		New York Gold	348.50	348.50
		Silver	3.91	
		West Texas Crude	22.08	

Holloway convicted in murder-for-hire case

By SUSAN FAHLGREN
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — A Channelview woman apologized today for having "destroyed the life and family" of the mother of her daughter's cheerleading rival and begged the jury to grant her probation for trying to hire a hitman.

Wanda Holloway, 37, was found guilty Tuesday of solicitation of murder. Jurors were ordered to return to court this morning to hear testimony in the punishment phase of the highly publicized trial. The maximum sentence is life in prison.

A jury found Mrs. Holloway wanted someone to kill Verna Heath, the mother of Amber Heath, her daughter's cheerleading rival.

Breaking into sobs on the witness stand, Mrs. Holloway said, "I never meant for anything to happen to her or Amber and if I could do anything to take it back, I would."

Asked by her lawyers why she thought she should be placed on probation, she said, "Because I

think that this trial has been enough punishment for me."

Mrs. Heath, meanwhile, described how her life has been changed by her role as the intended victim.

"I've had nightmares at night and when I get in my car, I'm afraid to start the engine because I've often felt like my car was going to blow up," she said.

Mrs. Holloway acknowledged the effect on the Heath family.

"It's totally destroyed her life and her family," she told the jury. "I lost sight of a right from a wrong."

Mrs. Holloway's husband, C.D., testified he was not happy with the jury's verdict. "I don't feel good at all. I would like her to be with me. I feel it's an injustice."

He said he and his wife frequently talked about his stepdaughter Shanna Harper's not making the cheerleading team.

"I think maybe it was over-discussed with too much emphasis put on it," he said.

The jury believed the prosecution's contention that Mrs. Holloway thought Amber Heath would be too upset over her mother's death to compete in cheerleader tryouts. If Amber dropped out, Shanna would have a better chance of winning, they said.

Amber, 13, is a cheerleader at Channelview High School. Shanna, 14, did not participate in the spring tryouts, which took place after her mother's arrest.

During the trial, prosecutors played secretly recorded tapes in which Mrs. Holloway discussed hiring a hitman with her former brother-in-law, Terry Harper.

Defense attorneys attempted to discredit Harper's testimony, claiming he only wanted to set up Mrs. Holloway so his brother could win custody of the couple's two children, Shanna and Anthony Shane Harper, 18.

Jurors reached a verdict after about 5 1/2 hours of deliberations. But in an unusual move, State District Judge George Godwin told the 12 jurors to reconsider their decision.

Hudson improving from accident injuries

A 39-year-old Pampa man has been upgraded from critical to serious condition following a collision on Interstate 40 Monday afternoon.

Stanley Hudson of Pampa showed slight improvement in his condition, according to a nursing supervisor at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo this morning.

Department of Public Safety accident reports show Hudson was traveling westbound on I-40 in a 1991 Chevrolet pickup, when a 1989 pickup, traveling eastbound, crossed over the median and struck Hudson's pickup.

Hudson was spun around and struck by a Snyder Trucking Co. 18-

wheeler, also traveling westbound, the report said. The tractor-trailer dragged Hudson's pickup about 700 feet before coming to stop, according to the DPS.

Officials said the accident occurred at 1:52 p.m. Monday at the Potter County/Oldham County line.

The driver of the tractor trailer was York Monroe Jr., 45, of Oklahoma City, Okla., who was treated and released at an Amarillo hospital for minor injuries.

The driver of the pickup, which crossed the median, is listed as Jobonny Lecompte, 18, a student at Clarendon College from Tucumcari, N.M.

DPS reports said Lecompte was

apparently traveling back to college when he lost control of his vehicle and it spun around, crossed the median and struck Hudson's pickup.

A spokesman for the Department of Public Safety said Lecompte was not injured in the accident.

Hudson was pinned in his pickup for more than an hour, the DPS said. The top of the pickup was cut off to free Hudson, who was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Hudson reportedly suffered two broken legs, a fractured hip and other injuries.

DPS officials said no citations are being issued pending further investigation.

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County

and Vickie (Walls, district clerk) get. You guys (commissioners and judge) travel in your job and you get a travel allowance. I just say what's fair is fair and I've said that every year at budget time," Hahn said.

In other business, the Commissioners Court:

- appointed Jody Finkenbinder of the Gray County Clerk's Office as the records manager for Gray County. Finkenbinder will act as the records manager for the four commissioners offices and for any other officeholder who makes a request.

- approved on a 4-1 vote allowing Tax Assessor/Collector Margie Gray to purchase a fax machine. Gray said the machine would be an asset to her department because of a new law, effective last Sunday, which requires people to show proof of liability insurance to get license tags and to perform other business

transactions in her office.

Gray said that many people do not have their proof of insurance with them, but if her office had a machine, the insurance company could send the proof to her office immediately.

Wheeler voted against allowing the purchase, saying the Commissioners Court had turned down 223rd District Judge Lee Water's request for a fax machine in his 1992 budget.

Gray said the money would not be coming out of county funds, but out of the \$1.90 the county receives from the state for each vehicle for which a license is issued.

- unanimously voted to deny allowing split tax payments.

- unanimously approved the payment of \$167,955.09 in salaries and bills.

- authorized the advertising of bids for a motor grader for Precinct 4.

- considered the annual report on McClellan Creek Watershed project.

- recognized County Treasurer Scott Hahn for the completion of 20 hours of continuing education.

- approved the sale of delinquent tax property at 1108 E. Francis.

- authorized the advertising for bids for various items for the new jail that cannot be purchased at a surplus store.

- approved combining voting precincts for the general election in November.

- unanimously approved transfers as recommended by the county auditor, and approved several transfers within budgets.

- took no action on changes in fee schedules for court notices, a cost estimate from the Santa Fe Railway to move a road crossing, a request from the city of Lefors to release delinquent tax property and a request from the Sweetwater Creek Firefighters Association to use the four-county radio tower. The requests were tabled to receive more information.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

FOR SALE: wooden clarinet, good shape. 665-6830. Adv.

APPLES: NO chemicals. Gething Ranch, 669-3925. Bring boxes. Adv.

WINNERS DIVISION in Pool League play offs will be at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at City Limits. Adv.

LOOK OUR own homegrown watermelons \$1.50 each. Tomatoes and other fresh vegetables. Epper-son's Hwy. 60 East. Adv.

BREAKFAST SPECIAL 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, homemade biscuits or toast \$1.95. Try our Homemade Cinnamon Rolls!! Only at Fajita's Tex-Mex Grill, southside of Coronado Center, 669-2808. Adv.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, a chance of showers continuing, cloudy and cool with heavy fog, and a low in the lower 60s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a high near 80 degrees. Tuesday's high was 93; the overnight low was 64. Pampa has recorded 0.81 of an inch of moisture in the 24 hours ending at 7 a.m. today. Total for year to date is 15.13 inches.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Scattered to widely scattered showers or thunderstorms are widespread tonight and Thursday. Lows tonight upper 50s Panhandle and mountains to upper 60s Big Bend valleys. Highs Thursday upper 70s Panhandle to near 90 Big Bend.

North Texas - Scattered showers and thunderstorms through Thursday. Lows tonight in the mid 60s to near 70. Highs Thursday in the mid 80s to near 90.

South Texas - Mostly cloudy through Thursday with scattered to numerous, mainly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. Isolated heavy rain is possible. Highs Thursday from the upper 80s to the mid 90s. Lows tonight

mostly in the 70s except 60s Hill Country and low 80s coast.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Thursday through Saturday West Texas - Partly cloudy each day. Highs in the lower to mid 80s. Lows in the upper 50s to the lower 60s. South plains, partly cloudy each day. Highs in the lower to mid 80s. Lows in the lower 60s. Permian Basin, Concho, Pecos valley, Far West Texas, a slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms each day. Highs in the mid to upper 80s. Lows in the lower to mid 60s. Big Bend area a slight chance of mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorms each day. Highs in the lower 80s mountains to the mid 90s along the Rio Grande. Lows in the mid 50s mountains to the lower 70s along the river.

North Texas - Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Highs in the mid 80s to around 90.

South Texas - Hill country and south central Texas. Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Lows near 70 Hill Country to the mid/70s south central Texas. Highs in the upper 80s to low 90s.

Texas coastal bend. Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. L

Demonstration is largest sign of upheaval in school funding shift

By MIKE DRAGO
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — While hundreds of Texas school districts are coping with sharp reductions in state aid under the new school finance reform law, the state's poorest districts are experiencing modest gains, officials say.

Edgewood Independent School District, the lead plaintiff in the 1968 lawsuit that resulted in the new law, has seen some improvements.

"It's getting money our way, but it's not getting things up to par," said Daniel Casillas, spokesman for the poor district in San Antonio's southwest side. "We've had renovations in several of our buildings, like air conditioning in some of our buildings that didn't have it."

Ben Gutierrez, Edgewood's personnel director, said no additional teachers have been hired. "We're thinking of running an ad in Dallas," he said.

Over 2,000 Dallas students and supporters marched

on Dallas Independent School District headquarters Tuesday to protest the layoffs of 224 teachers last week. Up to 100 more are expected to lose their jobs this week.

The spirited protest, during which five students were arrested, was the largest demonstration of discontent with the school finance reform state government enacted last spring.

"It's not DISD. It's the whole state's fault," Laura Campos, a student at Skyline High School, said during the protest.

Facing pressure from the Texas Supreme Court and the Edgewood lawsuit to equalize school financing, lawmakers shifted property tax funds from wealthy school districts to poor ones.

Under the new law, DISD will lose \$47 million in state aid this year, forcing the firing of 325 of its 8,500 teachers, officials say. The amount represents just under 1 percent of DISD's total budget.

School finance reform, which shifts money through new tax districts created primarily on county lines, has helped many districts though.

The San Elizario Independent School District, which includes the "colonias" outside El Paso, is receiving a 10 percent boost to its \$6 million annual budget.

"We have not opened any glorious new programs or facilities," said spokeswoman Fran Hatch. "We need class space."

DISD Superintendent Marvin Edwards said the new state law left the district with a choice for its \$544 million budget — either fire teachers or raise taxes even higher than already planned.

State Sen. Eddie Bernice Johnson, a Dallas Democrat who is a member of the Senate Education Committee, said she is not surprised by the problems.

"I foresaw the cuts and talked about it on the Senate floor," Ms. Johnson said Tuesday. "I said at that time that while we might think we are educating certain students, we are leaving other students without a roof over their heads."

The El Paso Independent School district trimmed its approximately \$290 million budget to compensate for about \$5.7 million in lost state aid.

"It was a lot of money to cut, but we made it in areas where people can live with it," said Gene Burkett, assistant superintendent for finance. "We pretty much kept the instructional supply budgets intact."

Teacher layoffs are a last resort, even after a tax increase, Burkett said.

The affluent Alamo Heights School District in San Antonio is facing a tax increase to make up for a \$1 million gap in its \$19 million budget due to lost state aid.

"I think the state has not put enough money into education," said Superintendent Charles Slater. "Their solution is an overreliance on the property tax. That's what got us into the problem in the first place."

A handful of rural school districts that are losing money in the reform have refused to join the new taxing districts until Texas courts finish ruling on the new law's constitutionality.

State District Judge Scott McCown upheld part of the funding plan Aug. 7. But four property-rich districts filed an appeal to the state Supreme Court last Friday.

State takes over operation of Kendleton ISD

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Education Agency assumed control of Kendleton Independent School District in Fort Bend County, with the appointment of a management team to administer the district.

It is the first time that Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno has used the authority granted by lawmakers for such a takeover.

The district, which was taken over Tuesday, has a deficit of more than \$180,000 from the 1990-91 fiscal year, TEA said.

The group will try to resolve the school district's financial difficulties, and to eventually return district control to local trustees.

Kendleton trustees asked Meno to make their school district a state-operated one after they could not meet an Aug. 15 deadline to get

funds to pay off the deficit, according to the Education Agency.

"I'm confident that this group of individuals will be able to resolve Kendleton's financial difficulties," Meno said in a statement announcing the new management team.

"I'm also pleased that Kendleton trustees themselves requested this action by the agency. We look forward to working with the board toward a goal of allowing them to resume administration of the district as soon as possible."

TEA spokesman Joey Lozano said that the school district has had a low property tax collection rate, and that a lower-than-expected student count caused the school district to get less state money than it anticipated.

The school district also histori-

cally has had low scores on the state education skills test, and it has been overseen by a state-appointed master since 1986, Lozano said.

The school district has been rated "academically unaccredited" for a year.

A recent state law allows the education commissioner in such cases to appoint a board of managers and superintendent to oversee district operations.

Kendleton's new management team includes a three-member board and a new superintendent.

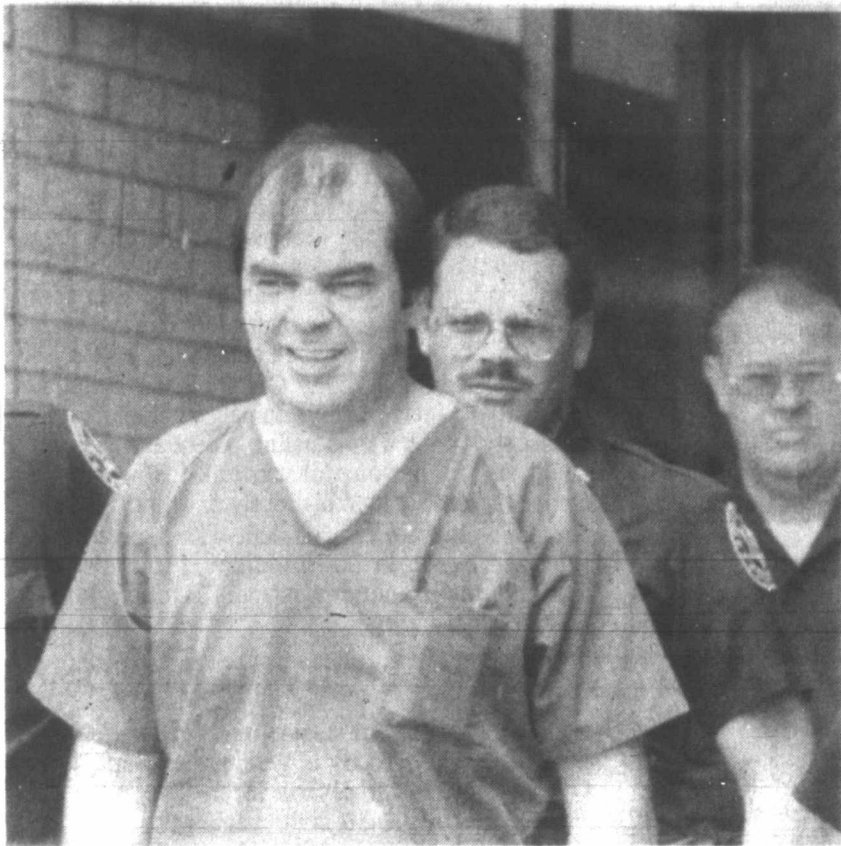
Patsy Menefee, a TEA staff member, will serve as superintendent. She is in a division of TEA that trains local school administrators in the state's school accreditation process.

Carroll "Butch" Thomas, superin-

tendent of the North Forest Independent School District in Houston, heads the management team as chairman of the board of managers. He helped North Forest regain full accreditation status after that district encountered problems several years ago.

Other members of the board of managers are Dora Olivo, a lawyer, former early childhood education teacher and member of the Fort Bend Family Health Center; and pharmacist Albert Hopkins, a member of the Region IV Education Service Center Advisory Board and a member of the State Board of Pharmacists.

The agency also named Jerry Keeble, a former assistant superintendent for business and finance at Aldine ISD, as a consultant to provide technical assistance and expertise.



(AP Laserphoto)

Donald Leroy Evans, right, is accompanied by deputies as he leaves the Harrison County Courthouse in Gulfport, Miss., on Tuesday.

Self-proclaimed serial killer wants to be his own attorney

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — Self-professed serial killer Donald Leroy Evans' request to represent himself on capital murder charges will have to wait until a judge reviews his psychological profile.

Evans smiled when he entered the Harrison County courtroom for a pre-trial hearing Tuesday. But during the hour-long proceeding he became angry when his court-appointed attorneys tried to introduce a 1987 psychological report questioning his competence.

"This individual needs to do one thing and that's to get out of my life and stop this mumbo-jumbo," Evans said as he slapped attorney Jim Davis' legal pad.

Evans, of Galveston, Texas, is charged with murder in the kidnapping, rape and slaying of a 10-year-old homeless girl. He has already pleaded guilty to federal kidnapping charges in the case.

Evans, who boasts he's one of the world's great con men, claims to have killed 72 people across the United States and Canada. He led authorities on a fruitless search last week for three women he said he killed in Arizona in 1985.

Evans, 34, wants to waive his right to an attorney but he also wishes to have Biloxi lawyer Fred Lusk as his co-counsel. Lusk represents Evans on the federal charges.

Circuit Court Judge Kosta Vlahos quizzed Evans extensively during Tuesday's hearing, trying to determine his mental aptitude. Evans seemed to enjoy the challenge and bragged about the legal knowledge he has acquired.

"I have one year of college and I studied law in prison and out of prison for approximately 10 years," Evans said.

"Some people think you can't read a book and learn. I'll go ahead and take the state bar exam right now."

Vlahos asked Evans if he knew the saying "He who represents himself has a fool for a lawyer." Evans responded: "At the same time, there are fools who are lawyers."

Vlahos said he would not rule on Evans' request until he saw a psychological report prepared last month for federal authorities by Henry Maggio of Gulfport. Those authorities ruled Evans competent to plead guilty on kidnapping charges.

Evans is to be sentenced Oct. 24 on the federal charges.

Authorities refused to say if Evans would be taken to any other states to search for bodies.

"There's nothing new to tell you," said M.C. Overton, spokesman for the federal task force checking out Evans' claims.

Besides giving up his right to a lawyer, Evans also said he wanted to bypass Mississippi's automatic appeal procedure in capital murder convictions. Vlahos asked him if he understood he could be sentenced to death by lethal injection.

"And I hope you understand I'm a person who's willing to accept his guilt," Evans said.

The antagonism between Evans and his two court-appointed lawyers, Davis and Bill Robinson, was the focal point of the hearing.

Robinson had filed his own motion to be taken off the case.

NEW YORK (AP) — Rice University, a century-old Texas school known for top-flight engineering and science programs, heads a list of the nation's 100 best college buys in a magazine survey.

Money Magazine's second annual Money Guide, which goes on sale for \$3.95 at newsstands Monday, called the Houston university the nation's best overall tuition value after analyzing 1,011 colleges and universities.

The Top 100 list had 56 private schools, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale, Stanford and the University of Chicago, which charge more than \$16,000 in tuition but were nonetheless judged excellent values.

Others, such as Trenton State College in Trenton, N.J., and Texas A&M University in College Station, were rated bargains with tuitions of less than \$5,000 even for out-of-state students.

Rice, with a \$1 billion endowment, charges its 3,900 students \$7,700 in tuition plus \$4,900 in room and board, roughly half what most Ivy League students pay. Until 1965, it charged no tuition at all.

Rice was founded in 1891 by a cotton baron, William Marsh Rice, whose dream was to establish a first-rate college open to all regardless of means. Rice's engineering, business and science programs rank among the nation's best.

Among Texas schools, the University of Texas at Austin ranked 10th, followed by Texas A&M in 14th place and Trinity University 21st. Baylor ranked 37th, Incarnate Word College 58th, University of Dallas 90th and Southwestern University 91.

UT-Austin has more than 49,000 students, 2,400 professors, 6,600 course offerings, and tuitions of just \$600 for Texans, \$3,840 for others.

On the cost side, the survey rated schools based on tuition. It used out-of-state charges for public

schools to make them more comparable to private institutions.

In measuring educational quality, the survey used such indicators as student-to-faculty ratio, average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, library quality, graduation rates, percentage of graduates who earn doctorates, and the number of graduates who make Standard & Poor's survey of 70,000 top corporate executives.

Cooper Union, which topped last year's survey, dropped out of the top 100 this year. The New York City school remains an "unbeatable bargain" at \$300 a year, the magazine said, but offers degrees only in art, architecture and engineering.

Harvard, which has a policy of not publicizing SAT scores and other data used in calculating the Money standings, did not make this year's list.

The other schools in this year's top 100 best buys were: New College of The University of South Florida, Sarasota; Trenton State College, Trenton, N.J.; University of Virginia, Charlottesville; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; California Institute of Technology, Pasadena; State University of New York at Binghamton; University of Washington, Seattle; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and the University of Texas at Austin.

Others listed among the top 25 include SUNY-Albany; Auburn

University, Alabama; Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.; Texas A&M, College Station, Texas; New Mexico Inst. of Mining, Socorro, N.M.; Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; St. Mary's of Maryland, St. Mary's City; Spelman College, Atlanta; Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.; Trinity University, San Antonio; Centenary of Louisiana, Shreveport, La.; Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va.; Ohio University, Athens, Ohio; and Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

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Trooper Lynn Holland of the Department of Public Safety directs traffic around a drop-hitch trailer transporting new cars that high-centered in front of Culbertson Stowers, 805 N. Hobart on Tuesday morning. Holland said the transport truck, based out of Oklahoma City, was leaving the dealership when it became stuck in the way of traffic for 15 minutes or more. Holland said a local wrecker was able to dislodge the truck and send it on its way.

Viewpoints



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Opinion

Other dominoes ready to fall now

In 1989 Karl Marx's ideas died when communism was ejected from his native Central Europe. In the same way, 1991 has seen the death, in his native Russia, of the ideas of Vladimir Ilich Ulyanov — alias Lenin, known to his victims as Vlad the Impaler. Lenin's mummified — or rubberized, as some suspect — corpse should soon be expelled from his Red Square mausoleum.

Though communism lingers on in some places around the world, by the end of this bloody century it could be expelled everywhere.

China. The octogenocracy — rule of 80-year-olds — continues. Deng Xiaoping turned 87 recently. Though even chain-smoking the foul Panda cigarettes hasn't finished him off, he can't last forever. The Aug. 5 *Forbes* magazine reported that the capitalist revolution Deng set off a decade ago chugs along, despite the 1989 massacre in Tiananmen Square. As in Chile, economic liberties should prove to be the foundation of political liberties, contrary to what some leftist thinkers say should happen. Like Mikhail Gorbachev, Deng set off a revolution but has had an even tougher time discarding old Leninist superstitions. When the octogenocracy dies, 1.1 billion Chinese capitalist flowers should bloom.

North Korea. The hermit commissariat awaits the death of another aging dictator, Kim Il Sung. Though executed Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu (who was enamored with Kim) failed to establish a communist dynasty with son Nicu, Kim hopes to do so with his son, Kim Jong Il. He probably won't. North Korea remains the most isolated country in the world, but the next generation must know at least something of South Korea's emergence as a global capitalist power. When Kim pere dies, the North should open to capitalism.

Cuba. Fidel Castro just celebrated his 65th birthday during the Pan American games held on his island gulag. Meanwhile, as communist Georgie Ann Geyer reported, the Cuban people have been reduced to eating *julia*, a Cuban rat. The new Russian revolution should end all Soviet aid to Cuba. It's amusing that communism, supposedly a wave of youth, has clung to power in country after country only by the perpetuation of a clique of aging apparatchiks. Cuba's people are getting more restive, and could well depose the Red *caudillo* even before he becomes a good communist.

Vietnam. Ho, ho, Ho Chi Minh, capitalism's gonna win! Several old Ho comrades remain in power, and have enacted some market reforms. When these apparatchiks die or are ousted, Vietnam will bloom like California's Little Saigon.

How many people did Marxism-Leninism murder? One hundred million? Two hundred million? That's quite a toll for a hare-brained 19th-century ideology, the political equivalent of phenology. Much of the African continent remains mired in dictatorial socialism, as does Burma in Southeast Asia. But, for now, the long nightmare is almost over.

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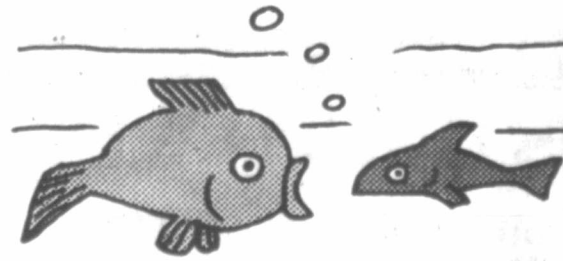
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ABA should listen to Quayle

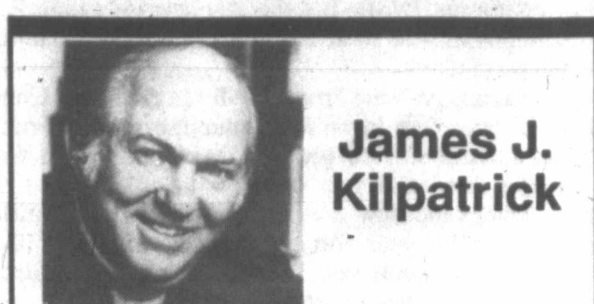
WASHINGTON — First off, it was not a "tirade." That is how the *National Law Journal* described Vice President Quayle's recent speech to the American Bar Association. On the contrary, Quayle's address was a temperate commentary on some long-festering wrongs in our judicial system. Good job, Mr. Quayle!

Manifestly most of the lawyers who were present in Atlanta did not think it a good job at all. Lawyers are the most thin-skinned of all professionals except for newspapermen, who are the most thin-skinned of all. The lawyers sat impassively as the vice president asked, "Does America really need 70 percent of the world's lawyers?" Quayle wondered if it is healthy for our economy to have 18 million new lawsuits every year. He commented upon the "staggering expense and delay" that characterize the system.

To these sensible reproaches, the ABA's president John J. Curtin made a stupid reply. Accompanied by quavering violins, he asked his own rhetorical question. If the supply of lawyers should be drastically reduced, "Who will protect the poor, the injured, the victims of racial discrimination and the victims of violence?" There was scarcely a dry eye in the house.

Curtin's dumb response merits no response. Nearly 800,000 persons now are accredited as "lawyers" in the United States. The breed is not about to become extinct. Some law firms cheerfully accept their pro bono obligations. Others are not such happy campers.

The spat regrettably obscured Quayle's main purpose. He was seeking the bar's support for certain vitally needed reforms in the system. He addressed himself specifically to the abuses of "discovery," to the merits of the "English rule,"



James J. Kilpatrick

and to the perils of unbridled punitive damages.

The process of unlimited "discovery" is a process by which the big guy can drive the little guy into bankruptcy before a word of evidence has been taken in court. Pre-trial interrogatories and depositions, as every litigant knows, can send legal expenses skyrocketing. In one study 77 percent of the responding lawyers confessed to abusing the system.

Under reasonable limitations, the English rule should be adopted in American jurisprudence. It is a model of simplicity: The loser must pay the winner's costs. No procedure could be better drafted to cut down on the frivolous suits that make a travesty of litigation in America. Federal judges now have authority to impose sanctions upon lawyers who abuse the law — an authority that judges themselves sometimes abuse — but the principle is sound.

Assume that A sues B on some trivial matter, and thereby puts B to hundreds or thousands of dollars in legal costs. The case at last goes to trial and B wins hands down. Of course A ought to pay — and pay through the nose.

Quayle was relaying recommendations of a study group headed by Solicitor General Kenneth Starr. On the matter of punitive damages the

group's modest recommendation deserves careful thought. State legislatures should require that such damages be subject to three steps:

(1) A trial jury would first decide, on the basis of clear and convincing evidence, whether any punitive damages should be awarded at all.

(2) If the jury says, yes, punitive damages are in order, the trial judge alone would determine the amount.

(3) The amount of punitive damages could not exceed the full amount of compensatory damages.

Points 1 and 2 make good sense. I am not so sure about the proposed limit under Point 3. There may be cases of such willful and egregious wrong that truly harsh punitive damages may be justified. In the case most recently decided by the Supreme Court, *Pacific Mutual v. Haslip*, an Alabama jury awarded the plaintiff \$200,000 in actual and compensatory damages, and then added \$840,000 in punitive damages against the insurance company for the misconduct of a crooked agent.

The Supreme Court in March upheld the award. Justice Harry Blackmun observed that punitive damages, intended to punish a malefactor and to deter a repeated offense, have been part of American common law for 200 years. The high court, demonstrating its capacity for restraint, would not upset tradition.

But Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, in lonesome dissent, warned that punitive damages, imposed indiscriminately, "have a devastating potential for harm." She pleaded for meaningful standards that would prevent juries from acting maliciously or capriciously.

This is all the vice president was urging. If the organized bar does not understand the need for these reforms, something is sadly wrong with the organized bar.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 4, the 247th day of 1991. There are 118 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 4, 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers. (Its original name: "El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora La Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula.")

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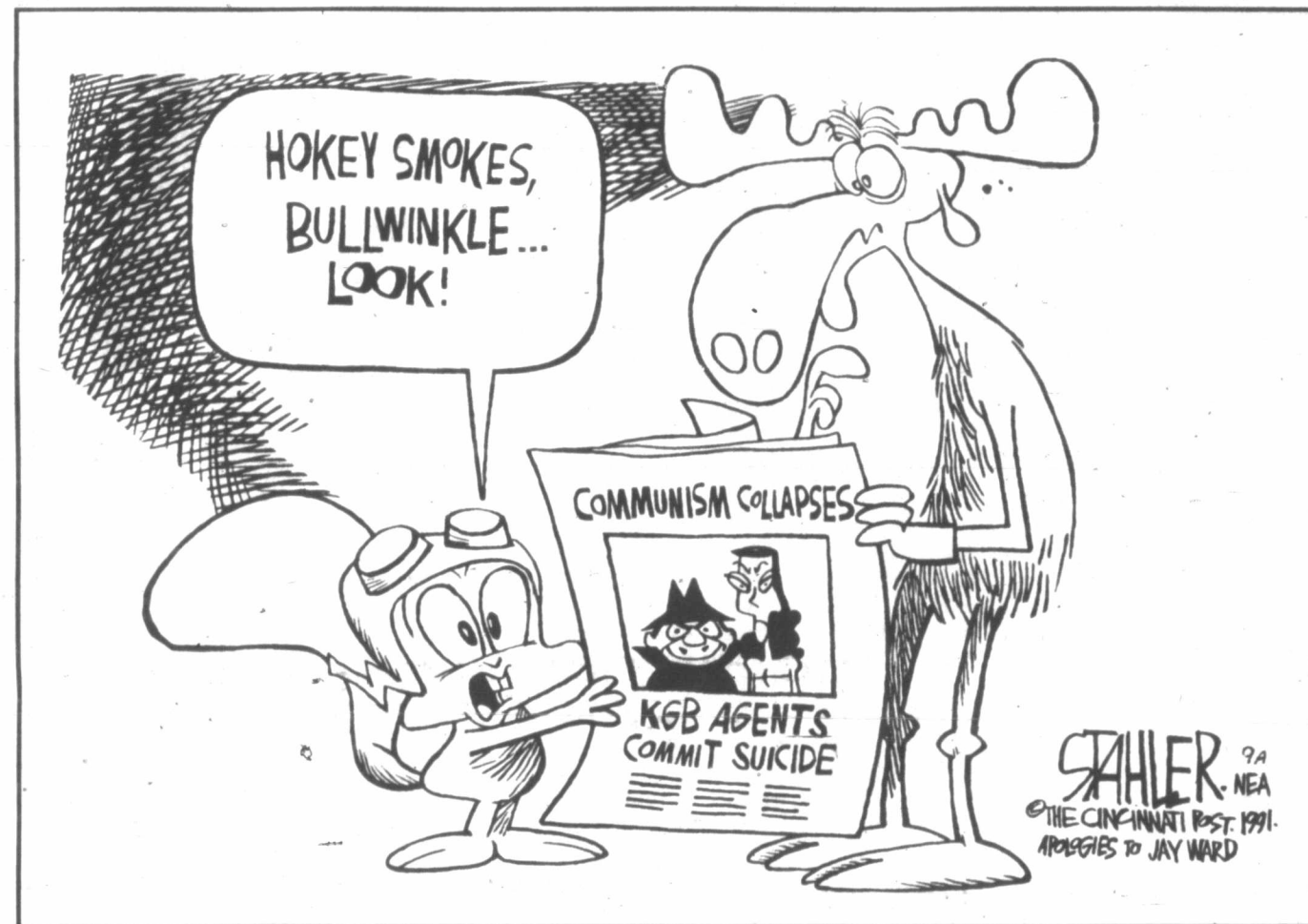
In 1882, the Pearl Street electric power station — built by Thomas Edison — began operating in New York City.

In 1886, Apache Indians led by Geronimo surrendered to Gen. Nelson Miles at Skeleton Canyon in Arizona.

In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film camera, and registered his trademark: Kodak.

In 1948, Queen Wilhelmina abdicated the Dutch throne for health reasons.

In 1951, 40 years ago, in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast, President Truman spoke to the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco.



Ill may be forced to break law

For a friend with advanced Alzheimer's disease I sought and got a supply of the drug THA. I guess I broke the law. When there is no other treatment, you'll try anything that promises to help.

A report in the respected *New England Journal of Medicine* five years ago recited the results of a multimillion-dollar study on patients in 16 research centers, affirming "some easing of Alzheimer's patients in 40 percent of the test patients."

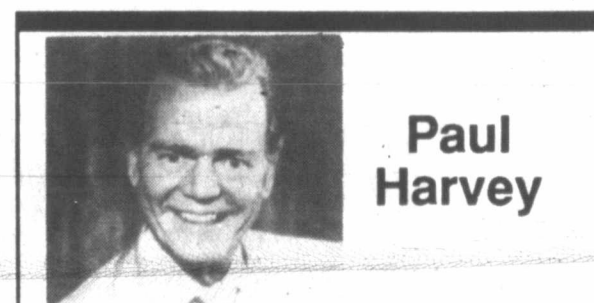
That was not enough encouragement for me. It was not enough for the Food and Drug Administration.

Now, five years later, the FDA is still protesting that the drug "needs more study."

The families of 4 million Alzheimer's patients can just wait!

The *Wall Street Journal's* editors have rarely been so incensed, suggesting that it might have been better if the Food and Drug Administration and National Institute on Aging had never elected to test THA in the first place, because the resultant cruelty to patients and their families "is just too much."

There is also a drug called DDC that might be helpful against AIDS. Because the FDA will not



Paul Harvey

approve its distribution, a concerned underground is manufacturing and pirating the drug. This homemade DDC might not be as pure and safe as what Hoffman-La Roche could manufacture, but the FDA is driving desperate people to desperate measures.

FDA Commissioner David Kessler seems to want a reputation as "a tough guy administrator." He personally directed the advisory committee that voted against THA. Repeatedly he cautioned the committee "not to bend external pressure."

The committee, really nothing more than eight doctors from around the United States, was obviously influenced by his presence and

his persistence.

Kessler has become something of a folk hero for one of Ralph Nader's groups for beating up on fruit juice companies that add water — things like that.

But to people with AIDS and cancer and Alzheimer's, Kessler is a stubborn bureaucrat who cherishes his own macho reputation above any humanitarian consideration.

You will want to know, did the THA help in the case of my own stricken friend?

Diseases of the mental process do not lend themselves to clear-cut "objective" measurements. I think I witnessed some easing of symptoms: I can't be sure.

The *Wall Street Journal* notes that other pharmaceutical companies have been investing heavily in drugs to treat Alzheimer's — Hoechst and DuPont and others — but now that approval of THA has been thwarted for more years, these other companies might well figure research is not worth what it costs.

If it were up to today's FDA, we'd have to go to Europe to buy bootleg aspirin.

Red Square isn't Tiananmen Square

By MARTIN SCHRAM

"They underestimated the power of the people. They underestimated what a taste of democracy brings."

— President Bush, Aug. 21, 1991.

Inside the Kremlin walls, the coup-makers no doubt began their chain of miscalculations by watching the wrong news videos.

The heads of these misbegotten hard-liners must have danced with visions of the good old days of Tiananmen Square. They remembered the two-year-old news clips of President Bush's national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft, standing in the Great Hall of the People, just days after Beijing's hard-hats finished hoisting the blood from the bricks. No doubt the Kremlin coup-makers beamed with pleasure as they saw Bush's man clinking glasses and toasting friendship — America's friendship — with the same thugs who'd just massacred democracy by murdering demonstrators as the whole world watched in horror.

What the Kremlin coup-makers

failed to see was that Red Square could never be Tiananmen Square. They didn't understand what Bush explained from Kennebunkport just the other day: The people of the Soviet republics had already drunk deeply from the cup of democracy and having savored self-government, would never sit back and let the tanks crush their future.

The coup-makers also failed to grasp the fact that President Bush had learned from his past mistake and emerged as a stronger world leader. In 1989, Bush rushed to kowtow to China's despots. In 1991, he rushed to coordinate firm but measured responses with Western leaders, to reassure Boris Yeltsin personally and Mikhail Gorbachev in absentia.

The Kremlin coup-makers had other hopes. According to *The New York Times'* Leslie Gelb, Soviet Ambassador Viktor Komplexkov carried to the White House on Day 1 of the coup a message from the pretended leader, Gennady Yanayev. The coup-makers were asking Bush to please be as indulgent and understanding of Moscow's hard-line rulers as he'd

been of Beijing's hard-line rulers.

But Bush, through his public pronouncements, sent an unmistakable message: Nyet. And no doubt he instructed his new ambassador Robert Strauss to go to Moscow and convey the message personally, if needed. But events in this satellite video age moved even faster than a diplomat can fly.

Clearly, Bush jarred the hopes of the hard-liners who thought repression could rule Russia anew. After all, as crusading Soviet editor Bitaly Korotich (now in New York as a fellow at The Freedom Forum Media Studies Center) observed when ABC's Peter Jennings asked about the coup-makers back home: "Those people know how to organize a heart attack and how to kill people from an umbrella. But they feared the military would turn on them."

Indeed, the Soviet military was turning on itself. Generals from the airborne forces wouldn't support the efforts of hard-liners from the army or the KGB.

Perhaps the silliest of the instant analyses appeared in *The New York*

Times, where Andrew Rosenthal wrote that Bush had made a "risky decision" to try to force the restoration of the Gorbachev government, calling it "a gamble that the coup is still reversible." There was, in fact, nothing risky about it; Bush merely decided there was much to gain and little to lose by standing up for democracy and supporting Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin, leaders the people had voted into office.

And that takes us right back to the central difference between those old videos from the days of Tiananmen Square and the latest we just watched live from Moscow. Democracy in the Soviet Union was no longer just a hope that people first whispered in private, then chanted and cheered in demonstrations. In Eastern Europe, the people had sent their communist rulers packing; in Russia, the people had democratically chosen their leaders. Once the Berlin Wall crumbled, no Kremlin Wall could hold back the force of freedom.

So it is that order has been restored to the New World Order.

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Lifestyles

Lookin' good



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)
Left, Jo Puckett and Edna Hickman will model fashions from Personal Touch at The Top O' Texas Cattlewomen style show on Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. at the Pampa Country Club. Tickets are available at Beall's, Addington's, Bette's, Bobbie J's, Clothes Line, Images, Personal Touch, Kids Stuff, Wayne's, V.J.'s, and Hiland Fashions, all of Pampa; Andie's of Wheeler; and Corrine's of McLean.

Showing children who's boss

By REDBOOK
For AP Newsfeatures

Dr. Benjamin Spock advises working mothers they must let children know who's the boss — promptly, cheerfully and firmly.

Some mothers feel so guilty about their absence from home, Spock wrote in an article in the current issue of Redbook, that they give in to their children's every whim or put up with unacceptable behavior.

Often a mother will overlook misbehavior because she doesn't want to spoil her time with their children by disciplining them.

"Either reaction — caving in to demands or tolerating uncooperative behavior — is not only harmful for the child, it also sours the parent-child relationship," Spock wrote.

"A submissive mother is, sooner or later, bound to become resentful of her demanding child. And a child who is often contrary can be exhausting for a parent to cope with."

To break this cycle, the mother must understand that her guilt feelings are interfering with her relationship with her children. She must begin to set sensible limits in terms of the time and attention she gives.

"This is not to say that a parent shouldn't give her children any attention when she arrives home from work," Spock wrote. "But the crucial difference between a guilty and a nonguilty mother is that the latter's time has been given freely and hasn't been badgered out of her by demands and complaints."

Attention that comes spontaneously reassures a child of her parent's love. But the amount of attention a parent can give at the end of a long day varies from parent to parent and day to day. Some evenings a woman is caught up on her chores and can spend long periods of time with a child. Other nights, she may be pressured and become impatient in minutes.

"I don't think it's cause for con-

cern if you are unable to devote long blocks of time to your child," Spock wrote. "Although I'm heartily in favor of parents and children doing things together, I don't think that the amount of time spent together is the most important criterion of a good parent-child relationship."

"Instead, it's whether you and your child are getting along. And children get along best with their parents when they know what their limits are."

Spock said setting limits does not mean being disagreeable or severe. Such reactions signal conflict about your role — and will make the child plead or demand more.

"What I do mean," he said, "is that you should practice giving prompt, cheerful, friendly responses to your child's requests, even if those responses are negative ones."

Spock said the key is to respond decisively, not allowing your child to make you feel guilty.

Spock imagines a mother coming home from work, giving her daughter as much attention as possible, then having to attend to other responsibilities. "You greet her warmly with a hug and kiss; perhaps you admire a drawing she made that day. You might even look at a book together, if time permits," Spock said. "But after you've finished, she asks you to read again. If you can't, give your child a firm but cheerful answer: 'I have to make supper. Why don't you come into the kitchen with me?'"

If your child tries to duct a chore or complains, simply remind him of the rule without hesitation.

Spock warns that a child who has been uncooperative will not reform quickly, nor will a mother who has been ruled by guilt find it easy to hold firm.

"But your child will begin to come around once he realizes that you mean business," Spock wrote in Redbook. "And you will find that the time you do spend with him will become more enjoyable for both."



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

The door with the moon will have the longer line

DEAR ABBY: What is the significance of the moon or half-moon on an outhouse door?

I recently visited the birthplace of Herbert Hoover and saw this freshly painted outhouse with the moon on the door, and inquired of the security guard as to what it meant. He just laughed and said he'd been asked that question many times, but he's never been able to come up with an answer.

I'm sure there are a lot of people out there who are as curious as I am to know the answer. What is it?

BOB HESS,
IOWA CITY, IOWA

DEAR MR. HESS: Before indoor plumbing, American privies usually had "two-seaters." The one with the "moon" on the door was for ladies and the one with the "star" was for gentlemen. That way, people who couldn't read could stay out of trouble.

P.S. I was privy to this information when I came upon "The Classic Outhouse Book," by Janet Strombeck.

month, I would feel that at least they were making an effort.

I continue buying gifts for Christmas and their birthdays even though I am getting a little resentful. I am not poor, but neither am I rich. I am afraid if I ask for the money they owe me, it will damage the good relationship I have with them, and I don't want to cause any hard feelings. Should I just keep my mouth shut and hope they never come to me for another loan?

SOFT TOUCH IN NEVADA

DEAR SOFT TOUCH: It's unfortunate that you let it go for so long; they probably assumed that since you never asked for the money, you didn't need it. Write them a friendly letter reminding them of their obligation and enclose a photocopy of the note they signed.

DEAR ABBY: I've heard that drinking coffee can give a person cancer of the stomach. Is it true?

COFFEE DRINKER

DEAR COFFEE DRINKER: According to the Mayo Clinic Health Letter, "Most health concerns about coffee are groundless." Moderate consumption — two to four cups a day — poses little or no risk for most people, but if caffeine before bedtime interferes with your sleep, drink "decaf."

Hot off the press — Abby's new booklet, "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Tri-State Fair offers special events for entire family

At the Amarillo Tri-State Fair, scheduled for 16-21, will be appearing Billy Roy's One-Man Band. Billy Roy will entertain the audience for about 30 minutes, three times daily during the fair. The Denton resident will play all eight of the instruments in his "band." He offers a mixture of country, blues and some "vintage rock 'n' roll."

Hedrick's Educational Petting Zoo will be open daily for children and feature 15-20 different animals to pet and feed.

Other special entertainment will feature the racing pigs. The porkers will race four times daily at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., and 7 p.m. Stiltwalker Richard Renner will stroll the grounds daily to entertain the crowds with comedy routines.

For the fifth year, the West Texas Sheep Dog Trials will be conducted in the Bill Cody Arena, beginning at 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 17-18.

Friskie dog try-outs will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15 with the finalists appearing at the sheep dog trials.

Another special event will be the miniature horse show on Monday, Sept. 16 and the mule and donkey show on Thursday, Sept. 19, 5 p.m.

Newsmakers

Miles Bateman was awarded a bachelor of science degree from Regents College, a branch of the University of the State of New York. Regents College tailors college-level work to the needs of the independent student. Enrollment is open to all and students can work for their college credits wherever they live.

Jolinn Whitsell Burt, Pampa, was awarded a master of communication disorders degree from the LSU Medical Center's School of

Allied Health Professions during commencement on Aug. 24. In a pre-commencement awards ceremony, Burt was presented the Chancellor's Award. It is awarded annually to a graduating student considered to have done the most to promote the health sciences and the School of Allied Health Professions to the public. She is a member of Alpha Eta National Honor Society, and received a departmental award in communication disorders.

Congratulations!



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)
Left, Joe Kyle Reeve, associate dean of Clarendon College-Pampa Center, with sophomore Loretta Flaherty, and Gloria Casey of the Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club. The bridge club gave a \$250 scholarship check to Flaherty for a semester of school. Flaherty also received the same scholarship for the last semester.

Wooden fence least costly method of fencing in privacy

By POPULAR MECHANICS
For AP Special Features

A fence is the most popular form of boundary marker or garden screen because of its advantages over other methods of dividing plots of land.

A fence takes very little time to erect when compared with a wall or especially a hedge, which takes years to establish. Most fencing components are relatively lightweight and are therefore easy to transport and handle on-site.

In the short term, a fence is cheaper than a wall built of masonry, although one can argue that the cost of maintenance and replacement over a very long period eventually cancels out the saving in cost.

Wood does have a comparatively short life because it is susceptible to insect infestation and rot when exposed to the elements, but a fence will last for many years if it is treated regularly with a chemical preservative. In any case, if you are prepared to spend a little money on plastic and concrete components, you can erect a virtually maintenance-free fence.

When you measure even a small garden, you will be surprised by the overall length of fencing required to surround your property, so it is worth considering the available options carefully to make sure that you invest your money in the kind of fence that will be most suitable.

Unless your priority is to keep neighborhood children or animals out of your garden, the amount of privacy afforded by a fence is likely

to be your most important consideration. There are a number of privacy options, but you may have to compromise to some extent if you plan to erect a fence on a site exposed to strong prevailing winds.

In that case you will need a fence which will provide you a decent windbreak without offering such resistance that the posts will work loose within a couple of seasons due to constant buffeting by the wind.

You can build any fence up to about 6 feet high without a zoning variance unless your boundary adjoins a highway, in which case permissible fence height may be limited.

In addition, there may be local restrictions on fencing if the land surrounding your house has been designed as an open-plan area. Even so, many authorities will permit low boundary markers such as ranch-style or post-and-chain fences.

At least discuss your plans with your neighbors, especially as you will require their permission to enter onto their properties, and it is always an advantage to work from both sides when erecting a fence.

Check the line of the boundaries to make certain that you do not encroach on neighbors' land. The fence posts should run along the boundary or on your side of the line. Before you dismantle an old fence, make sure it is yours to demolish.

If a neighbor is unwilling to replace an unsightly fence, or even to allow you to replace it at your expense, there is nothing to stop you from erecting another fence alongside as long as it is on your property.

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Date: September 3 (Tuesday)
Time: 7-9:50 p.m.
Instructor: Martin Ford

AC Electronics

Date: August 29 (Thursday)
Time: 7-9:50 p.m.
Instructor: Russell Skraastad

Real Estate Principles

Date: September 5 (Thursday)
Time: 7-9:50 p.m.
Instructor: Jill Lewis

Real Estate Appraisal

Date: September 3 (Tuesday)
Time: 7-9:50 p.m.
Instructor: Charles Buzzard

For more information, call Clarendon College - Pampa Center at 665-8801

Food



(AP photo) Peanut butter cookies are a healthy and delicious lunch box or after school treat. Bake up a batch of peanut butter swirl brownies or peanut butter cookies. The cookies are designed with the classic crosshatch pattern.

Peanut butter cookies go back to school for lunch

From GOURMET Magazine
For AP Special Features

Kids love peanut butter and jelly sandwiches — the first dozen or so times they are packed in the lunch box. Then what? The kids still love peanut butter, but not necessarily between two slices of bread. Here are three quick and easy recipes for peanut butter cookies. They're perfect to pack in the kids' lunch boxes when they go back to school, or to serve as an after-school snack.

Peanut Butter Swirl Brownies
2 1/2 sticks (1 1/4 cups) unsalted butter, softened
1 cup chunky peanut butter
1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
3 large eggs
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
2 cups granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
7/8 cup all-purpose flour

In a bowl cream together 1/2 stick of the butter, 1 cup peanut butter and 1/2 cup brown sugar. Beat in 1 of the eggs and the 8 ounces cream cheese, a little at a time. Beat until the mixture is smooth.

In a small saucepan, melt 1 stick of the remaining butter with the 4 ounces chocolate over low heat, stirring until the mixture is smooth. Let the chocolate mixture cool.

In another bowl, cream together the remaining 1 stick butter and the 2 cups granulated sugar, beating until the mixture is light and fluffy; beat in the remaining 2 eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in the chocolate mixture, the 1 teaspoon vanilla and the 7/8 cup flour, sifted, and pour the batter into a buttered 13- by 9-inch baking pan.

Drop dollops of the peanut butter mixture into the batter, swirling the peanut butter mixture to marble the batter; bake the brownies in the middle of a preheated 350-degree F oven for 45 to 50 minutes, or until they pull away slightly from the sides of the pan and a tester comes out with crumbs adhering to it. Let them cool before cutting them into squares. Makes 12 brownies.

Zesty, low-fat sauce for grilled foods has tropical twist

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor
Better Homes and Gardens
Magazine

The best of outdoor cooking weather still awaits — cool, crisp and clear fall days. After a summer of barbecuing, however, you may be more than ready to try a new sauce.

This low-fat barbecue sauce takes a tropical twist with pimiento-stuffed olives and pineapple juice. Brush it onto lean cuts of beef or pork, chicken, or turkey during the last 10 minutes of grilling. For extra sauce to pass with your meal, heat some in a small saucepan over the coals. You can cover and store any leftover sauce in your refrigerator for up to

one week.
Sweet 'n' Zesty Barbecue Sauce
One 12-ounce can (1 1/2 cups) unsweetened pineapple juice

3/4 cup ketchup
1/3rd cup packed brown sugar
1/3rd cup cider vinegar
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped pimiento-stuffed olives

In a medium saucepan combine pineapple juice, ketchup, brown sugar, vinegar, soy sauce, mustard and salt. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 30 to 35 minutes or to desired consistency, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Stir in olives. Makes about 1 3/4 cups.

Introduce the family to unfamiliar fall vegetables

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor
Better Homes and Gardens
Magazine

During the endless parade of freshly harvested fall vegetables, you may encounter some unfamiliar choices sitting right beside the old favorites. Make it a habit to introduce some of these unsung vegetables to your family periodically. This guide will help you select and prepare them like an expert.

Kohlrabi: It may look like a bulb, but kohlrabi is actually a stem vegetable that tastes like a cross between cabbage and turnips. It can be green, lavender, or white.

Selecting: For a mild flavor and crisp texture, choose small kohlrabi, about the size of a tennis ball or smaller.

Preparing: Cut off any leaves or stalk, then rinse. Peel kohlrabi before or after cooking. Or, peel it to use raw in salads and on relish trays as you would turnips. You can also cook kohlrabi leaves the same way you cook spinach.

Leek: Leeks look like gigantic green onions but have a milder, sweeter flavor than onions.

Selecting: Choose leeks with a long white base, not those with a bulb like green onions. Look for small- to medium-size leeks with fresh green leaves.

Preparing: Wait until you're ready to use the leeks before washing them. Cut off the roots and tough outer leaves. Then, split the leek in half lengthwise and rinse it thoroughly under running water to remove all the sand. Use leeks as you would onions — raw or cooked until crisp-tender. You'll find they make attractive garnishes.

Jicama (HEE kuh muh): This root vegetable is a staple in Mexico, just like potatoes in the United States. It is crisp, with a mild, sweet flavor.

Selecting: Purchase firm jicama that have no mold. Store them in a

cool, dark place or in your refrigerator.

Preparing: Use a knife to peel off the skin and fibrous outer layer. Slice or dice jicama to use raw in salads and on relish trays. Or, try cooking it as you would cook potatoes.

Daikon (DIKE un): This long, white Japanese radish is sometimes called mooli or muli. It is common in Oriental cooking — in stir-fries, as pickles (Takuan), or with raw fish. Daikon's peppery flavor is similar to a hot radish.

Selecting: Choose firm, smooth, daikon with no cracks. Cut off and discard any leaves. Store it in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

Preparing: Peel daikon with a vegetable peeler, grate it, or slice it. Serve it raw as a relish or cooked, like turnips, in soups or stir-fries.

Chayote (Chah YOTE ee): This pear-shaped squash is also called mirliton or mango squash. Its mild taste compares to apples or cucumbers; the texture is similar to cucumbers.

Selecting: Look for small, firm, unblemished vegetables.

Preparing: You can serve chayote boiled, baked, or steamed, either peeled or unpeeled. Substitute it for squash in salads, soups and desserts.

Jerusalem Artichoke: A native of North America and no relation to the familiar globe artichoke, these tubers are also called sunchokes.

Selecting: Choose vegetables that are firm and free of moisture or soft spots. You'll find that some have dark brown skin, while others are lighter.

Preparing: When you eat sunchokes raw, you'll find they have a sweet, nutty flavor and a crunchy texture. When cooked, they have a flavor similar to globe artichokes. Use Jerusalem artichokes raw in salads and with dips. Or, cook them unpeeled like potatoes, then peel them afterward if you wish.



(AP photo) A perfect cake to pack for a picnic: Spiced yogurt picnic cake goes to your fall picnics in the same pan that it was baked in. The cake has a broiled coconut topping.

A picnic cake that is no work

By The Associated Press

Spiced Yogurt Picnic Cake goes to any picnic in the same pan it was baked in, and it can be baked the day before. Keep it, covered, at room temperature, until you're ready to pack the picnic basket.

Spiced Yogurt Picnic Cake

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter or margarine, soft

ened
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon teaspoon ground nutmeg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 eggs
1 cup plain low-fat yogurt

Coconut Topping (recipe below)
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9- by 12-inch baking pan. Onto waxed paper sift flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a large bowl, beat butter, sugar, cinna-

mon, nutmeg and vanilla until well blended. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Turn mixer to low speed and add flour mixture alternately with yogurt, starting and ending with flour. Increase mixer speed and beat until smooth and creamy. Turn into prepared pan. Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 35 minutes or until tester comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack. Spread Coconut Topping on top of cake and broil until topping is bubbly (watch carefully that it doesn't burn). Cool before serving. Makes one cake, about 20 servings.

Coconut Topping

1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts
3/4 cup flaked coconut
1/2 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
For topping, combine all ingredients in a medium bowl.

Shrimp and spinach fettuccine

By The Associated Press

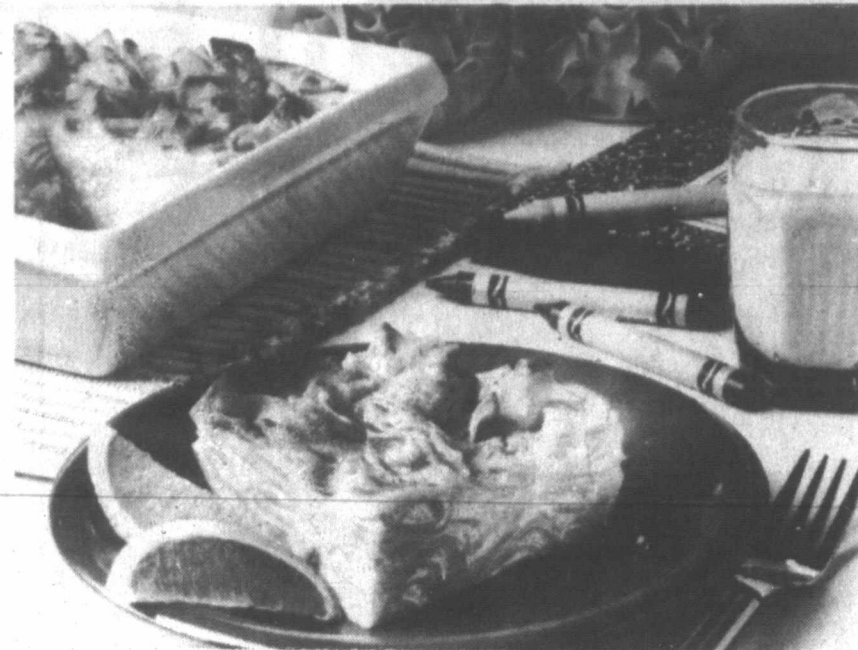
SHRIMP AND SPINACH FETTUCINE

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 large clove garlic, minced
1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces, or one 10-ounce package frozen asparagus spears, thawed, drained and cut into 1-inch pieces
1 pound medium shrimp, peeled, deveined and thawed, if frozen
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
1 teaspoon dried tarragon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
8 ounces spinach fettuccine pasta,

cooked and drained
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 cup cottage cheese
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large skillet over medium heat; add garlic. Cook, stirring, 1 minute. Add asparagus; cook, stirring, 3 minutes. Add shrimp, lemon juice, mustard, tarragon, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring, 3 to 4 minutes until shrimp turn pink; remove from heat.

Toss hot fettuccine with the remaining 1 tablespoon oil and the asparagus-shrimp mixture. Gently toss in cottage cheese and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Makes 4 servings.



(AP photo) Let them eat pasta! Hungry kids want a hearty after school snack. Sunshine pasta is made with egg noodles, cottage cheese and low-fat yogurt. The pasta is sweetened with cinnamon and sugar. Serve with slices of orange.

Brighten after school snacks with sunshine pasta

By The Associated Press

Sunshine Pasta, made with wide noodles and sweetened with sugar and cinnamon, has a sweet, creamy taste. It can be made in advance, waiting in the refrigerator for hungry kids when they arrive home from school.

Sunshine Pasta

1/2 pound packaged wide egg noodles, uncooked
5 eggs
8 ounces regular or light cream cheese
16 ounces low-fat cottage cheese
8 ounces sour cream or low-fat yogurt
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

6 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Fresh orange sections
Cook pasta according to package directions; drain. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a blender, combine eggs, cream cheese, cottage cheese, yogurt, 1/4 cup sugar and vanilla extract.

Mix cooked noodles with blended mixture. Spread into a buttered 9- by 13-inch baking dish. Pour melted butter over noodle mixture. Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 1 1/2 hours. Cool, sprinkle with 1 tablespoon sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Cut into squares. Garnish with orange sections and serve. Makes 12 servings.

Use stir-fry over warm greens

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor
Better Homes and Gardens
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For AP Special Features

Who says you have to serve a stir-fry over rice? This marinated beef stir-fry looks fresh and up-to-date atop a bed of mixed greens. Try endive, radicchio, Boston lettuce and iceberg lettuce for a crisp and colorful combo.

Stir-Fried Beef Over Warm Greens

3/4 pound boneless beef sirloin steak or pork tenderloin, cut 1-inch thick
One 8-ounce bottle (1 cup) oil-and-vinegar salad dressing
2 tablespoons dry sherry
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon bottled minced garlic
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
12 cups torn mixed greens
1 1/2 cups sliced fresh shiitake or straw mushrooms
1/2 cup sliced green onions
1 tablespoon olive oil or cooking oil
1 large red sweet pepper, cut into

thin strips
Trim meat of any excess fat. Partially freeze meat. For marinade, in a small bowl stir together salad dressing, sherry, soy sauce, brown sugar, garlic and ginger. Thinly slice meat across the grain into bite-size strips; place strips in a large plastic bag. Set bag in a deep bowl; add marinade. Close bag; marinate in the refrigerator for 6 hours or overnight, turning the bag occasionally to distribute the marinade.

In a large bowl toss together greens, mushrooms and green onions. Divide among 6 dinner plates; set aside.

Drain meat, reserving 2-3rds cup marinade. Preheat a wok or large skillet over high heat; add oil. (Add more oil as necessary to prevent sticking.) Stir-fry pepper strips in hot oil about 2 minutes or until crisp-tender; remove from wok.

Add meat to hot wok. Stir-fry for 2 to 3 minutes or until tender. Add reserved marinade and cooked pepper strips. Cook and stir until heated through.

To serve, spoon the hot meat mixture over the plates of greens. Serve at once. Makes 6 servings.

Judging freshness of produce

By The Associated Press

Ingredients make the meal, says cookbook author Bradley Ogden, so it's important to know how to judge when fruits and vegetables are at their peak.

To be able to recognize the scent of a ripe, sweet peach, "can mean the difference between an ordinary dish and a spectacular one," he says.

Among his suggestions:
— Shop roadside stands for fresh produce. Ultimately, the less time between the farmer and the table, the fresher the produce will be.

— Store produce properly.
— Use foods as soon as possible after purchase.

"Don't make the mistake of stopping off for some fresh-picked corn or vine-ripened tomatoes and then leaving your purchases in a hot car for two hours while you complete the rest of your shopping!" Ogden warns in his new cookbook, "Bradley Ogden's Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner".

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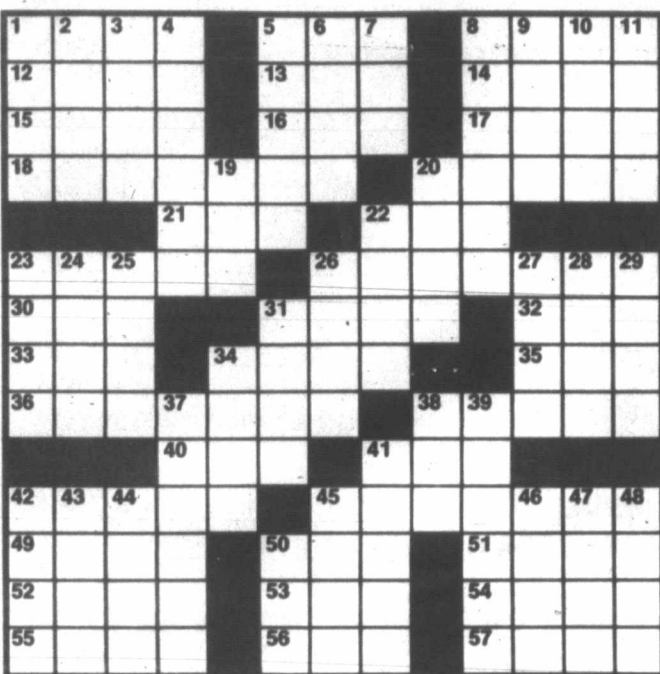
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THE PAMPA NEWS—Wednesday, September 4, 1991 7
By Mark Cullum

Astro-Graph

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You could be more fortunate than usual in your financial dealings at this time. Chance could play an important role in your affairs, in ways you'd least expect. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There isn't apt to be anything wishy-washy about you today. You'll be ready to effectively back up your words with action when and if situations warrant it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Several goals you establish today will be achievable. But the zest and relish with which you pursue your objectives could bring you more enjoyment than their attainment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You have the gift of gab today, and you can be extremely compelling in persuading others to go along with your ideas. Your presentation will be both logical and imaginative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might find yourself spending more time dealing with the endeavors of another than doing things for yourself today. Nevertheless, you'll benefit more from the former activity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Competitive involvements will arouse your motivation to succeed today, especially if it is some type of team or collective effort. You're the engine that will power the union.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You are presently in a cycle where you may be able to find a second source of earnings that could be rather lucrative. Begin to look for it today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Results should be to your liking today in areas where you focus your efforts, be they social or commercial. The way you'll do things will inspire imitators.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Concern for the needs of loved ones will motivate you to be more enterprising than usual today. You'll feel compelled to give those you care for exactly what they desire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're likely to need a variety of interests and activities today to gratify your restless urges. Fortunately, regardless of how much you'll do, you'll do it well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Involvements you deem to be profitable should be acted on promptly. Time is not necessarily your ally, so you won't make money by hemming and hawing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Whether or not you experience success today will be predicated upon your ability to focus on objectives. You can do what you set your mind to, but you must have a clear target.

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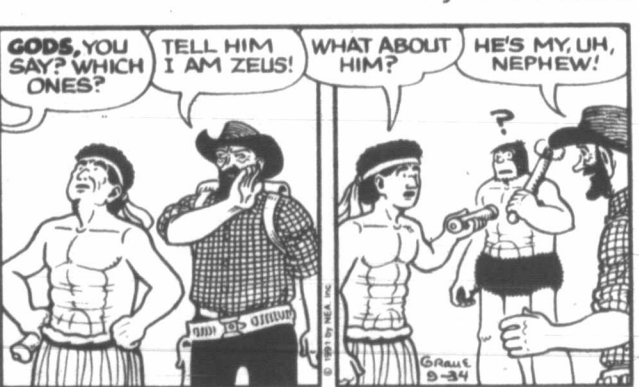
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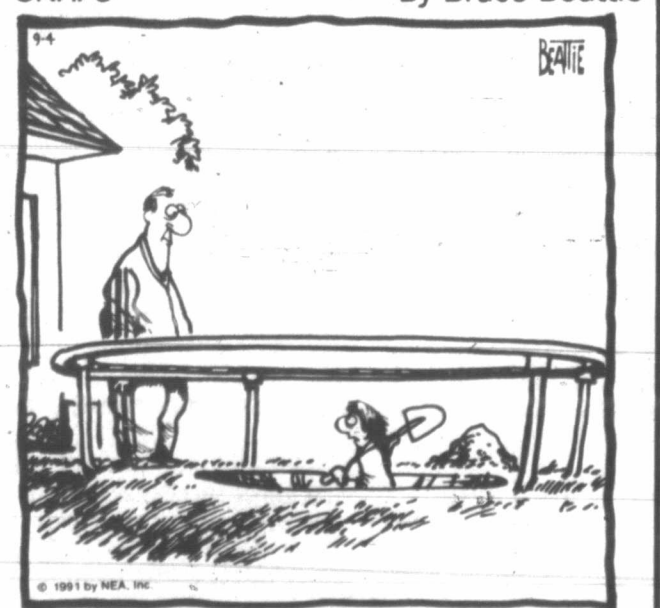


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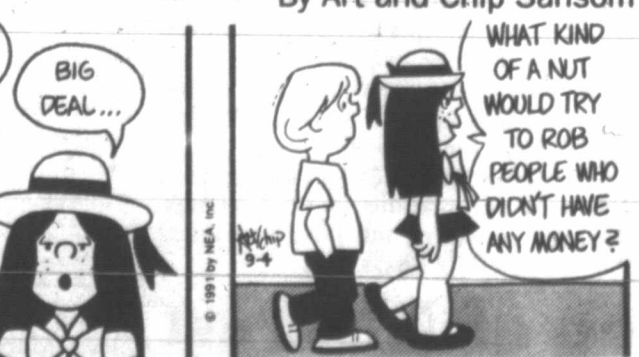


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Sports

Groom Tigers to feature versatile attack

By J. ALAN BRZYS
Sports Writer

GROOM — Groom High School's new head football coach expects versatility and increased aggressiveness to be the keys to a successful season.

Woodson native Terry O'Dell several weeks ago took the reins of the District 1-A (six man) Tigers. In a recent interview, O'Dell said he is happy with the program he inherited and expects to implement gradually his own system.

"Our quarterback is going to be a plus," he said, speaking of 5-foot-9, 145-pound senior quarterback Bruce Britten. "He's got a good arm and he's adapting well to changes."

Offensively, the Tigers' coach expects to "mix it up" between the run and pass.

"We'll use some stunts (and) we might get burnt, but it's been successful (for me) in the past," said O'Dell. "I will throw the ball; I'm not afraid to throw it. We've got the ends to throw it."

Tigers ends expected to con-

tribute are 5-foot-10, 165-pound junior Corky Hickey and 5-foot-10, 160-pound senior Daryl Homer.

"They're not real fast, but they've got good hands," said the coach.

"For us to be successful, he (Brian Baker) must have a good year," said O'Dell of the 5-foot-10, 150-pound senior running back. "He's pretty tough."

O'Dell said 5-foot-10, 200-pound junior center Matt Fields also will be "a real key to how we do."

Concerning the Tigers' chances

in a district which includes powerful McLean and Miami teams, O'Dell said, "There will always be an upset in there."

"We won't say we'll settle for third or fourth," he explained. "That may be where we are at the end of the season, but that isn't our goal."

Ironically, Groom plays Woodson at Guthrie in non-district action.

"It's going to be a good test for us."

"If we can come out of this (non-district) schedule, without losses, then I think we can look for a good year."

O'Dell admits "not being familiar with (opposing) teams and my personnel" is the biggest disadvantage, but added he is looking forward to the challenge.

"We're going to be versatile; we're going to make them (opponents) prepare for us," said O'Dell. "The kids are not backing down an inch."



Jennifer Capriati of Saddlebrook, Fla., celebrates her victory Tuesday against Gabriela Sabatini. (AP Laserphoto)

Capriati sneaks past Sabatini in squeaky serenade

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Dancing defiantly near the service line, her sneakers squeaking on the hardwood surface, Jennifer Capriati issued the noisy second-serve challenge at the U.S. Open.

Here I am, it said. Hit the ball and let's see what happens.

Gabriela Sabatini tried Tuesday night. Oh, did she try. The defending champion could not respond, though, committing six double faults as Capriati vaulted into the semifinals with a 6-3, 7-6 (7-1) victory.

What was all that jumping around about? Was it just the exuberance of your average 15-year-old who has won almost \$365,000 this year?

"I wasn't planning, you know, on being obnoxious or annoying or anything like that," Capriati said. "It was just that I wanted to intimidate her a little bit, show her that I was going to attack her serve. And I think I did, because she made a couple of double faults."

Sabatini said she heard the sneaker serenade but did not blame it for her second-serve blues.

"That is not the reason I did the double faults," she said. "I didn't play well. I made too many errors. A couple of moments, I wasn't there mentally. I wasn't strong enough to win those points."

Still, Sabatini did not surrender her title without a fight. She twice broke Capriati as Jennifer served for the match, forcing the tiebreaker. But she was no match for Capriati in the extra session, winning just one point.

Was the ex-champ impressed? "Jennifer is playing very well," Sabatini said. "She has the mentality to win the tournament."

And maybe the right tactic, as well.

Capriati has used the sneaker squeak successfully before, most notably against Martina Navratilova, whom she beat at Wimbledon.

That victory seemed to thrust her to another level. She has played dominating tennis ever since and for the first time, she feels capable of winning a Grand Slam event.

"I've come close," Capriati said, recalling a semifinal berth at the French Open in 1990 and the semis again this year at Wimbledon, where she lost to Sabatini. "Now I want to go all the way. Winning this would mean the world."

Next, she'll play second-seeded Monica Seles, who advanced easily with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Gigi Fernandez. The have played three times before with Seles winning the first two and Capriati taking the last one in San Diego.

"I'm going to try and play like I did against her in San Diego," she said. "I am going to try to be aggressive and really go for it and do the same on her serve."

Does that mean Capriati will do that second-serve shuffle again?

What do you think? Both Seles and Capriati have played dominating tennis in the Open. Seles has been broken just four times in 41 service games and lost just one set in her first five matches. Capriati has won each of her matches in straight sets.

Seles was on top of her game against Fernandez, needing just 53 minutes to seal the victory.

"She came out really strong and she was jumping all over my serve and serving really well," Fernandez said. "She hits the ball really well. It is hard to read."

But Seles brings other weapons to the war, according to Fernandez.

"She has an unbelievable mind, very tenacious, fighting and thinking," she said. "She is a very smart player and she keeps coming at you."

Seles said that frame of mind was vital to her success on the court.

"I think all the great players have that," she said. "As long as I am going to play, I'll have it. You've got to have that. You are never going to make it if you don't."

"That is what I always believed in. That in tennis you are out there and you should give whatever you have, run for every ball."

Being able to hit devastating groundstrokes doesn't hurt, either.

Now the question is how will she handle Capriati's sneaker serenade?

Irish QB denies charges

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Rick Mirer is working hard to bury the most embarrassing, and potentially most damaging, moment of his life.

His future as Notre Dame's starting quarterback hung precariously for a few hours last weekend while police, coaches and priests sorted through the details of his arrest for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

"I'm not supposed to talk a whole lot about that," Mirer said Tuesday, recovering from the shock

of being hauled off to jail. "It was a misunderstanding, and the only thing I can say about that is I was not publicly intoxicated and my conduct was not disorderly."

Coach Lou Holtz believes him. Holtz says the junior is just coming into his own and wants him to lead Notre Dame through the 1991 season.

Holtz called the involvement of Mirer and linebacker Demetrius DuBose in the Friday off-campus party that attracted 500 people a "very innocent thing."



Editor's note: This is one in a series of profiles on Pampa News-area high school football teams.

The Tigers, in an off year in 1990, compiled a 7-3 overall and 2-3 district record under coach Jimmy Branch.

"I'm pretty well pleased with what they've been running," said O'Dell of the T formation offense. "I will eventually go into splits, etc. ... but not right now."

O'Dell already has changed the role of some of the players.

"Virtually everyone is back," he explained. "I have five returning starters (and) the experience has got to be a plus."

"We're working with everyone on speed and quickness," said O'Dell. "One of our weaknesses will be overall team speed."

"We'll overcome that with aggressive play," he said, adding the players need to get "a little meaner."

"We're not physical enough, but it's coming around," he said.

O'Dell compiled a 26-7 record from 1979-81 as varsity football coach at Woodson, then took a 9-year hiatus to pursue other interests.



Groom quarterback Bruce Britten prepares to launch the football at a recent practice session. (Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Cowboys prepare to battle Redskins

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — The true definition of getting your game face on can be seen at Valley Ranch this week. There's no team in the NFL that gets the Cowboys' attention like the despised Redskins.

The Redskins represent the Cowboys' longest running rivalry. Dallas has played 62 games with Washington in the club's history, leading the series 34-26-2.

The Cowboys can have bad teams and good teams but they usually play well against Washington.

Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson struck the first psychological blow in preparation for Monday night's game with Washington.

"When you see what Washington

did to Detroit (45-0) it sobers you up quick," Johnson said Tuesday. "The Redskins were as impressive of a team as I've seen in the NFL."

Johnson added: "You can see why everybody picked them to be a Super Bowl contender."

The Redskins will meet Dallas at Texas Stadium in the Cowboys' first regular season Monday night game since 1988 when they fell to the Saints 20-17 in the Superdome.

It marks the first visit by Monday Night Football to Texas Stadium since Nov. 2, 1987 when the Cowboys defeated the Giants 33-24.

Johnson said the Cowboys' 26-14 victory over the Lions "was one of the better offensive performances since I've been with the Cowboys. We had 25 first downs."

Dallas escaped basically injury free

although quarterback Troy Aikman needed seven stitches for a cut chin.

Asked if he was pumped about being on Monday Night Football, Johnson replied: "Not really."

"I get excited playing Washington and I know Monday Night Football is exciting for our fans and players. But if you don't perform well you'd just as soon not played in the game," he said.

Owner Jerry Jones was a little more demonstrative.

"It's a bigtime game," Jones said. "It's what the NFL is all about."

Jones said it's a pat on the back for the Cowboys to be back in the national spotlight in their third season under a new regime.

"I wouldn't have thought three years ago that we would be at the level we're at right now," he said. "We're just one-point underdogs to

Washington. Now, that's a step up."

Johnson said the Cowboys will have to "step up" their game to stay with the 'Skins.

"We'll have to turn it up another level to stay with them," he said.

Johnson's first NFL victory and the only one of his rookie 1989 season was against Washington. The Cowboys defeated Washington 27-17 last Thanksgiving Day and nearly knocked them out of the playoffs.

"We do seem to pick it up a notch against Washington," Johnson said.

Johnson is 3-3 against the Redskins. Last year's victory at Texas Stadium marked the first Dallas home victory over Washington since 1986. The two teams have met six times on Monday Night Football with each club winning three of those games.

Blue Jays maintain 2 1/2-game lead in AL East

By The Associated Press

A four-hitter and the first complete game of his career wasn't good enough for Scott Aldred.

That's because Brian Holman allowed five hits in eight innings Tuesday night as the Mariners beat the Tigers 1-0 at the Kingdome.

Second-place Detroit, which leads the majors with 180 home runs, failed to gain on AL East-leading Toronto, which lost to Baltimore 8-4 but maintained a 2 1/2-game lead. It was only the fifth shutout pitched against the Tigers this season, the lowest total in the AL.

"They've got such a great-hitting ballclub," said Holman (12-13). "With those guys, you can't throw balls out over the plate. With a team like Detroit, you want to have 15 runs, not one. With a one-run lead, you've got to be so careful."

Bill Swift pitched a hitless ninth for his 12th save.

Aldred (0-3) came into the game with a 9.70 ERA in six previous

appearances this season. This time, he struck out one, walked five and remained in command.

"It's a big confidence builder, and pitching is total confidence," Aldred said.

In other games, California beat Boston 2-0, Kansas City beat Chicago 8-0, Milwaukee beat Oakland 5-3 and Texas beat New York 5-1.

Seattle's run was unearned. Dave Valle walked with one out in the third and advanced on a two-out passed ball by Mickey Tettleton. Harold Reynolds then singled for the run.

Orioles 8, Blue Jays 4

Dwight Evans hit a three-run homer and had his first four-hit game this season, and Glenn Davis also homered and had three hits at the SkyDome.

Ben McDonald (6-8) allowed three runs and five hits in six innings and Mike Flanagan finished with one-run, two-hit relief for his third save.

David Wells (13-10) gave up four runs and nine hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Angels 2, Red Sox 0

Mark Langston (16-7) beat Boston for the third time this season, allowing four hits in 6 1-3 innings, and Dave Parker drove in the go-ahead run with his 2,700th career hit.

Bryan Harvey pitched the ninth at Fenway Park for his 35th save in 38 chances.

Mike Gardiner (6-7), who had won his three previous starts, allowed six hits and struck out seven in 5 1-3 innings.

Royals 8, White Sox 0

Danny Tartabull hit a pair of two-run homers for the sixth multiple-home run game of his career and Kevin Appier (11-9) pitched a five-hitter and struck out nine at Comiskey Park.

Bo Jackson, in the second game of his comeback from a hip injury, went 0-for-4, making him hitless in seven at-bats.

Jack McDowell (15-9) struck out eight but allowed six runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings. The loss ended a three-game winning streak for the

White Sox, who are 6-17 since Aug. 11.

Brewers 5, Athletics 3

Robin Yount hit a three-run homer in the ninth off Dennis Eckersley (3-3) as the Brewers rallied from a 3-0 deficit at County Stadium.

Jim Gantner hit his first home run in four years in the seventh and B.J. Surhoff hit his fifth home run in the eighth.

Edwin Nunez (2-1) pitched a perfect ninth for the win.

Rangers 5, Yankees 1

Texas won its 15th consecutive home game over the Yankees as Jose Guzman (10-5) pitched a five-hitter for his third complete game.

The Yankees have not won at Texas since May 4, 1989. The AL record for consecutive home victories over one team is 22, set by the Red Sox against the Philadelphia Athletics in 1945-46.

Jeff Johnson (5-9) gave up four runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings. Ruben Sierra and Ivan Rodriguez homered for Texas.

Braves, Dodgers win, remain tied at top of NL West

By The Associated Press

The Dodgers found themselves in the position of having to come back not only against the Cardinals, but the Braves as well.

Los Angeles trailed 3-0 and was tied 4-4 before beating the Cardinals 5-4 on Tuesday night.

The Dodgers were aware that the Braves had already won, 4-1 in Montreal, and temporarily taken sole possession of first place

in the NL West. As it turned out, they only had it for about three hours.

"I hope this is a lift for us, but you never know," Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda said. "We need some momentum going into the road trip."

The Dodgers still have one home game left before they leave for Pittsburgh, the runaway leader in the NL East. The Pirates beat the Giants 5-3 in 10 innings Tuesday night to go up

eight games on the Cardinals.

In other NL results, it was New York 6, Houston 1; Cincinnati 8, Philadelphia 5, and San Diego 4, Chicago 1.

Pinch-runner Tom Goodwin scored the winning run from second base on third baseman's Todd Zeile's ninth-inning throwing error.

The Cardinals tied the game at 4 in the top of the ninth on Jose Oquendo's bases-loaded bloop RBI

single off reliever Jay Howell (6-5).

St. Louis took a 3-0 lead in the third only to see it wiped out by a four-run rally in the bottom of the inning capped by Eddie Murray's two-run homer.

Reliever Scott Terry (4-3) was the loser.

"The ball was wet and slipped right out of my hand," said Zeile, who had a two-run double in the third. "I could feel it slipping so I just tried to aim it."

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Gorbachev to approve Baltic independence by decree

By DEBORAH SEWARD
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev agreed today to grant independence to the Baltic republics, officials said, making them first breakaway Soviet states to win such recognition from the Kremlin.

With Soviet central authority crumbling in the wake of last month's hard-line coup, Gorbachev will issue decrees formally freeing the Baltics, the officials said after meeting with the Soviet president.

The move came as the highest Soviet lawmaking body today debated how power should be divided as the union is transformed into a loose confederation of sovereign states. Two-thirds of the Soviet republics have declared themselves independent.

Under a blueprint Gorbachev and the leaders of 10 of the 15 republics are trying to push through the Congress of People's Deputies, most of the central government's power would be transferred to the republics.

Negotiations today focused on who would wield the most power in the interim government that would be formed to manage the transition to a new union.

Gorbachev had been expected to raise the issue of Baltic independence at the Congress, but did not because it apparently did not have enough support.

The Baltics, which began their independence drive three years ago,

have already won recognition from dozens of foreign governments, including the United States. Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia also have applied for United Nations membership, and Moscow has indicated it won't block the move.

Word of Gorbachev's agreement to grant Baltic independence came after he met with Baltic representatives from the Congress. He asked them to draft a declaration, said Algimantas Cekoulis, a former Lithuanian deputy who is attending the Congress.

The Soviet leader approved the general idea after he read their draft, Cekoulis said. Former Gorbachev aide Alexander Yakovlev also said Gorbachev would issue the decrees after lawmakers conclude a special session.

Just 20 minutes into today's Congress session, Gorbachev ordered a recess because of "very serious remarks and proposals" from the Russian, Ukrainian other delegations.

It was not immediately clear if Gorbachev's plan was in trouble. After a similarly ordered break in the first day of the session Monday, all the republics' delegations lined up behind the proposal.

One deputy told reporters that leaders of the republics' delegations needed to assure lawmakers they would have some sort of future role if they agreed to the proposal. The measures would effectively dissolve the Congress.

"This break has been called so the republics can bribe them (the



(AP Laserphoto)

Delegates to the Congress of People's Deputies follow the vote today during a session at the Kremlin today. The lawmaking body was debating how power should be divided among republics as the union is transformed into a loose confederation of sovereign states.

lawmakers)," said Svyatslav Fyodorov, a lawmaker and noted eye surgeon.

A plan circulated by Russian legislators would shift almost all power into two of the interim government bodies proposed by Gorbachev — a governing council and an inter-republic committee that would set economic policy.

That would leave little power for an interim legislature.

Leaders of Russia, the dominant republic with most of the Soviet

Union's riches and half its population, oppose giving too much power to Gorbachev and a what they fear would be too conservative a legislature.

The so-called State Council would comprise the Soviet president and leaders of the republics. The economic committee, comprised of the president and republic representatives, would coordinate economic policy.

The Gorbachev proposal urges all republics, whether or not they

choose to maintain political ties with the Kremlin, to enter into an economic union.

Before recessing, the Congress voted to dismiss ousted Supreme Soviet chairman Anatoly Lukyanov and Vice President Gennady Yanayev from their posts for their role in last month's failed coup.

The vote was a formality, affirming decisions made earlier at the Supreme Soviet, the smaller standing legislature that is elected by the Congress.

Lukyanov and Yanayev both were arrested for their roles in the Aug. 18-21 coup that briefly toppled Gorbachev. Yanayev has been charged with high treason. Lukyanov has not yet been charged.

Gorbachev, who has seized and held the initiative since the 1,900 lawmakers gathered in the Kremlin on Monday, presided over today's session.

For its first two days, the Congress was dominated by Presidents Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia and Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan — two key figures in the emerging restructuring of the country.

On Tuesday, Gorbachev pressed the Congress for approval of the radically looser union with a passionate defense of the proposed new order and a stern warning that rejection would mean chaos and cost the deputies their jobs.

Speaking to reporters after Tuesday's session, he said that if deputies vote down the plan "the people will reject this Congress. ... The

Congress will have exhausted its usefulness."

But he stepped back from one element of the plan: a proposal to replace the Supreme Soviet standing legislature with a smaller body composed of an equal number of representatives from each of the republics.

That idea had run into stiff opposition. Of the 10 republics negotiating a new union, it would have given the six predominantly Muslim republics more representatives than Russia, Byelorussia and the Ukraine, the Slavic heartland.

Gorbachev also told reporters that he would not bring up independence for Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia at the Congress and there was speculation he might simply issue a decree granting recognition.

A Russian official said the Congress, a quasi-democratic body created two years ago and dominated by Communists, might vote against independence for the Baltic republics if Gorbachev brought the issue to the floor.

Pressure to let the tiny republics go has mounted as dozens of countries have recognized their independence claims.

The crumbling union also faces with secessionist movements within the republics themselves.

Efforts to redraw borders were under way Tuesday in the Arctic coal mining region of Vorkuta, an ethnic Slavic region of the Moldavian republic and the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh area in Azerbaijan.

Yugoslavs ignore peace agreement

By SLOBODAN LEKIC
Associated Press Writer

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Croatian guardsmen shot four people to death at a roadblock today and Serb rebels blocked a strategic highway in a third day of ethnic fighting that violated a cease-fire.

Truce observers, arriving in Croatia under terms of the widely ignored peace agreement arranged by the European Community, said the turmoil prevented them from doing their job.

Some of the fiercest fighting in recent days occurred on Tuesday in the Croatian stronghold of Osijek. Bodies being brought to the local hospital raised the known toll in the area to 14 dead and 28 wounded by this morning.

The total number of dead in Osijek and surrounding villages in the secessionist republic's ethnically mixed Slavonia region rose to about 20, according to various reports.

The cease-fire went into effect on Monday. Despite the widespread violations, the 12-nation EC continued preparations for an urgent international peace conference on Yugoslavia in The Hague on Saturday.

It named Lord Carrington, one

of Britain's most widely respected statesmen, as its chief mediator.

German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher repeated today that his country would recognize Croatian and Slovenian independence unless the fighting stopped. Germany has accused Serbia, Yugoslavia's largest republic, of involvement in the fighting in Croatia.

The head of Yugoslavia's eight-member federal presidency, Stipe Mesic, a Croat, appealed for peace late Tuesday. The presidency was to meet later today.

More than 300 people have been killed in fighting in Croatia since the republic and Slovenia declared independence on June 25. Fighting in Slovenia was quickly halted by a cease-fire, but not in Croatia.

Many of Croatia's 600,000 Serbs, 12 percent of the republic's population, oppose secession and want their communities to remain part of Yugoslavia.

Animosity runs deep between Serbs and Croats. Many Serbs mistrust Croats because of memories of hundreds of thousands of Serbs slaughtered in death camps run by Croatia's Nazi puppet government in World War II. Serb guerrillas retaliated with their own killings.

If Croatia secedes, Serbia wants

to annex areas with large Serb populations. Serb militants now control about a quarter of Croatia's territory, according to Croatian officials.

The Croats accuse the federal army of siding with the Serbs in their battles with Croatian forces. Some EC observers back their claims, and independent observers say the well-equipped army has helped the Serbs secure territory.

The army almost always engages Croatian units, but it says it is acting to keep the warring sides apart and fires only when attacked.

In violence today, Croatian forces shot to death three soldiers and a civilian near Velika Gorica, five miles south of Zagreb, when they ignored warnings to stop, Croatia's Hina news agency reported.

Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency, also reported the shootings but did not say what provoked them.

Croatian media reported several clashes elsewhere in Slavonia and said an unspecified number of people were wounded.

Serb rebels blocked the strategic Zagreb-Belgrade highway near Okucani, 80 miles southeast of Zagreb, Croatian radio and TV reported. Zagreb is the Croatian capital and Belgrade is the Serbian and national capital.

Spreading rumors about J. Edgar Hoover would invite visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — On a June day in 1951, the owner of a Washington beauty shop engaged in a bit of gossip that won her a permanent place in the secure files of J. Edgar Hoover. She said she'd heard that the FBI's longtime director took payoffs from bookies and was a homosexual.

An FBI employee, Hazel Baxter, was having her hair done at the time and reported the remark to her superiors.

Three days later, according to newly published FBI files, the beauty shop owner was "vigorously questioned" by FBI agents and "advised in no uncertain terms that such statements ... would not be countenanced."

A memo assured Hoover that the woman "fully realizes the seriousness of her accusations and it is not believed that she will ever be guilty of such statements."

A new book, "From the Secret Files of J. Edgar Hoover," cites the incident to show that at the same time Hoover squirreled away derogatory material about the sexual lives of John and Robert Kennedy, Eleanor Roosevelt, members of Congress and other public figures, he used the resources of his agency to silence persistent rumors about his own sexual behavior.

The files were assembled by Athan Theoharis, history professor at Marquette University, decade-long critic of the FBI and diligent user of the Freedom of Information Act. The materials furnished him were heavily censored; details, names and titles often were deleted.

Hoover's system of keeping the memos in his own office allowed the bureau, when it did not want to share information, to truthfully tell Congress or other government agencies that sought-for data could not be found in its "central records system."

Hoover's files illustrate, Theoharis wrote, that he "exploited the FBI's resources to serve the political interests of the White House and to advance his own bureaucratic, political and moralistic agenda during 48 years as director." Hoover's tenure ended with his death in 1972.

Homosexuality — allegations of his own and of other people's — was a recurring theme in the files. Hoover started monitoring homosexual rumors in 1937.

In 1944, a man jailed in Louisville, Ky. on a morals charge earned a visit by the FBI for saying that he knew Hoover was a homosexual with a 17-year-old lover. He recanted.

M.W. McFarlin, who ran the FBI's Louisville office, reported to headquarters that the suspect had signed a statement saying his allegations were "untrue and without any basis in fact."

People in high office "are frequently exposed to the mouthings of liars and vermin," McFarlin wrote Hoover. He promised that FBI agents would "exert every means in their power to protect you from malicious lying attacks and throw the lies down the throats of those whom utter them."

Two years later, word reached Washington that a man in New York had been making comments about Hoover's sexual orientation.

The two agents who came calling reported back that they had left the rumor-spreader "in a rather nervous state of mind." They said they were certain "there would never be any further necessity" for interviewing him "on a matter such as this."

Meantime, the bureau kept a special record on "sex deviates" in government. A file on Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic nominee for president in 1952 and 1956, was kept open for 12 years.

The basis for it was an offhand remark by some Bradley University basketball players indicted in 1952 for fixing a basketball game. They told the detective who brought them to New York for trial that Stevenson and the president of Bradley were the two best-known homosexuals in Illinois and that Stevenson was nicknamed "Adeline." The basketball players said they did not think Stevenson would run for president as a result.

The same rumor was repeated in memo after memo, the last time in a report prepared in 1964 at Hoover's request. This time, the assertion was attributed to "disgruntled officials of the Illinois state police" as well as a Bradley player and the nickname was "Adelaide."

U.S. veterans return from first visit to North Korea since war

TOKYO (AP) — North Korea is willing to investigate the thousands of Americans missing in action or taken prisoner in the Korean War, a representative of the first U.S. veterans' group allowed to visit since the war said today.

Tom Gregory of The Chosin Few, a group of veterans from the Chosin Reservoir battle, said officials in the capital Pyongyang assured him the north will investigate whether any of the Americans are still alive.

"With no preconditions, they indicated a willingness to re-examine the issue of whether any American soldiers are still alive in North Korea," said Gregory, who was in Tokyo after an eight-day stay in Communist North Korea, one of the world's most isolated countries.

"(The north) had always said it was a closed issue, so I was surprised they agreed to look into it," he said in a telephone interview.

Li Sung Ho, a North Korean lawmaker closely involved in MIA issues, also was quoted by Gregory

as saying that a joint U.S.-North Korean commission on exhuming and returning the remains of U.S. soldiers "should be initiated immediately."

But Gregory, of Jacksonville, Fla., said that Li stressed he does not know of any American soldiers still alive in the north.

"It would be horrible to think there were, but it would not be impossible," Gregory said, adding that there have been many reported sightings of American soldiers but none have been substantiated.

Of the 5 million Americans who fought in the Korean War, 8,177 remain listed as missing in action, and 389 POWs are unaccounted for, Gregory said. More than 33,600 U.S. soldiers died in the three-year war, which began after North Korea invaded South Korea in 1950.

Though North Korea and the United States have no formal diplomatic relations and technically remain at war, Pyongyang has recently showed increased interest in improving its ties with Washington.

In June, North Korea returned

the remains of 11 soldiers killed in the war, only the second such transfer since large-scale returns were made in 1953-54. Five sets of remains were returned last May.

Gregory said the north also agreed to hold an annual world Korean War veterans conference that would be co-sponsored by the North Korean government and The Chosin Few.

He said the first conference could be held as early as September 1992.

Gregory, a former Army staff sergeant, said that he and two other members of The Chosin Few — including founder Frank Kerr, of Boston, and Ernest Pappenheimer, of Holly, Mich. — were given a warm welcome in North Korea.

"I expected argumentation, arrogant treatment," he said. "But they were very considerate."

But although the three were allowed to travel widely in North Korea, Gregory said they were not allowed to visit the battlefield site, which has been renamed Changjin Reservoir.

Dottie West dies of injuries suffered in accident

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country singer Dottie West died this morning of injuries suffered in a car wreck last week on the way to performing at the Grand Ole Opry, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The 58-year-old singer-songwriter, who won country music's first Grammy for a female vocalist, died at 9:43 a.m. CDT, said Barbara Cramer, spokeswoman for Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

West was scheduled to undergo surgery this morning to repair her liver, which was severely damaged in Friday's car accident.

West probably best known for the hit song "Country Sunshine" and duets with Kenny Rogers.

Her career spanned more than 25 years and yielded solo hits like "Here Comes My Baby," the 1964 hit that won the first Grammy for country music performance by a female vocalist.

Her late 1970s duets with Rogers produced a series of hits, including "Every Time Two Fools Collide" and "What Are We Doin' in Love."

However, West's financial fortunes tumbled and she was forced to file for bankruptcy in 1990 with more than \$1 million in debts.

The IRS held an auction of West's belongings during the annual Country Music Fan Fair in Summer 1991. West attended, signed auto-

graphs and bid on some of the items.

West was born Oct. 11, 1932, the eldest of 10 children in a poor farm family in McMinnville, outside Nashville.

She began songwriting in 1961, starting out with other struggling artists like Willie Nelson and Roger Miller.

West's image was high-heeled boots, skintight pants, low-cut blouses and Western hats. But she once told an interviewer that she at

first turned down a duet with Kris Kristofferson on "Help Me Make It Through The Night" because the lyrics were too suggestive. Eventually she made the record.

West was married and divorced three times. She had three sons and a daughter, country singer Shelly West, who teamed with David Frizzell for the country hit "You're the Reason God Made Oklahoma."

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