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U.S. military involvement grows in Saudi Arabia

By TERENCE HUNT
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) – The American military presence in and near Saudi Arabia mushroomed today, even as anxiety grew over the lack of clear support from other Arab nations for the effort to force Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

"If it appears that it's the United States and Saudi Arabia versus the rest of the Arab world, then that is not going to be in our long-term interest or Saudi Arabia's interest," Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman San Nunn said today.

"So this is a crucial period right now and I'm hoping the Arab summit will decide that they have a responsibility to defend their own region," the Georgia Democrat told NBC.

While expressing support for President Bush's deployment of the American forces, Nunn cautioned that "a long-term, protracted presence of 50,000 to 100,000 people is in my view not desirable either militarily or certainly psychologically or politically in that part of the world."

But as Arab leaders met in Egypt to mull a response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait – and the burgeoning force of U.S. combat troops took up defensive positions in the Saudi desert – one of Nunn's colleagues expressed skepticism the Arab leaders would join the U.S. effort.

"I'm not optimistic about an Arab summit," said Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine, noting the presence of Libya's Moammar Gadhafi at the gathering.

The effort to win regional support for its campaign against Iraq's Saddam Hussein has the United States sounding out unlikely partners – including Iran, Syria and the Soviet Union. Also, Secretary of State James A. Baker III was in Turkey today for consultations with its leaders. Sources said Turkey was seeking compensation for revenues lost in its decision to shut down two pipelines that carry Iraqi oil.

As the diplomatic efforts unfolded, President Bush expressed optimism that new pressure would force Saddam to abandon his conquest of Kuwait and his threatening military position on the Saudi border.

"There are some indications that he's already beginning to feel the pinch," Bush said at a news conference Wednesday. "Nobody can stand up forever to total economic deprivation."

The stakes are high. Saudi Arabia provided 7 percent of U.S. oil last year, and Bush is counting on increased Saudi production to make up the loss of Iraqi and Kuwaiti supplies..

"A line has been drawn in the sand," Bush declared as U.S. warplanes and ground forces arrived in Saudi Arabia. However, he said, "We're not in a war."

Top U.S. military officials refused to reveal the size of the president's commitment to Saudi defense, but some diplomatic sources put the troop level at about 30,000 and several other estimates ranged up to 50,000. On the first day of deployment, at least 5,000 ground troops were being dispatched, officials said, backed by an armada of air and seapower. Another 4,000 Marines were moved close to the Saudi-Kuwait border, diplomatic sources said.

No one was guessing how long they would be away from home.

"The situation's uncertain. We don't know how long it will last. We don't know when it will end," Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III told reporters the Soviet Union sent naval forces to the Persian Gulf for use in any international blockade to enforce a United Nations trade embargo following Iraq's invasion of Kuwait last week.

Baker also said he was dispatching an aide to Syria "to see if we can coordinate" and added the United States has been in touch with Iran "through third party contacts."

Both nations are bitter foes of Iraq. But Syria is on the official State Department list of states supporting terrorism, and Iran has long been accused of pulling the strings behind the holders of American hostages in Lebanon.

Baker spoke to reporters as he flew to Turkey for consultations with that country's leaders. Sources said Turkey was seeking compensation for revenues lost in its decision to shut down two pipelines that carry Iraqi oil.

Bivins target of claims about gas agreement

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

An Amarillo oil and gas broker charged during a Wednesday press conference that state and federal authorities should investigate a number of allegations against State Sen. Teel Bivins, the main one being his involvement in a "sweetheart agreement" that led to higher gas prices for the city of Amarillo.

But Bivins said the person who made the allegations – Ron Slover – acted foolishly and Bivins discredited Slover's comments.

Slover contends that a "sweetheart agreement" exists as a royalty arrangement between the Bivins family, as major mineral owners of Amarillo "B" Acreage Gas, and the lessee/operators, Colorado Interstate Gas Co. and Mesa Operating Limited Partnership.

Bivins said, "One of the great things about America is that it is a free country; any fool can stand up and say whatever he wants. Today Mr. Slover has exercised that right."

Slover said that the "sweetheart agreement" is not filed for public record and two issues are central to the agreement.

"The people of Amarillo deserve to know, and the City Commission needs to be aware, that according to this sweetheart agreement, the more gas that moves through he Fain Plant – whether the gas comes to customers here, or is diverted away and then subsequently brought back to Amarillo customers at an inflated price – the more royalty money the Bivins get."

Bivins, however, in his prepared statement, said, "My family settled in this part of Texas over 100 years ago. My great-grandfather purchased land for cattle ranching and every generation since has followed in that industry. Like many ranchers, my great-grandfather leased the right to explore for and produce oil and gas to various oil companies.

"During the 1920s, oil and gas was discovered under much of the property my great-grandfather had acquired. Today my family receives royalty payments for mineral production that is produced by those oil and gas companies. We have no control over these fuels after they leave the ground."

But Slover said that the Bivins share in the gross proceeds of stripped liquids of Amarillo gas at the Fain Plant. "The more that's stripped, the more money they make," Slover said. "The more liquids that are stripped from the Amarillo gas, the more volume is required to get heat due to the lowered BTU, and that costs gas customers more money."

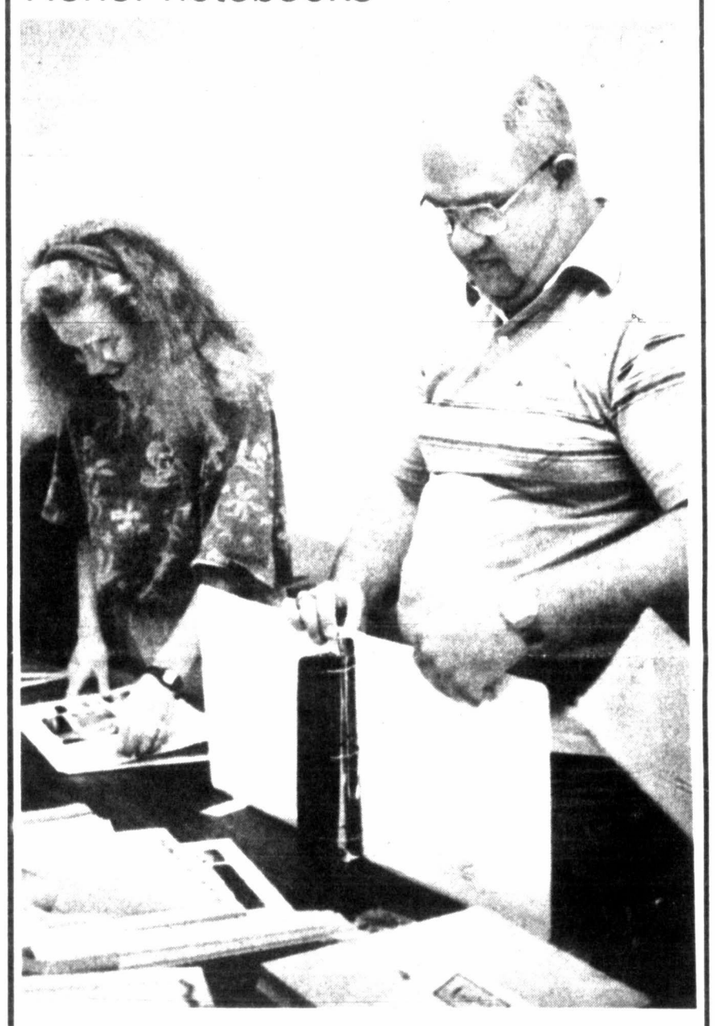
The lesser heating value and the higher price of gas were two key issues in the city of Amarillo's lawsuit against Mesa and Energas Co. The lawsuit was settled in March 1989.

Slover suggested that the state comptroller might be interested in knowing of the "sweetheart agreement" and "an investigation into fraud might be in order," suggesting the lawsuit agreement should be voided.

Slover also said that although he saw nothing improper concerning the role of First National Bank, which administers the estates of various mineral owners, he implied that something might be improper with a member of the board of directors – Bivins' mother, Mrs. Lee T. Bivins.

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Honor notebooks



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Joy Cambern and John Middlebrooks put notebooks together for students who achieve academic excellence as part of the Pampa High School Renaissance program. Cambern and Middlebrooks were two of eight volunteers working on the project at the high school Wednesday. Renaissance recognizes students who are achieving academic excellence with positive, tangible incentives to encourage the students to work even harder. Incentives include free or reduced admission to school events, discounts at local businesses, T-shirts and parties.

School trustees to hold tax rate hearing tonight

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Trustees for the Pampa Independent School District will conduct a public hearing on a proposed 7 cent property tax increase at 6 p.m. today at the middle school library, 2401 Charles.

Pampa public school officials are blaming the proposed increase on cuts in state aid and unfair evaluations by the state property tax board.

Outgoing superintendent Dr. Harry Griffith, who will leave Pampa for Goose Creek ISD in Baytown following approval of a new budget and tax rate, said the district is losing $1.9 million in state revenue this year, which he said is "equivalent to 24 cents in taxes."

"Basically, there are three reasons we're losing state revenue," Griffith said. "We are a slightly more wealthy school district and the state is going to pull seven or eight hundred thousand dollars away because of that.

"We are going to lose an additional $400,000 in state aid this year that we had negotiated because of the Celanese situation. Third, and this is what caught us by surprise, the state property tax board has us $100 million wealthier than our own appraisal board has us. That is costing us $690,000 in additional aid on top of all that. That really caught us by surprise."

Griffith said in spite of the tax increase, "We are going to run a $943,000 deficit in next year's budget."

He said there would be no way to compensate for such a loss without "seriously crippling the district."

What's more, Griffith said, "The state of Texas is requiring that every school system have a tax rate of no less than $1.18 cents by 1995 or they will lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in state aid. This is the legislation that was just passed."

In spite of such justification of a tax increase, PISD officials have been gearing up for any serious opposition to the proposed increase in taxes, gathering data they believe supports their position.

New superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr said today he has seen no reason to anticipate much of a protest over the proposed increase.

"We have done a systematic job of informing the public about the implications of legislative action on the local tax rate," Orr said. "We know that all districts have to meet the state salary schedule and pay for buses and things like that, letting people know that we are not a high spending district. We think people know that."

No vote will be taken on the increase during tonight's meeting, officials said. A trustee vote on the tax rate is scheduled for a public meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at Carver Center.

Premonition, attack by Iraq led to early wedding date for couple

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Call it a premonition or a hunch. Or call it divine intervention.

When Steve Thurman, a private third class in the 82nd Airborne Division of the United States Army, started his leave last week, his family got a feeling he should move up his scheduled marriage to Endora Smith.

The couple were scheduled to be married in December. The same day the premonition came, so did news that Iraq invaded Kuwait.

His fiance, an employee at Gordon's Jewelery in the Pampa Mall, was visited the same day by her mother. Endora was warned that Steve's leave might be cut short by the impending crisis.

"My mom told me to be prepared," she said. "And right then I decided, 'If Steve gets to come home, I'm marrying him.'"

Steve arrived in Pampa on Friday. Two days later, on Sunday, Aug. 5, with only one day's planning, the couple were married at Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

By Monday night, the new bride had no idea where her husband was. It is likely he is somewhere in the Middle East, preparing for an Iraqi invasion of Arabia.

"In one day we put together a wedding that looked like it had been planned for six months," Endora said. "Now I have no idea where Steve is, except in the Lord's hands."

The couple had less than 24 hours to celebrate their marriage. Steve boarded a plane shortly after noon Monday back to Fort Bragg, N.C.

"Monday night he called just before they couldn't call out anymore," Endora said. "He was scared. The first words out of his mouth were, 'Baby, pray.' The Lord gave me all the right words to say to him. Then I got off the phone and cried for three hours."

Following her conversation with Steve, the new Mrs. Thurman got on the phone with her family and in-laws and "we prayed until we got a peace about this and knew that Steve had a peace about it.



Steve and Endora Thurman felt led last Friday to move up their marriage by four months. After being married on Sunday, Steve was shipped out Monday as part of a defense force for Saudi Arabia.

"He was so scared when he called," she said. "I could tell he was scared."

Boyd and June Thurman, Steve's parents, have been through this kind of situation before. Last December,

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Viewing of 'Unsolved Mysteries' leads to daughter meeting father

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Kimber Tice of Pampa will be united on Saturday with her father – a man she has never met.

The meeting is coming as the result of a program that aired July 4 on NBC's *Unsolved Mysteries*, hosted by Robert Stack. However, that particular "unsolved mystery" was not about Tice and her father, Lavar Bates, of Phoenix, Ariz.

At her home on Wednesday, Tice described the details that have led to arrangements being made for her to meet her father after 30 years and for that meeting to be filmed by an *Unsolved Mysteries* crew.



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Kimber Tice talks about the upcoming meeting with the father she has never met.

"My mom was watching *Unsolved Mysteries* on July 4 and there were some interviews of some coworkers (of the mystery). He (Bates) was one of the coworkers."

Tice said her mother, who lives in Altus, Okla., was stunned when she heard Bates name. At first, she did not know what to do, but later called the number to *Unsolved Mysteries* and related her story.

"It kind of just stunned her. She didn't know what to do at first," Tice said.

Her mother asked the people on the program to contact Bates to see if he could possibly be the same man whom she had known in Amarillo some 31 years before and who had fathered her child, Kimber.

Tice said the *Unsolved Mysteries* personnel had never come across such a request and were also "kind of nervous" about calling a 53-year-old man and telling him that this woman had called and said he was the father of her 30-year-old daughter if he was the same Lavar Bates who had been in Amarillo years ago.

But when the television personnel called Bates, he said he remembered Tice's mother.

Tice said she was adopted and raised in Pampa by her grandparents, Virginia Ruth and Ernest N. Mesneak, who are now deceased. She said that she always assumed she and her oldest brother, who was also adopted by her grandparents, had the same father.

When she was 16 years old, Tice said, her mother told her that her real father's name was Lavar Bates.

"I was 16. I left it at that. I was pretty well satisfied with my life," Tice recalls.

However, she said her husband, id, could testify to the fact that she has "always wondered" about her real father.

After *Unsolved Mysteries* contacted Bates, he in turn called Tice's mother on July 8 and said, "I hear we have a daughter."

Since Bates was told about Tice, she said he has never questioned that he is her father. "From minute one he has never asked, he has accepted me," she said.

Tice said her mother called her that night, on Sunday, and told her that she had located her real father and

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Services tomorrow

REDMOND, John D. "J.D." – 10 a.m., Humphrey Funeral Chapel, Russellville, Ark.

ROUTON, Neva Josephine – 11 a.m., Minton Memorial Chapel, Borger.

McGAHEN, Robert Henry – 10 a.m., Martin Funeral Chapel, Elk City, Okla.

Obituaries

JOHN D. 'J.D.' REDMOND

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. – John D. "J.D." Redmond, 71, formerly of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, Aug. 7, 1990, at AMI St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Humphrey Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Thomas Morris officiating. Burial will be in Pisgah Cemetery in Pottsville under the direction of Humphrey Funeral Service.

Mr. Redmond was a retired entrepreneur and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans in Houston, Texas, and First Baptist Church in Russellville.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Petray Redmond, of Russellville; two daughters, Pamela Catron of Birmingham, Ala., and Robin Pryor of Houston; one grandson, John D. Pryor of Texas; two granddaughters, Ashlee Catron and Lauren Pryor, both of Texas; two sisters, Virginia Brown of Denton, Texas, and Lucille Hull of Little Rock; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Heart Association.

NEVA JOSEPHINE ROUTON

BORGER – Neva Josephine Routon, 66, the sister of a Pampa woman, died Tuesday, Aug. 7, 1990. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Minton Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Leonard Forsythe, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Routon was born in Soper, Okla., and had lived in Borger for 40 years. She was a beautician and a member of Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include a son, Clinton Routon of Stinnett; three daughters, Kay McElreath of Borger, Neva Fowler of Amarillo and Nancy Abraham of El Paso; six sisters, Bonnie Tuso of Ukiah, Calif.; Katherine Routon of Soper, Okla.; Ella Cross of Pampa and Vira Mae Caton, Christine Ward and Corene Thomas, all of Hugo, Okla.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The body will be available for viewing at Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors.

ROBERT HENRY McGAHEN

ELK CITY, Okla. – Robert Henry McGahen, 77, father of three Pampa, Texas, women, died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 1990, in Community Hospital in Elk City. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, at Martin Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Cecil Hawkins officiating. Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery at Mobeetie, Texas, following the services.

Mr. McGahen was born Dec. 4, 1912, in Broom. Ark. He was in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1945 as an automobile mechanic. After his discharge, he moved to Patterson, Ark., for a short time before moving to Pampa in 1946. He married Mary Rose on June 30, 1972, in Pampa. They made their home in Vicksburg, Miss., until moving to Elk City in 1974. He was employed by H&P Drilling for 15 years. He was a member of Bible Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; six daughters, Mary Ruth Woodward, Carolyn Graves and Cora Cotton, all of Pampa; Linda Ballard of Vance, S.C.; Phyllis Carroll of El Paso, Texas, and Hazel Brown of Seminole, Okla.; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions

Nadine Arney, Pampa
Linda Broome, Pampa
Stella Everett, Pampa
Jose Ponce Jr., Pampa
Ada Marie Whatley, Pampa

Dismissals

Carol Lynn Flores, Pampa
Alex Ford, Pampa
Gladys Higgins, Pampa
Marion Wine, Pampa
Pearl Langley (extended care), Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Admissions

Elsie Surber, Shamrock

Dismissals

None

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.30
Milo	4.00
Corn	4.54

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

Ky. Cent. Life	12	
Serfco	6 7/8	
Occidental	25 1/2	

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

Magellan	56.18	
Puritan	12.65	

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

Amoco	56	dn 1/4
Arco	135	dn 3/4
Cabot	32 3/8	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	17 3/8	NC
Chevron	76 1/4	dn 5/8
Coca-Cola	44	NC
Enron	53 3/4	dn 3/8
Halliburton	56	dn 1/2
Ingersoll Rand	46 3/4	up 1
KNE	24 3/8	dn 1/8
Kerr McGee	50	dn 3/8
Limited	19 3/8	up 1
Mapco	40 7/8	up 1/4
Maxus	11 3/8	NC
McDonald's	30	dn 1/8
Mesa Ltd.	4 3/4	dn 1/8
Mobil	65 3/4	dn 5/8
New Atmos	17 3/4	NC
Penney's	52 3/4	dn 3/8
Phillips	28 3/4	dn 3/8
SLB	65 3/4	dn 1/4
SPS	27 1/4	NC
Tenneco	60 3/8	dn 7/8
Texaco	63	up 1/4
Wal-Mart	30	dn 1/4
New York Gold	383.75	
Silver	4.84	

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 8

Eagle Radiator, 516 W. Foster, reported criminal mischief at the business.

LaVae Marie Carlson, 1400 N. Christy, reported a theft at the residence.

The city of Pampa reported criminal mischief at Central Park.

Redonna Fitzer, 2206 N. Nelson, reported a burglary at 543 W. Brown.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 8

Brent Keith Crossman, 32, 1901 Lynn, was arrested at the police department on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Jay Gene Kelly, 25, 906 S. Wilcox, was arrested at Frederic and Barnes on two warrants and a charge of failure to identify as a witness.

THURSDAY, Aug. 9

Ignacio Vargas III, 17, 631 S. Ballard, was arrested in the 600 block of East Browning on charges of no driver's license and no proof of liability insurance, after previously being warned about driving under such circumstances.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported no accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Calendar of events

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

The Red Cross office sponsors a free blood pressure check every Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 108 N. Russell, downtown Pampa.

SARPALIUS TOWN HALL MEETING

Congressman Bill Sarpalius will hold a town hall meeting Friday at the Carson County Courthouse in Panhandle from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Supreme Court candidate bicycles into Pampa on long campaign tour

Judge Charles Ben Howell, Republican candidate for the Texas Supreme Court, rode his bicycle into Pampa Wednesday on a campaign stop.

"In my previous campaigns, I have always *run* for office," he said. "This time, I am going to *ride* for office."

Howell began his "Texas trek" on U.S. 83, seven miles north of Perryton, on Monday. He is traveling to Corpus Christi Bay. The official highway mileage guide says it is 790 miles, but with Howell planning to ride some extra miles and pass through more towns, he calculates the trip at 1,018 miles.

He said he's been a bicycle enthusiast since grade school. "It's an activity in which just about anybody can join. I think everybody should own a bike and ride it in the neighborhood even if they don't feel like riding across the state," he said.

Other cities on the list through which the candidate will travel are Amarillo, Canyon, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Fredericksburg, Kerrville, San Antonio, New Braunfels, Beeville and Corpus Christi, plus other smaller cities and towns. He also plans to stage "mini-rides" in Wichita Falls and Abilene.

"At every stop, I will stress my conservative credentials and sound the alarm regarding the runaway liberal trend of the Texas Supreme Court," Howell said.

He presently serves on the Texas Court of Appeals at Dallas, where he has been for six years. Previously, he served for more than four years as judge of the 191st District Court. Prior to that, he was a Dallas attorney for more than 20 years.

Howell and his wife have three married daughters and one granddaughter, who will join him on part of his trip.

"We're a bicycling family," he said.



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Jean Martindale, left, chats with Judge Charles Ben Howell, Republican candidate for the Texas Supreme Court, at Republican Headquarters Wednesday morning as Howell stopped by Pampa during his month-long bicycle trip across Texas. Martindale is a candidate for 31st District judge.

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Couple

Steve was part of the invasion force that protected U.S. interests in Panama.

For the second time in nine months, they have been indirectly thrown into the path of an international confrontation.

"We parents just got together and got it done," said Mrs. Thurman. "We haven't even gotten the wedding announcement to the paper yet"

"He didn't know that he would be going overseas," Mr. Thurman said. "It was a pretty big shock. He didn't find out until he got back to his unit on Monday night."

Mr. Thurman said the family has not been notified officially their son is in the Middle East, but since the 82nd is there, they suspect Steve is too.

"We know that our interests have got to be protected. You don't just go around taking over countries like Iraq did," Mr. Thurman said. "But we are concerned, like any other parent would be. It makes us more likely to watch the news for troop movements and word of that type."

In her first letter to her new husband, Endora Thurman has reminded him, "The government doesn't rest on Hussein's shoulders. The Bible says that, '... the government shall rest on His (Jesus') shoulders.'"

"I told Steve that whether he is in combat or not, he is in God's hands," Endora said. "God has given me a peace about this and I really am fine. Some people don't understand that, but that's because they don't understand the power of the peace of God."

Herb Peak, pastor of First Assembly of God, said he understands that kind of peace. He has two nephews that are probably in Saudi Arabia, also preparing for possible combat with Iraq.

Ron and Mike Blackburn, both from Galesburg, Ill., are what Peak calls "second generation gung-ho."

"Mike is in the Marines and Ron is a Navy Seal," Peak explained. "Because of their assignments and specializations, they are probably over there, but we don't have any confirmation.

"Ron was in Panama, one of the first to go in. The first man killed was one of the Seals. We didn't know where Ron was or what he was doing until it was over.

Peak, his wife Evelyn and sons Chris, Todd and Scott, are paying special attention to the news, praying for the well-being of their relatives and other young men defending American oil interests.

Mrs. Peak said her son Chris, 12, has suddenly become a newshound, absorbing every bit of information about the Middle East crisis.

"It's totally personalized world affairs for my three sons," she noted. "Chris was watching the news last night and he said he was proud to know he had cousins fighting in this war."

The new Mrs. Thurman said she knows God intervened to see she and Steve were married before he was shipped out. She believes an Almighty hand is continue to intervene in the international situation.

"Whatever happens, God is in control," she said. "I know God is taking care of Steve and the others over there. And there is a peace in that, knowing Saddam Hussein isn't calling the shots after all."

Veterans banquet tickets on sale

Tickets are available for sale to the first Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame Banquet on Friday, John Tripplehorn, president of the Pampa Army Air Field/Veterans of Foreign Wars Museum Inc., said today.

Four veterans will be honored at the banquet beginning at 7 p.m. at the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner.

The four to be honored are Jack H. Osborne, Robert L. Hite, Bob Izzard and James W. Hart.

After-dinner speaker will be Ben Burton of Hot Springs, Ark.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Tripplehorn at 669-8040; Archie Maness at 665-8766; Thelma Bray at 665-1180; or Mike Porter at 669-2387.

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Father

he wanted to call her, but Tice said she was just too "shook up," and said she had to think about talking to him.

However, after encouragement from her husband, Tice said she picked up the phone and called her father. She said they talked for about 45 minutes that night and it was difficult and she was nervous.

She said her father kept saying he did not know she was out there in the world, but he said he "had a feeling" she might be. She said they talked of the weather and some about their families they have now.

Since then, Tice said, she and her father have talked over the telephone on two occasions. "It's getting easier all the time. It's more like we know each other more."

They have exchanged photographs and family pictures through the mail. Tice said she sent her father a number of pictures, starting with her baby pictures. He has sent her a photograph holder with numerous pictures of himself and his family.

Tice said her father is married and has a 10-year-old child and a 21-year-child from a previous marriage. He has told Tice that his wife is just as excited as he is, saying, "She wants what I want."

Tice, as well, is both excited and nervous about the meeting between herself and her father, who are scheduled to be on the *Unsolved Mysteries* program after filming is completed in Amarillo on Saturday. The exact date of the showing has not been set.

Bates will fly into Amarillo on Friday and he and his daughter are scheduled to meet in person for the first time on Saturday morning. That scene will be filmed by *Unsolved Mysteries*, which will also film the story line from three decades ago of how Tice's mother and father met and what led up to Bates leaving. Actors and actresses will portray her mother and father, she said.

Tice said her husband has been her comfort throughout the past month and helped her get through all of the new emotions that have surfaced. He along with their two children, Regina, 10, and Christopher, 6, will be with her to offer their support on Saturday. Tice's mother, Peggy, will also be present.

"I'm getting everybody I can get that I know (to be with her)."

David Tice said of the meeting of the father/daughter, "I think it's neat." He said he told his wife that meeting her father was a "chance she couldn't pass up."

Following the filming by the *Unsolved Mysteries* crew, Tice said she wants to drive back to Pampa, take her father out to eat and relax and get to know him. She said he has to fly out of Amarillo on Sunday to return home.

"I think it's going to be real comfortable," she said of the meeting.

"He said he'll call me Friday and see how I'm doing," Tice said. "It tugs at you, but it's been great," she said of finding out about her father.

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Bivins

In response to that comment, Bivins said, "When I entered public office, I did so with the knowledge that my actions would be subject to criticism. That's part of my job. But for Mr. Slover to falsely and unjustly impugn my mother's character goes way beyond any known concept of decency."

Slover also charged that the "attempted Canadian River grab" issue should be investigated by the state attorney general's office, some agency of the federal government and the Texas Senate itself.

He alleged that George Whittenburg and T. Boone Pickens were major players along with Bivins in the attempt to get the state to sell 34 miles of river land to adjacent landowners. Bivins introduced legislation that was killed during the special session. The Whittenburgs and Pickens both own land along the river bed in question.

"The official conduct of State Sen. Teel Bivins concerning the Canadian River is a disgrace," Slover said.

Slover said the Canadian River land deal which failed and the Amarillo gas dispute have some of the same "players."

"The most significant player in the Canadian River fiasco was Senator Teel Bivins himself, in his official role as state senator ... To add insult to injury, all the taxpayers of Texas would have been required to purchase a very specific parcel of ranchland, at highly inflated prices, in order that the handful of large landowners could attain the plush riverbottom land, along with a significant portion of the mineral rights, from the state's taxpayers, for practically nothing."

Slover, who was defeated by Bivins in the 1988 Republican primary, said he had no political motives for calling the news conference and blasting Bivins.

"What I have done is raise the issues and made some very serious allegations. I think the agencies in the state of Texas have a duty to investigate," Slover said.

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LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, fair with a low in the lower 60s and southerly winds 5-15 mph. Friday, sunny with a high in the lower 90s,and southerly winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday's high was 91; the overnight low was 62.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas – Partly cloudy with isolated mainly late afternoon and evening thunderstorms far west, otherwise mostly sunny days and fair at night through Friday. Warm afternoons and mild at night. Highs Friday in low 90s except upper 90s Big Bend valleys and low 80s mountains. Lows tonight in the 60s except mid 70s Big Bend.

North Texas – Partly cloudy and a little warmer through Friday. Lows tonight 65 to 70. Highs Friday 90 to 97.

South Texas – Fair to partly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Friday with widely scattered mainly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. Lows tonight in the 70s except near 80 immediate coast and near 70 Hill Country. Highs Friday in the 90s except near 100 Lower Rio Grande Valley and upper 80s immediate coast.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma – Clear to partly cloudy and a little warmer through Friday. Widely scattered thunderstorms in the southeast tonight. Lows tonight 62 to 72. Highs Friday mostly 90s.

New Mexico – A few thunderstorms through Friday, most of them in the mountains and northwest in the afternoon and early nighttime hours. Skies fair to partly cloudy through Friday with warm afternoons. Highs Friday from 75 to 90 in the mountains to between 87 and 97 at the lower elevations. Lows tonight from 40 to 57 in the mountains to upper 50s and 60s at the lower elevations.

Owner of failed Lamar S&L says his indictment politically motivated

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) – The former owner of the now-defunct Lamar Savings Association says his indictment in the $2 billion thrift's failure is politically motivated.

Stanley E. Adams Jr. said he has done nothing wrong.

"If I am to be indicted and tried for my actions, then every banker and savings and loan official in Texas during the past decade should be indicted and brought to trial," said Adams, whose S&L once applied to open a branch on the moon.

Adams, an unsuccessful Democratic gubernatorial candidate this year; three other ex-Lamar officers; and two borrowers were named late Tuesday in a 14-count indictment alleging misapplication of $121.1 million in S&L funds.

It accused Adams and the other officers of trying to hide Lamar Savings' poor financial condition from the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and of arranging "sham" loans to fund purchases of repossessed real estate from the troubled thrift's portfolio.

"The blame for this tragedy should be laid where it belongs – at the doorstep of the Reagan administration" which deregulated S&Ls, Adams said Wednesday. "These indictments against me are part of what has become a political issue and little more."

In Washington, Attorney General Richard Thornburgh called Lamar "one of the most notorious failures in the Southwest and among the top 100 S&L fraud cases" being investigated.

Adams' lawyer contended the former thrift executive is the victim of a double standard under which the government allowed certain S&L business practices in the early 1980s, but now calls them fraud.

Lawyer Henry Novak said Lamar's transactions were legitimate. But prosecutors now are applying new "theories of criminality" to what once was standard S&L practice, he said.

"It was business as usual in the savings and loan industry in 1983, '84 and '85. But now the Bush administration – since the entire industry has collapsed – what you're doing is, taking the position that that was fraud, that that was wrongdoing," Novak said.

Novak, who is defending Adams in a $100 million civil lawsuit filed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., said government regulators long were out to get Adams because he was an innovative maverick in a staid business.

"Stanley Adams had been the target for quite some time of bad feelings on the part of the regulators. He was an innovator. He was different. He was a maverick in an industry in which conformity was a very important thing," Novak said.

Adams was principal owner of Lamar Savings from 1973 to December 1985. Government regulators shut it down in May 1988. It was the biggest thrift failure in central Texas, and officials have estimated the cost to the government at $1 billion.

The colorful Adams, 56, unsuccessfully ran for governor in this year's primary. When filing for the Democratic nomination, Adams listed his occupation as "alleged white-collar racketeer" and complained about the lengthy investigation of him and Lamar.

Several years ago, Lamar applied to federal regulators to open a branch office on the moon, naming a crater where the National Aeronautics and Space Administration proposed to build a space station. No action ever was taken.

A second defendant, former Lamar senior vice president Reuben Coleman, also said he was innocent and protested what he called political interference.

"The current climate in Washington – what I would describe as a feeding frenzy of vindictiveness – played a role in this action," Coleman said.

A cup and a chat



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Melissa Cox, 10, far right, talks to friends who came by her "sunshine punch" stand at Dwight and 22nd streets. Erin Hardy, 10, of Fort Worth, at left, is in Pampa visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Moore of Pampa. Shanna Baker, 7, center, helps Melissa with the drink stand. She's holding Breanna Bigham, 1 1/2, of Perryton.

Service sectors boost Texas cities, demographer says

By EVAN RAMSTAD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – People were attracted to Texas' four largest cities in the past decade because of the services they offer, a population specialist says.

Dallas-Fort Worth became an urban area with national influence during the 1980s. Houston and San Antonio were too tied to economic decisions elsewhere for that, Dr. William Frey of the University of Michigan's Population Studies Center, said Wednesday.

His study for the Washington-based Population Reference Bureau found less migration from the Snowbelt to the Sunbelt in the 1980s. But there was more from the heartland to the coasts and from the country to the city, Frey said.

"Urban areas in the 1980s and 1990s, as opposed to what happened in the immediate post war period, will be successful if they're more diversified in their economic activities," Frey said in a telephone interview from Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and Austin attracted many baby boomers during the 1980s. Those adults will be key the stability of the cities during this decade, Frey said.

"After about age 35 or so, people tend to stop moving very much," Frey said. "These areas have been able to capture a large portion of the baby-boom generation after they've gotten into the more stable stages of the lifecycle."

Several of those cities fall into Frey's designations of "world cities" and "command and control centers." Strong service and cultural sectors have grown within them, he said.

Frey's so-called "world cities" – New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco, in Frey's view – play a major role in the global economy.

Dallas-Fort Worth, Atlanta and Minneapolis-St. Paul joined Boston, Philadelphia and St. Louis in the 1980s as "command and control centers," Frey said.

He categorized Houston, Texas' largest city, as a "specialized area" with strong economic ties to a single industry. The city's economy diversified after the mid-80s oil bust, which caused its growth rate to fall from 4.5 percent a year into negative figures near the decade's end.

Houston's experience should teach other one industry cities, including government-driven Washington and defense-driven San Diego, to diversify, Frey said.

San Antonio, the state's third-largest city, also qualifies as "specialized area" because its military- and tourism-based economy is driven by decisions made elsewhere, Frey said.

All three metropolitan areas and Austin were among the nation's fastest growing in the 1980s. Nearly one-third of the 1985 population in Houston, Dallas and Austin were baby-boomers, Frey said.

Census statistics from 1988, the latest available, rank Dallas-Fort Worth as the nation's 8th largest metropolitan area, up from No. 12 in 1970. Houston was No. 10, up from No. 13.

Houston has a larger population than either Dallas or Fort Worth.

Other findings in Frey's study include:

— Cities that attract large numbers of retirees will thrive during the 1990s.

— High immigration rates contributed to the growth of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, El Paso and Laredo. But several Florida cities grew more due to immigration.

— Some demographers in the 1970s saw the decline of large cities as a sign more people were moving to rural areas and small towns. But the greatest declines were in the rural Midwest, Rocky Mountains and oil patch.

Man gets life sentence on manslaughter, DWI charges

ABILENE (AP) – A man who says he can't even remember how many times he has been convicted of drunken driving has been sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty on two counts of involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of two people killed in an accident while he was driving drunk.

"He's lost count," said defense lawyer Bob Lindsey, who represented Raymond Paul Mayhall, 38, of Abilene.

Mayhall accepted a plea bargain that assessed him the maximum sentence on two counts in connection with the death of his nephew and a young Abilene woman.

Mayhall admitted recklessly causing an accident that resulted in the death of Donald Wayne Goff, 19, his nephew, and Donna Covington, 18. The victims were passengers in Mayhall's car when it crossed the center line and collided with another vehicle.

Witnesses to the crash said Mayhall was weaving through traffic at a high rate of speed when he lost control of his car and spun into oncoming traffic.

Cynthia Cordova of Abilene, the driver of the other car, was seriously injured and had medical expenses of about $250,000. Her son, Jared, 5, was also injured.

Lindsey said the life sentence for Mayhall represents far less time than he might have been sentenced to had he demanded a trial.

Mayhall received two life sentences, but the sentences will run concurrently. District Attorney James Eidson indicated he planned to try both cases separately and ask District Judge Don Lane to order the sentences to run consecutively. That would have required Mayhall to discharge one sentence before beginning the other.

"If they had stacked something on a life sentence he would have been down there for a long time," Lindsey said. "He might never have gotten out."

The prosecutor also indicated he was going to contend that Mayhall's car was a "deadly weapon." If a jury had agreed that the car was a "deadly weapon," Mayhall would have been required to serve one-fourth of his sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

Eidson said he conferred with Cordova as well as survivors of Goff and Covington before offering the plea bargain.

"We feel like it was as good as we could expect under the circumstances," Eidson said. "After all, this was the maximum sentence."

Environmental groups claim victory on brush clearing plan

BROWNSVILLE (AP) – Environmental groups claimed a major victory with an agreement they said could end the routine clearing of miles of vegetation along the lower Rio Grande.

The International Boundary and Water Commission has agreed to review the effects of its long-established mowing practices along the river, and to follow the guidelines of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

It was accused last year of violating the federal Endangered Species and National Environmental Policy acts in a lawsuit filed by The Sierra Club, National Audubon Society and Frontera Audubon Society.

The groups alleged that the IBWC's routine brush clearing destroyed the habitat for numerous plant and animal species unique to the area.

Of particular concern were endangered ocelots and jaguarundis, two species of cat that are nearly extinct in Texas. More than 95 percent of the brush land the cats need for survival has been cleared for agriculture, industry and cities in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

"In some areas, those little strips along the river are the only habitat that's left," said Rose Farmer, manager of Audubon's Sabal Palm Grove Sanctuary, a 172-acre wildlife refuge on the Rio Grande near Brownsville. "They call it mowing, but it's really bulldozing, if you see what they (IBWC) do."

The IBWC, in a settlement reached last week in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., has agreed to conduct environmental impact studies and consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the potential effect of brush clearing on endangered species.

"It's a major victory," said Lori Potter, the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund attorney who filed the lawsuit. "We've accomplished all of our purposes in filing the suit, and within less than a year."

"IBWC submits to the jurisdiction of the Fish and Wildlife Service" in deciding whether and where to clear vegetation, Ms. Potter said. "Our position was the IBWC could do substantially less clearing and with no effect on flooding."

Robert Ybarra, secretary of the U.S. Section of the IBWC, said the mowing is part of an agreement with Mexico, and is necessary to prevent flooding. He declined comment, however, on the lawsuit settlement.

Statewide candidates to attend Democratic barbecue Saturday

Several statewide candidates are expected to attend Saturday's free barbecue hosted by the Tri-County Democrat Club, joining local candidates who also will be appearing.

Final arrangements are being completed for the event, which begins at 5 p.m. at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion (Bull Barns) at the Top O' Texas Rodeo grounds east of Pampa.

Announcing their intentions to attend the public event being held to enable area residents to meet Democratic candidates are Charles Baird, justice, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4; U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius; Land Commissioner Garry Mauro; Ellen Richards, daughter of gubernatorial candidate Ann Richards; and a representative for Agricultural Commissioner Jim Hightower.

If scheduling permits, other statewide candidates who may make an appearance include Supreme Court Justice Oscar Mauzy; Frank Maloney, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1; and Sam Houston Clinton, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2.

The band Southern Nights will provide entertainment. There will be an auction of political memorabilia, arts and crafts, baked and canned goods, gift certificates and other items donated by local individuals and businesses.

Local candidates who will serve up the barbecue include Jim Osborne, Gray County judge; Mike Helton, constable, Precinct 2; State Rep. Warren Chisum; Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace R.C. Parker; Elaine Cooper, Gray County treasurer; Kent Sims, 31st District judge; Margie Prestidge, justice of the peace, Precinct 2; Gray County Clerk Wanda Carter and Gray County Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene.

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Opinion

Textile industry has clothaphobia

With the economy in shaky shape, the last thing we need is a binge of protectionism. But recently the U.S. Senate voted, 68-32, for a bill that would limit to just 1 percent increases in imports to textiles, clothing and shoes. The House is also expected to pass the bill.

President Bush opposes the bill and has threatened to veto it. But if the 68-32 Senate vote holds, it would be enough to override a veto. The House, too, very well may pass the bill with a veto-proof margin.

If the bill becomes law, it could bring on retaliation by our allies and trading partners in Asia, Europe and Latin America. As happened in the late 1920s and early 1930s, protectionist retaliation and counter retaliation is a sure prescription for a recession, even a depression. The textile bill would also pour gasoline on the fires of inflation, just as the flames are growing. The government reported late last month that the consumer price index shot up 0.5 percent in June, a 6 percent annual rate.

According to a study by William Cline, an economist at the Institute of International Economics, the cost to consumers of the textile-import restrictions would be $5 billion in 1992, and would rise to $48 billion in the year 2000. That's money you would spend on other things in our economy, including American-made goods. With that money simply sucked into a single industry and unavailable to help other industries grow in our economy – wasted – tens of thousands of jobs would be lost, thousands of businesses would close. Retail businesses would sell fewer clothing items at higher cost and lower profit.

Higher textiles prices would hurt poor Americans most. According to Cline the cost of protectionism already on the books to the poorest 20 percent of Americans is 3.6 percent of household income, nine times the percentage paid by the average American household.

What about the American textile industry that demands protection from the wily foreigners? For one thing, many American textile firms' looms are foreign-made, yet the firms don't demand protectionism against those imports, only against imports with which they compete.

The real reason U.S. textile firms are demanding protectionism is that they just don't want to make the effort to compete. According to Leslie Wexner, head of Limited Stores, which sells women's clothing, U.S. manufacturers "are just behind the times technologically, and can't deliver in the new fast-moving style market we now face. Even if labor costs were identical, timeliness is still the key. Today we can write orders from Asia on Aug. 1 and receive substantial quantities by mid-September."

So the problem isn't "unfair" competition from wily foreigners, but incompetent management by U.S. firms. Protectionism would not solve that problem, but would only give U.S. firms an excuse to postpone needed changes to meet customer needs.

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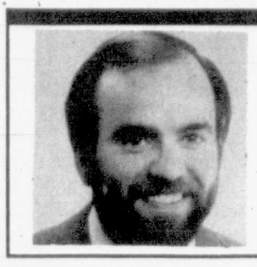
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D.C. deserves its statehood



Stephen Chapman

Listen to Jesse Jackson expound on the legal status of the District of Columbia and you will hear several persuasive arguments for granting statehood – arguments stressing grand American principles like democracy, equality, self-determination and no taxation without representation. You will also have no trouble finding the most effective argument against statehood: Jesse Jackson.

If the idea of President Jackson is enough to give you night terrors – which it is for some Democrats and all Republicans – then the idea of Senator Jackson probably won't help you sleep, either. Nor will you be soothed by the words "Governor Barry."

This is the simplest explanation why the 604,000 residents of Washington, D.C. – despite filing 1040s, sending young men and women to defend their country and enduring the risk of a President Quayle – are stoutly denied what all other Americans take as their natural inheritance: the right to choose voting members of Congress to represent their interests.

They are generously allowed to vote in presidential elections. D.C. elects a delegate to the House of Representatives who may speak, lobby and vote on committees but isn't permitted to vote on the floor. Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands – which, unlike D.C., are exempt from federal taxes – get as much. D.C. residents, a group that now includes Jesse Jackson, correctly think they're entitled to more.

The case for changing D.C.'s status is impossible to deny. Granted, its 69 square miles make it smaller than any other state, and unlike the others, it's short on cows and John Deere dealerships. But D.C. shouldn't be disqualified from statehood for these unique deficiencies any more than Alaska was disqualified because it has more ice than people.

The district was created to be the home of the federal government, run by the federal government. Back then, states were far stronger than now. The fear was that if it were within the boundaries of any state, the feeble federal government would be dominated by its powerful host.

Maybe someday the federal government will again be weak enough to worry about. Maybe someday powdered wigs will come back into fashion. Let's not all plan our lives around it.

The Pentagon and the CIA have done fine despite being domiciled in Virginia. Anyway, under statehood, the federal government would retain sole control over an enclave containing the White House, the Capitol, the Supreme Court and its other offices.

The real objection to the admission of New Columbia, as it would be called, is not philosophical but political. President Bush, who favors statehood for Puerto Rico, opposes it for his current hometown. Republicans resist giving D.C. a pair of senators because, as GOP strategist Edward Rollins put it, "you're going to get two liberal Democrats and keep getting them for the next 100 years."

With Republican attitudes like that, he may be right. But partisan inconvenience shouldn't override clear moral imperatives, all of which are on the side of the statehood proponents. If the principle no taxation without representation was important enough to justify a war for independence, it's important enough to tolerate two more Democratic senators.

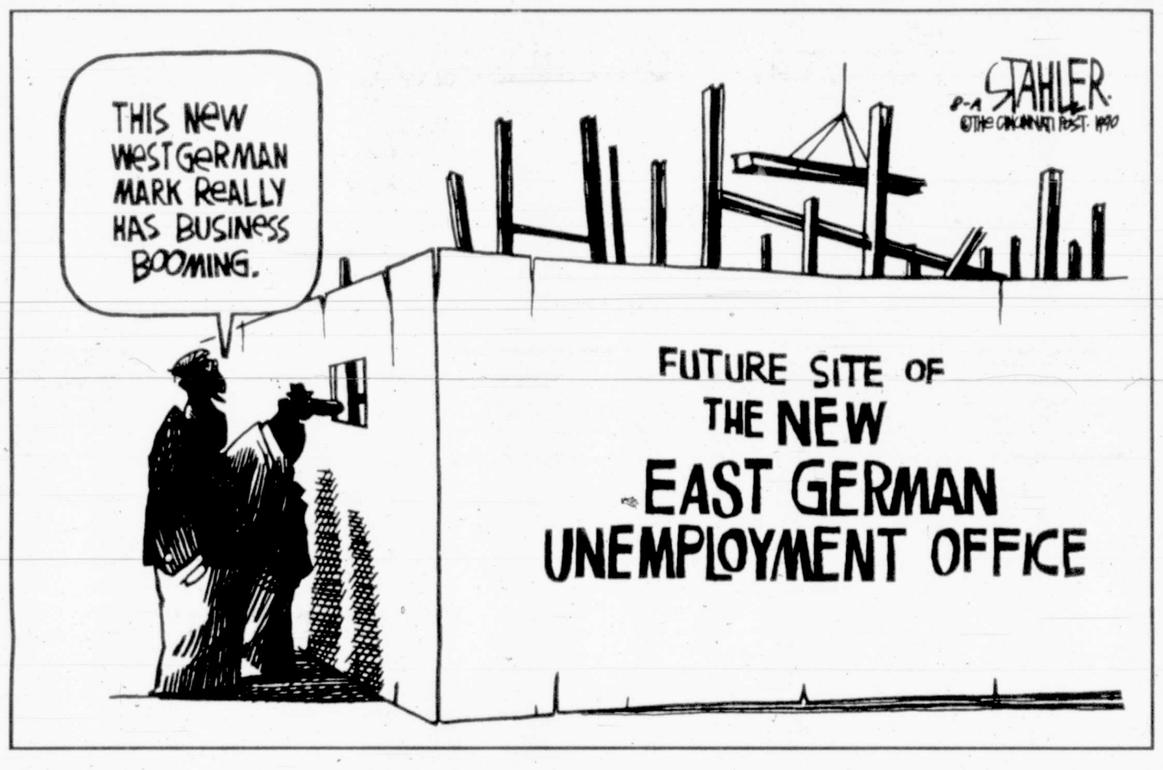
D.C. residents have all the duties imposed on every citizen. How can anyone seriously argue that they should lack the right to help choose the legislators who determine those duties?

This scandal would have been corrected a long time ago except for another unacknowledged disqualifier: D.C. is mostly black. That makes it easier for demagogic opponents to depict Washington residents as incompetent for self-government. They elected Marion Barry, for heaven's sake!

But most of the unsavory politicians in Washington can't be blamed on the locals. Should Minnesotans be stripped of the vote because they elected Dave Durenberger?

Opponents think they have found a clever way to satisfy D.C.'s moral claims while diluting its potential power. They propose to make it part of Maryland. This suggestion has only two drawbacks: The people of Maryland probably don't want it, and the people of D.C. certainly don't. When Arizona applied for statehood, no one asked, "Why don't you get annexed by California?"

But then Arizonans were no risk to send a Jesse Jackson to the U.S. Senate. Republicans think denying the democratic rights of D.C. residents is a small price to pay for their party's immediate interests. Someday, the GOP will be as proud of that position as the Democratic Party is of having once defended slavery.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 9, the 221st day of 1990. There are 144 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 9, 1969, actress Sharon Tate and four other people were found brutally murdered in the Los Angeles home Tate shared with her husband, movie director Roman Polanski. Cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his young disciples were later convicted of the crime.

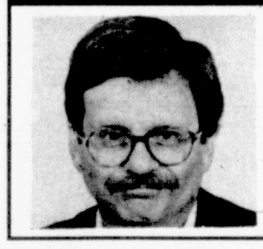
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In 1854, Henry David Thoreau published *Walden*, in which he described his experiences while living in a small cabin near Walden Pond in Massachusetts.

In 1942, Britain arrested Indian nationalist Mohandas K. Gandhi; he was not released until 1944.

In 1945, the United States dropped a second atomic bomb on Japan, destroying part of the city of Nagasaki. An estimated 74,000 people died from the blast or its aftereffects.

Mr. Smith goes to Neil Bush



Lewis Grizzard

A wino walks into the Silverado Savings and Loan and says to the next available teller, "I want some money."

"You want to cash a check?" the teller asks.

"No," says the wino. "I don't have any money and I want some."

"Then it's a loan you're after," replies the teller. "You would need to see Mr. Bush about that."

The wino is directed to Miss Hullingsworth, Mr. Bush's secretary. Mr. Bush is director of Silverado Savings and Loans.

"Go right in," says a smiling Miss Hullingsworth.

"You Bush?" the wino asks.

"I prefer you call me Neil."

"I want some money."

"Then it's a loan you're after. You have come to the right place. What do you need this money for?"

"Wine."

"You're going to start a winery. Fantastic. I'm sort of a wine lover myself. The Chablis Grand Cru I had at dinner last evening was arrogant but certainly not offensive. Is that a favorite of yours, too?"

"I had a pint of Thunderbird for breakfast."

"Wine for breakfast? Interesting. How much do you need to start your winery?"

"I'm not starting no winery. I just need some money to buy some more Thunderbird."

"Oh, you're a wine collector. What other wines are you interested in?"

"Ripple. MD 20-20, Wild Russian Vonya. Mennen Skin Bracer, in a pinch."

"I'll need some information. Just routine. Your name?"

"Give me a minute."

"Take all the time you need."

"It's Grover. But they call me 'Shaky.'"

"How did you get a nickname like that?"

"Look at my hands."

"Wow. That's some case of St. Vitus' dance. And your last name?"

"I can't remember."

"That's OK. We'll give you one. Let's call you 'Mr. Smith' then. And your address?"

"Alley next to the pool hall, third cardboard box on the left."

"Occupation?"

"I was a brain surgeon before the malpractice suit."

"Married?"

"She left me when I went broke."

"And exactly how much money do you need?"

"How's a hundred?"

"Can do. One hundred thousand dollars. What the hell. Let's make it two hundred thousand. You never know if you might need a little extra. Now Mr. Smith, what sort of collateral do you have?"

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"Can I have it in cash?"

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"I gotta pay this back?"

"Don't worry about it now. Just drop back by in a month or so and we'll talk about it then."

"Thanks, Neil."

"It was my pleasure, Mr. Smith. Miss Hullingsworth, please get my father on the phone ... He's late sending my allowance again."

Senate needs a litmus test for Souter

By BEN WATTENBERG

It is being said that there should be no "single-issue litmus test" in the Senate confirmation process for Judge David Souter, the nominee chosen by President Bush to succeed Supreme Court Justice William Brennan.

That is mindless. When an issue reaches transcendent importance, the principles behind the issue should of course be litmused. Would anyone argue that anti-slavery or anti-segregation should not be litmus tests?

By my lights, there is now one such issue.

It is not abortion, although pro-choice and pro-life activists would have us believe otherwise. The abortion issue has pretty well been settled. The liberals have won in the way that conservatives had insisted upon.

Abortion is back in the state legislatures, where the will of the public is emerging. On balance, in the vast majority of states, abortion will be legal, subject to some moderate restrictions. Even if Roe v. Wade is overturned, roughly the same process will ensue.

The litmus issue of our judicial moment is quotas.

Readers of this space know the author is an optimist. Withal, if there is one issue that threatens the well-being of this nation, it is race, and that issue is deeply exacerbated by quotas. The quota situation today, alas, reminds one too much of the Vietnam War line about "destroying the village in order to save it."

Until recently, things were looking better. The court had rolled back some instances of runaway affirmative action. Some non-conservative blacks courageously and publicly announced that quotas were harmful to blacks. And, after all, it was 1990. Proponents of vigorous-affirmative action-via-tough-goals-and-timetables (i.e., de facto quotas) had always said their remedy would only be necessary for a limited duration.

But then, quite recently, two things happened which, when combined, are scary.

In a 5-4 Brennan-driven decision, the court backed the Federal Communications Commission's right to grant racial preferences in awarding certain licenses to broadcasters. In addition, the court broke astonishing new ground, proclaiming that Congress could rather blithely pass laws that discriminate racially, if Congress, in its Olympian wisdom, simply sees an "important governmental objective" being served. (Could a nasty Congress legislate re-segregation?)

That was followed by the astounding vote of every single Democrat in the Senate in favor of the "Civil Rights Act of 1990," a law that can easily push businesses into quota hiring. Fortunately, that Senate-passed bill may still be diluted.

Now, fair-minded people can surely differ about this excruciating issue. But when 100 percent of the senators of one party all vote the same way, one wonders. The message, from a party plagued by the perception of special-interest influence, is clear. Senate Democrats have shown again that they will buckle under to the civil rights lobby.

So: The court says Congress may legislate racial preferences. The Senate says it is afraid not to.

Quotas were always bad policy.

They flaunt the cardinal American precept: advancement by merit. But the new American demography transforms bad policy into looming disaster. Blacks are no longer the one predominant minority. New (and healthy) immigration has brought in Hispanics, Asians, Moslems and non U.S. blacks. Eastern Europeans and Russians are on their way. Will each group have a quota? If they do, or if they don't, won't we have bitterness and chaos?

Quotas are passionate stuff. Many blacks have been inflamed by activist leaders who say anti-quotas is racism. In Louisiana, ex-Klansman David Duke uses it to galvanize his race for the U.S. Senate. On college campuses, quotas contribute to setting race against race.

The post-Brennan court should settle it, affirming affirmative action and quitting quotas, and do it with sensitivity to blacks, many of whom will find it a bitter pill.

Judge Souter should be quizzed and litmused by the Senate Judiciary Committee on the principles involved. My sense is he will do well. It would be nice to think that the committee as whole could also pass such a litmus test. Alas, for that there is little admissible evidence.

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Administration trying to put best face forward on S&L bailout progress

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – One year after President Bush signed landmark savings and loan bailout legislation, the administration is trying to accentuate the positive about its handling of the still-worsening mess.

Anticipating a chorus of criticism around today's anniversary of the bill, Bush's Cabinet officers are emphasizing the bailout's benefits to depositors, minimizing the rising cost to taxpayers and denouncing what they call the "blame game" played by congressional Democrats.

"The staggering size of the cost estimates understandably alarms taxpayers and frightens politicians into finger-pointing and blame-avoiding. The line in the political world goes, 'Since I don't make mistakes, someone else must be making them,'" Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady said Wednesday.

Overlooked in the furor, he said, is the fact that the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989, as it is formally known, has so far protected 6.4 million deposit accounts averaging around $10,000 each.

"Our job is to conduct the massive cleanup operation effectively and responsibly, to rise above the political blame game, and to work steadily and professionally to get the job done," Brady said.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh and chief White House economic adviser Michael Boskin also are defending the administration at other events this week.

But the record over the last year and the outlook for the next is decidedly mixed.

The Resolution Trust Corp., created to handle the bailout, has closed or sold 211 insolvent thrifts and plans to deal with 126 more this year.

But that would leave it still running 135 collapsed thrifts and looking ahead to an additional 230 to 550 failures among the remaining 2,430 privately-run S&Ls.

Solvent S&Ls lost $271 million in the first three months of 1990 even though they are under less pressure from insolvent institutions desperately seeking deposits with high interest rates.

The Justice Department established financial institution fraud task forces in 27 cities and hired 118 assistant U.S. attorneys and 153 FBI agents. But complex fraud cases take years to prosecute and it is too soon to tell if the added staff will make significant headway against a backlog of 21,147 criminal referrals.

The S&L cleanup is far wider and its cost far deeper than envisioned on Aug. 9, 1989, when Bush signed the law in a sunny Rose Garden ceremony.

"If someone would have told me the day of the bill signing that S&Ls would be the No. 1 issue and the crisis would look even worse than it did a year ago, I would have said, 'You're crazy,' " said Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the House Banking Committee. "Yet, that's exactly where we are."

The cost of the bailout contributed to Bush's decision to abandon his "no new taxes" pledge and led to the first serious congressional push since Watergate to reform campaign finance laws.

The bailout also threatens to spill into the general economy as a credit crunch. Real estate developers and small businesses already are complaining that they can't get loans. The Federal Reserve Board has been forced to cut interest rates.

Savings and loans, barely mentioned in the 1988 presidential race, have become a prime issue in this year's congressional races. Challengers view the issue as their best chance to defeat incumbents, especially those who received political contributions from the industry.

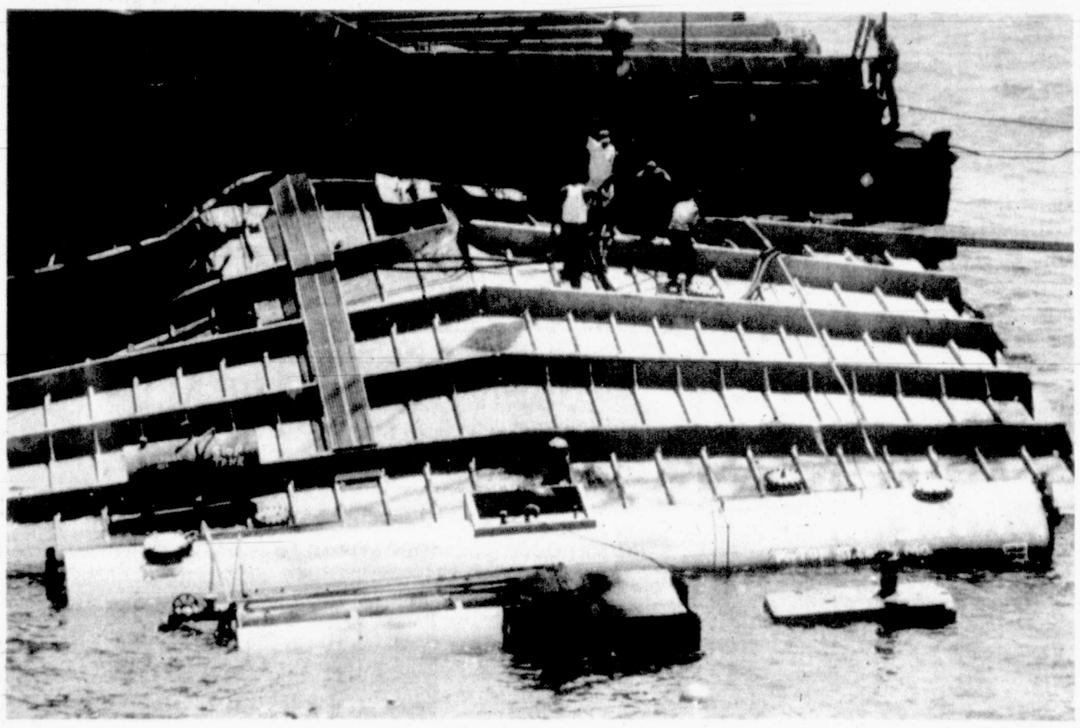
Behind the firestorm is the need for more tax money to finance the cleanup.

The year-old act provided $50 billion to cover S&L losses and allowed regulators to raise additional cash by borrowing against the sour loans, distressed real estate and other assets inherited from the bankrupt thrifts.

Now, regulators say they will need up to $100 billion for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1. That includes $30 billion to $40 billion from taxpayers, with the rest to be borrowed and repaid when assets of failed S&Ls are sold.

Rep. Bruce Vento, D-Minn., chairman of a House task force monitoring the bailout, says taxpayers' liability won't be contained until the Resolution Trust Corp. makes headway in selling failed institutions' assets.

The bailout agency last week announced its "great fall inventory clearance sale," which will use an international satellite auction and other techniques to reduce its $165 billion asset portfolio by $50 billion by Dec. 31.



(AP Laserphoto)

Salvage crews Wednesday work to cut up the barge that was involved in a ship-barge collision in the Houston Ship Channel, causing a massive oil spill in Galveston Bay. The barge is headed for the scrap yard after being cut up.

Salvage crews sopping up oil spill sludge

By SUSAN FAHLGREN
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) – The U.S. Coast Guard is beginning to cut back crews today as the cleanup of a 700,000-gallon oil spill in Galveston Bay nears an end.

Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Rich Muller said salvage crews were sopping up remaining pockets of sludge near Houston Point in the northernmost portion of the bay, but Coast Guard officials believe the $3 million cleanup should be complete by Friday.

"We stiil have some people up there," Muller said of the Houston Point area. "That operation will be shutting down, just because there isn't that much left to do."

Other crews, meanwhile, continue to dissemble a battered barge that remained outside the Houston Ship Channel. Crews began cutting the barge, one of two ruptured in a July 28 collision with a Greek tanker, with blow torches on Wednesday so that the pieces can be moved to a Galveston scrap yard.

Once the barge is severed, the Coast Guard plans to reopen the ship channel to two-way deep draft ship traffic for the first time since the accident.

The Greek tanker Shinoussa collided with two of three barges being towed by the tugboat, Chandy N, through the ship channel in the bay. The tanker, although damaged, did not lose any of its cargo of jet fuel because of a double hull, but the two barges spewed 700,000 gallons of a heavy catfeed oil used in petroleum refining.

The accident, near Redfish Island, created a slick that at one time measured 17 miles in length and threatened most of the sensitive wildlife areas of the bay. The Texas Department of Health is maintaining a ban on shellfishing in most areas of the bay because of the spill.

The U.S. Justice Department, meanwhile, said Wednesday a joint probe with the FBI and the Environmental Protection Agency into the accident was proceeding.

"As with all other significant spills, the Department of Justice works in conjunction with other appropriate authorities to investigate any possible civil or criminal infractions under the Clean Water Act," said Frank Kelly, justice department spokesman in Washington.

"If there's something – an administrative or civil or criminal action – we will aggressively prosecute," Kelly said.

He said the department generally does not comment on continuing investigations, but several news reports of the investigation has made it necessary. "This is pretty standard," Kelly said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Leslie Banks in Houston, a federal prosecutor assigned to the case, said a finding of negligent discharge of oil is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $2,500 to $25,000, or a prison term of up to one year, or both.

If intentional discharge of oil is found, it is a felony that carries stiffer penalties.

Officials: Closed waterway has cost $20 million

HOUSTON (AP) – An accident in the Houston Ship Channel that dumped 700,000 gallons of oil into Galveston Bay nearly two weeks ago has cost shipowners as much as $20 million because of delays in reopening the waterway, an industry official says.

Ted Thorjussen, president of the West Gulf Maritime Association, an organization of shipping lines, estimates the channel closing has cost the lines between $15 million and $20 million.

The Greek tanker Shinoussa collided with two of three barges being towed by the tugboat, Chandy N, through the ship channel in the bay July on 28. The tanker, although damaged, did not lose any of its cargo of jet fuel because of a double hull, but the two barges spewed 700,000 gallons of a heavy catfeed oil used in petroleum refining.

Because of the accident, all deep-water traffic through the Ship Channel was stopped between July 28 and Aug. 3, a move that cost the average shipowner up to $17,000 a day plus docking fees of up to $3,500 a day.

Two-way barge traffic has been permitted in the channel for nearly a week, with one-way traffic allowed for tow-escorted ship traffic since last Friday.

But efforts to clean up the oil spill and remove a submerged barge have delayed the full reopening of the waterway. Crews hope to move the crippled barge from the channel today, allowing two-way deep draft ship traffic for the first time since the accident.

"I think it's outrageous that the channel is still restricted," Thorjussen told the *Houston Chronicle*.

"The ships are not delayed as they used to be, but if you arrive at an inopportune time, you can lose a day both coming and going," he said.

Thorjussen said he blames both an "overly cautious" U.S. Coast Guard and the salvage company, T&T Marine Salvage Inc.

"The wreck is 1,000 feet away from the channel," he said. "I think you could do two-way traffic."

Petty Officer Mark Sedwick said Coast Guard officials have fielded numerous calls from irate shippers in recent days.

"We've been dealing with that quite a bit," Sedwick said. "The agents, the shipping companies, they're ready for (the channel) to be open. We've got to take care of the environmental problem before we can worry about the commerce end of it."

Sedwick said Coast Guard officials fear the wakes caused by two-way traffic would upset the delicate operation of cutting up the wrecked barge and removing the wreckage.

Richards says Williams' deals have cost money for taxpayers

AUSTIN (AP) – Clayton Williams has cost taxpayers money in the government's savings and loan bailout, Ann Richards' campaign charged.

"He brags about what a great businessman he is, but it's the taxpayers who are going to have to dig into their pockets to bail out his business dealings," said Bill Cryer, Richards' press secretary.

The Richards campaign took Republican Williams to task over the 1987 sale of his gas gathering firm, Clajon Gas Co.

Democrat Richards said Williams engineered the sale using $130 million worth of junk bonds, which he sold to large investors, including $6 million in bonds to savings and loan institutions that later failed. Those bonds now are owned by the federal Resolution Trust Corp.

"Clayton Williams was conspiring with Wall Street Financiers to roll the dice on one of the decade's biggest crap games – the unloading of millions of dollars in the junk bond market," Cryer said.

"The taxpayers of Texas need to look closely at Clayton Williams. And when they do, they'll know they can't afford him," Cryer said.

In other political developments:

— Williams said his opponent in the race for governor should cut "the campaign rhetoric" and challenged her to outline one specific proposal for Texas and say how to pay for it.

At a Kiwanis Club luncheon in Houston Wednesday, Williams characterized Richards' proposals on drug abuse and education as vague.

"I want to issue a challenge to Ann Richards, a challenge to provide a dollar figure for one – just one – of her proposals," Williams said.

Williams also proposed privatizing the engineering division of the Texas State Highway Department. He said the highway department could save up to $25 million annually by contracting out more design work.

— The Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, Bob Bullock, has returned more than $13,000 to two political action committees because they also gave money to his Republican rival.

Bullock said he has put PACs on notice that he doesn't want their money if they also give to GOP nominee Rob Mosbacher.

Mosbacher said that if Bullock is serious, he should return $210,710 the Democrat has received from contributors who also gave to Mosbacher.

"If you are going to be consistent about this, I recommend that you refund the money to everyone who has contributed to both of our campaigns," Mosbacher said in a letter to Bullock.

— Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, a two-term Democrat, released copies of letters he says support his allegations that partisan politics were involved in a federal investigation of his agency.

In a Feb. 7 letter, Vernie Glasson, executive director of the Texas Farm Bureau, wrote to John Datt, director of the American Farm Bureau Federation, saying that "there might be some type of investigation under way."

The Farm Bureau long has opposed Hightower.

"What would help is a Feb. 15 or so (prior to March 13) announcement, or leak, to Texas press ... We are confident there are many skeletons in the closet, and they need to be rattled," Glasson wrote. The state primary elections were held March 13.

In a Feb. 23 letter from Datt to an assistant U.S. secretary of agriculture, the Farm Bureau official said, "As you are well aware, the Texas Farm Bureau is involved in a continuing discussion and sometimes feud with the Texas commissioner of agriculture."

Referring to Glasson's letter, Datt also wrote, "The Texas Farm Bureau needs to have this matter fully investigated ..."

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Take my flight, please...

By WILLIAM S. BERGSTROM
AP Business Writer

DETROIT (AP) – Did you hear the one about the stand-up comic who got booked on a commuter flight? Had to sit down. Too much turbulence.

Passengers are getting comedy with their cabin service on Continental Express flights from Detroit to Cleveland this week.

"If you don't like my act, where are you going to go?" comic Don Tersigni told his audience Wednesday aboard the 30-passenger Flight 4454.

Tersigni, who did Elvis Presley and Sylvester Stallone impressions after lemonade and peanuts were passed out, said afterward that it wasn't like entertaining the average nightclub crowd.

"I couldn't hear myself, really, especially doing impressions," he said, alighting from the noisy twin-turboprop.

"I was just sort of winging it," he added, starting to smile. "I hope it will help my career, sort of, take off."

Comedian Al Aprill did a sit-down act when Flight 4454 ran into turbulence Monday night.

"I was told our comedian does a real good job. I'm sorry I can't let him stand up," Capt. Bill Daly said.

Continental Express scheduled business briefings on morning flights and comedy in the evening this week to pump up publicity for its new Cleveland-Detroit route. The 50-minute flights are too short for movies.

Johnny Carson mentioned the gimmick on his "Tonight Show," saying that anyone traveling to Detroit or Cleveland could use a little comedy.

"It's different," said one passenger, William Stadler, a Boston businessman. "It wasn't boring, anyway."

Earlier Wednesday, most of the 17 passengers on a 7 a.m. flight stayed awake to hear Detroit Free Press assistant business editor Nunzio Lupo discuss labor negotiations between the Big Three automakers and the United Auto Workers.

Lupo stood, braced against the closed cockpit door, glanced at a few note cards and delivered a 20-minute summation into a hand microphone.

Passengers applauded. Perhaps more important, they listened to the airline's emergency instructions.

"In the morning it's really hard. They'll sleep, or read their paper. They don't listen to my demo," said flight attendant Lisa Lyons.

Spokeswoman Peggy Mahoney said Continental Express hadn't decided whether to try such promotions on its other commuter flights from Continental Airlines' hubs in Cleveland, Newark, Houston and Denver.



(AP Laserphoto)

Comedian Al Aprill performs his routine recently aboard Continental Express' flight from Cleveland to Detroit City Airport. The airline is experimenting with comics to entertain passengers on regional flights.

Relatives await word on Americans in Iraq, Kuwait

By The Associated Press

A State Department task force has taken more than 11,000 calls from people wanting information about Americans stranded in Kuwait and Iraq, but word from the Middle East is reaching loved ones only in dribs and drabs.

Kevin York of Mount Prospect, Ill., has not talked to his wife, Faye, who was in Iraq to visit friends and family, since before the Aug. 2 invasion.

"She called (her sister) Amy at 1 a.m. last Thursday, bawling her eyes out, saying that she was at the airport (in Baghdad) but couldn't get on the plane because the airline wouldn t accept her ticket. Then they closed the airport," he said.

Mrs. York, a 31-year-old naturalized American of Iraqi descent, is two months pregnant with their first child, York said.

President Bush on Wednesday said U.S. troops were sent to Saudi Arabia to deter an attack from Iraq. Also Wednesday, Iraq annexed Kuwait.

Poor telephone connections and confusion in Baghdad have made contact difficult if not impossible since the invasion. Some Americans said they heard about relatives through employers or the State Department.

Thirty-eight Americans remain in a Baghdad hotel from which they are not allowed to leave, State Department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher said Wednesday. The hotel is under guard, but the Americans are safe, he said.

He estimated there are 400 Americans in Iraq and 3,000 in Kuwait. The task force is tracking 1,468 people in Kuwait and Iraq it has identified or been in contact with, Boucher said.

Edwin and Irene Davis of Koran, La., last heard from their daughter in a 4 a.m. telephone call a week ago: "Daddy, don't worry; we're under attack."

"I know what warfare in the cities is like – trigger-happy and nervous. I advised them to stay in the house. I hope that's what they did," said Davis, a retired Baptist minister.

Their daughter, Martha; her Kuwaiti-born husband, Mahmoud Al-Ghareeb, and their children, Millie, 18, and Michael, 14, were visiting Al-Ghareeb's parents.

Boucher said U.S. officials have met with the Americans at the Rashid Hotel in Baghdad.

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Unidentified soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) adjust gas masks Wednesday during regular drills with M-16 rifles on the small arms range at Fort Stewart, Ga. The training is part of regular procedures.

U.S. troops face debilitating sand, heat and threat of chemical attack

By ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – Few areas of the planet are more forbidding for the American warrior than Saudi Arabia, home of the world's largest sand desert, where the summer heat often tops 120 degrees and can sap even the native tribesmen.

Drinkable water is scarce. Sand and dust can debilitate not only armies on the march but also aircraft, supply vehicles and gun sightings on tanks and rifles.

Add to that the threat of being attacked with poison gases you can neither see nor smell, and you have a picture of the peculiarities of mobilizing on the Arabian Peninsula to defend the world's largest oil reserves from the Iraqi army.

President Bush told the nation Wednesday that American forces were landing in Saudi Arabia to protect the desert kingdom from a menacing million-man Iraqi army. The president said U.S. troops would not initiate a conflict but would respond if attacked.

Government sources said at least 5,000 paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division and other highly mobile units were en route or already taking positions on Saudi soil – backed by a swelling armada of naval air and seapower.

Diplomatic sources in Saudi Arabia said 4,000 Marines already had been moved to a oil-terminal Saudi town close to the Kuwaiti border. Those sources said the total U.S. troop strength could reach 30,000, while The Washington Post and The New York Times quoted estimates of 50,000.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has vowed to crush any resistance to his occupation of Kuwait.

The Saudi desert itself is a formidable foe for the Americans. The name alone – the Empty Quarter – speaks volumes about the inhospitable conditions.

The heat can be defeating. Temperatures in August often top 120 degrees; on Tuesday, as the first U.S. air and ground units readied for their mission, it was 110 degrees in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

Even without the physical strain of combat, U.S. soldiers in Saudi Arabia would have to drink at least six gallons of water a day while their bodies adjusted to the climate, said an Army planner who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Deliveries of drinking water become nearly as important as armaments.

Also on the equipment list for this deployment: plenty of sunscreen lotion and sunglasses.

The desert environment presents these other challenges to the Americans there:

• Distortion of all optical systems, including binoculars and sighting optics on tanks, by surface heat waves.

• Damage to weapons, other vehicles and aircraft from the effects of blowing sand and dust. The sand can grind down helicopter rotor blades much like the effects of sandpaper on light metal. Sand also can clog engines and air filters.

• Transport of troops and supplies is more risky, particularly over the great distances in the Saudi desert, because of a lack of ground cover. That gives added importance to air power, and in turn puts a greater onus on air defenses.

Besides the dangers of exhaustion and dehydration, the heat also hurts the U.S. troops' ability to cope with the threat of a chemical attack by Iraq, according to military officers.

The use of chemical weapons is outlawed by the 1925 Geneva Protocol, but Iraq has admitted to using poison gas during its eight-year war with Iran. Hundreds of civilians in an Iraqi village that fell into Iranian hands were burned to death in an Iraqi gas attack in 1988.

Maj. Joe Padilla, an Army spokesman at the Pentagon, said the soldiers heading to Saudi Arabia are equipped with gear to defend against a chemical attack. This includes protective clothing, such as boots, gloves, masks and special trousers and jackets, as well as equipment for decontaminating clothing and gear.

They also are carrying special sensing devices, including battery-operated devices that sample the air for indications of poisonous gas, as well as medicines to counteract the effects of exposure to chemical agents, officials said.

Former HUD escrow agent indicted on wire fraud charges

FORT WORTH (AP) – A former HUD escrow agent accused of misusing escrow funds which wound up costing federal agencies about $20 million has been indicted on 35 counts of wire fraud.

If convicted on all counts, William Grantmyre would face up to 175 years in jail and fines which could exceed $8.7 million.

Grantmyre's indictment is the result of an ongoing investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office, the FBI and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A federal grand Wednesday jury handed up the indictment against Grantmyre on charges relating to his alleged misuse of escrow funds held by Maple Mortgage, Inc. of Dallas: Grantmyre is the former president of Maple Mortgage.

The indictment accuses Grantmyre of devising a scheme to defraud and misuse escrow funds that Maple Mortgage was holding in trust for homeowners and investors.

The indictment alleges that the scheme cost millions in losses to various federal agencies insuring the mortgages between Aug. 24, 1988, and March 20, 1989.

On Aug. 25, 1988, Grantmyre used $1.1 million in escrow funds to help him buy Maple Mortgage, the indictment said.

NOTICE!

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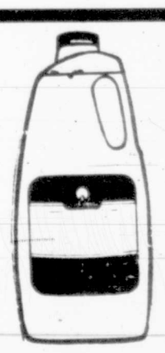
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Price rises could hit other sectors due to fuel cost increases

By STEFAN FATSIS
AP Business Writer

If higher oil prices hold, the effect is likely to spread beyond gasoline to utility bills, home mortgages, food, fertilizer, automobile tires and a myriad of other goods.

"The first victims in line will be utilities and transportation industries," said economist David Wyss of DRI-McGraw-Hill Inc. in Lexington, Mass. "You can expect your electric bills going up."

Wyss said inflation via high oil prices "gradually dribbles down to almost everything in the economy."

The American Automobile Association reported Tuesday that gasoline prices at the pump hit nearly five-year highs. Self-service unleaded rose 1.5 cents overnight to $1.201 per gallon, the highest price since the last week of 1985.

In its survey of 1,400 stations nationwide, the AAA said unleaded fuel increased 12.6 cents since last Wednesday, the day before Iraq's invasion of Kuwait sent the price of crude oil skyrocketing on world markets.

Spot checks showed gas prices up as much as 25 cents at some Michigan service stations. That is one of the biggest weekly increases since the 1973 Arab oil embargo.

Various industries that rely on oil for transportation or production said rising fuel prices would have to be passed onto consumers eventually.

Frozen Food Express Industries Inc. in Dallas, which hauls perishable products nationwide, is one of several companies that has asked the government to approve a surcharge on shipping rates because of the oil price rise.

Chairman Stoney M. Stubbs Jr., whose company has 1,000 refrigeration trucks, said up to 20 percent of costs are related to fuel.

"A 15 cents a gallon increase eats your profit up," said Charles Lambright, an independent trucker in Jacksonville, Texas. "The only way we can stay in business is with a surcharge."

Surcharges are passed on to the food companies or other users, and economists predict those increased costs gradually will show up on supermarket shelves by October.

Oil is a major component of the raw materials used to make tires.

"If oil prices continue at higher levels prices will have to reflect these higher raw material costs," a Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. spokesman said.

Oil price increases could also directly affect the price of plastics, fertilizer and other products made from petroleum-based raw materials.

Utilities that burn large amounts of oil pass higher fuel costs on to customers. However, utilities use more natural gas in the summer, and that could help forestall higher electric bills.

Boston Edison Co. said customers will pay more for electricity if oil prices remain high after the utility's 30 - to 45-day supply of oil runs out. The utility generates about a third of its power from oil in the summer and about two-thirds in the winter.

Home mortgage interest rates have risen as much as half a percentage point in recent days to above 10 percent, following Treasury bond yields upward in reaction to fears that higher oil prices will trigger inflation.

"Right now there is a general pickup in daily applications as people look in to lock in interest rates and protect themselves from subsequent increases," said Countrywide's chief financial officer, Stanford Kurland.

Study reports metabolism can rebound from low-calorie diet

By BRENDA C. COLEMAN
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) – The crash diet that gave Oprah Winfrey her svelte new figure does not permanently lower the body's metabolism, a study says.

Many people have worried that crash dieting permanently lowers a person's metabolism – the rate at which the body at rest burns calories – making it harder and harder to shed more pounds and to keep the weight off.

Wednesday, a study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* found that the Optifast liquid diet caused women's metabolism to plunge, but it rebounded after they began eating normal food. The study was funded in part by Optifast.

The diet helped the women lose almost 50 pounds in four months, the study said.

"The good news is that the study showed dieting, when combined with exercise, does not result in a long-term reduction in metabolic rate," said lead researcher Thomas A. Wadden. "The bad news is that it's still a struggle to maintain weight loss."

Wadden, associate professor of psychology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and clinical director of its Obesity Research Group, said in a telephone interview that for every 25 pounds of weight loss, a dieter must eat 100 fewer calories a day than in pre-diet days to maintain the loss.

Wadden also is a consultant to the Sandoz Nutrition Co., maker of Optifast. Miss Winfrey shed 67 pounds on the Optifast diet.

The study compared nine women who went on the 420-calorie-a-day Optifast program with nine women who went on a diet of conventional food totaling 1,200 calories a day.

The metabolism of the Optifast women dropped 22 percent over 16 weeks, when they were consuming only the liquid diet, while the metabolism of the others fell about 13 percent.

Metabolism rates of the Optifast group rose to within 11 percent of initial rates during the following six weeks, when the women were gradually switched from to about 1,100 calories of normal food a day, the study found.

Metabolism in the 1,200-calorie group rose to within 8.6 percent of original levels during that period.

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1990 Property Tax Rates in Lefors Independent School District

This notice concerns 1990 property tax rates for Lefors ISD. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per $100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

	Last year's operating taxes	$ 966,161.00
+	Last year's debt taxes	$ -0-
=	Last year's total taxes	$ 966,161.00
÷	Last year's tax base	$ 87,832,818.00
=	Last year's total tax rate	$ 1.10

This year's effective tax rate:

	Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	$ 958,343.68
÷	This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	$ 96,808,725.00
=	This year's effective tax rate	$ .98994
×	1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	$ 1.01964

This year's rollback tax rate:

	Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	$ 958,344.00
÷	This year's adjusted tax base	$ 96,808,725.00
=	This year's effective operating rate	$ .989930
×	1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	$ 1.069124
+	This year's debt rate	$ .062900

(A school district must insert the following lines)

=	This year's rollback rate before adjustment	$ 1.132024
+	Rate to recoup lost state funds	$ -0-
=	A. Adjusted rollback rate	$ 1.132024
	B. Rate that would result in maximum state funds	$ 1.132024
	Rollback Rate (greater of A or B)	$ 1.132024
=	This year's rollback rate	$ 1.132024

SCHEDULE A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following balances will probably be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Operating Fund	$543,886

SCHEDULE B: 1990 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid	Interest to be Paid	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Cap. Series 1990-C	$40,000.00	$19,105.53	-0-	$59,105.53

	Total required for 1990 debt service	$59,106.00
–	Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	-0-
–	Excess collections last year	-0-
=	Total to be paid from taxes in 1990	59,106.00
+	Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only ____% of its taxes in 1990	1,828.02
=	Total Debt Service Levy	60,934.02

SCHEDULE C: Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For counties and cities with additional ½ cent sales tax)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive $ -0- in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Gray County Appraisal District Offices - 815 N. Sumner

Name of person preparing this notice W. Pat Bagley
Title Tax Assessor for Lefors ISD
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Lifestyles



(AP Laserphoto)

Ruth Austin, 102-years-old, is an unsung American heroine. Austin, who lives in Portland, Ore., made an impact on Chicago immigrant life during her career in social work from 1914 through 1947. Author Jim Heynen and photographer Paul Boyer spent 1987 through 1989 traveling the United States and Canada to talk to centenarians like Austin about their lives. The result is "One Hundred Over 100," a book of interviews with North American centenarians.

Centenarians lives documented in book

By CARRIE FIGDOR
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — Why do some people live to be 100?

"I picked my ancestors carefully," said Stella Harriss, 106, a retired college chemistry professor in Manhattan, Kan.

"I have nothing to do with this getting old," protested Mary Wallace, 106, a child of slaves in Georgia who raised white children as well as her own family of nine.

Here's the secret, from Palmina Canovi, 101: "We're so old because we haven't died yet." She emigrated from Italy to Seattle with Frank, 103, her husband of 79 years.

Author Jim Heynen and photographer Paul Boyer spent 1987 through 1989 traveling the United States and Canada to talk with centenarians about their lives.

The result is "One Hundred Over 100," a book of interviews with 100 North Americans in their second century of life.

Heynen, 49, got the idea for the book while jogging and thinking about aging. Boyer, 45, joined later to take the black-and-white portraits that accompany each brief interview.

"I think most people do not respond well to old people. ... Most people equate growing old with growing sickly," Heynen said in a joint interview with Boyer recently.

"May this book diminish your fear of aging," he wrote in the introduction.

The 100 subjects are not a representative sample of the 54,000 Americans that the U.S. Census Bureau estimates will be at least 100 years old in 1990.

Heynen sent news releases to about 100 newspapers seeking nominees for the book. He also sought out minority centenarians.

The interviewees include 10 blacks, two Hispanics, three American Indians, and three Japanese-Americans. Some of the remaining whites were immigrants. Women outnumber men by 3-to-2.

Still, there is something of all of us in each of them, the authors found.

Some had survived cancer, bad hearts and life-threatening diseases. Many married several times and divorced. Some smoked and drank. Some broke all family records for longevity. Some were worrywarts. Some loved salt.

The authors also found that many of the men were Masons. Two bald men began growing their hair back after age 100.

The longest-lived group were single women without children, but common traits appeared to be no children or one child, a careful diet all their lives, and a lot of caring for others, both relatives and strangers, Heynen said.

"Many of these people have lived altruistic lives," Heynen said.

Many attributed their long lives to hard work, but that didn't always mean physical labor. Heynen and Boyer often took it as, "I was seldom bored."

David Kane, a 102-year-old painter whose portrait of Henry Clay Folger, founder of Standard Oil, hangs in the Folger Library in Washington, D.C., is the Greater Miami American Heart Association's leading door-to-door fundraiser.

Rosa Mae Wolfe, who never married, was involved all her life in church work in Idaho and helped found Boise Bible College.

Kisa Iseri, 102, a Japanese immigrant in Ontario, Ore., is a busy gardener. She grew marijuana 20 years ago without knowing what it was, and her daughter used it to improve the flavor of sukiyaki.

"I don't have a secret. I'm just one of those people who lives and lets live like everyone else," says Katherine Mickel, 110, an Irish-born factory worker and housewife and Rhode Island's oldest resident.

About 40 of the interviewees were in nursing homes. Others lived with relatives, but some were still on their own.

Meeting the centenarians caused Heynen to stop smoking and drinking, and Boyer to give up coffee. They also learned to savor life more.

"Knowing you could die any moment gives the sense of living for the moment," Boyer said of the centenarians. "We didn't start imitating their lifestyles. Where we did change was in being at peace with the moment."

Tugboat operator wrestles ropes, cranks

By TESSIE BORDEN
Beaumont Enterprise

GOOSE CREEK, Texas (AP) — Maria Miller-Poore's idea of a power suit is a pair of comfortable jeans, a tank top, and tennis shoes or steel-toed boots.

The casual attire is essential to her job, which often means wrestling thick ropes and greasy cranks. She works for an oil rig transportation contractor, nominally for Chevron, but really for her father, Frank Miller, who runs a two-tugboat operation transporting barges and equipment to and from the approximately small rigs that dot the shallow bayou.

While most corporate workers are just waking up to another day of office politics, Miller-Poore already has made breakfast for her two children and dropped her daughter off at a friend's house.

At 7:15 a.m., she hops onto the tugboat that will take her to work. Miller-Poore, a petite, very fit woman who wears her hair long, is part of a small group of women who are breaking with their upbringing and with conventional ideas of where women should work.

She has been working on the boat since 1986. Before then, she worked in the company's front office handling paperwork. "I just don't let them get me down," she says about some men in the business who disagree with her career choice. "I don't let them get in my way."

On a recent morning, the crew faced several obstacles. Operators were working on a troublesome Chevron rig that Miller-Poore said has been "only producing water" for the past few months.

Some thought the hole had become clogged with sand and were trying to unclog it. Miller had his own problems with the tugboat. Its power steering had malfunctioned. He had to steer it manually as he positioned it to push a barge toward the rig, and it put him in a foul mood.

His daughter said she has an easier time dealing with her father's temper because she is used to it. But she asks for and gets no preferential treatment, she said. As a matter of fact, she said, the fact that she is female often works against her, even in a family business.

She said other contractors sometimes have refused to work with her unless she gets permission from their bosses.

But she said people who work regularly with her have come to accept her. It is just a matter of proving her competence and keeping a good attitude, she said.

That may sound like a platitude, but Miller-Poore said she needs that view to stay afloat in the business. "I just keep my eyes and ears open and my mouth shut," she said. "I know I still have so much to learn."

The tugboat crew had to deal with down-time while the operators worked on the ailing rig. Miller-Poore used the time to go into Liberty to pick up another steering motor for the boat.

Normally, subcontractors for the large oil companies specialize so much that their jobs don't overlap. So, for example, tugboat workers would not set foot on a rig. But during busy times, Miller-Poore said, she has worked spent long hours working "the floor" on a rig because operators are short-handed.

"Most of us are so small we need all the help we can get," she said. "We try to help each other out."

Returning from Liberty, Miller-Poore made short work of loading the motor, which weighed almost half as much as her, off a skiff onto the boat. She also helped Miller install it, wrapping wires and testing the engine.

She clearly was proud of her work. "I loaded that motor all by myself," she told another crew member as the tug headed back for port.

Miller also was in better spirits. "He's not having to work so hard to steer it," she said. "He's happy now, isn't he?"

St. Vincent's registration begins August 13

Registration at St. Vincent de Paul School begins on Monday for children pre-K through fifth grade, Principal Jess Baker said this week.

Parents can register their children at the school office next Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. The hours for registration expand to 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Aug. 20 to Aug. 24.

The registration is for former and new students. Some former students have pre-registered, Baker said. The school has about 80 students.

Baker said people can call 665-5665 at any time to get information about registration and/or the school, which is state-accredited and offers a full curriculum.

In-service for teachers at St. Vincent's will be Aug. 20-24 with classes beginning on Aug. 27. Pre-K through kindergarten students meet for a 1/2 day, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Children in grades one through five meet from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pre-K students are ages three and four.

This year, St. Vincent's school will offer the Writing to Read Program, primarily for kindergarten and first-grade students. However, St. Vincent's also plans to extend the program through the fifth grade on a modified basis.

"With the addition of these computers, there will be computer instruction in each classroom," Baker said.

The school also has a year-round daycare center with hours of 7:30 a.m to 5:30 p.m.

Travel Briefs

By The Associated Press

Owners of nearly 1.5 million timeshare condominiums rent out their units without profit, according to a survey commissioned by the Resort Property Owners Association.

"We've known for years that consumer owners have been renting their property for peanuts. What we didn't know until this survey was that the majority of consumer owners are renting these luxury condos or villas for as little as $40 to $110 per night," says Clinton Burr, RPOA president.

The survey shows that 60 percent of consumer owners rent out their condos at between $250 and $750 per week, and 65 percent of these vacation condos are priced below hotel room rates in their communities. "This means that condo rentals in the most expensive resort communities like Hawaii, Vail and Palm Springs have average rental rates less than $100 a night for a one -or two-bedroom condo with a kitchen. Travel agents and vacationers should consider condo rentals when planning a vacation," says Burr.

Despite the low return, 38 percent of the owners said they were "satisfied," and another 23 percent said they were "very satisfied" with property ownership.

• If your life seems to revolve around a computer, then being able to rent one on the road will help keep you connected. "There's always a short-term need for computers and computer peripherals, but a lot of people who have this need are unaware they can rent," says George Reitsma, president of PCR Personal Computer Rentals. He estimates the current market for renting to corporations and individuals at about $250 million, shared by around 400 firms. His company has 55 franchises around the country. For information, call (800) 444-9930.

• Business Travel International is the name of the new cooperative formed by several travel companies to widen their services for international customers. BTI will service global travel arrangements for member companies, which include IVI Travel of Northbrook, Ill.; Hapag-Lloyd Travel of Bremen, West Germany; Hogg Robinson Travel of London; and Holland International of The Hague. The new venture is based in The Hague.

Worker picked for jury duty angers boss



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I recently received a "summons" in the mail telling me I had been chosen for jury duty. More than 300 people were questioned by the judge, defense and prosecutor. I was picked for a trial that is expected to last 10 days.

I now find that my boss, who initially told me, "There are ways of getting out of this," is infuriated with me for missing work because I "allowed" myself to be picked. For the record, I've used one sick day in almost four years.

Abby, this is not a "vacation." Someone has been accused of a serious crime, and it is up to a jury to determine this person's innocence or guilt. Doesn't anyone remember the principles on which this country was founded? If everyone in America dodged jury duty, where would we be? I feel proud, honored and obligated to be a part of this process.

Abby, some of my fellow jurors are experiencing the same thing. Please print this and explain to every boss out there how important this process is.

PROUD TO PARTICIPATE
IN NEW YORK

DEAR PROUD: Your sentiments are commendable. Our Constitution guarantees its citizens a trial by a jury of their peers. Therefore, it's unfair, unpatriotic and possibly illegal for an employer to suggest, encourage, pressure or demand that an employee evade jury duty. The labor board in your community will attest to that.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I drive a bus for a living. On occasion, I am called on to take groups of people on charters to places like New York City. The people, for the most part, are great, but I don't think they know that it's OK to tip the driver and/or their tour guide.

It always amazes me that these tourists cheer, applaud and praise my driving abilities, then get off the bus after 12 to 15 hours, shake my hand and say, "Thank you for a safe trip!" Then they walk away.

Just for the record, folks, I do these charters for $7 an hour. (Most people wouldn't drive a bus in New York or Boston for three times that!)

A tip is a "gratuity." If you are as grateful as you say you are, punctuate it with a dollar or two.

UPSTATE BUS DRIVER

DEAR BUS DRIVER: Thanks for the tip — I'll pass it along. Readers, unless you are advised to the contrary, you may safely assume that people who perform services such as waiting on tables, hotel bellmen, taxi drivers, limo drivers, doormen, hotel and motel maids, as well as tour drivers, are paid the "minimum" — and depend on "tips" to make ends meet.

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DEAR ABBY: There's a woman in our office who is going to be married for the fourth time. She's only 33; husband No. 4 is 30, and this is his first marriage.

She has three children by two different husbands. She's having a church wedding and got mad at the minister because he told her she shouldn't wear white. Can you imagine? In between marriages, she's had a lot of lovers. She is kind of the office tramp.

The entire office has received invitations to her wedding. She has picked out china and crystal patterns, but I just don't feel right about getting her a gift. I'm not the only one here who feels this way. What do you think we should do?

NOT A FAN OF THE BRIDE

DEAR NOT A FAN: I think you should very politely decline the invitation and send the bride a lovely card with your best wishes for a happy marriage.

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DEAR ABBY: It was with interest that I read the story of the wedding gown that was worn 15 times.

My baptismal dress was worn for the first time in November 1922. My sister wore it in February 1925. Since then, it was worn by each of my five children, my sister's five children, 11 of our 13 grandchildren, and 10 of my sister's 11 grandchildren. That makes a grand total of 33 times!

By that time, it was so fragile, I had to retire it. Otherwise, to date, it would have been worn 36 times.

BILL O'DONNELL,
ALLENTOWN, PA.

DEAR BILL: Although no mention is made of how much the baptismal dress cost in 1922, I would say your family certainly did get its money's worth.

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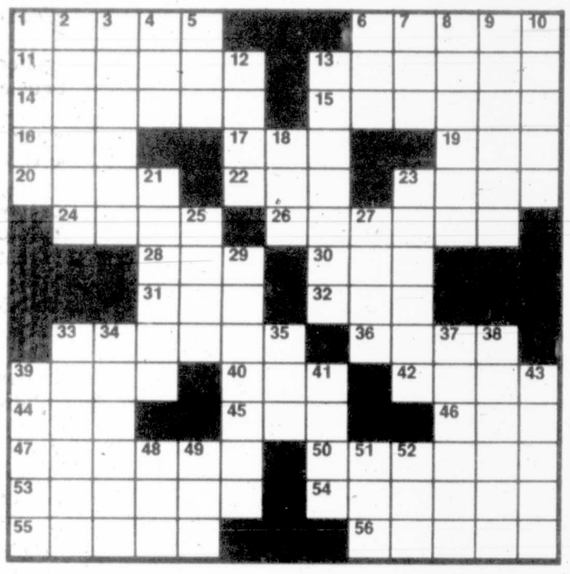
1 Place for dancing
6 Ten-cent pieces
11 Take off
13 Last syllable of word
14 Slanted
15 More quickly
16 Knock
17 Cereal grain
19 Bi plus one
20 Cry of pain
22 1006, Roman
23 Walking limbs
24 Actress Cannon
26 Encroach on
28 Gratuity
30 Alley —
31 Actor Wallach
32 Force
33 Disturbance
36 Judge
39 Card
40 Clam genus
42 Cut
44 Gravel ridge
45 Comparative suffix
46 Actress — MacGraw
47 Bette —
50 Helpless
53 Cover, as with netting
54 Kind of moth
55 Take care of (2 wds.)
56 Track events

DOWN

1 In need of vacuuming
2 Set into surface
3 Messy
4 Hat
5 — to Joy
6 Unclaimed mail dept.
7 Japanese statesman
8 Coined
9 Come out
10 Indian wear
12 Esau's country
13 Actor Peter —
18 Bird (comb. form)
21 Diner
23 Falls back
25 Cleopatra's river
27 Cancel
29 Ant
33 Bearlike
34 Stylus
35 Nautical rope
37 Empower
38 Type of grain
39 Books
41 — lily
43 Docks
48 Map abbreviation
49 Author Umberto —
51 Steal
52 Beeflike drink

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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GEECH — By Jerry Bittle



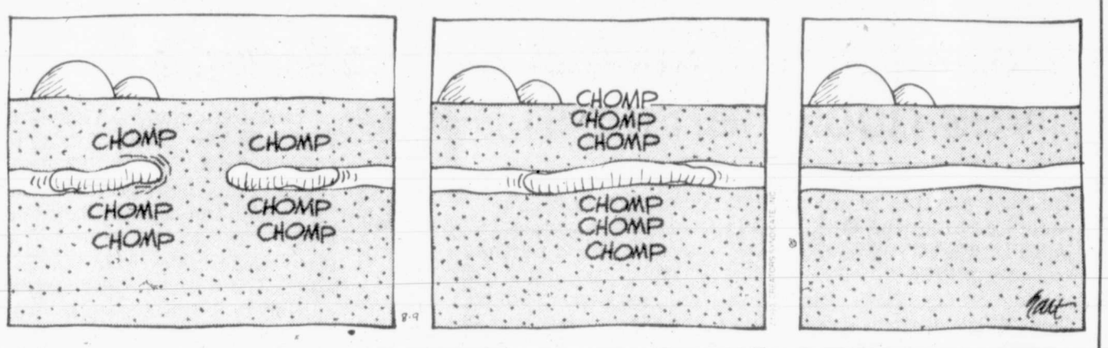
THE WIZARD OF ID — By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



EEK AND MEEK — By Howie Schneider



B.C. — By Johnny Hart



Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you fail to move while the industrious mood is upon you today, you might put off doing certain essential tasks. Your indifference grows in proportion to your procrastination. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be very careful today you are not overly possessive with people with whom you have strong emotional bonds. They'll resent restrictions even if you feel it's for their own good.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It's best not to seek too many opinions today regarding an important matter upon which you must decide. Superfluous input generates confusion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Conflicts with co-workers are likely today if you are too insistent everything must be done your way and within the time increments you establish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Subdue inclinations to take speculative risks today, even though they might look like sure things on the surface. Gambles should be analyzed from every angle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Assignments you can do quickly today are likely to be done rather well. However, the quality of your performance may wane considerably when patience is required.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to keep involvements with friends on a purely fun, social level today. It's best they're not drawn into your serious confidential affairs, nor you into theirs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't use up your credit with friends today by requesting inconsequential favors. If you do, there's a chance they might not be responsive when you need them for something significant.

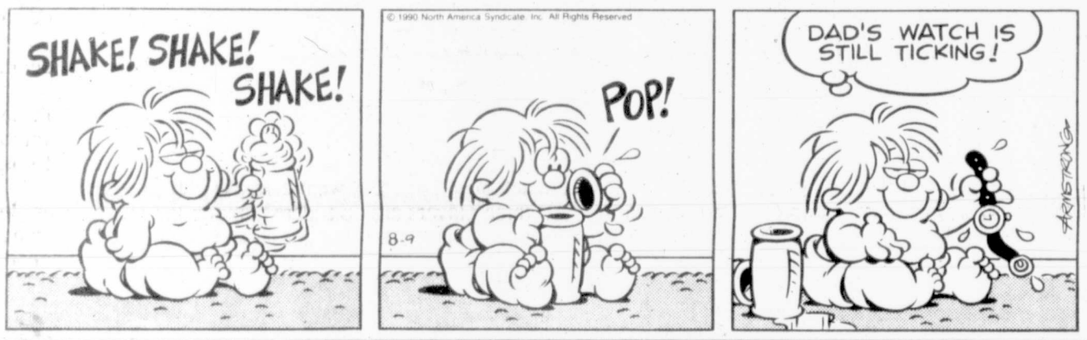
ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you get involved in a serious discussion with a friend today, be as open and frank as possible. Don't give your friend any reason to think you're hiding something.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In a joint venture today don't allow someone who isn't directly involved become part of the enterprise. This person's only contribution might be complications.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's possibility you might try to alter or change something today which is beyond your scope. The results of your efforts could frustrate you, as well as others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your judgment is reasonably good today, but there is a possibility you may harbor unnecessary doubts regarding your decisions. Try not to overanalyze.

MARVIN — By Tom Armstrong



ALLEY OOP — By Dave Graue



SNAFU — By Bruce Beattie



"Never moon anyone you suspect of being a werewolf."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS — By Bil Keane



"I'm tellin' Mommy, PJ! You're touchin' her 'fumes!"

MARMADUKE — By Brad Anderson



"I *had* to speed! *He* was after me!"

KIT 'N' CARLYLE — By Larry Wright



WINTHROP — By Dick Cavalli



CALVIN AND HOBBES — By Bill Watterson



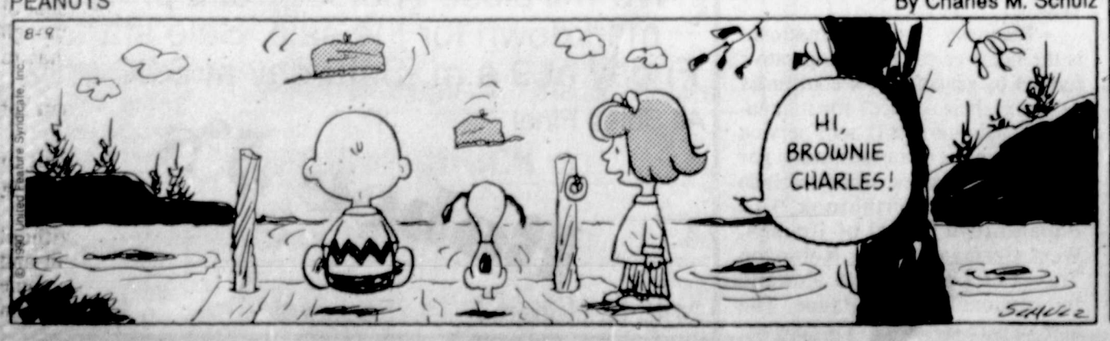
THE BORN LOSER — By Art and Chip Sansom



FRANK AND ERNEST — By Bob Thaves



PEANUTS — By Charles M. Schulz



GARFIELD — By Jim Davis



Sports

Southwest Outdoors



By Mel Phillips

Bass keep low profile at recent tournament

A high dollar bass tournament was held on Lake Baylor near Childress and the results are now official. Eighty-five dedicated fishermen paid their entry fees and proceeded to give it their best shot.

The fish, on the other hand, knew something was different that Saturday. Never before had so many fishermen been on the water one hour before sunrise. Never before had these fishermen just sat quietly in their boats watching their watches and sharpening their hooks. Never before had 85 fisherman made their first cast at exactly the same time, 6:00 a.m. Saturday, August 4th.

It still isn't clear exactly what happened or how, but when the fishing day was completed the fish had won. Sure, some of the eager young fish had fallen for plastic worms and a few even tried to eat some floating plastic minnows, but as a rule the quality fish had resisted all temptations from some of the Panhandle's best fishermen.

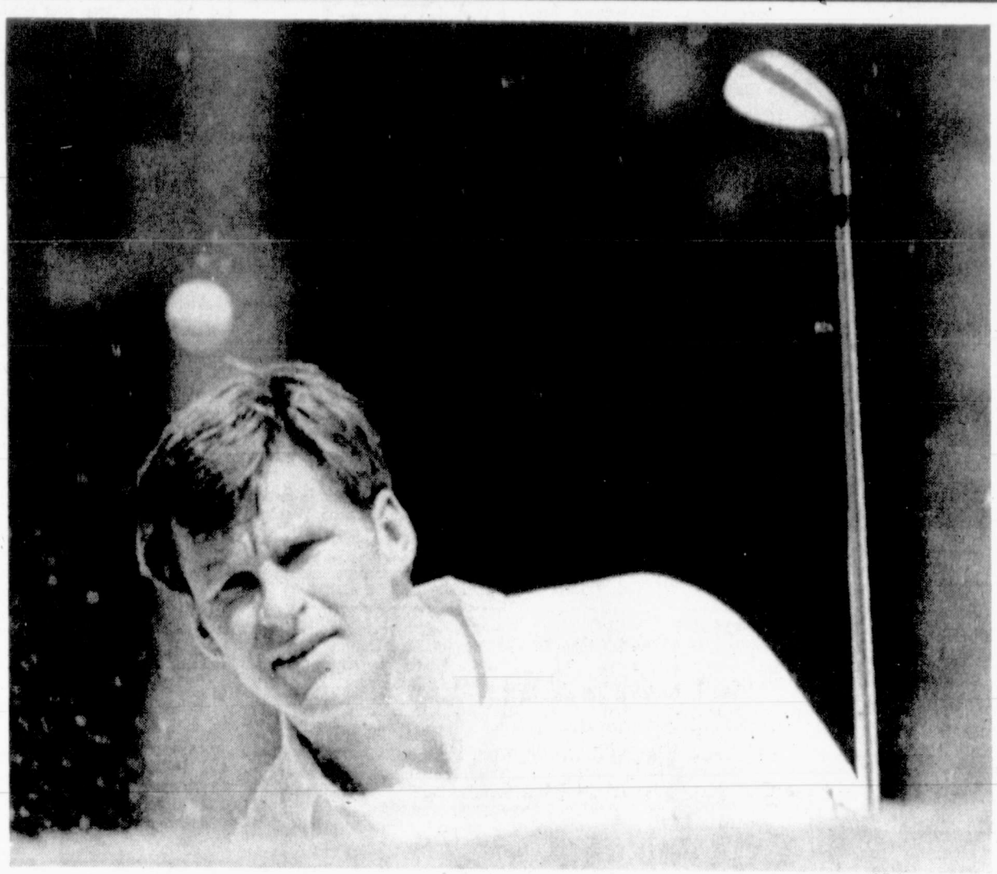
With the lake record bass of 11.97 pounds caught by Joe Holland this past spring, expectations were high that it would take a "hawg" to win this tournament.

Ronnie Griffith, who is employed by SPS, had waited until the last minute before registering in the tournament. He then waited until only 20 minutes of fishing time remained before boating the winning bass of 5.60 pounds. For his efforts, Griffith pocketed $2,200. One of the nicest guys in the Panhandle not only won a bass tournament, he earned the respect of his peers.

Second-place prize money of $595 went to Dwayne Busby for his 4.17-pound bass. Third place fell to Rod Haseloff with a 4.04-pound bass earning him $340.

One of the unreported events of most bass tournaments is the number of fish that die. I'm really pleased to report that only four bass expired. For an August tournament in our Texas heat, 85 anglers losing only four fish is a credit to both the fishermen and the weigh-in officials.

At the weigh-in, two actions were taken to protect the fish. Each bass was tranquilized with Jungle catch and release formula that works well in a live well and holding tank. The second fish-saving step was the use of a new device called a Mino-mizer, a live bait aerator. This Mino-mizer cools the water while aerating it. In the heat of summer, cool water with lots of oxygen is just what the catch and release fisherman needs. For more information about aerator, write HyPark Specialty Co., P.O. Box 1413, Minnetonka, MN 55345.



(AP Laserphoto)

Nick Faldo, shooting over a bunker in Wednesday's practice round, could be the first person since Ben Hogan to win 3 majors in one season.

Faldo pursues 3rd major title of year

By ED SHEARER
AP Sports Writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Nick Faldo says he feels no pressure in his quest to become only the second professional to win three of golf's four major championships in one season.

"It's no real pressure on it because it's not as though you're expected to do it," Faldo said Wednesday. "It's something that would be great to achieve."

Faldo needs a victory in the 72nd PGA Championship starting today on the 7,145-yard Shoal Creek course to match Ben Hogan's accomplishment 37 years ago when he won the Masters and the U.S. and British Opens.

Hogan missed a chance at the professional Grand Slam when he was unable to return from Great Britain in time for the PGA, which was played the following week in 1953.

Faldo already has claimed the 1990 titles in the Masters and the British Open. He narrowly missed becoming involved in the U.S. Open playoff when his 12-foot putt lipped out on the 72nd hole.

"Sure, I wonder what might have been," the British golfer said. "It's as simple as that. I gave it a go, it just didn't come off."

The only player in history to win the Grand Slam was amateur Bobby Jones in 1930 when the four majors were the U.S. and British Opens and Amateurs.

Faldo's quest takes the spotlight as golf, not the controversy of the last six weeks, takes center stage at Shoal Creek. The site became a controversial issue in June when it was learned that Shoal Creek had no black members.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference threatened to picket the tournament until Shoal Creek gave an honorary membership to a black businessman last week.

The PGA of America announced on Wednesday that its site selection for future PGA Championships will require clubs hosting events to have minority membership.

"Those courses selected for the PGA Championship beginning in 1995 will have minorities, including women and blacks, as members," Jim Awtrey, executive director of the PGA of America, said. "We believe this is a positive step for golf."

Awtrey said contracts are already signed with clubs hosting the next four championships, and indicated that the PGA was talking with each about the new policy.

He declined to say if the site might be changed if those clubs failed to adhere to the new policy.

An Associated Press survey showed that none of the four currently has a black member. Those sites are the Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Ind., for 1991, Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis in 1992, Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pa., in 1993 and Oak Tree Country Club in Edmond, Okla., in 1994.

Faldo faced an 8:19 CDT start in his bid to win this title, the feature pairing of the day.

Joining Faldo were U.S. Open champion Hale Irwin and Payne Stewart, trying to become the first PGA repeat champion since Denny Shute won it in 1936 and 1937 when the format was match play. The PGA went to stroke play in 1958.

All three players are considered among the favorites on this course that demands accurate tee shots to avoid the deep rough that has had many players grumbling during the practice rounds.

Lions, Oilers to meet at 8 tonight

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers and Detroit Lions may think they are looking in a mirror tonight when they open their NFL exhibition season in the Astrodome.

Both teams use the run-and-shoot offense exclusively and they'll both be exploring ways to stop it.

"Playing against their run-and-shoot or the Silver Stretch, it's not that much different," Houston coach Jack Pardee said.

"It's not that easy to prepare for. I don't think we're easy to prepare for either."

Pardee, Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware, the Lions' unsigned No. 1 pick, and Oilers' No. 1 pick Lamar Lathon, will be honored in a halftime ceremony.

They all performed at the University of Houston last season.

The Oilers will contribute $2 from each single ticket sold to the University of Houston.

The Oilers beat the Lions 35-31 in the Astrodome last season, but working against the run-and-shoot hasn't been a training camp priority, Pardee said.

"We haven't spent training camp preparing go for the run-and-shoot," Pardee said. "We don't have much time to get ready."

Lions coach Wayne Fontes with his offensive coaches Mouse Davis and June Jones became the first NFL club to use run-and-shoot fulltime last season.

The offense got off to a slow start but the Lions won their last five regular season games, finishing with a 7-9 record.

The Oilers used a four-wide receiver formation called the Red Gun last season but also employed a two-back set.

Houston lost its final three games, including a wild-card playoff loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Pardee replaced Jerry Glanville this season and brought the run-and-shoot with him.

Fontes will start Rodney Peete at quarterback instead of Bob Gagliano, who missed the first week of camp as a contract holdout.

"It's just a preseason game but I'm excited about it," Peete said. "I know everyone is ready to line up and play against somebody else."



(AP Laserphoto)

Big Eight commisioner Carl James (facing) talks with Missouri athletic director Nick Tambura Wednesday.

SWC-Big Eight meeting brings nothing concrete

By OWEN CANFIELD
AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — About a week after Arkansas announced it was leaving the Southwest Conference to join the Southeastern Conference, officials with the SWC met with representatives of the Big Eight for the first time ever.

Those officials, however, insist the talks Wednesday were exploratory only and not the result of Arkansas' defection.

"We feel we want to be active into the '90s," said SWC commissioner Fred Jacoby. "We're sorry Arkansas left, but we were still going to take a pro-active stance regardless of that decision."

Jacoby joined Big Eight commissioner Carl James, along with representatives of seven Big Eight schools and five SWC schools for Wednesday's closed-door meeting.

Talks in recent weeks centered on forming a Big Eight-SWC alliance to enlarge each conference's television markets, a move that could mean more revenues. But those on hand said the meeting centered on broader issues and didn't address many specifics.

"Two things are the primary focuses on our minds," said Dan Gibbens of Oklahoma, chairman of the Big Eight faculty representatives. "One is the fact there have been some shifts in other conference alliances and it's recognized that might present some additional opportunities, possibilities and concerns.

"The other thing is the nature of the television — football television in particular — situation."

He added, however, that the two leagues are not moving toward an alliance or merger at this time. "We're exploring common grounds," he said.

The 41/2-hour meeting resulted in nothing concrete, which came as no surprise to those on hand.

"It was a great opportunity just to exchange ideas and I think it was beneficial to all of us," James said.

"There's not a sense of urgency," said Frank Windegger, athletic director at Texas Christian. "It was really what we thought going in — an exchange of dialogue between conferences."

Oklahoma athletic director Donnie Duncan said the constant talk of schools jumping conferences or thinking about jumping is "almost athletic hysteria."

"It's senseless for rational people to get into that mode, and we're not in that mode," he said. "To have a meeting and just discuss ideas and tell you we don't have a hurried agenda I think tells you that."

Jacoby sidestepped a question about whether the SWC is trying to work out a package that is attractive enough to keep Texas and Texas A&M from bolting to another league.

"I think our concern is to make the conference stronger, both internally and from the outside," Jacoby said.

"I think the biggest value of this meeting from my standpoint was just sharing views on realignment and the impact that has on television. I think it affects our whole program because you're talking not only about revenue but recruiting and the whole bit.

"Our conferences have quite a bit in common, starting with geography," he said. "We would just like to strengthen our personal relationships with the people here and we were very pleased with the reception we received today."

Duncan said recent changes in the makeups of conference have come naturally, and so did Wednesday's meeting.

"If you analyze and take a look at why we would have this meeting, it's a natural," he said.

Gibbens said it is likely more meetings will be held between the conferences, although no dates have been set.

"We're not on any kind of a timetable," he said.

Big Eight officials on hand included James, Duncan, Nebraska athletic director Bob Devaney, Colorado athletic director Bill Marolt, Kansas athletic director Bob Frederick, Oklahoma State athletic director Jim Garner, Iowa State athletic director Max Urick and Missouri athletic director Nick Tambura. Kansas State athletic director Steve Miller was on a cruise and not able to attend.

SWC officials attending included Jacoby, along with athletic directors Windegger, John David Crow of Texas A&M, Rudy Davalos of Houston and Forrest Gregg of SMU. Also on hand was Texas Tech faculty representative Bob Sweazy.

Mavs outbid Utah for English

DALLAS (AP) — Free agent Alex English has agreed to a contract with the Dallas Mavericks, but he won't sign until he has a chance to meet with team owner Donald Carter, a newspaper reported today.

The Dallas Morning News quoted an unnamed source as saying that English had accepted an offer from the Mavericks and was waiting for the meeting.

English and his agent, Ted Steinberg, had been talking with the Utah Jazz for several weeks and were said to be close to an agreement.

But the deal with the Mavericks reportedly came about after a series of discussions between Steinberg and Rick Sund, the Mavericks vice president of basketball operations.

"We're out of it," Scott Layden, Utah Jazz director of player personnel, said Wednesday. "We were outbid by Dallas."

Steinberg declined to elaborate on those discussions other than to say, "We are now negotiating with Dallas." Sund also refused to comment.

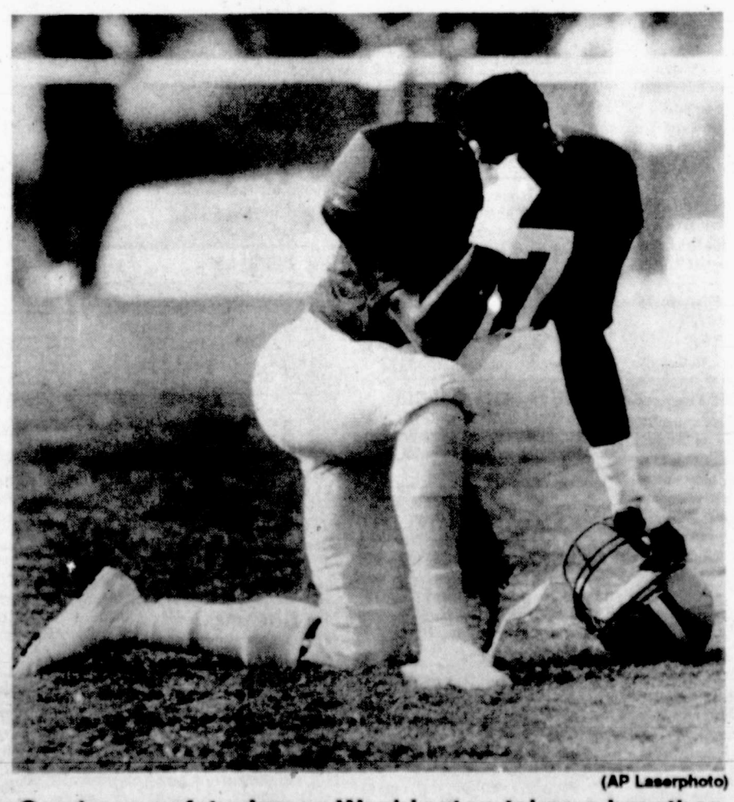
The News' source said English is scheduled to meet with Carter later this week. But the paper reported that English is unlikely to sign until Norm Sonju, the Mavericks' chief operating officer and general manager, returns from his vacation in Austria and has a chance to go over the agreement.

Sonju normally negotiates all contracts for the Mavericks. He is scheduled to return late Saturday night.

The terms of the agreement were not immediately known. But English, who made $2 million with the Denver Nuggets last season, had been seeking a one-year, $1.2 million deal to return to the Nuggets this season.

Chicago and Cleveland showed an early interest in the 6-foot-7-inch forward. But the Jazz emerged as the leading candidate in recent weeks.

Layden met with Steinberg and English Monday night and reportedly made an offer that could have paid the 36-year-old up to $1.6 million this season.



(AP Laserphoto)

Cowboys safety James Washington takes a breather.

Johnson not taking much stock in exhibition season

AUSTIN (AP) — Dallas Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson says he's learned what most NFL veterans already knew — a successful exhibition season doesn't mean anything.

In last season's exhibition opener, Johnson threw the entire package at the San Diego Chargers, producing a 20-3 victory.

But that was last year, Johnson's first in the NFL. This time around he says he's more concerned with evaluating his talent and not winning exhibition games.

"This year, we'll be plain ol' vanilla," Johnson said. "I found out last year that winning in the pre-season wasn't a big thing."

The Cowboys open their pre-season Saturday night against the Chargers at Jack Murphy Stadium in San Diego.

Last summer's successful pre-season campaign, which saw the Cowboys post a 3-1 record, caused Dallas to overestimate its talent, Johnson acknowledged.

Dallas finished the regular season a club- and NFL-worst 1-15.

Johnson said Wednesday that his staff will do little game plan preparation for the Chargers, who also are the Cowboys' opening-day opponent Sept. 9 at Texas Stadium.

"We realize the importance of training camp, so every time we try to prepare for a pre-season opponent, we take away from our base fundamentals," Johnson said. "We'll spend a minimum amount of time on our opponent, just enough to where we understand what to do."

Johnson said his depth chart for the exhibition opener isn't set.

"We want to work in a lot of players together who are fighting for positions," Johnson said.

The Cowboys will be without wide receivers Michael Irvin and Kelvin Martin for Saturday's game as they continue to recover from knee surgery.

Palmer wins national discus title

Pampa school teacher Wendell Palmer won the 1.5-kilo discus event with a throw of 157-0 feet at the National Masters Meet last weekend in Indianapolis, Ind.

Palmer, who competes in the 55-59 age group, was also fourth in both the shot put and javelin.

Palmer, who teaches middle school science, had to rally to win the discus after trailing Stewart Thompson of New Jersey going into the final round.

Five contestants, including Palmer, bettered 40 feet in the shot put event. Palmer's 40-8 wasn't far off Thompson's winning mark of 42-5.

"It was tough competition. There was a bunch of us right there together," Palmer said.

Palmer holds the world masters record in the 1.5-kilo discus with a throw of 169-8. He holds the American record in the 2-0-kilo discus at 134-0.

Palmer was honored earlier this year by the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame, receiving a special achievement award for his record-breaking performances.

Gray County 4-H Rodeo

The Gray County 4-H Rodeo is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Aug. 17 and 18, at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena in Pampa. Both performances will begin at 7 p.m.

Briefs

There is no admission charge for the rodeo; however, there will be a drawing each night for a $50 gift certificate from Wayne's Western Wear for those who purchase a program.

Heading and heeling is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday (books open at 11 a.m.). Pee Wee events will take place at approximately 2 p.m. Saturday, immediately following the team roping.

Open Heart Golf Tourney

The Ochiltree County chapter of the American Heart Association is sponsoring the first annual Open Heart Open on Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Perryton Municipal Golf Course. Beginning at 10 a.m., the tournament is open to any golfers who have had open heart surgery and have the scar to prove it.

Play will be individual handicap, and the handicaps must be verified. The tournament will pay five places and prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin and longest drive.

For more information, contact Perryton golf pro Tim Schiffelbein at 435-5381 or Dawayne McWhorter at 435-7266.

Scoreboard

Baseball

Major League Standings

By The Associated Press
All Times CDT

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	59	50	.541	—
Toronto	59	52	.532	1
Baltimore	54	55	.495	5
Detroit	52	60	.464	81/2
Cleveland	51	59	.464	81/2
Milwaukee	47	62	.431	12
New York	45	64	.413	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	69	42	.622	—
Chicago	64	43	.598	3
Texas	57	53	.518	111/2
Seattle	57	54	.514	12
California	53	58	.477	16
Kansas City	51	58	.468	17
Minnesota	52	60	.464	171/2

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore 4, Oakland 1
Cleveland 5, Texas 3
Toronto 8, Detroit 3
Kansas City 5, Chicago 1
Minnesota 4, Milwaukee 2
New York 6, Seattle 4
California 8, Boston 6, 11 innings

Today's Games

Baltimore (D.Johnson 11-6) at Oakland (Moore 9-10), 2:15 p.m.
Texas (B.Witt 10-8) at Cleveland (Black 10-6), 6:35 p.m.
Detroit (J.M.Robinson 8-9) at Toronto (T.Stottlemyre 10-12), 6:35 p.m.
Chicago (Peterson 2-3) at Kansas City (Appier 6-4), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Leary 5-14) at Seattle (M.Young 5-11), 9:05 p.m.
Boston (Clemens 15-5) at California (Abbott 7-9), 9:35 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	64	44	.593	—
New York	62	45	.579	11/2
Montreal	56	54	.509	9
Chicago	53	57	.482	12
Philadelphia	52	56	.481	12
St. Louis	50	61	.450	151/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	63	45	.583	—
San Francisco	59	51	.536	5
Los Angeles	55	53	.509	8
San Diego	50	59	.459	131/2
Houston	49	62	.441	151/2
Atlanta	41	67	.380	22

Wednesday's Games

New York 8, Philadelphia 4
Chicago 4, St. Louis 3, 15 innings
San Francisco 8, Houston 4
Los Angeles 4, Cincinnati 2
Montreal 6, Pittsburgh 2
Atlanta 7, San Diego 1

Today's Games

St. Louis (Hill 2-1) at Chicago (Dickson 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (R.Martinez 14-4) at Cincinnati (Armstrong 11-7), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Combs 6-8) at New York (Gooden 11-6), 7:35 p.m.
Montreal (Gross 8-9) at Pittsburgh (Heaton 10-7), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Hurst 6-8) at Atlanta (Leibrandt 4-5), 7:40 p.m.

Texas League Standings

By The Associated Press
Second Half

Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Jackson (Mets)	27	16	.628	—
x-Shreveport (Giants)	21	23	.477	61/2
Tulsa (Rangers)	19	26	.422	9
Arkansas (Cardinals)	16	29	.356	12

Western Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio (Dodgers)	29	15	.659	—
x-El Paso (Brewers)	23	17	.575	4
Wichita (Padres)	20	21	.488	71/2
Midland (Angels)	18	26	.409	101/2

x-won first-half title

Wednesday's Games

Jackson 5, Shreveport 1
Tulsa 14, Arkansas 3
San Antonio 4, El Paso 2
Wichita 9, Midland 4

Football

NFL Preseason Glance

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Central						
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	0	13
West						
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	10	7
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Raiders	0	1	0	.000	10	17
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	7	10

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Phoenix	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Central						
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	13	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
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New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0

Saturday's Games

Chicago 13, Cleveland 0
Denver 10, Seattle 7

Sunday's Game

New Orleans 17, Los Angeles Raiders 10

Today's Games

New England vs. Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 8 p.m.

Indians scalp Rangers

By CHUCK MELVIN
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Cory Snyder feels a little nostalgic and a lot more alive now that he's spending his nights at shortstop.

Snyder, a shortstop in college at Brigham Young, usually plays right field for the Cleveland Indians. But they've moved him back to short for the past two games, and he's loving it.

"I'm having fun out there. I'll have little flashbacks to BYU," Snyder said after he drove in a run and scored one in the Indians' 5-3 win over Texas on Wednesday night.

In his two starts as an infielder this season, Snyder is 4-for-6 with an RBI and two runs scored. He is hitting .252 on the year.

He's been fine in the field, even starting a double play on Jeff Kunkel's grounder in the fifth inning Wednesday.

"It can keep me in the game. You're more the center of attention when you're at shortstop," Snyder said. "In the outfield, you might be thinking about your last at bat. When you're up the middle in the infield, you have to be ready for anything."

Manager John McNamara put Snyder at shortstop so he could rest Felix Fermin, who's hitting .223. The move is not permanent, and Snyder has finished each of the two games in right field, with Fermin replacing him at shortstop for the final outs.

"They want me to do this right now, so I'll just do it and see how it goes," Snyder said.

He had one of the Indians' five consecutive singles during the fourth inning, when they scored four runs off Jamie Moyer (1-4).

Mitch Webster started the inning with a double, took third on a groundout and scored on Candy Maldonado's sacrifice fly.

Chris James then hit the first of five straight two-out singles. James went to second on Brook Jacoby's single, and Snyder, Jeff Manto and Tom Brookens followed with RBI singles.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the proposed Street Improvement Bond Issue. The hearing will be held by the City Commission on the 14th day of August, 1990 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room, City Hall, 200 W. Foster/210 W. Kingsmill, Pampa, Texas.

All interested persons are requested to be present and participate in said hearing.

Phyllis Jeffers
City Secretary
C-25 Aug. 9, 12, 1990

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the 1990-91 City of Pampa Budget. The hearing will be held by the City Commission on the 14th day of August, 1990 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room, City Hall, 200 W. Foster/210 W. Kingsmill, Pampa, Texas.

All taxpayers and other interested persons are requested to be present and participate in said hearing.

Phyllis Jeffers
City Secretary
C-26 Aug. 9, 12, 1990

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Earl Nathan Meaker, Deceased, were issued on August 6, 1990 in Docket No. 7258 pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to: SHIRLEY J. MEAKER.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is in Gray County, Texas, the post office address is:
c/o LANE & DOUGLASS
P.O. Box 1781
Pampa, Texas 79066

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 6th day of August, 1990.

Shirley J. Meaker
C-21 August 9, 199

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Floyd Tomas Pepper, Deceased, were issue on August 6, 1990 in Docket No. 7259 pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to: ELIZABETH HOLDEN PEPPER.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is in Gray County, Texas, the post office address is:
c/o LANE & DOUGLASS
P.O. Box 1781
Pampa, Texas 79066

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 6th day of August, 1990.

Elizabeth Holden Pepper
C-22 August 9, 1990

1 Card of Thanks

A special thanks to you and all friends that were with us at our time of sorrow. Thank you for your visits and help during this time. Sincerely from Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Davila Sr. and Family.

2 Museums

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

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

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

LAKE Meredith Aquarium and Wildlife Museum: Fritch, hours Tuesday and Sunday 2-5 p.m., 10 a.m. Wednesday thru Saturday, closed Monday.

MUSEUM Of The Plains: Perryton. Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekends during Summer months, 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

OLD Mobeetie Jail Museum. Monday- Saturday 10-5. Sunday 1-5. Closed Wednesday.

PANHANDLE Plains Historical Museum: Canyon. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, weekends 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

PIONEER West Museum: Shamrock. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, Saturday and Sunday.

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

ROBERTS County Museum: Miami. Summer Hours - Tuesday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Closed on Monday and Saturday.

SQUARE House Museum Panhandle. Regular Museum hours 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 1-5:30 p.m. Sundays.

3 Personal

MARY Kay Cosmetics, free facials. Supplies and deliveries. Call Dorothy Vaughn 665-5117.

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AL ANON
669-3988, 665-7871

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BARBARA Z. GILLES, Deceased, were issued on August 6, 1990, in Docket No. 7261, pending the the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to JIM GARDNER.

The residence of JIM GARDNER is in Gray County, Texas, and the post office address is c/o Phil N. Vanderpool, attorney at Law, P.O. Box 2455, Pampa, Texas, 79066-2455.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 6th day of August, 1990.

JIM GARDNER
Independent Executor
for the Estate
C-20 August 9, 1990

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF
THE ESTATE OF
PAUL J. MILLER

Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the Estate of Paul J. Miller, Deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 6th day of August, 1990, in Cause No. 7254, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas. All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to me within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 6th day of August, 1990.

Joann Miller
Independent Executrix
of the Estate of
Paul J. Miller, Deceased
c/o Buzzard Law Firm
Suite 436, Hughes Building
Pampa, Texas 79065
C-24 Aug. 9, 1990

3 Personal

TURNING Point, Al-Anon Group meets Tuesday, Saturday 8 p.m. 1600 W. McCullough, west door, 665-3192.

5 Special Notices

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COMPLETE service for all model Kirbys. $12.50 plus parts. Factory authorized Kirby Service Center, 512 S. Cuyler.

PAMPA Masonic Lodge #966 Thursday, August 9, F.C. Proficiency, F.C. Degree practice 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments.

10 Lost and Found

LOST small Silver and black male Schnauzer. Groomed. Answers to Franz. Reward. 669-2343.

12 Loans

WANTED
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14b Appliance Repair

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We have Rental Furniture and Appliamces to suit your needs. Call for estimate.
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Floors sagging, walls cracking, doors dragging or concrete work and foundation repair. Free estimates. Call 669-6438.

14e Carpet Service

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14h General Services

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HANDY Jim general repair, painting, rototilling, hauling, tree work, yard work. 665-4307.

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14i General Repair

IF it's broken, leaking or won't turn off, call The Fix It Shop, 669-3434. lamps repaired.

14m Lawnmower Service

PAMPA Lawnmower Repair. Pick up and delivery service available. 501 S. Cuyler, 665-8843.

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14n Painting

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30 years Painting Pampa
David Office Joe
665-2903 665-6854 669-7555

CALDER Painting, interior, exterior, mud tape, acoustic ceilings. 665-4840, 669-2215.

INTERIOR and exterior painting. Reasonably priced. Call Terry 665-3465.

14q Ditching

DITCHING 4 inch to 10 inch wide. Harold Baston 665-5892.

14r Plowing, Yard Work

$15 will mow, edge and trim most yards. Johnny's Mowing Service 665-5396.

14r Plowing, Yard Work

LAWNS mowed and edged. All kinds of tree trimmimg. Call 669-2648, 669-9993.

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14s Plumbing & Heating

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Plumbing Maintenance and
Repair Specialist
Free estimates, 665-8603

Cheif Plastic Pipe Supply
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Borger Highway 665-4392

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14u Roofing

Milton David
Roofing Contractor
669-2669

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19 Situations

CHILDCARE in my home, Very responsible. 669-6420.

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P&B Cleaning Service. "We clean houses or businesses". Call for free estimate, 665-5568 or 665-4830.

WILL babysit in your home afternoons or evenings. 669-3801 ask for Jean.

21 Help Wanted

No Experience Necessary
Just a friendly personailty. Call us. We're Avon. Call Ina Mae 665-5854.

CLARENDON College- Pampa Center is requesting applications for a part- time electronics instructor. Requirements: Three years work experience in the electronics field. Duties will be teaching courses in basic electronics. Qualified applicants should contact Larry Gilbert, Dean Pampa Center, 665-8801.

EARN Money Reading books! $30,000 year income potential. Hiring 805-687-6000, Y9737

FULL and part time cook and food server positions available at Dos Caballeros, 1333 N. Hobart, Monday-Friday 2-4.

HAIR Benders. Stylist needed. Booth rent. Call 665-7117, 665-8773.

IMMEDIATE opening for Part-time help, computer and accounting experience needed. Send resume to P. O. Box 1259 Pampa, TX 79066

KINDERGARTEN Teacher needed. Degree required, early childhood experience and/or certification preferrred. Apply in person. St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School 727 W. Browning.

LADY to assist with care of semi-invalid. Apply at 2132 N. Christy.

NEED experienced backhoe operator. 665-0185, 665-9775, Miami Roustabout Service.

NEED line attendant, salad room and waitress. Apply at Western Sizzlin.

NOW accepting applications for nurse aides. Apply at 1504 W. Kentucky, Coronado Nursing Center.

NOW hiring drivers. Apply in person. Pizza Hut Delivery, 1500 N. Banks. Must have own car, insurance, and 18 years of age.

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WANTED immediately telephone solicitors for local civic organization, evening hours, experience preferred, temporary. 669-0216.

WANTED mature, responsible babysitter to care for 2 children in Skellytown. 5 days a week. For more information call 848-2388.

30 Sewing Machines

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VARIETY fresh vegetables. Peaches next 2 weeks. 1/2 mile North of Clarendon, Hwy 70. Dale Robinson. 874-5069.

VARIETY of vegetables, black-eyed peas $7 bushel, green beans $8 bushel. 868-4441 in Miami.

59 Guns

COLT 380 Automatic, Remington 1100 12 guage shotgun For sale. 669-6182 after 6.

GUN store for sale. Selling new guns near cost to reduce inventory. Still buying good used guns. Fred's Inc. 106 S. Cuyler.

GUNS
Buy-Sell-or Trade
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60 Household Goods

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BEIGE large sofa and matching brown rocker recliner, $250. 665-4686.

FOR sale 2 plaid Lazy Boys, round maple table. 665-6758.

FOR Sale: Super twin waterbed, dark wood, 6-drawer base, bookcase headboard, excellent condition -$125. New heater. 665-1732.

GE electric stove, harvest gold color, $125. White Deer, 883-7991.

MOVING Sale couch, loveseat, chair, 2 end tables, washer, dryer, refrigerator. 669-1738.

REFRIGERATOR for sale. See at Hickory Hut, 716 W. Brown or call 665-0502.

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FOR Sale real nice lift chair, reasonable. 848-2940.

69 Miscellaneous

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2 inch tubing, 6 1/2 foot long $1.65. 3 inch tubing, 6 1/2 foot long $2. 8x9x9 foot timbers, $6. 2 stock tanks 12x4, $75 each. Call 669-7044.

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FOR Stanley Home products, sales, demonstrations, dealerships, Ms. Jimmie McCabe 665-0335.

FULL-size bed. 5 drawer dresser. Video camera. 835-2890.

LARGE 2 door metal wardrobe. Nice all wood desk and chair. Sears gas edger. 665-2133.

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Complete selection on leathercraft, craft supplies. 1313 Alcock, 669-6682.

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When you have tried everywhere and can't find it, come see me, I probably got it! H. C. Eubanks Tool Rental, 1320 S. Barnes, phone 665-3213.

PROFESSIONAL and complete jewelry repair. 14 karat gold, diamonds, colored stones, stones resetting, custom design work. Below retail market. Connie 669-6298.

69a Garage Sales

3 Family Garage Sale: 706 Stone in White Deer, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1-5. Clothes from newborn to extra large adult, both women and men, electric range top, antique Tv, baby items, twin bed, lots of miscellaneous. No Early Birds Please!

AUGUST Sale: all clothes 25 cents. Open Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-5. J & J Flea Market, 123 N. Ward. Phone 665-3375.

BIG Shop Sale: Saturday 7-3. Guns, furniture, exercise equipment, encylopedias, nice kids clothes-all sizes, 1981 Bonneville-loaded, 20 foot gooseneck tandem flatbed trailer, much more! Follow signs at Kentucky and Price Rd. Kentucky Acres. 669-2363.

BILL'S Bargain Barn Sale: Gas lawn edger, gas chain saw,1/2 inch electric drill, baby bed, brass bed, radio, 7800 BTU refrigerated air conditioner, filing cabinet, cookie jars, glassware galore. Hwy 60 east White Deer, 883-7721, 9:30-7:30 daily.

CARPORT Sale. Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-1. Clothes, vacuum cleaner, household items. 1017 S. Farley.

ELSIE"S Flea Market Sale. French Provincial Vanity dresser, Rockers, t.v. Cart, ironing board, cot, roll-away bed, crochet, tea towels, sheets, bedspreads, blankets, bicycle, canners, childs' desk and chair, jeans, girls' dresses, miscellaneous. 10:00 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday. 1246 Barnes.

FAMILY Sale out. 421 N. Doyle. Washer/dryer, stoves, lawnmowers, rototillers, bicycles and parts for all. Trailer, dishes, tires, tables, lots of miscellaneous. Wednesday-Sunday. Come make us an offer!

GARAGE Sale 1225 S. Finley Friday and Saturday. Sewing machine bike and water bed mattress- lot of clothes and miscellaneous.

GARAGE Sale 2125 N. Dwight Mary Kay 25% off, antiques, kids clothes, and miscellaneous. Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-?

GARAGE Sale, Friday 8-?, 805 N. Christy. Western hats, boots, furniture, and clothes.

GARAGE Sale. Cheap School clothes. Friday and Saturday. 9-5 942 S. Barnes.

GARAGE Sale. Friday, Saturday. August 10th, 11th. Microwave. 2406 Cherokee.

GARAGE Sale. Plants, ironing board, lawn chair, boys clothes, Intelevision, lots of miscellanoeus. No early lookers. Friday and Saturday. 1305 E. Frederic.

GARAGE Sale. Tires, clothes, mags, tools, bicycles, carseat, baby swing, miscellaneous engine parts, lawnmowers, pipevise and bar stools. Friday and Saturday. 9-7. 1816 N. Zimmers.

GARAGE Sale. Walnut Creek Estates-Walnut Dr. Friday, August 10th, 9-3. Sofa, loveseat, end tables, 3 chairs, microwave, jeep, and miscellaneous.

GARAGE Sale. Walnut creek. Friday 9-6. Honda 750 (dressed), Johnson 4.5 horsepower boat motor, New 225 amp welder, dishes, household items, childrens clothing and toys, unusual 35 gallon aquarium, kerosene heater, office furniture, books.

GARAGE Sale: 102 S. Sumner. Clothes, furniture, dishes, lots to sell. Friday after 4, Saturday, Sunday all day.

GARAGE Sale: 1821 N. Wells, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Lots of miscellaneous. Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th.

GARAGE Sale: 2725 Comanche, Friday 8 a.m. Refrigerated air conditioner, large fan, collectibles, pre-teen girls clothing and juniors, furniture. Cash only.

GARAGE Sale: Friday, Saturday, corner of Red Deer and Browning. 9 a.m.-? Absolutely no early birds.

GARAGE Sale: Friday, Saturday. Lots of everything, some furniture. 1135 S. Nelson.

GARAGE Sale: Friday, Saturday, 1106 Charles.

GARAGE Sale: Saturday only, 8-4. Clothes, lots of miscellaneous. 2524 Dogwood.

GARAGE Sale: Thursday, Friday, 10-? Queen size velvet hidebed, bedspreads, lawnmower, tires, trailer hitch, clothes, books, knick knacks, many more items. 928 S. Dwight.

GARAGE SALE Album collection from a club (many never played) Toys, clothes, New Rocky Mountain jeans, towels, Jewelry, Pentax K1000 35 mm camera, Gateway weight loss cassette program, lots of miscellaneous. Saturday 8 till 12 noon.

HUGE Garage Sale: Friday only, 200 W. Brown. Weight bench, rowing machine, clothes, much more.

LARGE Garage Sale: 310 S. Main in White Deer.

ST. Vincent's Women's Council Flea Market, 2300 Hobart, Friday, August 10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, August 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Furniture, lamps, household goods, bikes, toys, baked goods, clothes and treasures beyond measure.

YARD Sale. Clothes (all sizes), miscellaneous. 510 N. Ward. Open 8 a.m. Thursday/Friday.

YARD Sale. Saturday 8-5. 525 N. Gray. First Presbyterian Church. Ping-Pong table, oven, game table, humidifier, electric appliances, lawnmower, dishes, clothes, shoes, and lots of miscellaneous.

SALE: 1532 N. Wells, Friday, Saturday 8-? 2 riding mowers. John Deere and 11 horsepower Wards, 17 foot upright freezer, 2 large suspended shop heaters, lots of miscellaneous.

GARAGE Sale: Friday 8-? 1117 Sandlewood. Boys and girl's clothes.

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69a Garage Sales

YARD Sale: 708 Stone, White Deer, Friday- Sunday. Cabover camper, 1981 650 Suzuki, stereo, Tv, lots more.

70 Musical Instruments

BUY, sell and trade guitars, amps, PA's, band instruments, pianos at Tarpley Music 665-1251.

75 Feeds and Seeds

WHEELER EVANS FEED
Now 2 locations!
Hwy. 60 Kingsmill 665-5881
600 S. West 669-2107

77 Livestock

CUSTOM made saddles. Good used saddles. Tack and accessories. Rocking Chair Saddle Shop, 115 S. Cuyler 665-0346.

80 Pets And Supplies

4 female puppies to give away. Need a good home. 665-1405.

5 male puppies to give away. 1/2 Chow 1/2 Blue Heeler. 665-1273.

AKC puppies, 3 poodle puppies, 2 Yorkshire Terrier puppies. Suzi Reed, 665-4184.

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Problems at Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant numerous, costly

By STEVEN K. PAULSON
Associated Press Writer

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) – Rocky Flats makes plutonium triggers for nuclear warheads. But for years, it also has produced nightmares.

There have been breaches of security. There have been radiation leaks. Alarms meant to warn of impending nuclear accidents have failed to work.

For now, plutonium production has been halted at the plant, which is 16 miles west of Denver, and one study says it will take five years and $150 million to fix only the more pressing of Rocky Flats' problems. Critics say it could take billions of dollars and 20 years to completely clean up hazardous residues.

"I think people should be concerned that we're operating safely," said Phil Warner, the plant's new general manager. "This plant is no more dangerous than any other large manufacturing operation, but the materials are dangerous stuff unless you do a good job.

"People ought to make sure we're doing a good job," he said.

Federal officials ordered the halt in plutonium processing last November after being shocked by the unsafe conditions they found. EG&G Inc. was named the new manager of the government-owned plant at the beginning of the year, and its executives say things were even worse than they expected.

Among the most serious problems cited:

• Many alarms do not work, and wiring of the system was not documented properly. The alarm system is tied to the public address system, which often does not work. The problem is so serious that in the event of a runaway nuclear reaction, the proper emergency teams might not be alerted.

• Crucial equipment, especially pipes and holding tanks, is more than 30 years old, and workers fear gaskets will leak when production resumes. Dams are being built inside the plant to contain any leaks.

• Glove boxes in which the warhead triggers are fabricated have cracked glass that could release plutonium into the air. Other glove boxes lack drains for water. If water builds up over a few inches, it could cause an uncontrolled fission reaction; the resulting flash of radiation would kill anyone within 15 feet instantly and injure people up to 70 feet away.

• Monitoring devices have failed, allowing plutonium to be tracked from the plant on workers' shoes. Decontamination teams had to trace workers' routes off the grounds, including into Denver, to determine where they tracked the toxic metal.

Other problems included the lack of a single on-site environmental executive and the need for paving a parking lot, apparently to reduce wind-blown dust that potentially could carry radioactivity off the grounds.

In addition, investigators said soil, groundwater and a sewage treatment plant are contaminated with hazardous waste. Residents of the area fear contaminated water has seeped into their groundwater supplies.

Then this summer, federal investigators found they could breach part of the security system intended to prevent theft of highly radioactive plutonium. The government suspended the handling of all radioactive materials, although officials said other security measures prevented any plutonium being smuggled off the grounds.

In late July, the Department of Energy announced the $150 million price tag for the partial cleanup at the 130-building complex in the foothills of the Rockies. Officials said it will be at least several months before EG&G can meet conditions for resuming plutonium production.

The plant, which was hit by near disastrous fires in 1957 and 1969 and blamed for radioactive contamination outside the site because of improper dumping, is the nation's sole producer of plutonium triggers. Without the triggers, the deployment of missile submarines and land-based missiles could be affected, because warheads have to be replaced periodically.

Executives, government officials and plant workers say the problems of the facility, which opened in 1951, are serious. However, they say EG&G and Energy Secretary James Watkins are serious about cleaning them up.

Dave Simonson, deputy plant manager for the Energy Department, says 60 percent of the production problems should be fixed by the end of the year and the rest within five years.

Critics say they welcome EG&G as manager, but they are withholding judgment on its promises to devote more effort to safety.

"We've had these changes of heart repeatedly. I take it with a grain of salt," said Dr. Edward A. Martell, a scientist specializing in cell radiation damage at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo.

Rockwell International Corp., which operated the plant from 1975 through last year, defends its stewardship. Jeff Charney, a Rockwell spokesman, blamed the federal government for not providing enough money to deal with the problems.

But Rep. David Skaggs, D-Colo., who represents the district in which Rocky Flats is located, said more than 100 safety problems were identified before plutonium processing was halted, including some so serious they had "a potential for causing a severe injury or fatality, potentially fatal occupational illness or loss of the facility."

Safety inspectors called in by the federal government said the plant had been lucky no major nuclear accident occurred.

"It's pretty sad when we're reduced to relying on luck while running a major nuclear facility," Skaggs said.

Gov. Roy Romer, who often had a stormy relationship with the plant over safety and nuclear waste storage, praises EG&G, but says the plant should be moved from the populous Denver region.

"I have to believe there is no way you can allow something to exist on the metropolitan borders that will endanger its citizens," he said.

Warner thinks the plant will be here 20 to 30 years more and says the important thing is to get it working safely.

EG&G launched an extensive effort to retrain all 5,990 employees at the plant. Gary Francis, director of performance based training, said many of the workers handling plutonium didn't even know what they were working with.

"What we found was a variety of training," he said. "We had to go back to some of the basics, to give them an understanding of radiation and the principles involved, a lot of basic things they were not presented. They were taught what, but not why."

Ted Tegler, who helped clean up after a 1969 fire that nearly resulted in a runaway nuclear reaction and whose body now is contaminated with 13 percent of the lifetime allowable dose of plutonium, said production often took precedence over safety at the plant. But the attitude of managers has changed, he said, and workers are pleased.

"They're taking a strong line on safety. They want to know about problems," he said. "Before, people were harassed and labeled a troublemaker, but that has changed significantly."

As a result, employees flooded a hot line set up for workers' safety complaints, alerting officials to the vast array of problems.

"When EG&G moved in, we weren't pleased with what we saw. Minor levels of contamination were accepted as routine," said Joe Majestic, director of health and safety at the plant.

That has all changed, he said: "If we find contamination from a routine survey above the level allowed for free access by anyone to that area, we now report that as an occurrence, and we work to find it and fix it.

"We need to learn from our past and do a better job in the future," he said.

Gulf crisis may postpone test of nation's oil reserve

By EVAN RAMSTAD
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WASHINGTON (AP) – An important test of the way oil is distributed from the nation's emergency supply may be postponed by the unrest in the Persian Gulf, a Department of Energy spokesman said.

The department may decide later this week whether to proceed with a mock crisis in October involving the refiners and states that will draw oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, DOE spokesman John Donnelly said.

"There's a possibility that we might actually use the (reserve) and if we do that makes the test moot," Donnelly said. "Who knows what could happen?"

The reserve, now 590 million barrels, was created after the 1973-74 Arab oil embargo to give the country a cushion against an import cutoff.

Congressional Democrats asked President Bush to tap the reserve now to stop the energy price spiral the Iraqi invasion started. But Deputy Energy Secretary Henson Moore has said the reserve would not be used to flood the market and drive prices down.

John Easton, deputy assistant secretary of energy for international affairs and energy emergencies, told a House panel the agency is ready to use it if there is a "severe energy supply interruption."

President Bush interrupted the supply of oil from Iraq with an embargo after last week's takeover. During the first four months of 1990, the United States imported about 700,000 barrels a day, 4 percent of its demand, from Iraq and Kuwait.

It would take at least 16 days from a presidential request for oil to flow from the reserve, DOE spokesman Phil Keif said. During that time, bids from oil companies would have to be submitted, reviewed and chosen.

The drill would be the first test of that process with the 50 companies likely to bid for, refine and distribute the reserve in an emergency. Twenty-five states and the District of Columbia are also scheduled to take part.

Donald Milsten, head of the energy security committee of the National Association of State Energy Officials, said states are eager for the drill.

"We really need to see what will happen," he said.

Some members of the group have said they're not sure the reserve can work. But Milsten said there's no reason it shouldn't, just questions about what price the oil will draw and who will get it.

State officials will wait for DOE's decision on the timing of the test, said Milsten, who works in the Maryland Energy Office.

"There's an awful lot of international activity going on, on the part of the federal government," he said. "We're just not in a position to second-guess that."

Regular DOE tests have shown the oil can be moved quickly, said Fred Heindl, energy planning specialist at the Strom Thurmond Institute at Clemson University.

But he said the test shouldn't be put off indefinitely.

"Testing has valuable training effects and validation of your current plan," Heindl said.

The reserve has been tapped only once, when Congress ordered 2 million barrels auctioned to oil companies in 1985.

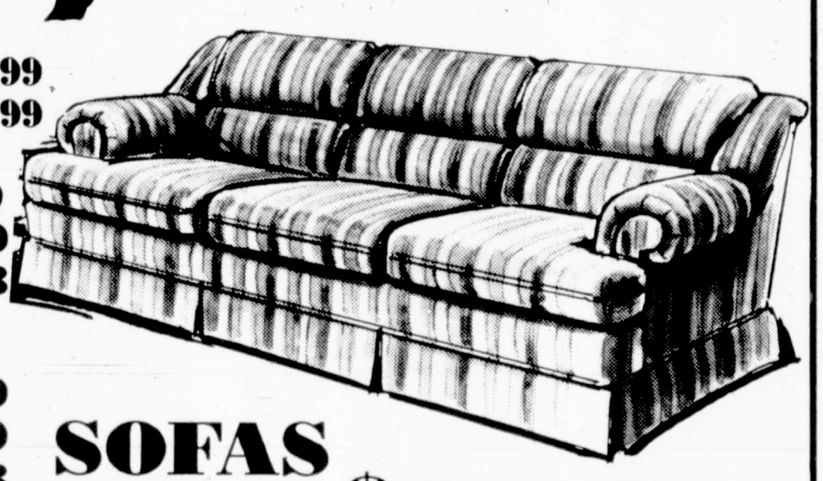
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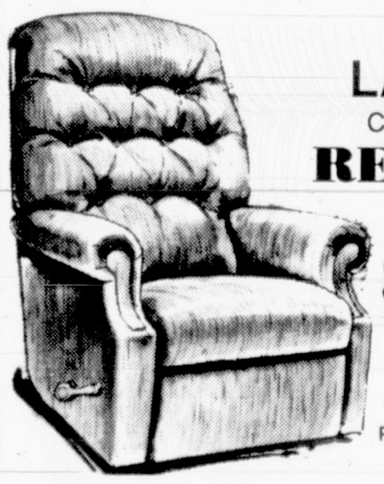


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