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House expected to reject pay raise proposal

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Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of Congress are ready to beat a midnight deadline and deny themselves a 51 percent pay raise that the public clearly doesn't want them to accept.

Raise opponents cleared the path for rejection votes in both houses today, after they engineered the collapse Monday of House Speaker Jim Wright's suggested alternative, a 30 percent pay increase.

Wright, D-Texas, reluctantly scheduled today's vote on "a simple resolution of disapproval" that would require suspension of the rules and a two-thirds majority. Lawmakers for and against a raise predicted passage.

The speaker conceded after his forces were beaten decisively when they tried to adjourn the House, let the full raise become law at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday and then schedule a Thursday vote to scale back the increase to 30 percent. The opening move in that strategy failed on a 238-88 vote.

As Monday wore on, everything appeared to fall in place for opponents of the raise. Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, D-Maine, whose chamber voted 95-5 last week for a differently worded rejection bill last week, said he would schedule a prompt vote on the House version. Passage requires a simple majority.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said President Bush would sign the rejection measure despite Bush's personal support for the raise.

Public clamor against the raise has been growing each day. A weekend Gallup poll asked 1,001 adults from Friday through Sunday whether they favored or opposed increasing congressional pay from $89,500 to $135,000, the amount of the proposed increase.

The results, with a four-point margin of error, showed 82 percent opposed with only 15 percent in favor.

The raise was recommended by a presidential commission. Its rejection not only would keep congressional pay stuck at $89,500, but would prevent federal judges and top Bush administration officials from getting a similar increase.

Some lawmakers said an across-the-board rejection would be devastating because the executive branch cannot compete with private industry and colleges for managers and scientists. They also said an increase is needed to stop the drain of federal judges leaving the bench for lucrative law practices.

Bush, at a late afternoon news conference, was asked if he would sign legislation that vetoes the pay raise.

He reminded reporters "I said I would support" the raise, but never directly answered the question.

But Dole said: "I understand he'll sign it. He needs to do it by midnight so the judiciary doesn't get a big step while everybody else is being stepped on."

The Constitution forbids raises for judges from being reduced once they take effect.

One immediate casualty of the raise appears to be a plan to ban lawmakers' receipt of fees for speeches and appearances. These often are paid by special interests seeking to influence legislation.

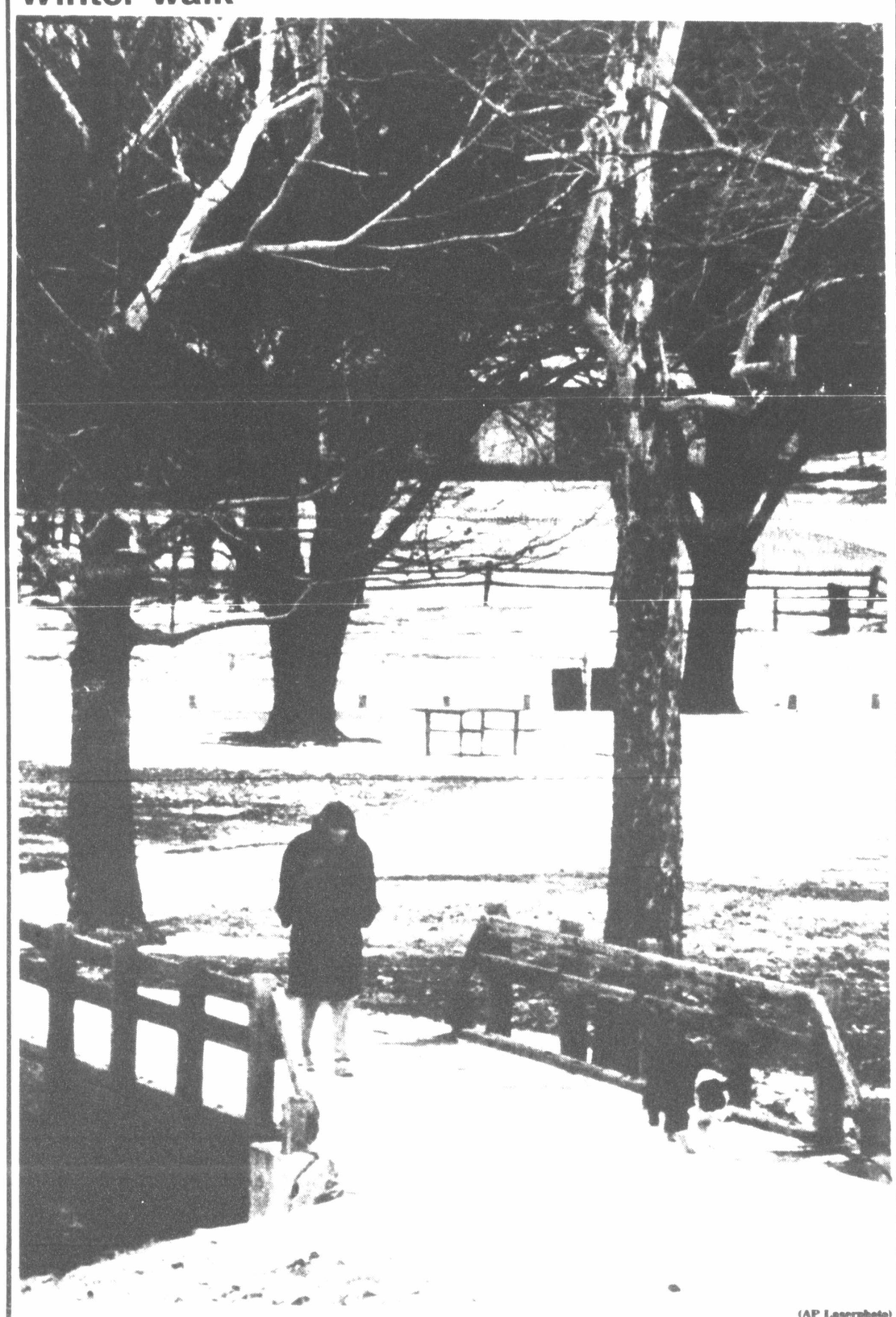
Many members of Congress who accept the money said they do so to supplement an inadequate income.

Assuming the full raise is defeated, any elimination of the $26,850 that House members can retain in honoraria — or the $35,800 that senators can keep — would be a move to reduce lawmakers' pay. Senators already have unanimously approved an honoraria ban for themselves, but made it conditional upon the full raise becoming law.

Also left dangling was a proposal to end a loophole in federal law that allowed 190 House members to accumulate $39 million in leftover campaign cash, which could be converted to their personal use. A bipartisan House negotiating team agreed to eliminate the loophole if the raise went into effect.

Pay raise opponents outmaneuvered Wright on Monday by offering a resolution demanding a vote before the raise took effect.

Winter walk



(AP Laserphoto)

Frances Nash crosses a bridge in a Dallas park Monday with her dog Chalkie as the temperatures stayed below freezing for the fourth day in the North Texas area. Many school districts in the Dallas are shut down Monday as the cold weather continued.

Congressional leaders give cautious praise to S&L plan

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional leaders are offering cautious praise for President Bush's plan to bail out the savings and loan industry, but many are wary of his proposal to sock the taxpayers for about half the $90 billion initial cost.

Bush on Monday offered a complex financing scheme mixing tax dollars with higher insurance premiums paid by banks and S&Ls.

He also called for an overhaul of the financial regulatory system aimed at preventing S&L problems from recurring, vowed to pursue wrongdoers in the industry and pledged to protect insured deposits. He recommended no direct fee on depositors.

"In all the time since creation of the deposit insurance, savers have not lost one dollar of insured deposits and I am determined that they never will," the president said at a news conference.

Under the Bush plan, which must be approved by Congress, the government would sell $50 billion in 30-year in bonds as needed over three years to finance the cost of closing or selling about 350 failed institutions. That's in addition to the $40 billion pledged last year by regulators to rescue and prop up 223 institutions.

Insurance premiums paid by financial institutions, combined with tax dollars, would pay the interest on the bonds and meet regulators' 1988 commitments. Money to pay off the principal on the bonds would come from the S&L industry.

Sen. Donald W. Riegle, D-Mich., the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said Bush had presented "by and large a sensible proposal" and that "the structural reforms make sense."

However, Riegle said the taxpayer cost was "a substantial amount of money" and said he was concerned it would cut into other programs such as the fight against drugs and education.

Bush's budget director, Richard Darman, said the public would shoulder 54 percent of the burden over the 30-year life of the plan. He estimated the cost to taxpayers at $28.1 billion from 1989 through 1994. Over 10 years, the cost would be $39.9 billion.

"In my view (that) would be a little high," said Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.. "It would begin to crowd some of these other programs Congress wants, like education, the environment. ... I would propose we shrink the taxpayer impact."

The spending is structured to help the president meet his "no new taxes" pledge by minimizing the impact on the fiscal 1990 budget that Bush will present to Congress on Thursday. Taxpayer spending would amount to $11.1 billion during the remainder of this fiscal year, but would dip to $1.9 billion in 1990. It would bounce back to $6 billion in 1991.

Bush's plan also would increase the insurance premium paid by S&Ls from the current $2.08 per $1,000 of deposits to $2.30 from 1991 through 1994, dropping to $1.80 after that. Banks' premiums would rise from 83 cents now to $1.20 in 1990 to $1.50 after that.

The announcement marked Bush's first attempt as president to deal with a major problem. He proposed:

- An administrative merger of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which insures commercial banks, and the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp., which backs S&L deposits. The agencies' staffs would be combined, but the money in their respective funds would not be mixed.
- Placing insolvent S&Ls under the control of the new deposit agency. However, a separate three-member board headed by the Treasury secretary would oversee bailout spending.
- Regulatory changes, including steps to reduce the type of risky investments that got the industry into difficulty, and an expanded role for the Treasury Department in supervising S&Ls.
- Requiring S&L owners to put up more of their own money. By June 1, 1991, capital requirements would be 6 percent, the same as banks and double the current S&L requirement.
- An additional $50 million to the Justice Department for investigation of wrongdoing within the industry. Maximum civil penalties against S&Ls and banks would be raised to $1 million a day; criminal penalties against executives would go as high as 20 years in prison. Regulators would be given authority to pay rewards to informants.

City offers tip to avoid frozen pipes

Pampa Water Department officials are asking citizens to leave a small stream of water running in their kitchens and bathrooms to help keep their water pipes from freezing as a severe cold weather system continues to hover over the Panhandle.

"We want to remind Pampa residents to leave their water running as a safeguard against their water pipes freezing," said Nathan Hopson, director of community services.

Vickie Maule, utilities office manager, said her office was answering from 40 to 60 telephone calls each hour Monday from residents who thought their water meters had frozen, cutting off water to their houses.

"Of the 20 tickets I checked, only six had frozen meters, the rest were frozen pipes at the house," Maule said.

One way residents can check to see if the frozen pipes are in the house or at the meter, Maule said, is to turn on an outside faucet. If the water runs from the outside faucet, she said, the frozen pipes are in the house. If no water comes out of the outside faucet, there is a chance that the meter is frozen, she said.

If the meter is frozen, it is the city's responsibility. However, if the frozen pipes are on the customer's side of the meter, then the city is not responsible for returning service to the residence.

"This is the biggest problem we've had (with people calling about frozen water meters) in the four years I've been here," Maule said.

Pampa Water Department's emergency number will be open through 10 p.m., she said, explaining that after that time it will be too dark and too cold to work on any waterlines. Any emergency calls after 10 p.m. will be handled the next day, she said.

Frigid air threatens citrus, livestock; death toll reaches 61

By MITCHELL LANDSBERG
Associated Press Writer

Southwestern farmers struggled to save their citrus crops today and Idaho ranchers searched for livestock smothered in seemingly bottomless snow drifts as the cold air mass created more weather records across the nation.

Ice covered vast parts of the Southeast and Texas, causing power outages, filling hotels and causing hundreds of auto accidents on glassy roads. New Orleans went ahead with its soggy Mardi Gras, but other Louisiana towns decided that this Fat Tuesday would be spent indoors.

At least 61 deaths have been blamed on the weather since Jan. 31, when frigid air broke out of Alaska.

Among the latest was a 59-year-old Chicago man found frozen to death Monday outside a metal shop where he often sold aluminum cans, police said. In Washington state, divers found the body of a 53-year-old orchard worker whose car broke through the ice in Osoyoos Lake.

With the cold front stopped in its tracks, no immediate relief is expected. The cold continued to plague virtually the entire nation, but especially the western third.

In Idaho, Gov. Cecil Andrus declared a state of emergency Monday in rural Clark County, and the National Guard was expected to help ranchers today as they searched drifts as deep as 15 feet for buried cattle and sheep.

County Commissioner Ab Laird said he lost more than 600 sheep, 700 cows and dozens of heifers and bulls on his property near Dubois in eastern Idaho.

"They were all young cows, all pregnant, all ready to calve," Laird said.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is working to save nearly 500 trumpeter swans that have been unable to feed on a frozen fork of the Snake River. At least 20 of the swans have died so far. The flock represents a quarter of the species' population in North America.

In California, Texas and Arizona, citrus farmers fretted as temperatures dropped below freezing in usually temperate growing areas.

"If the weather forecast is correct, we're looking at a high probability of serious damage," said Ray Prewett, executive director of Texas Citrus Mutual, a McAllen-based growers' organizations.

Growers brought out smudge pots and turned on giant fans to keep crop-damaging frost from settling. In California's San Joaquin Valley, one grower reported temperatures dipping to 19 degrees Monday.

Today's low at 1 a.m. CST was minus 37 degrees in Craig, Colo. The lowest temperature reported Monday was Logan Canyon, Utah's 54 below zero. More than 40 record lows were set Monday. San Francisco had its coldest February day ever; its low of 31 shattered a 102-year-old record. Ely, Nev., recorded its lowest temperature ever — minus 30.

Chicago's low of minus 4 marked the first subzero readings of the year there, and helped fill homeless shelters.

In New Mexico, a fierce snowstorm dumped so much snow at Taos Ski Valley that it couldn't be measured. The resort's gauge only goes to 110 inches — just over 9 feet — and it was lost somewhere under the snow.

More snow fell early today over northeast New Mexico and Texas' Panhandle. Snow also fell from northern New York state across northern Ohio, the upper Great Lakes, Minnesota and North Dakota. Buffalo, N.Y., received nearly half a foot of snow in six hours ending at 1 a.m.

Freezing rain continued to fall over a vast stretch of the Southeast, where icy roads have created havoc.

"We're on our way to a deadly Mardi Gras in terms of traffic," said Lt. Ronnie Jones, a spokesman for the Louisiana state police. Two more people died in weather-related traffic accidents in Louisiana on Monday, bringing the state's total to six.

In Arkansas, video shop owners were grateful for the dreadful weather. "It's amazing how many people can't get to work but can come get movies," said Lisa Laffoon, manager of Look Video in North Little Rock.

The weather was blamed for a 21-car pileup in Huntsville, Ala., on Monday. In Jackson, Miss., a power outage that resulted from icy wires left about 40,000 people without electricity and helped fill hotels.

"The North Pole has opened its front door and is pushing the cold air straight toward us," said Ray Young, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Birmingham, Ala. "The next cold air will reinforce the cold air that is already here. All of this is just sitting on top of us."

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

TODD, Zetta Ann — 2 p.m., Church of Christ, Shamrock.

Obituaries

ZETTA ANN TODD

SHAMROCK — Zetta Ann Todd, 50, died Monday. Services are to be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Church of Christ of Shamrock with Don Perry, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery by Richerson Funeral Home.

Born in Wink, Mrs. Todd moved to Shamrock in 1981 from Jal, N.M. She married Tommy Todd in 1962 at Kermit. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, DeLena Whitaker of Shamrock; a son, Bradley Todd of Shamrock; and one grandson.

BRIAN LEE HOOBLER

CANADIAN — Brian Lee Hoobler, 18, died at Salt Lake City, Utah, early today from injuries suffered in an accident while skiing in Arizona in January. Services are pending with Stickley-Hill Funeral Home of Canadian.

A 1988 graduate of Canadian High School, Mr. Hoobler had moved to Prescott, Ariz., with his parents in October 1988.

Survivors include his parents, Jim and Marge Hoobler; one brother, Jimmy Hoobler, and one sister, Janet Hoobler, all of Prescott; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arleigh Hoobler of Canadian.

RAYMOND LEE MILLER

CANADIAN — Raymond Lee Miller, 54, formerly of Canadian, died Monday in Houston. Services are pending with Stickley-Hill Funeral Home in Canadian.

Mr. Miller was born Jan. 11, 1935 in Canadian. A long-time Canadian resident, he had recently moved to Houston.

Survivors include two sons, William Miller and David Miller, both of Canadian.

Calendar of events

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Deparment of Health is offering an immunization clinic from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday in the Hughes Building, 400 W. Kingsmill. Available vaccines protect against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella and mumps. A fee will be charged to help with the costs of offering the clinic; the amount charged will be based on family income, size and ability to pay.

Minor accidents

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

MONDAY, Feb. 6

8:18 a.m. — A 1979 Chrysler New Yorker driven by Jody Edwards Brunson, 2400 Dogwood, collided with a 1986 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Phyllis Cook Beckham, 2619 Seminole, in the 400 block of East 23rd. Brunson was cited for following too closely.

Fire report

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

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6:12 a.m. — A car fire was reported 5 miles west of city on Hwy. 60. No cause or damage estimate were available. One unit and two firefighters responded.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions

Nancy Bell, Pampa
O.C. Cox Jr., Pampa
Belinda Everson, Pampa
Mildred Gielser, McLean
Pauline Hamilton, Pampa
Jossie McPherson, Pampa
Betty Miller, Canadian
Michael Morton, Pampa
Laura Roberts, Perryton
Sammy Whatley, Pampa
Press Kaster (extended care), Borger

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wicker of Canadian, a girl.

Dismissals

William Adcock, Canadian
Shirley Brogden, Miami
Gay Gray and baby girl, Pampa
Press Kaster, Borger
Rachel McDougle, Pampa
William Meador, Miami
Roy Noble, Lefors
Annie Voss, Miami
Fred Alvey (extended care), Pampa
Boyd Brown (extended care), Miami

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Admissions

Susan Henry, Shamrock
Delores Banard, Shamrock
Eddie Stafford, Shamrock

Dismissals

None

Police report

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

MONDAY, Feb. 6

Pampa police reported disorderly conduct and violence against a family in a domestic dispute.

Coronado Hospital reported two thefts at the business.

Jimmy Lee Phillips, 533 N. Sumner, reported a burglary at the residence.

Pampa police reported driving while intoxicated, driving while license suspended and failure to provide identity to a peace officer in the 500 block of North Hobart.

Arrests

MONDAY, Feb. 6

Christopher Lee Hughes, 27, 1028 E. Francis, was arrested at the residence on charges of assault, disorderly conduct and family violence. He was released on bond.

Grover Dale Morse, 26, 1943 N. Faulkner, was arrested in the 600 block of North Ward on charges of driving while intoxicated, no liability insurance, failure to provide identity to a peace officer, driving while license suspended and speeding.

Stock market

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

Wheat	3.72
Milo	4.05
Corn	4.60

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

Occidental	27¾	
Ky. Cent. Life	12⅞	
Serfco	4⅜	

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

Magellan	52.26	
Puritan	13.39	

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

Amoco	78½	up⅜
Arco	86	up⅜
Cabot	43⅞	up1
Chevron	49¼	up⅛
New Atmos	15½	dn⅛
Enron	37	up½
Halliburton	29¾	up¼
HCA	47⅛	up⅛
Ingersoll-Rand	38¼	up½
Kerr-McGee	39⅛	up⅝
KNE	18⅝	NC
Mapco	61⅞	up⅝
Maxxus	7	NC
Mesa Ltd	13¼	NC
Mobil	47⅞	up¼
Penney's	54½	up⅜
Phillips	20⅞	up⅛
SBJ	36⅝	NC
SPS	26⅝	NC
Tenneco	49⅝	up¼
Texaco	49⅝	up⅛
New York Gold	392.50	
Silver	5.93	

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police	911
SPS	669-7432
Water	665-3881

22 Gray County youths to join others at Houston Stock Show

HOUSTON — Eight 4-H'ers and 16 Future Farmers of America students from Gray County are to join 4-H and FFA members from throughout the state for showing competition at the upcoming Houston Livestock Show, Feb. 16 through March 5, at the Astrohall.

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors compete in one of two divisions of the Houston Livestock Show in the junior show. The open show attracts exhibitors from the world's agricultural industry in the form of professional breeders and ranchers.

Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest.

Following are the local FFA students competing in the show:

Jenny Couts, Groom, barrow; Julie Couts, Groom, barrow; Melissa Couts, Pampa, barrow; Kerri Cross, Pampa, lamb; Chris Dark, Pampa, lamb; Pam Dull, Pampa, lamb; and Shannon Free, Pampa, barrow.

Also showing are Kyle Hall, Pampa, barrow; Matt Hamon, Pampa, lamb; Mark Norton, Pampa, lamb; Kyle Oneal, Pampa, barrow; Tim Ray Pampa, steer; Sheila Romines, Pampa, steer; Kenda Smith, Pampa, barrow; Stacy Smith, Pampa, barrow and Danny Stokes, Pampa, barrow.

Gray County 4-H participants include the following:

Nicole Leggett, Pampa, barrow; James M. Reeves, Pampa, barrow; Michel L. Reeves, Pampa, barrow; Andy Swires, McLean, steer; Dennis Williams, Lefors, lamb; Jennifer L. Williams, Lefors, lamb; Kandy Winton, Pampa, barrow; and Shanda Winton, Pampa, barrow.

Representing 817 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the junior show is expected to exceed 12,000 entries this year.

A variety of animals are shown in the junior show division including market steers, market swine, market sheep, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

"The highlight of the second week of competition is the junior show," said Steve Woodley, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo assistant manager. "These young 4-H and FFA exhibitors represent the future of this great state and nation.

"From the selection of the grand champion steer to the placings on a set of junior breeding heifers, the activities of the second week are at a feverish pitch. It all culminates in the junior auction sales," he added.

The four market animal categories reprsent animals raised by the exhibitor as food sources. Top animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. Total money paid in 1988 at the four junior show auctions exceeded $4 million.

'Cave woman' changing living habits

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — Just like clockwork, an Italian woman living in isolation in a cave is altering her sleeping and waking patterns in the absence of timepieces of any kind, scientists say.

Stefania Follini has been sleeping about 10 hours and staying awake 20 hours, according to the Italian researchers supervising the isolation experiment.

Follini moved into her Plexiglas quarters in Lost Cave Jan. 13. Since then, her only contact with the outside world has been through a personal computer, on which she relays results of tests of concentration and brain-wave activity.

The Ancona, Italy, interior designer has been living without clocks or the sight of the sun. She can only guess at the passage of time.

Her sleeping and waking cycles will probably lengthen even more, said Maurizio Montalbini, the research team's leader.

Montalbini, who once spent seven months isolated in a cave, said Follini's ability to concentrate appears to have sharpened, rather than weakened, during her first three weeks of isolation.

The attention-span tests are part of a slew of experiments U.S. and Italian scientists are performing. Montalbini selected a cave site in the United States because he wanted to be close to researchers from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and universities.

One U.S. scientist working with the Italians, Dr. Jon DeFrance of the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, said the Follini study will help researchers design a study in which astronauts will go on a mock space voyage to Mars.

NASA is particularly interested in the Italian study because previous experiments have suggested prolonged isolation weakens the body's resistance to disease, which DeFrance said could bode ill for astronauts on long voyages.

DeFrance's specific interest is in attention disorders. Follini periodically attaches electrodes to her head for brain scans, and she takes tests on a computer that gauge her attention span.

A person's attention span "may be disrupted in a number of different ways," DeFrance said. "Each disruption may have its own pattern or signature. The disruption may be unique. It may be able to pinpoint what brain pathways are weakened.

"We may be able to develop methods for refreshing attention, so that astronauts can conduct their activities at a high level and very competently."

City briefs

BUYING ALUMINUM cans, 736 Perry. Go west on Gwendolyn from Hobart. Adv.

REGISTRATION FOR Decorative Art Classes starting in acrylic, oil and fabric dyes. Register now. Shop hours Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 1-5 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Lil' Ol' Paintin' Corner, 407 E. Craven. Adv.

LADIES NIGHT, Wednesday night, special drink prices. City Limits. Adv.

SURVIVORS GROUP, and rape, incest. Tralee Crisis, 669-1131. Adv.

SHEPARD'S NURSING Agency Home Health Care - Licensed Nurses - Certified Aides. "We care for those you love." 665-0356. Medicare approved. Adv.

PAMALA BAMALA, Friday and Saturday nights at City Limits. Best in country and top 40's. Adv.

THE LOFT 201 N. Cuyler, Wednesday stew, cornbread, music 12-1. Thursday Mexican plate. Friday stuffed potatoes. Adv.

GAVEL CLUB Meeting, 6:30 p.m. February 9. Top O Texas Chapter Hall.

Students begin practice for annual spelling bee

The annual Gray County round of the *Amarillo Globe-News* Spelling Bee will be held Friday, March 10, at 9 a.m. in Lovett Memorial Library.

The competition is open to children who have competed and won preliminary competitions at their individual schools.

For the first time, however, children attending home schools will be eligible to participate if those supervising them organize a preliminary bee of at least five students.

Tim Powers, principal at Lamar Elementary School, is county coordinator for the bee. Those interested in entering home-schoolers in the contest should contact Powers for more information.

The county winner in the senior division (grades 6-8) will compete in a regional competition at West Texas State University on Saturday, April 15, 1989.

Junior division winners (grade 5 and below) will also attend the regional competition but will not participate, unless ruled eligible as junior and senior division champion by the county chairman, according to the rules.

The first-place regional senior division winner will receive a paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the national finals for the bee.

Junior and senior winners from each county will be recognized by the *Amarillo Globe-News* and West Texas State University with a prize.

Powers said all parents and members of the community are invited to attend the local competition at Lovett Library.

Poland begins 'round table' talks

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The government and the opposition sat down at the same table to seek a common course for Poland's future, but Solidarity chairman Lech Walesa cautioned that deep distrust hangs over the historic talks.

Fifty-seven delegates of divergent views sat at a specially built circular table under the glare of television lights for Monday's remarkable opening session.

Opposition activists faced officials who had interned them during the 1981 crackdown that suppressed Solidarity, debating conditions for the free trade union movement's reinstatement and a possible opposition role in government.

It was first time since the Communists consolidated power after World War II with Soviet backing that a cross-section of the opposition had begun formal talks with authorities over how to run Poland and salvage an economy in crisis.

Delegates representing the opposition, the Communist Party, the government and the influential Roman Catholic Church met for about three hours and agreed to break up into three working groups beginning Wednesday.

One group will discuss economic and social policy, one trade unions and the third political reforms, according to a joint statement issued after the session at the Council of Ministers palace.

Opposition spokesmen have said they expect the real work of the negotiations to take place in these groups — and to last about six weeks.

If a grand compromise is reached, it could be quickly enacted into law by the Communist-dominated parliament.

The chief official at the talks was Politburo member and Interior Minister Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak, a key player in the 1981 crackdown. Walesa led a 25-member group representing Solidarity and other opposition groups.

Kiszczak said ending the seven-year ban on Solidarity is possible only if the talks produce broad agreement on political and economic reform.

"If we work out at the round table and officially announce to society a confirmed consensus on the idea of non-confrontational elections as well as support for planned political and economic reforms, there will be an immediate possibility" to lift the ban, he said.

The authorities have indicated they are willing to allow the opposition seats in parliament as a minority party, but the opposition does not believe the Communists have any intention of sharing power.

Walesa seemed to be advocating quick legalization.

"We demand Solidarity. We have the right to it," he said in a blunt speech immediately following Kiszczak's.

Authorities agreed in advance that the talks could result in reinstating Solidarity. In exchange, they seek an opposition endorsement of painful reforms that could increase prices and lead to layoffs if outmoded plants are closed.

Many government opponents are wary of the offer.

"This table is surrounded by social hope, but also distrust," said Walesa. "There will be people who will not accept what we work out here. We must know this and accept this."

Bill aims at keeping rural hospitals open

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Legislature's only doctor-lawmaker says he is preparing legislation aimed at helping rural hospitals and rural residents.

Rep. Mike McKinney, D-Centerville, says he will introduce legislation to create an Office of Rural Health, establish a statewide trauma network and give some liability protection to rural doctors faced with emergency baby deliveries.

The Omnibus Rural Health Care Rescue Act also would provide for a peer review board to examine cases where hospitals refuse to accept patients from other health facilities.

Other aspects of the legislation would raise the minimum payment given hospitals for treating Medicaid patients, toughen the legal standard of proof in malpractice cases resulting from emergency care, and establish a loan program for medical students.

In preparing the legislation, McKinney said he drew from personal experience and the findings of the Special Task Force on Rural Health Care Delivery.

"Every town doesn't need a hospital, but everybody who lives in every town is entitled to health care. You need emergency care within 60 minutes and sometimes that is too long," he said.

The statewide trauma network would ensure such treatment and cut through the bureaucratic snags that now sometimes delay treatment, McKinney said. The trauma bureau, which would operate out of the Texas Department of Health, would set standards for emergency services, maintain a listing of designated trauma centers, and coordinate a grant program.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy tonight with a low of 0 to 5. Winds will be from the west at 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. High will be 20 with northeast winds at 5 to 15 mph. Monday's high was 19; the overnight low was 2. Pampa received 0.01 inch moisture from Monday's snow flurries.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Partly cloudy through tonight. Partly cloudy Wednesday except mostly cloudy Panhandle and South Plains with a slight chance of light snow or flurries. Lows tonight from zero to 5 above Panhandle to the lower 20s near the Rio Grande and far west. Highs Wednesday mainly 20s and 30s except mid 40s far west and near 50 along the Rio Grande.

North Texas — Winter weather advisory in effect through tonight for extreme southeast sections. Occasional freezing drizzle, possibly mixed with light snow southeast through Wednesday. No accumulations of snow expected. A slight chance of freezing drizzle or light snow tonight through Wednesday northwest. No accumulations of snow expected. Elsewhere partly cloudy and cold through Wednesday. Lows tonight from 18 to 27. Highs Wednesday 30 to 36.

South Texas — Winter weather advisory is in effect for Southeast Texas and lower coastal plains. Mostly cloudy and continued cold tonight and Wednesday with a chance of light freezing drizzle mainly southeast and coastal bend. Lows tonight from teens in the Hill Country to low 30s lower coast and 20s elsewhere. Highs Wednesday from mid 30s to near 40.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Thursday through Saturday

West Texas — Mostly sunny days and fair at night with cold but slowly moderating temperatures through Saturday. Panhandle: Highs Thursday in low 20s, warming to upper 30s Saturday. Lows will be minus 2 Thursday moderating to mid teens on Saturday. South Plains: Highs Thursday in mid 20s, warming to mid 40s Saturday. Lows from 2 above Thursday to near 20 Saturday. Permian Basin: Highs Thursday near 30, warming to near 50 Saturday. Lows near 10 Thursday, moderating to mid 20s Saturday. Concho Valley: Highs Thursday in low 30s, warming to low 50s Saturday. Lows Thursday in low teens moderating to mid 20s by Saturday. Far West: Highs Thursday in the upper 40s, warming to mid 50s Saturday. Lows Thursday in upper teens moderating to near 30 Saturday. Big Bend: Highs Thursday in upper 30s mountains to near 50 lowlands warming to low 40s mountains to mid 50s lowlands. Lows Thursday from mid teens mountains and valleys to upper 20s plateaus moderating to low 20s mountains to low 30s plateaus.

North Texas — Continued cold with no significant precipitation expected. In the west, lows in low teens and highs in the 20s. In the central portions, lows in the teens and highs from mid 20s to low 30s. In the east, lows in the 20s and highs in the 30s.

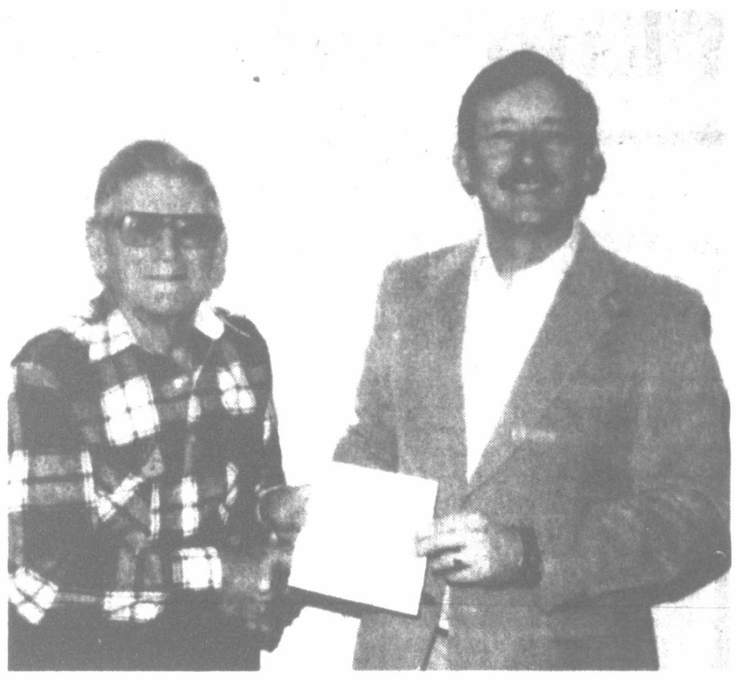
South Texas — Partly cloudy in the north and west, and mostly cloudy south and east. Not as cold. A chance of rain or drizzle in southeast Texas, the Coastal Plains and in the Lower Rio Grande Valley mainly on Friday and Saturday. Highs in 30s and 40s Thursday, and near 50 in the Lower Coast and Lower Valley. Lows in the 20s and 30s, and near 40 in the Lower Coast and Lower Valley. Highs Friday in the 40s to near 50, and in the 50s in the Lower Coast and Lower Valley. Lows near 30 in the Hill Country, and along the 40s in the Lower Coast and Lower Valley, and in the 30s rest of South Texas. Highs Saturday in the 50s, and in the 60s in the Lower Coast and Lower Valley. Lows near freezing in the Hill Country, with 40s to near 50 Lower Coast and Lower Valley, and 30s to near 40 elsewhere.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma — Considerable cloudiness tonight and Wednesday with a slight chance of light snow. Turning colder northwest late tonight and most sections Wednesday. Lows tonight near 10 Panhandle to near 20 southeast. Wednesday high low 20s Panhandle to mid 30s extreme southeast.

New Mexico — Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Lows tonight from 10 below zero to 10 above over the mountains and north with 10 to 20 elsewhere. Highs Wednesday in the teens and 20s over the mountains and north to the 30s and low 40s south.

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(Special photo)

Mayor McBroom, left, accepts donation from Spence of Texaco Producing Inc. toward the building of park in Skellytown.

Texaco gives donation to park in Skellytown

SKELLYTOWN — This small community's efforts to construct a town park were recently boosted with an $800 donation from Texaco Producing Inc.

Skellytown residents are working to meet the requirements of a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant that will match half the cost of building the park — $17,500 — if the residents can raise another $17,500.

Donations of time, money and machinery are being promised from many citizens, the schools, the county and several surrounding industries. Total cost of the park has been estimated at $34,900.

The park is to be named in honor of J.C. Jarvis, a long-time Skellytown resident, who spent much of his retirement supporting the Skelltyown park before his death in 1974.

Carson County has donated a 50-year lease on a plot of land one block west of Skellytown's City Hall for the park.

Texaco's donation was presented by W.M. Spence, Panhandle area manager for Texaco's Natural Gas Plants, to Skellytown Mayor Neal McBroom. Accompanying the donation was a letter from John H. Anderson of Texaco's Tulsa, Okla., office, congratulating the Skellytown community for its efforts twoard the park project.

Valley growers worried about damage of freeze

HARLINGEN (AP) — Citrus growers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley were hoping they wouldn't wake up today to relive the nightmare killing freeze of five years ago, after the National Weather Service forecast overnight lows in the mid 20s.

"If the weather forecast is correct, we're looking at a high probability of serious damage," Ray Prewett, executive director of Texas Citrus Mutual, a McAllen-based growers' organization, said Monday.

Fruit and trees would suffer if the temperature stayed below 28 degrees for more than four hours, he said.

Prewett said growers could withstand a loss of the fruit still on the trees, but the real danger comes from a prolonged hard freeze that injures or kills the trees themselves, putting future production in jeopardy. Citrus growers are still recovering from a devastating December 1983 freeze that killed thousands of trees, wiped out the next year's crop and drove many out of the business.

The industry was looking at this year for their re-emergence, particularly in the lucrative fresh-fruit market with the new Rio Red grapefruit variety reaching a respectable level of production.

This year's citrus crop has been estimated at about $75 million.

Fresh fruit is where the money is, Prewett said, and growers will lose if they have to rush to salvage their frozen oranges and grapefruit by converting them to juice.

An oversupply has depressed juice prices this year. About 45 percent of the grapefruit remains on the trees in the Valley. Most of the Valencia oranges also remain unpicked.

About 35,000 acres are planted in citrus in Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy counties. Freezing weather over the weekend already may have damaged some of the fruit and new growth that normally begins on the trees this time of year, Prewett said.

Fruit and vegetable growers in the subtropical Valley made it through the weekend in relatively good shape, when temperatures did not drop far below the freezing level, said Bill Weeks, executive vice president of the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Association in Harlingen.

Heavy cloud cover kept heat from radiating rapidly back into the atmosphere, while steady drizzle helped insulate the crops with moisture and ice, Weeks said.

"If we get into the 20-23 range, we're going to see a whole different situation," Weeks said Monday. "We're going to see some fruit damage as far as the citrus is concerned and some vegetable damage."

A worst-case scenario could bring as much as $105 million in damage to Valley fruit and vegetable producers and packers, he said.

Texas congressmen: Pay raise a 'dead duck'

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Democrats are complaining about Republican demogoguery toward a $45,500 pay raise while at least one GOP congressman complains the Democratic leadership handled the issue "horrendously."

Rep. John Bryant, a Dallas Democrat, said there was "a great deal of irresponsible demagoguery, people running to get in front of a parade."

He said he saw one congressman tell a television reporter that "we beat down this pay raise" on Monday. But the same Republican asked him privately how he could help Wright "hold the fort" and let the raise take effect.

"It was the worst example of hypocrisy I've ever seen," Bryant said.

House Speaker Jim Wright caved in to opponents Monday and agreed to let a vote be taken today on the raise.

One of the pay raise's first supporters, Rep. Marvin Leath, a Waco Democrat, said he would now vote against it. Leath is also calling for a ban on honoraria, the fees members receive for speeches and appearances before special interest groups, and thinks the spouses of members of Congress should not be allowed to hold high-paying jobs.

"If we're going to stop all perceptions of conflict, let's go all the way, then maybe everyone will come to the table and deal reasonably, without the demagoguery," Leath said in a statement.

One Texan in Congress who has a spouse with a high-level federal job is Republican Sen. Phil Gramm, whose wife, Wendy Gramm, is chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Gramm has been an opponent of the raise, but both he and his wife would have benefited from the increase, which also would have raised the salaries of federal judges and other top-ranking employees.

Several Texans say the raise doesn't stand a chance now. "It was on a track to doomsday," said Rep. Albert Bustamante, a San Antonio Democrat. "I think the raise is a dead duck," said Rep. Charlie Stenholm, a Stamford Democrat.

Rep. Jack Fields, a Humble Republican, said even Democrats on the House floor Monday were saying Wright, a Fort Worth Democrat, has handled the red-hot pay raise poorly.

"People within his own party are really wondering about his leadership, his ability to grasp the major issues," said Fields. Wright is the nation's highest-ranking Democrat "and he can't handle this. He should not have let this go on so long."

"We think it's horrendous, that it was handled very poorly," Fields said of GOP reaction to the tussling over the 51 percent pay raise. "There was absolutely no reason for us to go through the trauma of the past two months."

Fields said it was Republican opponents who forced the issue to a roll call vote, and that the Democratic leadership only agreed after "the speaker read the tea leaves and realized he was losing ... public support."

But Stenholm said Wright handled the issue as best he could and it was "unfair for a lot of people, the Senate and the bipartisan leadership, to put the speaker on a limb and stand all the heat and all the pressure."

It was the speaker who had originally announced, with silent support of the House Republican leadership, to keep the House adjourned until after the pay raise took effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday so that members would see their salaries raised from $89,500 to $135,000. Although the Senate voted the raise down last week, it could still take effect without a House vote.

But as the pressure mounted for a vote, the speaker changed course and said a vote would be taken after the raise took effect to lower it to 30 percent while banning honoraria. House members can keep 30 percent of their salaries in honoraria.

The lastest twist in the highly charged wrangling, however, could imperil or delay efforts to do away with honoraria, some Texans said.

Bustamante said it will be "talked to death, but the system will stay as it is. There will be no reform."

But Rep. Larry Combest, a Lubbock Republican, believes the move to ban honoraria and pass other campaign reforms will likely only be delayed.

Bitter cold bears down on southeast Texas

By The Associated Press

The winter storm that has chilled the state since late last week, straining natural gas supplies and closing many schools, bore down on the southeast part of Texas today.

A winter storm warning was in effect early today for the Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange area, where freezing drizzle covered roadways with a thin glaze of ice overnight.

Forecasters redefined the area most likely to receive hazardous weather as being below a line from Fairfield to Centerville in East Texas. Cold, dry air moving in from the northwest acted as a shut-off mechanism for precipitation resulting from moist Gulf air.

At least 10 deaths had been blamed on the cold, most in weather-related traffic accidents.

A record low temperature of 25 broke the date's previous record of 28 in Houston Monday. Forecasters predicted today's record low of 25, set in 1972, would also fall.

School children and workers in many parts of the state stayed home again today. Restrictions on natural gas usage closed many school districts that had agreements with gas suppliers to cut back during times of extreme cold.

Houston Lighting & Power Co. reported power outages affecting about 40,000 customers in western Harris County, Richmond, Rosenberg, Sealy, Katy, Wharton, Rosharon, Danbury and Damon. With winds and rain vexing power lines, more intermittent outages were expected today, spokesman Floyd LeBlanc said.

City officials in Tomball ordered schools and about a dozen large businesses closed Monday after a drop in natural gas pressure threatened supplies to about 1,500 gas customers in the Houston suburb.

Mayor Lee Tipton said the city had added a second gas supplier last year after Exxon officials warned them that surplus gas which had supplied the city for more than 50 years was dwindling.

City officials later ordered the closings of schools and large commercial gas users, including a trash incinerator plant. By late afternoon, gas pressure returned to safe levels, Tipton said.

"If it stays at that level then our homes and hospitals and nursing homes are in no danger," he said. "I'm confident now that we will continue to meet our city's needs."

Lone Star Gas Co. enacted emergency conservation tactics Saturday, and officials said about 20 school districts in North Texas were closed Monday. Central Texas schools also canceled classes and state lawmakers adjourned until 11 a.m. Tuesday, weather permitting.

Texas A&M University announced it would cancel class and activity schedules for the second consecutive day today because of icy conditions.

A state growers spokesman said the prime harvesting period for winter vegetables may be affected by the freeze.

"We're right on the edge of having some real problems," said Bill Weeks, executive vice president of the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Association.

He said 22 crops, including greens, carrots, lettuce and cabbage, are ready for harvest and that 94 percent of the late-season oranges, 40 percent of the grapefruit and 8 percent of early-season oranges remain in the fields.

Waterfield co-sponsors HB 1 on compensation

AUSTIN — Rep. Dick Waterfield, R-Canadian, has signed as a co-sponsor of House Bill 1, the Workers' Compensation Reform Act of 1989, Waterfield announced today.

House Bill 1, authored by Rep. Richard Smith, R-Bryan, is the final product of 18 months of public testimony, research and investigation by the Joint Select Committee on Workers' Compensation Insurance.

"The passage of House Bill 1 is extremely vital for Texas businesses and their employees," Waterfield said. "The reform is a good start to get thing back in order for businesses."

The committee produced the most comprehensive study of Texas' workers' compensation system in 75 years, according to a release from Waterfield's office.

One of the most significant findings of the study is that at present Texas' workers' compensation system is ranked as the third most expensive state in the nation in cost to businesses while ranking below average in benefits paid to its injured workers, the state representative said.

Recognizing the severity of the problem, Gov. Bill Clements, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and Speaker of the House Gib Lewis have all said that workers' compensation reform is one of their top priorities of the 71st legislative session.

HB 1 is a complete rewrite of existing statutes and will make a broad range of reforms including restructuring and renaming the agency which governs Texas' workers' compensation system, Waterfield said.

Other provisions include significantly increasing the maximum allowed benefits, setting penalties for fraud, moving disputes out of the courtroom, allowing self-insurance under strict guidelines and establishing a division of Industrial Safety to promote work place safety.

Preliminary review of HB 1 has brought support from virtually all Texas business groups as well as a number of employee, medical and insurance groups, Watefield said in the news release.

Texas thrift leaders support Bush's plan

DALLAS (AP) — Leaders of Texas thrifts praised the swiftness with which President Bush attacked the savings and loan crisis, but some bristled at the costs their institutions will bear under his plan.

"We like the fact that it's not hitting the consumer directly," Sam Hart, a spokesman for First Gibraltar Bank FSB, said of the plan Bush announced Monday, which hikes the premium banks and thrifts must pay for deposit insurance but does not charge a fee to depositors.

Analysts say the increased cost of deposit insurance will likely be passed on to consumers in the form of lower interest rates for deposits and higher rates for loans.

The banking community will support Bush's plan even though it will nearly double the deposit insurance premium, said Charles H. Pistor, chairman of North-Park National Bank and immediate past president of the American Bankers Association.

"The best thing is that the president is moving quickly to do something about the thrift problems," Pistor said.

That sentiment was echoed across the state.

"We were pleased to hear that he (Bush) made a concerted effort to study the problem, to come up with a proposal and announce it today," said Russ Cobler, a spokesman for San Antonio Savings Association, one of 350 troubled thrifts Bush's plan is designed to help.

But Tom S. King, executive vice president of the Texas Savings and Loan League, said Bush's plan does nothing to help the state's real estate problems.

"Nobody has written the story about the thousands of homeowners and borrowers that have mailed in the keys and made the institutions foreclose on them," King said. "There is fault around.

"The administration had to present some kind of plan so it could lick its lips and say, 'No new taxes.' "

Bush's plan also calls for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which insures banks, to merge with the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp, which insures thrifts, and to be overseen by a new five-member board.

Bankers received assurances, however, that the two insurance funds would remain separate.

"I'm pleased his proposal does not include combining the two funds," said Darryl D. Pounds, chairman of First City Bank Dallas. "But I'm surprised at the magnitude of the increased assessments."

A separate three-member board chaired by the secretary of the Treasury would control the spending of new money raised to close or sell the 350 insolvent S&Ls remaining open.

That action seemingly puts an end to the Southwest Plan, a Federal Home Loan Bank Board-administered program to shore up the troubled thrift industry.

At the FHLBB's Dallas office, focal point for administration of many of the Southwest Plan's consolidations, spokesman David Colgren said, "I really can't comment on the President's plan until we've had a chance to look at it."

San Antonio Savings' Cobler praised Bush's assurance that deposits in the nation's thrifts are safe.

"We are pleased that he, very strongly at the beginning and end of press conference, spoke of the full faith and credit of government behind thrifts," Cobler said.

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Opinion

Private firm shows agencies not needed

The nation finally is getting a chance to test a sensible but too often ignored proposition: If you want to make progress against environmental degradation, figure out a way somebody can make a profit from desirable behavior like recycling. That's the theory behind the nation's first plant designed to turn plastic items like foam coffee cups and fast-food trays into insulation, fence posts, flowerpots and packing material, which opened last month in Leominster, Mass.

Plastics Again, as the new plant is called, became possible because a method was developed to wash used foam plastic as it is being crumbled. It is then reformed into plastic pellets that can serve several purposes. The plant is being financed by two chemical companies that recognize both a threat to the plastics industry from environmental concerns and an opportunity to make a few bucks.

It may well be that oppositions to foam plastic, or polystryene, cups and food servers is overblown. Contrary to popular belief, polystyrene is biodegradable (eventually) and it's a long way from being a major component of the nation's solid-waste disposal problems. But various localities have banned the purchase of foam-plastic containers or polystyrene for use in city buildings.

Such moves probably have more to do with symbolism and visibility than with genuine environmental improvement, but they will have a real enough impact on polystyrene manufacturers. If a practical way can be found top recycle those old foam coffee cups, it could mean a slight reduction in environmental degredation while holding at bay other enthusiasts of an outright ban on the material.

The new plant has an agreement with 20 schools and two Wang Co. cafeterias to pick up polystyrene that is placed in special separate containers. This involves urging school children and employees to take a little extra effort, but a three-month experiment in two school districts indicates that most of them will cooperate. Getting the material to be recycled for the cost of picking it up is a key aspect of making the enterprise potentially profitable.

The new plant is an example of an approach to solving social problems that should be tried more often. When a problem is identified, instead of looking for some piece of coercive legislation that offers a (usually false) hope of making it go away by decree, we should encourage entrepreneurs to look for ways they can make money by solving the problem.

If Plastics Again is successful, it should help break down the widespread superstition that the only way to approach problems is to give government agencies more money and power.

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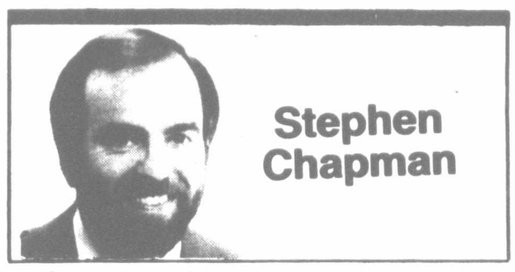
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Center lets them know options



Stephen Chapman

On the wall of an office in downtown Chicago hangs a framed crayon drawing that carries a quotation from the Psalms: "Children are a gift from God." The picture, colored by a 10-year-old girl named Rebecca, features a smiling boy and girl and, crawling out of a brightly wrapped box, a baby.

The office is the Loop Crisis Pregnancy Center, whose aim is to convince women considering abortion that their babies are indeed a gift.

The anti-abortion movement is often accused of majestic lack of interest in the problems of women burdened by unwanted pregnancies. "They claim they are against abortion but they vehemently oppose all proven ways of preventing abortion," says a newspaper ad for Planned Parenthood. "They want to turn back the clock to when women had no options, except the horror of self-inflicted abortions or back-alley butchery."

Some pregnant women share Planned Parenthood's restriced vision, which reveals only the choice of destroying the fetus. This center, one of hundreds throughout the country, tries to make them aware that there are other options — and help those who exercise them. It assures women (and men) willing to endure the trials of pregnancy that they will not have to endure them alone.

The center, which is financed entirely by private donations, opened in August 1985. In its first month, it had one client. Today it gets about 140 each month, served by a paid staff of one full-time person and three part-timers, with help from volunteers.

Most of the clients are black; many are poor, unmarried and living in single-parent homes. "All of them are scared," says Nancy Watson, the social worker who runs the center. Those who come in get a free pregnancy test and counseling about what to do next.

Almost all who test positive want an immediate abortion. Watson and three part-time staffers try to get them to pause long enough to give the question some careful thought.

They explain facts about fetal development; they describe what an abortion does to a fetus; they point out all the forms of help available to expectant mothers who need it.

Most clients choose abortion anyway. Those who don't get whatever help the center can find a way to provide. Some need only an occasional counseling session. Others need much more: help in setting up doctors' appointments, maternity clothes and diapers, referrals to adoption agencies, a place to live.

Drawing on a host of churches and individuals willing to help in various ways, the center somehow manages to accomodate them. And it does so without ever charging anyone a fee — even those women who have abortions and later need help in living with that choice.

Among the women who have gotten help from the center is Brenda, a single, 30-year-old secretary. She is seeing a man whom she didn't want to marry, who had assured her he was sterile. She went to the center for a pregnancy test, prepared to get an abortion if she was pregnant. She left resolved to have the baby.

What changed her mind was a conversation with Nancy Watson. "She showed me some brochures about when life begins, when the baby's heartbeat starts, and that touched me," she says. "I didn't know if I'd be able to have kids when I wanted to. I'd had one abortion, and I thought I was pushing it. I was running away from responsibility. So I just decided to accept it."

Brenda gave birth to a healthy boy in early January. She confesses, "You look at him and say, 'He's a beautiful child, and I almost killed him.' " She plans to find a full-time baby sitter and go back to work in the spring.

Unlike many of the expectant mothers, Brenda knew from the beginning that she could care for a child on her own if need be. Many of them have no idea how to diaper a baby, much less provide for one. Some inevitably end up on welfare, shifting part of the burden for their actions to taxpayers.

But Watson, like Brenda, sees the decision not to abort as the first step toward learning to accept responsibility. "We tell them loud and clear that we're going to help you plan constructively — where you're going to get a job, who's going to take care of the baby, how you're going to finish school," she says. "We don't allow them to be helpless."

A sense of helplessness comes naturally to a woman panicked by an unintended life growing within her. Deciding not to end that life means spurning ease and convenience to accept the pains and pleasures of motherhood.

The Loop Crisis Pregnancy Center is there to see that in carrying through with that choice, she will be neither helpless nor unhelped.



He ponders about his heritage



Lewis Grizzard

Jesse Jackson says he doesn't want black Americans to be called black Americans anymore. He says to start referring to black Americans as African-Americans.

"This gives us a heritage, not hysteria," said the Rev. Jackson while helping to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was too busy with such matters as freedom and equality to worry much about some of the things Jesse Jackson worries about.

But if that's what Jesse wants, I certainly don't have any quarrel with it. Just let me know when the changeover is official so I don't type the wrong thing and get dragged on *Nightline* to face the Rev. Al Sharpton.

So now we've got African-Americans, Polish-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, Italian-Americans, Asian-Americans, Eskimo-Americans and the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame — just to name a few.

We do have some American-Americans, but they don't want to be called that. They want to be called native Americans, which is, I agree, a let better than what they used to be called in the Western movies of my youth — Injuns.

All this started me thinking about what sort of American I am. I am American for certain. It says so on my passport and the French were snooty to me when I visited their country.

But I'd like a little mention of my own heritage when I'm referred to, if you don't mind.

Speaking of the French, somebody told me my last name is French. I don't know a great deal about the early Grizzards, however.

I know a group of them showed up in Georgia a coule of hundred years ago, and I know some of that group took off for the California Gold Rush in '49 and were never heard from again.

Perhaps they struck it rich and didn't want anything more to do with the poor Georgia Grizzards, some of whom became used-car salesmen and newspaper columnists. Your money is never safe around people like that.

So maybe I'm a French-American, but I don't want to be called that because as I mentioned earlier, the concierge at my hotel in Paris wasn't particularly responsive when I asked him where the country music station was located on the radio in my room.

I also don't like French food. I ate in a world famous restaurant in Paris. I ordered fish. They put gravy on it.

You put tartar sauce on fish. You put gravy on mashed potatoes.

My middle name is McDonald. That's got to be Irish or Scottish. I'll take Scottish. I wouldn't pull for the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame if they were playing Libya.

I went to Scotland once. It rained a lot, but the people generally were friendly and had clever senses of humor. They talk a little funny, especially after they've been drinking, but I fall into that same category.

OK. I'm a Scottish-American who might occasionally eat a bowl of French onion soup.

I'm also a Methodist, a Libra, a former Boy Scout and a frequent flyer, but let's don't make this thing anymore complicated than it already is.

A workaholic may face corporate wolf

By SARAH OVERSTREET

Columnist Ellen Goodman just pronounced us Americans a compulsive, competitive bunch of workaholics, more at home with the Puritan ethic than the era of Peace and Love.

I'm not sure her observations will have near the impact that columnist Bob Greene's identification of the Yuppies did early in the decade, but she made some good points.

(What would we call this group, Neurotic Urban Puritan Professionals, or Nuppies, perhaps?)

We don't want to be happy, we want to be better. We don't want to have fun, we want to accomplish. And nowhere is this competition more apparent than in the workplace, she says, where cruise vacations and power lunches have been replaced in the status race by takeout at the desk and boasts of a seven-day work week. "Under this rising star of competitiveness, being tired is a badge of loyalty. Stress is regarded as a company virtue."

I'm not saying Goodman is wrong; we've had a 10-year love affair with compulsive achievement and self-improvement. But I think she overlooked a powerful force in corporate America, one that has as much to do with this syndrome as any mass compulsion for competition: American businesses are turning into white-collar sweatshops.

Get five young-to-middle-age white-collar employees in a group, and three of them will have stories to tell of the innovative ways their employers get more bang for the buck out of their work force. Companies violate overtime rules as if they were no more important than filling the soap dispensers in employee bathrooms.

The ranks of "executives" and "management" swell, so more workers can go on salary — read "no overtime, no matter how many hours you work." While some employers grant compensatory time off instead of overtime pay, some don't. They don't have to. At this period of history, the law of supply and demand works in their favor, an abundance of baby boomers begging for jobs guarantees a supply of acceptable bodies to fill your slot if you don't like it.

Often, white-collar workers paid by the hour don't fare any better. There are as many young professionals-with-portfolio waiting for these jobs as for the salaried slots. Employers might be required by law to pay overtime, but they get around that by discouraging employees to turn these hours in on their timecards.

In a national company one of my friends worked for, the boss gathered his hourly employees around him and announced, "Listen, we're not paying any more overtime. If you're so inept you can't fulfill your job description in 40 hours, that's not our fault." And having established the policy, managers continued to pile more and more work on employees at the bargain price.

Employees won't complain to the Wage and Hour division of the U.S. Department of Labor, the agency charged with stopping wage violations. Filing complaints would either get them fired eventually, turn their jobs into a living hell, or — and this is often seen as the worst fate in professional circles where a reputation for being a good team player is almost as important as education — they'll burn their professional bridges behind them.

These workers are unprotected by unions, and often by choice. They won't vote for unions for the same reason they do just about everything their employers ask: In a time when workers are abundant and good jobs are few, there is little incentive for employers to cooperate with union demands.

Workaholics? Sure, maybe. It's a recognizable psychological phenomenon. But when we consider the American "compulsion" for overwork, we have to take into account the corporate wolf at the heavily mortgaged door.

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President Bush defends Cabinet nominees on ethics issue

By RITA BEAMISH
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said he expects members of his administration to "bend over backwards" to avoid any appearance of ethical conflicts after several of his top appointees faced questions on that very issue.

Bush on Monday said that two of them, White House legal counsel C. Boyden Gray, who is also Bush's top ethics adviser, and Cabinet nominee Dr. Louis Sullivan, had gone beyond what was legally required by disentangling themselves from outside business arrangements.

And Bush said he had seen nothing so far beyond rumor and innuendo regarding a third, Defense Secretary-designate John Tower, whose confirmation is on hold while a Senate committee checks new allegations of drinking and womanizing by the former senator.

Bush launched his administration with a series of events in which he proclaimed his commitment to ethical government, but several of his nominees ran into questions on such issues almost immediately.

Last week, his choice as agriculture secretary, Clayton Yeutter, acknowledged letting a tobacco company pay for a lavish inaugural-week reception in his honor.

And Bush's choice to head the Department of Housing and Urban Development, former Rep. Jack Kemp, ran into questions about his acceptance of speaking fees exceeding House limits. Kemp was confirmed after agreeing to forgo some of the fees and defer others.

Gray, who oversees ethics policy for Bush, on Monday resigned as chairman of a family-owned, multimillion-dollar communications company that had paid him hundreds of thousands of dollars while he was on Bush's vice presidential payroll. Gray was not bound by a Reagan administration policy against such arrangements because he worked for Bush, who had more lenient standards as vice president.

"We are in a new era on these matters," Bush said at a news conference Monday. "Matters that might have been approved and looked at one way, may have a different perception today. ... So, I think it might be different now. I have to approach it differently as president."

Bush said that when it comes to the appearance of conflict of interest, "I'd like our people to bend over backwards ... as far as we possibly can."

When his dual role was first reported, Gray had said he would stop accepting pay from Summit Communications Inc. but would continue to head the Atlanta-based company.

White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater said Gray subsequently decided to resign from Summit on the advice of the chairman and vice chairman of Bush's new ethics commission, "to avoid any possibility of even the appearance of a conflict."

Gray also announced he was putting his personal assets — estimated at $10 million — into a blind trust.

Sullivan, the president's nominee as secretary of health and human services, last week asked if he could take a paid sabbatical leave from the Morehouse College School of Medicine while serving in the Cabinet. Sullivan said later he would forfeit his accumulated sabbatical pay.

Bush said that both Gray and Sullivan had gone beyond the law's requirements to eliminate any questions about propriety.

Gray could face additional questions, however. *The New York Times* reported today that the Office of Government Ethics is investigating whether Gray should have reported $89,000 in deferred income from Summit in 1985 and 1986. Donald Campbell, deputy director of the ethics office, told the *Times* that deferred income had to be reported in the year it is earned.

Bush on Monday also stood by Tower against new allegations of womanizing and drinking and other matters. Bush said he still endorses Tower, and that he should not be drummed out of the Cabinet appointment by rumors.

Pulitzer Prize winning author dead at age 77

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Barbara Tuchman was remembered upon her death as the popular historian whose 1962 *The Guns of August* reminded the superpowers of the dangers of diplomatic miscalculation as they teetered on the brink.

The two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and author of 10 books, including the current best seller *The First Salute*, died Monday at a hospital in Greenwich following a stroke. She was 77.

"*The Guns of August* had a tremendous impact on President Kennedy and all who went through the Cuban missile crisis," said William Manchester, author of *The Death of a President* and writer-in-residence at Wesleyan University in Middletown.

Tuchman's latest book, *The First Salute*, a look at the American Revolution and the Dutch revolution that preceded it by 200 years, has been on *The New York Times* best-seller list for more than nine weeks.

She said last fall it would be her last book because of failing eyesight.

Tuchman won the Pulitzer for history for *The Guns of August* in 1962 and *Stilwell and the American Experience in China* in 1971. The latter work was hailed as "brilliant" by America's preeminent China scholar, John K. Fairbank of Harvard University.

In 1978, she was awarded the Gold Medal for History of the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

She also wrote *The Proud Tower*, a story of Europe before World War I, and *A Distant Mirror: The Calamitous 14th Century*, which traces the tumult of the period by following the career of a feudal lord.

The Guns of August, which established her reputation, examined how the military buildup in Europe led the Great Powers to bungle their way into World War I.

It was a favorite of President Kennedy because of its lessons for leaders in the nuclear age, said historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr., a Kennedy adviser. Kennedy presented a copy of the book to British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

"What he felt was that *The Guns of August* was a clear demonstration (of) the extent that miscalculation got people into war," Schlesinger said in a telephone interview.

Tuchman was born Jan. 30, 1912, in New York City and graduated from Radcliffe College in 1933. She lived in Greenwich.

She expressed pride in the fact that she never gained an advanced degree and was not an academic, saying during an interview last fall that "a Ph.D. would have ruined me."

Tuchman began her career as an editorial assistant and occasional correspondent for *The Nation*, which her father, investment banker Maurice Wertheim, bought in 1935 to save from bankruptcy. She covered President Roosevelt's 1936 campaign and the Spanish Civil War.

Tuchman's mother, Alma Morgenthau, was a sister of Henry Morgenthau Jr., Treasury Secretary under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. During World War II, she worked for the U.S. Office of War Information in New York.

Tuchman is survived by her husband of 48 years, Dr. Lester R. Tuchman, their three daughters, a sister and four grandchildren.



(AP Laserphoto)

Rex, the King of Carnival, waves to crowd Monday night in New Orleans.

Revelers ready for Fat Tuesday

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — French Quarter bars were standing-room-only early today as die-hard drinkers driven indoors by frigid weather got an early start on the nation's bawdiest and most raucous holiday, Mardi Gras.

Eleven parades were scheduled in the New Orleans area, and up to 1.8 million people were expected for the celebration of excess that ends Carnival's month of balls and two weeks of parades.

The festivities have been marred by the slaying of a tourist known as "Mr. Mardi Gras" to his friends.

Mardi Gras ends midnight, when Ash Wednesday ushers in six weeks of Lenten repentance to this predominantly Roman Catholic city.

"Last year we had about a million people on the streets during the day," said Ray Holman, chief of police field operations. "I think that if the weather doesn't get totally unbearable, we'll get at least that number again, maybe more."

He said crowds were bigger than usual despite wet, cold weather during the popular weekend Endymion and Bacchus parades. Bad weather, however, canceled Fat Tuesday parades in the little Acadian communities of Grand Marais and Loreauville.

The National Weather Service forecast a 50 percent chance of rain or drizzle, with highs in the upper 40s but winds near 15 mph making it feel as if it were near 30. That kind of weather can be good for business, bartenders said.

"People want to come in out of the cold," said Bill Hadley, manager of Lulu White's Mahogany Hall bar.

But Ivan Cook of Phoenix said only a downpour could keep him under a roof on Mardi Gras.

"When you're out on the street you don't feel it," said Cook, who was among the thousands of tourists jamming the city.

Hotels decked in the carnival colors of purple, green and gold were packed to virtual capacity.

There were two parades Monday, and a Mississippi riverfront shopping development held its third annual "Lundi Gras" celebration with bands, fireworks, a riverboat parade and the ceremonial arrival by boat of a man dressed as Rex, King of Carnival.

The identity of the real Rex — a different member of New Orleans society each year — is kept secret until the final hours before he rides in the biggest parade of the season and meets the mayor for a champagne toast before downtown crowds.

This year the honor went to Beauregard Bassich, 62, executive director of City Park.

Randy Michael Robichaux, 37, of Baton Rouge, was fatally shot after turning out his pockets to show a holdup man he didn't have any money, a companion told police.

Authorities said Robichaux was an employee at Louisiana State University who came to New Orleans to see Sunday night's Bacchus parade.

"As far as I'm concerned, he was LSU's Mr. Mardi Gras. I just told someone the other day purple, green and yellow run through his blood," said Renee J. Nesbitt, director of residential housing at LSU.

Tower confirmation still awaits FBI investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush stood by Defense Secretary-designate John Tower as an FBI investigation into new allegations of drinking and womanizing dragged on beyond the expected date of completion.

Bush said at a White House news conference Monday that the 63-year-old Tower should not have to withdraw his name based on unsubstantiated rumors about his personal life.

"I think people would not want a person to step aside, given rumor, particularly if the rumor is baseless," the president said. "And the problem is the process is taking a little longer than I would like, and yet, I think the Senate has got to do what they're doing — looking at these allegations very carefully."

Bush added, however, that if any rumors or innuendoes turned out to be "a substantive allegation of this nature, of course it would concern me."

The ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. John Warner of Virginia, had said Friday that the panel expected to receive the final FBI report Monday and vote on the Tower nomination either today or Wednesday.

But Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., the chairman of the committee, said Monday that the panel had not received a report on the new allegations, which congressional sources have said deal with womanizing and drinking. Nunn also said that the panel has not decided when it will vote on the nomination.

Meanwhile, committee member Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., when asked whether the new allegations centered on a relationship involving Tower and a Russian ballerina who may have been a KGB plant, said the report had been checked out previously and there was "no credibility" to it.

Nunn disputed a statement Bush made that the FBI has looked into the new allegations and "the committee now has" the report. "We've done some talking back and forth but we've received no report whatsoever," he said.

"We have not had anything delivered to us, and we are awaiting on it, so the status quo is right where it was," Nunn said as he and Warner emerged from a meeting that lasted nearly two hours.

Nunn, asked about reports that the committee had received new allegations about Tower, said, "I don't want to get into that."

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., not a member of the committee, said at a news conference that Tower's confirmation chances had probably not been hurt by delay in a vote. "We should get the nomination out," Dole said.

Bush said he fully endorses Tower, a former Texas senator who served as chairman of the Senate Armed Services panel, but he added: "If somebody comes up with facts, I hope I'm not narrow-minded enough that I wouldn't take a look. But I am not going to deal in the kinds of rumors that I've seen reported and then knocked down and then reported and then knocked down."

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Diet Pills Sweeping U.S.

Doctors Invent 'Lazy Way' to Lose Weight

U.S. Gov't. Approves Patent Claims for New Diet Pill

BEVERLY HILLS, CA (Special)— An amazing new weight loss pill called "fat-magnet" has recently been developed and perfected by two prominent doctors at a world famous hospital in Los Angeles that reportedly "guarantees" you steady fat loss and calorie reduction by simply taking their tested and proven new pill.

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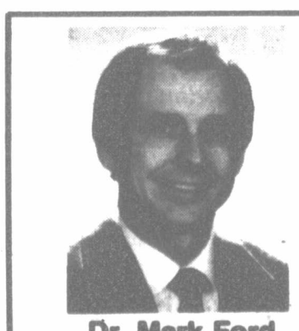
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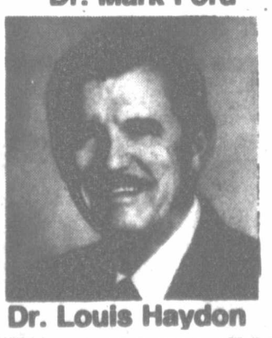
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Tornado victim survives coma to come home

By MIKE WHEELER
The Odessa American

SARAGOSA (AP) — Kiki has come home.

After five months in a coma, more months in a semi-comatose state and 10 surgeries during the last 1½ years, 23-year-old Ramon "Kiki" Meneses Jr. is back home.

Meneses suffered critical injuries in the tornado that wiped out most of his tiny hometown of Saragosa May 22, 1987. The twister killed 30 people and injured 162.

He was on his way home from his job with the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation in Balmorhea when the killer tornado swept through the small West Texas farming town about 110 miles southeast of Odessa.

As Meneses stepped from his car to warn his aunt about the storm, he was picked up and hurled several hundred feet, his body twisted and bashed again and again against the ground by the powerful winds.

Injuries to the young man's head and body left the former Balmorhea High School football player forever crippled and confined to a wheelchair.

The aunt he was attempting to warn did not survive.

Meneses, once nearly 6-feet tall, healthy and strong, is now unable even to speak, his body weak with little control.

He does, however, understand those who speak to him and recognizes friends and family who come to visit, said his mother, Lydia, who at times spoke through a translator.

"And he knows his car, the one he had before he was hurt. He recognizes it in photos we have," Mrs. Meneses said. "That's one thing he wants to do again, drive his car."

From his wheelchair, Meneses' eyes sparkle, and he makes brave attempts at conversation as he looks through the family photo album his mother holds up for him to see.

"Doctors said his head injuries keep him from talking, and damage to his nervous system has left his body useless," Mrs. Meneses said. "We now have only our hope and prayers that our son will ever be completely whole again. He's lots better, but it will take years and years for him to get well. We don't know if he will ever be the old Kiki again."

After he was injured, Meneses spent six weeks in Medical Center Hospital. The next five months was spent in a Houston hospital. Before returning home, he received a year's treatment at Providence Memorial Hospital in El Paso.

Meneses may have to go to El Paso for surgery once more, but that decision will not be made for several more months, Mrs. Meneses said. "He's home to stay with us for a while, and for that I'm happy."

With his family's mobile home destroyed, the family returned to a new home in Saragosa Dec. 28, 1988.

Meneses is chauffeured daily by his mother to Reeves County Hospital in Pecos for physical therapy.

Mrs. Meneses said it's been difficult on her and the family because Meneses, "like a little baby," is unable to do anything for himself and needs 24-hour care.

Much of that care is done by Mrs. Meneses, but friends and neighbors help. Most of Meneses' medical treatment and the special van he rides in was paid for by the American Red Cross, Mrs. Meneses said.

Her son, who spent all of his life in the Saragosa area and graduated from Balmorhea High School in 1985, did not know for almost a year that so many people had died in the torando.

"Because he was hurt so bad, we just didn't tell him until later," Mrs. Meneses said. "When I told him, he just looked away. He didn't cry. He didn't do anything. He just looked away. I don't know how he feels about it. He can't tell me."

Despite all the help, sometimes the hurt of knowing that Meneses may never fully recover takes its toll on Mrs. Meneses.

A family friend, Ramona Machuca, who lost a sister to the tornado, said she often finds the 57-year-old Mrs. Meneses crying.

"It was a terrible thing, that tornado," said Machuca. "It's something that I will never forget for as long as I live."

Mrs. Meneses agreed that the storm is something she will always remember, too. And its memory brings tears to her eyes. "But I thank God that my son is alive."



(AP Laserphoto)

'Kiki' receives a hug from his mother at their home in Saragosa.

Afghan conscripts 'running for their lives'

EDITOR'S NOTE: Barry Renfrew, the AP bureau chief in Islamabad, Pakistan, from 1985 to 1987, has just made his fourth trip into Afghanistan with Moslem guerrillas.

By BARRY RENFREW
Associated Press Writer

GERDE GHOUS, Afghanistan (AP) — The road to Kabul is littered with burned-out Afghan army tanks, trucks and security posts abandoned by retreating communist forces.

Dotted along the highway leading from the Pakistani border to the Afghan capital about 120 miles to the west are signs of the collapse of the Afghan army in the area as Moslem insurgents move in.

Guerrilla commanders say Afghan government forces began to disintegrate after Soviet troops pulled out of the area late last year under a total withdrawal plan now in its final days.

"The communists are all gone. They are running for their lives," said one guerrilla commander.

Tanks and armored personnel carriers destroyed by guerrilla rockets stood abandoned in the center of the highway or lie in roadside ditches. Trucks and radio command vehicles stood where their crews abandoned them.

Senior guerrilla commanders told a visiting journalist over the weekend that Afghan army forces in the area are surrounded in the major city of Jalalabad and a few outlying towns. They claim government troops are demoralized, that just a handful of diehard communists want to fight.

The Afghan army is composed mainly of ill-trained conscripts who are unwilling to fight for the Soviet-backed Kabul government. Western intelligence estimates put its strength nationwide at 30,000 troops.

Afghan army units around Jalalabad have put up little resistance as the Red Army withdraws after nine years of propping up the Kabul regime.

Commander Abdul Zaher said the guerrillas expect Jalalabad to surrender soon when its supplies run out, but would attack if the garrison tried to hold out. The guerrillas, he said, wanted to avoid civilian casualties.

The only sign of fighting were a few salvos from government artillery in the distance around Jalalabad, which is about 90 miles east of Kabul. Guerrilla commanders said 12,000 insurgents were surrounding Jalalabad, but there was little fighting.

"When the communist government is destroyed the fighting will end," said Khial Nur, a commander of the guerrillas, most of whom are based in Pakistan. The insurgents are aided chiefly by Pakistan and the United States.

An Afghan army prisoner dressed in a ragged green uniform appeared dazed and shocked as guerrillas helped him walk to their base. "He does not want to fight. We will look after him," said one guerrilla.

Some of the abandoned Afghan army bases and security posts along the Kabul highway bore signs of heavy fighting. Walls had been shatteered by mortar and rocket fire and were pocked with machine-gun bullets.

Other installations were undamaged and appeared to have been abandoned without a fight.

At Landhi Khyber, guerrillas relaxed in a sprawling Afghan army base. Green Islamic flags with crossed swords fluttered from the top of the barracks and guerrillas prayed in the courtyard.

The burned-out wrecks of about 20 Afghan army trucks littered what was once the motor pool. A few bits of green and khaki army clothing lay on the ground, flung away by fleeing soldiers.

At Gerde Ghous, about 20 miles east of Jalalabad, guerrillas showed off a captured barracks they said once housed 1,200 government militia troops. Buildings were pocked with bullet holes. Two shattered tanks stood on the nearby highway, their guns pointing blindly into the air.

Dallas police want union

DALLAS (AP) — Some police officers who are joining a new union say their working conditions will improve only if they can hold city officials to binding negotiations.

The city's Police Department has become one of the last battlegrounds of two groups seeking to register new members in Texas, officials said. The Dallas Police Patrolmen's Union is the latest entrant in the campaign to win collective bargaining rights for officers.

The patrolmen's union held its first membership meeting Saturday, when about 20 officers braved icy roads and subfreezing temperatures to gather at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers building in North Dallas.

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Soviets learn of shocking figure: 40 million repressed under Stalin

MOSCOW (AP) — The number Soviets have wondered about for more than 30 years appeared in print over the weekend: more than 40 million arrested, killed or otherwise repressed in the bloody political terror of Josef Stalin.

In the most detailed account of Stalin's victims reported in the Soviet press, the weekly tabloid *Arguments and Facts* said 15 million people died because of the dictator who took power in 1924.

Its article came as a daily newspaper reported bullet-fractured skulls were found in what may be a mass grave of Stalin's victims.

Although figures on Stalin's victims have been known to Westerners, Soviets have not seen them published officially. Almost every Soviet living today had relatives who suffered under Stalin, and since his death in 1953 they have hoped to put a number on the human toll.

Historian Roy Medvedev gave the 40 million figure to *Arguments and Facts* and said it included all "victims of Stalinism" based on his own calculations.

The toll was much higher than previous vague estimates.

In 1987, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev said "many thousands of people ... were subjected to wholesale repressive measures" under Stalin.

Western historians believe 20 million Soviets died under Stalin. The same number of Soviets were killed in World War II.

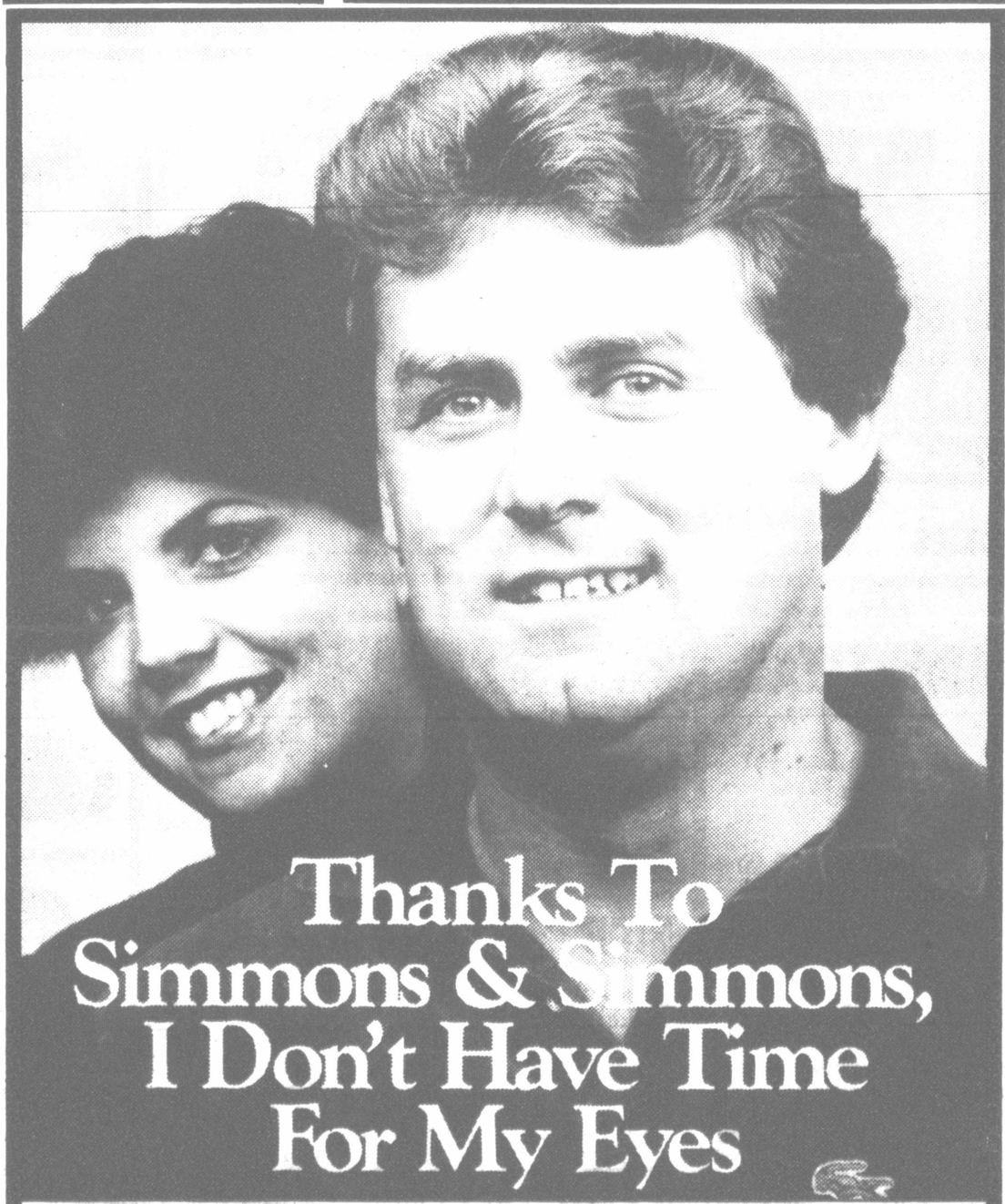
Medvedev said 6 million to 7 million people were killed in an early 1930s famine, 5 million to 7 million were executed or died in labor camps after mass arrests in the late 1930s, and 1 million died during forced relocations of ethnic minorities during World War II.

Also Saturday, the daily *Sovietskaya Rossiya* reported construction workers discovered a mass grave Jan. 19 in Gorno-Altai, 1,900 miles southeast of Moscow. Human remains they found include 50 skulls of men 30 to 50 years old who were shot through the temple or back of the head, it said.

Before World War II, a greenhouse and vegetable storage facility were on the site, next to a camp for political prisoners run by the dreaded NKVD secret police, the newspaper said. Investigating prosecutor I. Gushchina told the newspaper: "One thing is clear: a tragedy happened here."

Sovietskaya Rossiya likened the killing field to one found last year in Kuropaty, in the Byelorussian republic. Authorities said that field is a mass graveyard for at least 30,000 people killed from 1937-1941, apparently for political reasons.

Medvedev was expelled from the Communist Party in 1969 and his major works on Stalin's repressions and other once-taboo topics were banned from publication. Under Gorbachev's policy of glasnost or openness, he is back in favor.



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Several years after the Diamond F Ranch headquarters was established on White Deer Creek in 1882, the manager, Harrison Groom, put in a new camp at the edge of a little lake southwest of the present town of White Deer.

One of the Diamond F cowhands made the 44-mile round trip between the new camp and the original headquarters in 5½ hours. He drove a buckboard harnessed to two little wild Arizona mules.

At the new camp, a log house with sod roof was built. Logs for the house were brought, for a distance of 15 miles, from White Deer Creek.

On March 24, 1886, Alfred Ace Holland was employed by the Francklyn Land and Cattle Company to take charge of a farm near the new camp. Holland, who lived in a dugout where the White Deer Cemetery is now, ran the first thresher that was brought to the Plains. The thresher came from Dodge City and was used in threshing oats, millet and Johnson grass.

Holland planted trees at a location where Harrison Groom planned to build a beautiful mansion. The mansion was never built for Groom because the Francklyn Company went into receivership and a new company, White Deer Lands, was organized.

George Tyng, who became the first manager of White Deer Lands on Sept. 21, 1886, arranged to sell the Francklyn cattle and prepared to sell the land for agricultural purposes.

Realizing that purchasers of land would need water, he had the first successful water well drilled in 1887 at the location cleared for Harrison Groom's mansion. (B.B. Groom had drilled an unsuccessful well in 1886.)

Tyng's well, drilled on Section 25 of Block 7, struck water at 305 feet, which rose 18 feet in the well in a strata of sandstone; a pocket was drilled 34 feet deeper.

The camp headquarters was then moved two miles northeast to the location of the well. Later, Tyng wrote that the logs of the old house would no longer support the roof of earth and that they did in fact smash down six months after the move.

Also in 1887, the Southern Kansas Railway of Texas laid a roadbed across the White Deer pasture. A station, which the railroad officials designated as Paton, was located about two miles northwest of the camp of White Deer Lands.

Soon after the railroad was opened for operation on Jan. 15, 1888, Tyng recommended to the trustees of White Deer Lands that a considerable outlay should be expended to advertise the farm to passengers riding the train.

On April 29, 1888, Tyng wrote: "This outlay need not be large ... A house of four rooms, wood shed and barn for about four work animals and a few cows should be enough."

On Sept. 12, 1888, trustee Frederic Foster in New York wrote to the British bondholders: "Tyng will spend about $2,500 on the house and outbuildings, of which $1,100 will be spent on the house and the balance for buildings and fence for the protection of stock. This outlay ... is for the purpose of illustration of what can be done by farmers who settle on the estate at a moderate cost."

Lumber for the buildings was hauled from Dodge City, Kan. The biggest part of the house was built with white pine.

On Dec. 3, 1888, Tyng wrote to Foster: "White Deer (farm) begins to have a homestead look like a Pennsylvania Dutch farm. Red bard, big haystack, good corral, fat stock, good poultry, and a house unpretentious but comfortable."

In the fall of 1888, an application for a post office at Paton was filed by 42 residents of the area. Since there was already a post office named Paton in Texas, another name had to be selected.

The post office was established as Whig on Dec. 17, 1888, but was changed to White Deer on Jan. 7, 1889. Tyng wrote to Foster that White Deer was more appropriate since the locality was already known by that name, and that it would be a good advertisement for White Deer Lands. Subsequently, railroad officials changed the name of their station from Paton to White Deer.

In 1888, William F. and Frederick W. Niedringhaus of St. Louis leased a range from White Deer Lands, and the new house became the headquarters for the N Bar N Ranch. By way of a celebration, a protracted dance, which began on Christmas and lasted until the new year, was held at the White House, as it was then called.

Cowboys rode for a hundred miles to attend the dance. Because the temperature was below zero, Henry and Fannie Lovett borrowed a cart to come from their home near present Lefors.

The Niedringhaus brothers sent a carload of graniteware dishes and cooking utensils. There was plenty of food: roast beef, baked ham, pots of beans, stewed fruit and big washpots of coffee.

The women had good beds in the ranch house and the men slept in the bunk house. They danced until they got tired, slept awhile, ate awhile and then danced again. Dances were the square dance, the polka, the schottishe and the waltz. Many of the men were good callers, especially the cowboys, and there were also some good fiddlers.

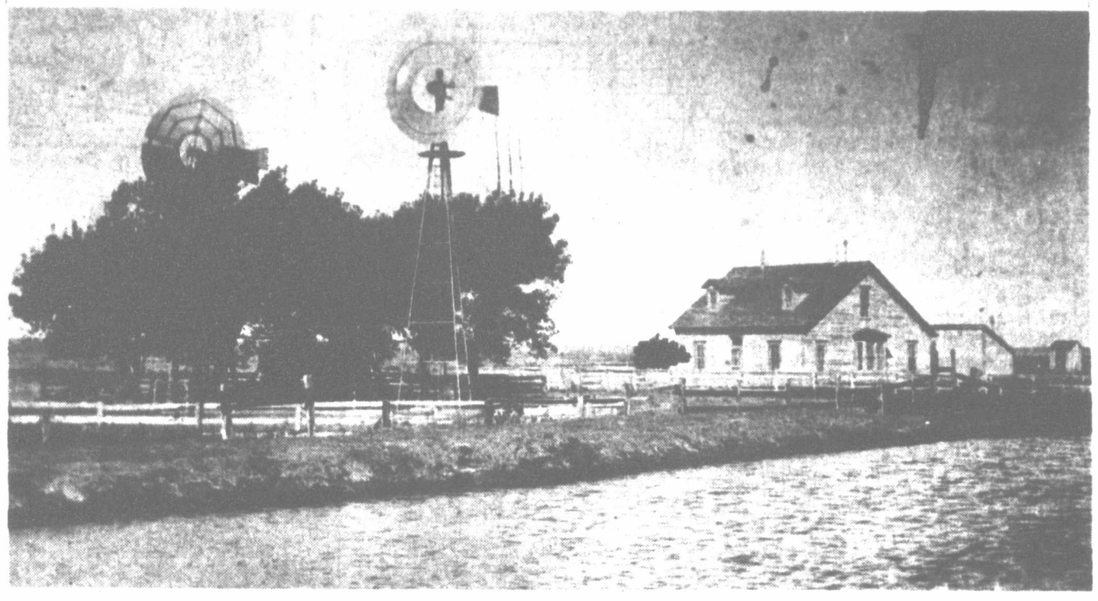
In the fall of 1891, Tyng began construction of buildings at Sutton (Pampa) in preparation for moving the office of White Deer Lands to the town the land company was planning to establish.

In 1892, the Neidringhaus brothers removed their cattle from White Deer Lands because the land company wanted its property cleared of large herds. The last cattle drive from the Panhandle left from the N Bar N headquarters. However, there were still cattle and cowboys in the area.

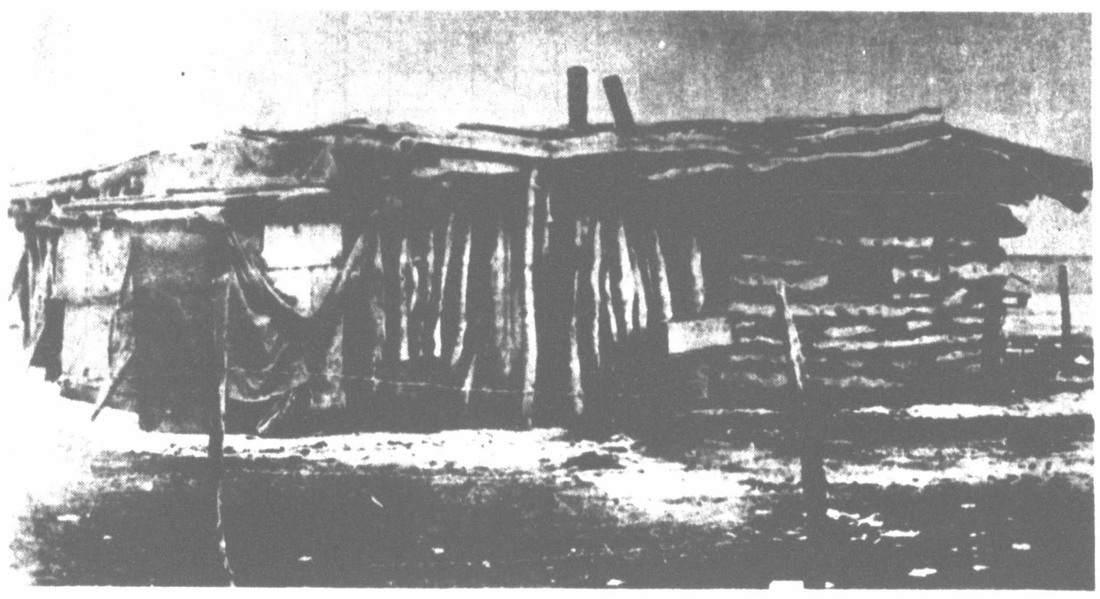
The family of Wiley and Katie Vincent, who came from Vernon to the Panhandle in October 1902, lived for about a year at the former N Bar N ranch house.

At that time, cowboys referred to it as the haunted ranch house. Some of them thought that the house was haunted by the ghost of a cook who had died in an upstairs room.

One dark night when Wiley and the cowboys were away, Katie heard a stomping sound as though someone was walking upstairs. When the men returned, Katie told them that she was not afraid because she had decided that the sound she heard was made by a rat moving along the attic with his long tail thumping on the floor.



The ranch headquarters of White Deer Lands in 1888, located at the southeastern edge of White Deer, is still standing.



(Photos taken at White Deer Land Museum)

No. 1 Camp at White Deer, Francklyn Land and Cattle Company, was built of logs from White Deer Creek, 15 miles to the north.

In 1917, Foster, trustee of White Deer Land Company, sold property, including the old ranch house, to J.W. Wells. The house is still owned by the J.W. Wells Estate today.

J.W. Wells was secretary of White Deer Independent School District and a justice of the peace. His family occupied the ranch house when the first volume of Carson County history was published in 1966.

About that time, a newspaper article written by Tex DeWeese, editor of *The Pampa Daily News*, mentioned that chalk marks could still be seen in the dusty, unused attic. These marks were made by men who had much to do with the early history of the Panhandle of Texas. Some of them were Jesse Wynne, Henry Lovett, Jim Williams and John Henry.

DeWeese wrote: "On eerie moonlight nights when you drive along the back road that fronts this old house ... one is almost certain that the ghosts of the old frontiersmen must be gathering around the campfire back of the chuck wagon, and that their spirit-talk must be of the things they planned to make these Panhandle plains the grant spot that they have turned out to be for the modern generation."

In the White Deer Land Museum at Pampa, there is a map which shows the lake where Camp No. 1 was located, and the site of White Deer Ranch. The museum also has pictures of Camp No. 1 and the ranch headquarters of White Deer Lands.

Nationwide group offers membership to single RVers

If you are single and enjoy the RV lifestyle but do not like to travel or camp alone, consider the Loners of America and come to the rally for West Texans and Eastern New Mexicans.

Loners of America (LOA) is a year-old nationwide group of RVers. Almost all are retired and all are singles — widowed, divorced, whatever — who just can't stay off the road. Membership has topped the 1,200 mark, and 100 of them are Texans.

They camp together, rally together and caravan together, thus helping fill the void felt after being left alone. They travel from one part of the country to another, meeting old friends and making new LOA friends along the way.

About the only thing they don't do together is share the same RV.

"Loners of America is not a singles club to help find a mate, or a matchmaking service," says its membership literature. "The club not only frowns on 'hanky-panky' behavior, but will suspend an offender's membership."

This is not to say that friendships and companionships are discouraged. These situations are not allowed to get out of control to the detriment of other members and the club reputation.

Two men, two women, or blood relatives (mother/son, brother/sister) may travel together. The only requirements for membership are that the applicant must be legally single and have a camping vehicle. If a member marries (or adopts that lifestyle at camp functions), their membership will be automatically terminated.

Camping equipment is whatever each member is comfortable with — van, motor home, travel trailer or tent. Many were family campers at one time; others never camped before, but all enjoy the great outdoors and fellowship the club affords.

National dues provide a monthly chatty newsletter loaded with club events and campout schedules from all over the country, chapter news, news about members and an annual Membership Directory.

Members are encouraged to visit chapter campouts as they travel across country. LOA is a member owned and operated club whose slogan is "Of Members ... By Members ... For Members."

LOA has two very active chapters in Texas — the Texas LOAfers in the Houston-Temple-San Antonio area and the Dixie Wheelers in the Dallas-Longview-Beaumont area. A third chapter is being organized in the Corpus Christi-Harlingen area. The group would like to start a chapter in West Texas.

Loners of America will have a Spring Rally for West Texans and Eastern New Mexicans at the Gaines County Park, between Seagraves and Seminole on US Hwy 62 and 385, the weekend of March 31 and April 1 and 2.

A camping fee will be charged, along with a Rally fee which pays for the clubhouse and two breakfasts. Those attending are asked to bring a can of stew and either a salad, vegetable or dessert for a pot luck dinner.

For more information, contact Estelle Wallace, 2125 54th St., Lubbock 79412, or attend the rally. Visitors are welcome.

Marriage-minded man doubts girlfriend's history



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have something on my mind that bothers me a lot. I am a young man (under 20 years old) and I am about to ask my girlfriend to marry me. She is slightly younger than I am, and we've been going together for a little over a year. When we first started to date, I asked her some questions about her past, and for some reason, I just don't believe that she told me the truth. Am I wrong not to believe someone I love? (I really do love her.) I want to believe her, but every time I think about it, I find it very hard to believe.

What can — or should — I do? What if she was lying to me, and I find after we are married that she lied about something else? Please help me. I'm about to make a big move in my life, and I want to know if I should or not. I need to hear from you really soon.

DOUBTING HER

DEAR DOUBTING: Do not marry this girl until you both have had premarital counseling. Perhaps your questions were inappropriate, unfair, of no real consequence or were really none of your business. Maybe she lied to protect herself. And maybe she didn't lie. This will all come out in counseling, and I urge you to resolve this matter before you consider marriage.

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DEAR ABBY: Now that the holidays are over, I want to tell you how much I appreciated your cookbooklet. It certainly came to my rescue when I was short of cash and needed to give two co-workers gifts for Christmas.

Well, to make a long story short, your cookbooklet came that very afternoon, so I made your delicious date cake for one, and a large kettle of Muriel Humphrey's Family Favorite Beef Soup for the other. Abby, they both said that mine was the best gift they ever received. My co-workers just raved about them. After all, who doesn't appreciate home-cooked foods, especially after working all day?

I've read your column every day since 1957 and want to thank you for all the words of wisdom, comfort and advice you have given not only to other readers, but to me as well. Keep up the good work, Abby!

JUSTINE E. GIROUX, COHOES, N.Y.

DEAR JUSTINE: Thank you for taking the time to write. Your letter made my day. Now, give yourself a treat and try my Gourmet Rice Pudding.

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DEAR ABBY: Your answer to "Mad in Montana" made me "Mad in New York." Mad's wife works in a factory where his best friend works. Mad and his wife are close friends with this guy and his wife. The guy becomes his wife's supervisor. As a "boss" he treats everybody harshly — including his best friend's wife — then comes the weekend and he wants the four of them to party together like "old times."

Mad's wife doesn't expect any special treatment at work and she's all for partying with this guy and his wife. The husband says, no way. When asked for your opinion, you sided with the wife.

How could you, Abby? When a "friend" becomes your boss, he ceases to be your friend. No man can serve two masters. A friendship cannot survive where there is a business relationship. I learned long ago that you can't do business with a relative or close friend. To do so is the surest way to end a friendship. Surely, common sense should have taught you this.

WALLACE A. KRAPF

DEAR MR. KRAPF: You could be right. You could also be wrong. If this sounds like a cop-out, it's not. There are no absolutes in business relationships or family ties. Furthermore, all generalities are dangerous — including this one.

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"How to Write Letters for All Occasions" provides sample letters of congratulations, thank-yous, condolences, resumes and business letters — even how to write a love letter! It also includes how to properly address clergymen, government officials, dignitaries, widows and others. To order, send your name and address, plus check or money order for $2.89 ($3.39 in Canada) to: Abby's Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

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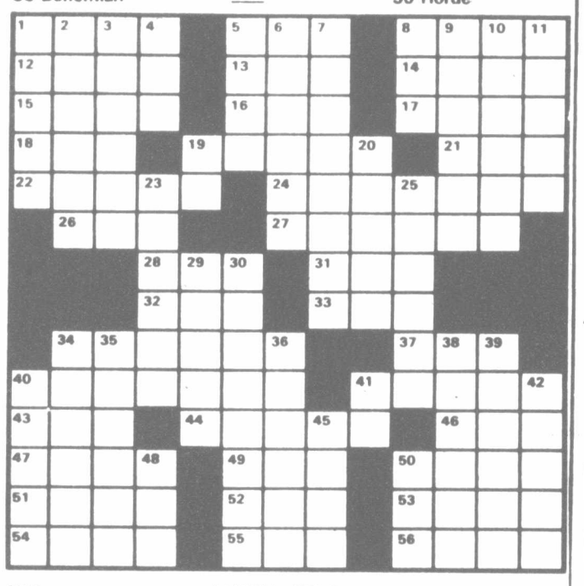
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45 Type of fabric
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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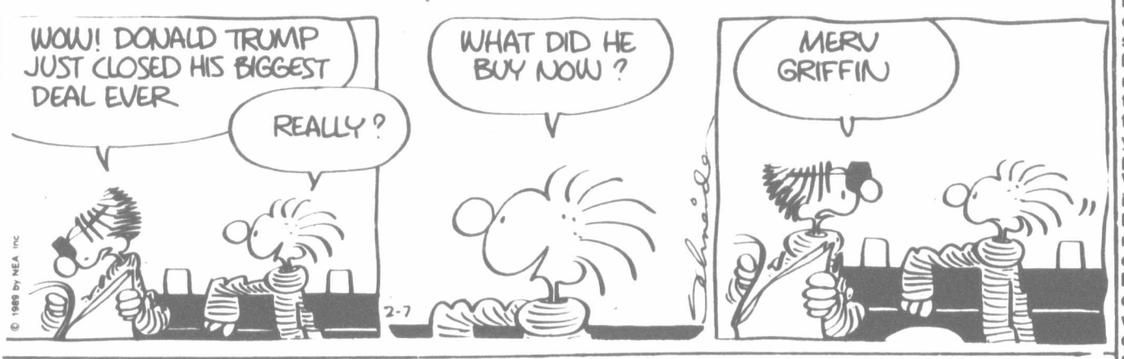
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Astro-Graph

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Lady Luck is still poised to intervene in your affairs today when needed. Her intervention is apt to be most noticeable where your career is concerned. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-4328. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions in general look favorable for you today and you should be rather lucky when dealing with big issues as well as minor ones. Be optimistic regarding all of your involvements.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Others may feel inclined to do nice things for you today, so you must not behave in ways that inhibit their intentions. They'll be well aware of the fact you're not looking for a free ride.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something propitious might develop for you today that will awaken new hopes. Several others may be involved, but you will be the focal point around which everything revolves.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your standing in the eyes of your contemporaries is still ascending. Something good could result from your present popularity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your imagination is extremely keen today and it behooves you to follow through on your ideas and concepts. At the very least, discuss your thoughts with people who share similar interests.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Constructive arrangements can be established at this time that should produce mutual benefits for yourself and people with whom you'll be involved. Think in terms of partnerships.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The aspects indicate that harmony should follow you like a shadow today in all levels of your relationships. The secret to your success is just to be you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Conditions continue to look promising for you where your material interests are concerned both through your usual channels as well as side ventures. Make your day pay.

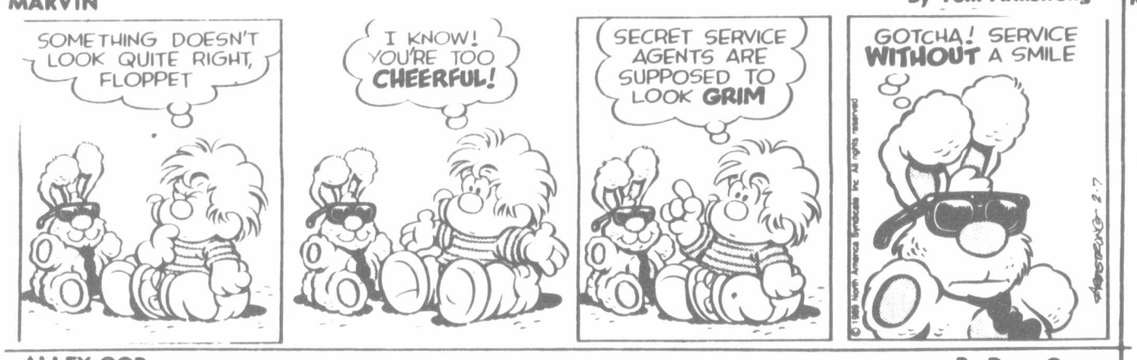
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) People in positions of authority and influence will be observing you a bit closer than usual today. Fortunately, the impression you'll make will be favorable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) End results are likely to be advantageous for you today, especially in situations with people you cherish and respect. Just be sure you'll want for them what you want for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might need some type of outlet today to appease your restless spirit. A short jaunt to somewhere fun and different could be just what the doctor ordered.

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"Are you ready to give your breadwinner a rousing greeting home?"

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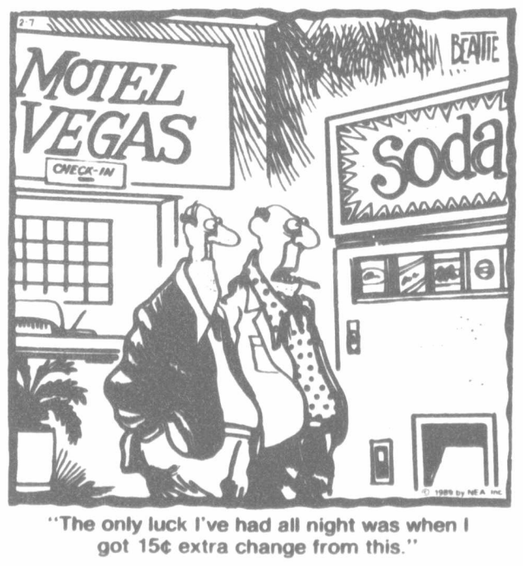
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"The only luck I've had all night was when I got 15¢ extra change from this."



"Are octopus and spiders from the same country?"

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FRANK AND ERNEST — By Bob Thaves



PEANUTS — By Charles M. Schultz



GARFIELD — By Jim Davis



Sports

Florida State edges Louisville

By The Associated Press

Louisville got what it wanted, sort of. The fourth-ranked Cardinals also got what they deserved.

Pervis Ellison, the team's star center, returned to action after missing two games with a knee injury and played well. But the rest of the Cardinals hobbled, losing to No. 12 Florida State 81-78 Monday night.

"We got what we earned, and that's a loss," Louisville coach Denny Crum said. "Florida State played their hearts out for 40 minutes and we played hard for about 10. Our guys just didn't want it as bad as Florida State and that's shame."

Ellison, who did not start, led host Louisville with 19 points.

Florida State, 18-2, leads the Metro Conference at 6-1. Louisville is 16-4 and 5-1.

"We had our skeptics about our position in the Top Twenty, yet our youngsters never questioned it and knew they could play with anybody," Seminoles coach Pat Kennedy said.

In other games, No. 5 Oklahoma trounced Iowa State 126-97, No. 9 Syracuse got past No. 11 Seton Hall 85-79, No. 16 Ohio State beat Purdue 70-58, No. 19 Nevada-Las Vegas downed UC Santa Barbara 77-61 and Virginia stopped No. 20 Georgia Tech 78-71.

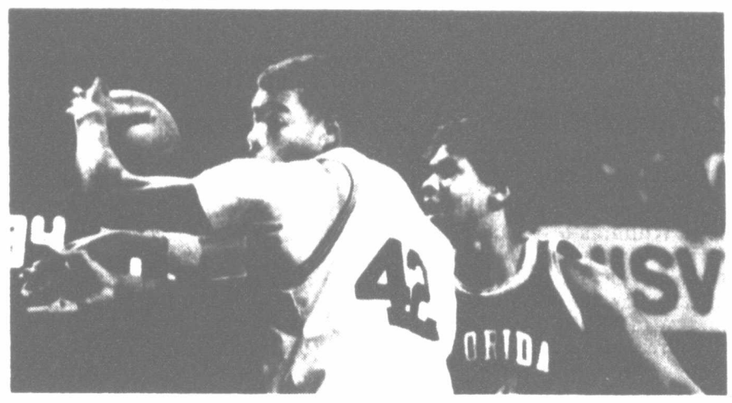
George McCloud scored 20 points, including two foul shots with five seconds left that gave Florida State a three-point edge. Louisville's LaBradford Smith then took the inbounds pass and drove the length of the court but missed an off-balance, 3-point try

Associated Press Top Twenty

By Associated Press

The Top Twenty teams in the Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, total points based on 20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, record through Feb. 5 and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.Arizona (30)	17- 2	1226	4
2.Georgetown (17)	17- 2	1180	6
3.Missouri (12)	20- 3	1169	5
4.Louisville (3)	16- 3	1090	7
5.Oklahoma (2)	18- 3	1076	1
6.North Caroline (1)	18- 4	911	3
7.Illinois	18- 3	832	2
8.Iowa	17- 4	747	9
9.Syracuse	19- 4	740	14
10.Michigan	17- 4	726	11
11.Seton Hall	19- 3	658	10
12.Florida State	17- 2	589	8
13.Indiana	18- 5	588	17
14.Duke	15- 4	544	12
15.West Virginia	17- 2	327	18
16.Ohio State	15- 5	295	15
17.N.Caroline State	14- 4	227	13
18.Stanford	17- 5	226	20
19.Nev.-Las Vegas	14- 5	192	16
20.Georgia Tech	14- 6	82	—



(AP Laserphoto)

Louisville's Pervis Ellison (42) tries to avoid Florida State's Tat Hunter.

Pampa visits Dumas tonight

The Pampa Harvesters, all alone in second place in the District 1-4A standings, visit Dumas tonight for a District 1-4A game.

Pampa and Borger were tied for second in district going into last Friday night's action, but the Bulldogs lost to Levelland, 69-67, while the Harvesters defeated Frenship 67-59.

First-place Lubbock Dunbar downed Hereford, 69-57, to maintain a one-half game lead over Pampa.

Dumas is 1-11 in district play, its only win coming against Hereford. Dumas lost to Pampa 77-62 in the first meeting between the two teams.

The Pampa-Dumas girls' game tips off at 6:30 p.m., followed by the boys around 8 p.m.

1-4A standings

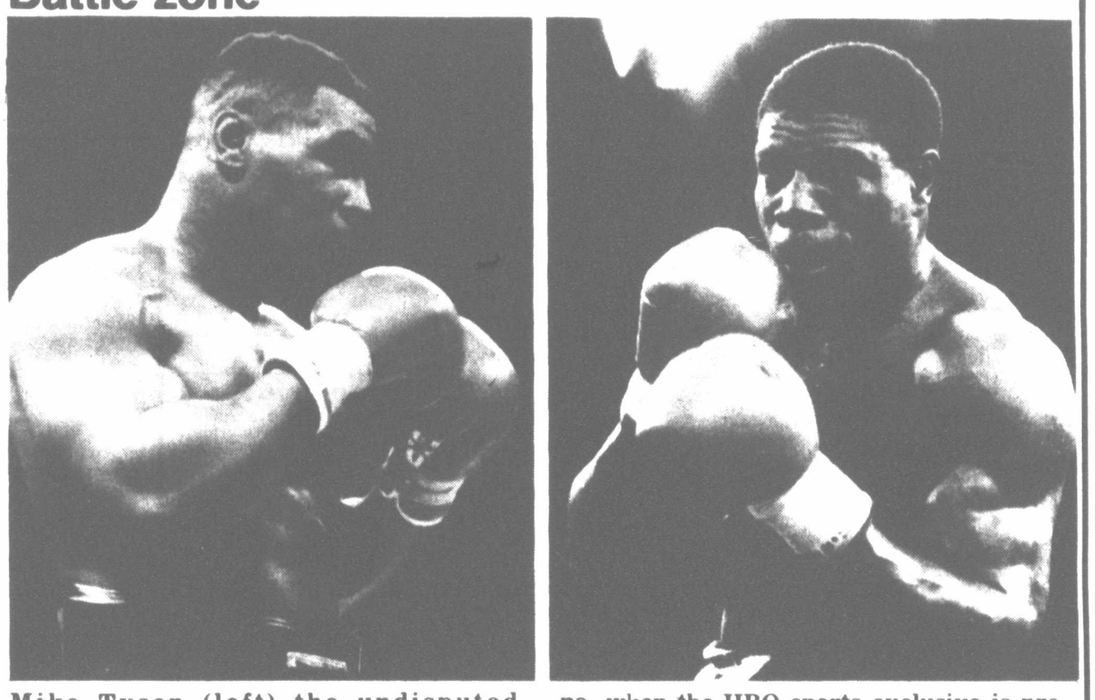
Boys

Lubbock Dunbar, 11-2; Pampa, 10-2; Borger, 9-3; Randall, 6-6; Levelland, 6-5; Lubbock Estacado, 5-7; Frenship, 5-8; Hereford, 2-11; Dumas, 1-11.

Girls

Levelland, 13-0; Dumas, 11-3; Borger, 8-6; Randall, 8-6; Pampa, 7-7; Frenship, 6-9; Hereford, 6-9; Lubbock Estacado, 4-9; Lubbock Dunbar, 0-14.

Battle zone



Mike Tyson (left) the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world, returns to the ring to face Britain's best, Frank Bruno, when the HBO sports exclusive is presented live from Las Vegas Saturday, Feb. 25 (10-11:30 p.m. ET).

Tauscher wins downhill championship

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. (AP) — There's a lesson to be learned from Hansjoerg Tauscher's startling victory in the men's downhill in the World Alpine Ski Championships. It is that skis are important, but they must have a skier atop them.

Given a set of skis tuned to the powdery but brutally cold snow that covered Beaver Creek's Centennial downhill track, Tauscher supplied the rest of the winning equipment — a skier able to overcame a slow start with an aggressive, hell-bent dash to the bottom of the mountain.

To the disbelief of everyone, including himself, Tauscher upset those kings of the downhill — Switzerland's Pirmin Zurbriggen and Peter Mueller and Luxembourg's Marc Girardelli — to give West Germany its first-ever downhill title in a world championship.

"The equipment is very important, of course, but you still have to ski the ski and make the turns," the 21-year-old native of Oberstdorf said.

The world championship race began as had many of Tauscher's World Cup races: he was woefully slow at the start, ranking only 29th in the 55-skier field.

Astros' Davis wins arbitration case

NEW YORK (AP) — Houston's Glenn Davis and Seattle's Steve Balboni, a couple of long-ball-hitting first basemen, have outslugged their respective front offices and won their salary arbitration cases, with Davis becoming baseball's newest millionaire.

Davis, who batted .271 last season with 30 homers and 99 RBIs, was awarded $1.085 million for 1989 Monday instead of the $875,000 offered by the Astros. He made $340,000 last year.

Balboni, who batted .251 with 21 homers and 61 RBIs, made $350,000 in 1988 and will earn $800,000 this year instead of the $500,000 offered by the Mariners. Arbitrator Stephen Goldberg made both rulings, which left the players and owners tied at 2-2 in cases decided so far.

Three other players who had filed for arbitration settled with their clubs, leaving 34 cases still scheduled to be heard.

Kansas City Royals outfielder Danny Tartabull more than tripled his salary by negotiating a one-year contract for $1.035 million. He made $330,000 in 1988.

Tartabull, who batted .274 last season with 26 homers and 102 RBIs, can earn up to $175,000 in incentive bonuses. He would get $100,000 if he is named the American League's Most Valuable Player, $25,000 if he is elected to start in the All-Star Game, $15,000 if he is named an All-Star reserve, $25,000 if he wins a Silver Slugger and $25,000 if he wins a Gold Glove.

Outfielder Ivan Calderon agreed on a one-year contract with the Chicago White Sox for $320,000, a raise of $180,000. He can earn an additional $60,000 in performance bonuses.

Calderon, who will be 27 next month, batted .212 last season with 14 homers and 35 RBIs.

Pampa swimming teams preparing for district

The Pampa High swim teams are preparing for the district meet, which will be held Feb. 18 in Amarillo.

"We're tapering for district now and I feel the girls have a real good shot at winning district," said Pampa coach Norma Young.

District preliminaries begin at 10 a.m. at the Maverick Club.

The Pampa teams recently completed the regular season in the Midland Invitational. The girls finished second with 123 points while the boys were ninth with 42. El Paso Coronado won the girls' division while Amarillo High placed third.

Pampa's individual results at the Midland Invitational are listed below:

Girls

200 freestyle — 7. Rhea Hill, 2:25.0.

200 IM — 4. Richelle Hill, 2:26.29.

50 freestyle — 4. Jennifer Hinkle, 28.06; 5. Michelle Scott, 28.27.

100 butterfly — 4. Pam Morrow, 1:10.84; 9. Lisa Defever, 1:18.66.

100 freestyle — 4. Jennifer Hinkle, 1:01.66; 6. Michelle Scott, 1:02.58.

500 freestyle — 8. Rhea Hill, 6:18.45.

100 backstroke — 4. Richelle Hill, 1:10.32.

100 breaststroke — 6. Pam Morrow, 1:19.92.

400 freestyle relay — 3. Michelle Scott, Pam Morrow, Jennifer Hinkle and Richelle Hill, 4:03.64.

Boys

200 freestyle — 4. Mitchell Haynes, 2:01.54.

100 butterfly — 8. Zach Pope, 1:04.23.

100 freestyle — 6. Mitchell Haynes, 56.15.

100 breaststroke — 7. Logan Hudson, 1:09.59.

400 freestyle relay — 8. Logan Hudson, Zach Pope, Neil Turner and Mitchell Haynes, 3:53.09.

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High Average: 1. Rita Steddum, 175; 2. Eudell Burnett, 166; 3. Jody McClendon, 162.

High Handicap Series: 1. Mary Noel, 684; 2. Jody McClendon, 678; 3. Diane Jennings, 673.

McLean to end successful regular season

By SONNY BOHANAN
Sports Writer

McLEAN — Of all the teams that comprise the *Pampa News* coverage area, McLean has the distinction of being the only school with a chance to clinch the district title in both the boys' and girls' divisions.

The Tigers, who enter tonight's final regular-season game against Silverton with a perfect 9-0 conference mark, captured the boys' District 6-1A crown last Tuesday with a victory over Valley.

The Tigerettes are currently locked in a first-place tie with the Lady Eagles of Samnorwood, each with 8-1 loop records. If McLean (17-8 overall) defeats Silverton and Samnorwood beats Lakeview in tonight's matchups, they will share the district championship and play a tie-breaker Thursday night at Shamrock to determine playoff seeds.

This season, the Tigerettes stand 1-1 versus Samnorwood. McLean was a 68-47 victor in the first meeting on Jan. 18, but the Tigerettes fell, 39-36, to the Lady Eagles last Friday. In coach Bill Wilson's three years at McLean, the Tigerettes had never lost to Samnorwood prior to Friday.

Last season, Wilson's cagers finished second behind Claude in District 2-1A with a 19-5 overall record, 6-2 in the conference. The Tigerettes were defeated by Vega in the bi-district round of the playoffs to end their season.

This year's opening playoff round could be equally tough for McLean. If the Tigerettes capture the top playoff seed, they will face Happy (22-5), ranked 7th in the state by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC), in bi-district. A No. 2 seed for McLean means a bi-district meeting with Nazareth (26-2), last season's Class A state champion and the top-ranked team in the TABC prep poll.

McLean's offense, featuring a point-guard, two wings and double low posts, has been most effective scoring inside from the post postitions. Three players, including seniors Kim Beaver and Misty Magee and junior Alicia Reynolds, have provided the majority of the Tigerettes points this season.

Beaver and Magee average 48 and 45 percent from the field, respectively, while adding 15 points apiece per game. Reynolds, shooting 37 percent, has contributed 14 points per game during district play.



(Staff Photo by Sonny Bohanan)

Miller puts the Tigers through practice drills in preparation for tonight's game against Silverton

Wilson cited senior Darla McAnear as the Tigerettes' primary ball handler, and she and junior Dana Watson also earn good marks for defensive prowess. "They're controlling most of the defensive rebounds," Wilson said. "Neither of them scores too awful many points, although Darla can shoot from outside and Dana tends to score when no one else does.

"And Tiffany Lopez comes in and plays pretty good defense for us and handles the ball well. She makes us a little more versatile." Sophomore Holly Hauck similarly provides bench strength for the Tigerettes.

The McLean boys rolled to an early playoff berth, clinching the district title last Tuesday. The Tigers lead both the district and overall standings with 9-0 and 17-8 marks respectively.

The most recent first-place district trophy that coach Jerry Miller could find was awarded in 1963, twenty-six years ago. Last season, the Tigers amassed a 5-3, 11-12 record and finished third in District 2-1A behind Claude and Groom.

Miller's teams have had plenty of success during his first year as head football and boys' basketball coach. The football team, during its first season under a six-man format, captured the district co-championship and missed the playoffs only by the toss of a coin. The basketball team has fared even better, although that is little consolation for the McLean mentor.

"Nothing is going to soften that blow," Miller said. "I lost a coin toss on a three-way tie in 1967 that I haven't gotten over yet."

A victory over Silverton tonight will bring the Tigers' regular season to a close with a 10-game winning streak. Miller credits that success to a well-rounded squad that keeps opposing defenses guessing.

"Nobody can really key on one person," he said. "One of our kids might score 25 points tonight, and on Friday he might only score 10, but somebody else will score 25. We've got strong players in different positions."

Seniors Sid Brass and Quinton Brown and junior Donald Harris each average double-figure scoring after 25 games. Brass leads the Tigers with 19.2 points per game, followed by Brown with 12.4 and Harris with 10.8.

McLean likes to run a fast-break offense that relies upon good rebounding and quick outlet passes. Brass pulls down an average 13 boards per night and senior Kyle Woods averages 9.8. They also lead the team in assists with 47 and 33 respectively.

Brown has plagued opposing offenses with 36 steals on the season, while Harris checks in with 32. Senior Johnny Mann rounds out McLean's starting five, contributing 30 steals and leading the team in field goal accuracy with 48 percent.

Tres Hess and Dale Barker provide the majority of the Tigers' bench strength. Between them, they have played 30 games this season.

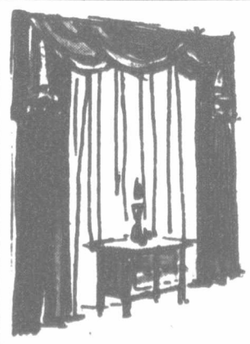
Despite McLean's perfect district record, this season has been anything but a free ride. The Tigers recently lost three players who became ineligible following grade reports. And McLean has, for the most part, had to fight for every victory.

"This district has been all we could handle," Miller said. "We really only had one game that was a blowout. Everything else has been close. We beat Lakeview by two points the first time we played them, and we had to go into overtime to beat them the second time."

Following tonight's game, the Tigers will have two weeks to prepare for bi-district, scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 23-25. There, McLean will face either Lazbuddie or Happy, which are tied for second place in District 5-1A.



Wilson leads the Tigerettes to their second consecutive playoff berth.



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Aguirre going to Pacers?

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana's Wayman Tisdale would be sent to Dallas for either Mark Aguirre or Sam Perkins, according to a published report.

It said the Pacers are discussing possible trades with the Mavericks. One deal would send Tisdale to Dallas for Aguirre, and another would send Tisdale and Herb Williams to Dallas for Perkins and Detlef Schrempf, The Indianapolis News said Monday, quoting an unidentified NBA source.

"I wouldn't say it's close, but it's definitely on the table," The News quoted the source.

Dallas General Manager Norm Sonju was not immediately available for comment on the latest report, but has in the past declined comment on any trade reports. Mavericks coach John MacLeod, asked about the report after Monday night's game in Los Angeles, also declined comment.

All of the players involved are forwards.

The News said the deals hinged on what the Mavericks chose to do with Aguirre, the object of trade rumors involving other teams, including the Detroit Pistons.

Pacers General Manager Donnie Walsh would not comment on the report.

"I'm not going to stand up and discuss trades in public because I think it's an insult to the players involved, and the players are playing here now," he said.

"But that doesn't mean we're not in the process. That is not to imply that we're not doing anything," Walsh said.

He said the Pacers, 11-33 after Saturday night's 113-106 home loss to the Knicks, need a change.

"I'm aware of the makeup of the team and that the team has not been successful. I'm also aware (Steve) Stipanovich has been out of the lineup all year," Walsh said.

Coach dies

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Joe Morrison's cardiologist says the South Carolina football coach was an ideal patient after his heart troubles surfaced in 1985, but a friend says he foresaw Morrison's fatal heart attack because he refused to stop smoking and working too hard.

Morrison died of a heart attack Sunday night after playing racquetball with defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn and two other friends.

Athletic Director King Dixon will coordinate the football program until Morrison's successor is named, although the university "won't start steps toward naming a replacement until after the funeral," school spokeswoman Debra Allen said.

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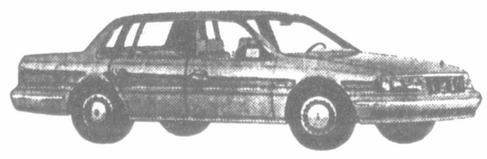
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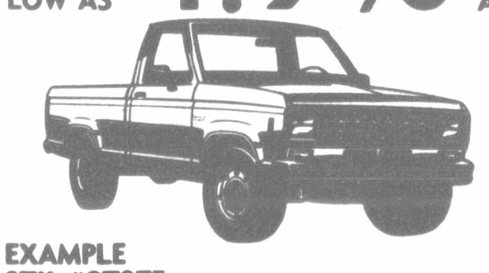
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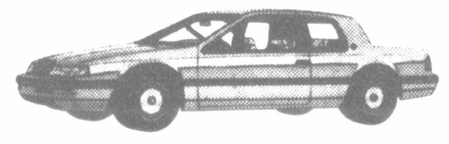
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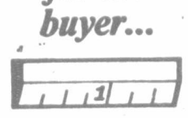
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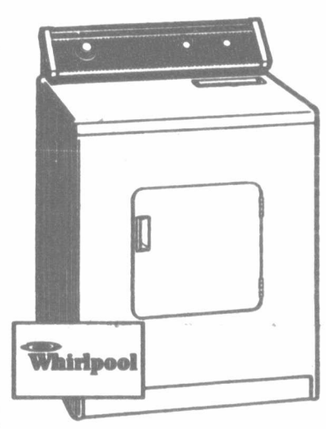
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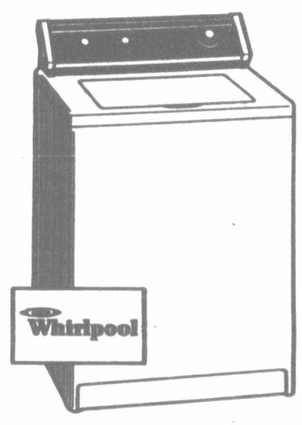
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Opposition uneasy about call for early elections in Paraguay

By ELIZABETH LOVE
Associated Press Writer

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP) — Opposition politicians who have for years pushed for free and fair elections say coup leader Gen. Andres Rodriguez' setting of elections for May 1 will not give them time to organize campaigns.

Some say they believe Rodriguez set the early date precisely because the opposition cannot possibly be ready by then to mount a serious challenge to the long-entrenched ruling party.

Rodriguez, who ousted dictator Gen. Alfredo Stroessner in a bloody coup last week, dissolved parliament on Monday and set the May 1 date for presidential and congressional elections.

He said only the Communist Party would be banned from fielding candidates.

At the first presidential news conference Paraguayans can remember, the 65-year-old Rodriguez denied rumors of his involvement with the drug trade, saying they "were spread by people trying to defame me."

He said Paraguay, reputedly a major transit point for cocaine, would crack down on narcotics trafficking and cooperate in international anti-drug campaigns, including those of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Rodriguez also denied reports that as many as 300 people died the coup. He said the dead and wounded together did not exceed 50.

Upon taking power Friday, Rodriguez promptly promised democratic reforms. But the opposition expressed skepticism about his hasty calling of elections.

"I personally can't even be a candidate for anything because I'm not registered" to vote, said Domingo Laino, a former political exile and leader of what is thought to be Paraguay's biggest opposition group, the Authentic Radical Liberal Party. "Our people are not registered" either, he said.

Laino suggested the May 1 election date "could be interpreted as a trap" set by the ruling Colorado Party, which after 41 consecutive years in power is rich and well-organized.

Stroessner, now in exile in Brazil, ruled Paraguay for nearly 35 years after seizing power in a 1954 coup and was the Colorado Party's candidate every five years in elections widely believed to be fraudulent.

Rodriguez, who was Stroessner's second-in-command, was asked at the news conference whether he would be the next Colorado Party candidate.

"The Colorado Party, not I, selects the candidate," he said, though adding: "It is every Paraguayan's duty to serve his country. Being president is a great honor. If I am called to serve, I will."

In setting the election date, Rodriguez cited a constitutional clause stating that in the event of a president's resignation, incapacitating illness or death, the provisional president must call for elections within three months.

The government's position is that Stroessner resigned.

Carmen de Lara Castro, a noted human rights activist and member of Laino's party, said May 1 "may be what the constitution calls for, but it is really too fast and will only favor the government party because the other parties are not prepared."

The Colorado Party, with 1.4 million members, counts on an extensive political machine that extends to the smallest towns in the countryside.

Three of the four parties in the opposition umbrella group National Accord, including Laino's, were deemed illegal by Stroessner and therefore none of their members are included on voter registration lists.

Hindus cleanse sins at festival

By DILIP GANGULY
Associated Press Writer

ALLAHABAD, India (AP) — An estimated 15 million Hindus — holy men from their Himalayan cave homes, naked recluses from forest dens and ordinary pilgrims from across India — began immersing themselves at the confluence of two sacred rivers Monday.

Monday's bathing is the high point of the seven-week Kumbh Mela festival, which according to the *Guinness Book of World Records* is the largest religious gathering on Earth.

The ceremonial bathing began at 4 a.m. with the blowing of conch shells and the chanting of hymns by the faithful, who believe a dip in the rivers on this astrologically auspicious day will free them from the cycle of reincarnation and allow them to achieve salavation.

Hindus believe that Lord Brahma, creator of the world in the Hindu religion and a member of the supreme trinity in the pantheon of Hindu gods, awakens at 4 a.m. and therefore the day should start at that hour.

The Kumbh Mela is celebrated every 12 years, according to the lunar calendar, at the time of a rare planetary convergence: Jupiter in Taurus, the sun and moon in Capricorn, and a series of complicated calculations of Hindu astrology.

But Monday takes on added significance, for it is also the day of the new moon, another good omen.

Two people died in the early hours of the mass bathing.

A 50-year-old man collapsed on the river bank after his bath and soon died, and a woman drowned when her boat capsized, according to a police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In 1954, about 800 pilgrims died in a stampede at the holy festival.

"Either these people are crazy or there must be something we can't see or understand," said Nina Marshall, a 23-year-old student from Berkeley, Calif. who was among dozens of Americans that came to see the religious spectacle.

"It is vibrating," she said, pointing to the barefoot pilgrims trekking to the junction of the Ganges and Jamuna rivers.

For the faithful, the bathing is often a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"I planned this trip five years back when we had a good crop," said Sarju Mahato, a farmer from Bihar state, as he tended the blisters on his two sons' feet. "We saved money and came here."

The festival takes the name Kumbh Mela from a story in Hindu mythology in which a god seized a pot of nectar that made gods invincible in their war against the demons. "Kumbh" means pot, and "mela" means fair.

A drop of nectar from the pot is thought to have fallen at Allahabad where the Ganges and Jamuna rivers come together. A bath at the exact spot where the nectar fell is supposed to bring salvation from the cycle of birth and rebirth.

The bathing at the Kumbh Mela began with processions of holy men, their order determined from days of yore according to the importance of their sects, dipping at the confluence of the Ganges, the Yamuna and the mythical Swaraswati.

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