

FORECAST—Low tonight in 40s. High Friday in the 60s. Westerly winds 25-40 mph. Lake wind warnings in effect with a chance of blowing dust. High Wednesday, 84; low in the 50s.



Lewis: Legislature likely to okay tax hike



GIB LEWIS... "We have to bite the bullet." (Staff photo by Ed Copeland)

By LARRY HOLLIS Staff Writer

Some form of tax increase is likely to come out of a planned special session for the state Legislature to pay for education reforms and provide increased highway funding. Speaker of the House Gib Lewis said on his visit to Pampa Wednesday to address a Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Addressing members of the Chamber and various civic clubs in the Heritage Room of M. K. Brown Auditorium, Lewis said, "Everyone, including me, is opposed to a tax increase."

But, he stated, "Somewhere along the way we have to bite the bullet and do what's right" for the state, its people and its youth.

And what's right, he said, is a need to find funds to finance changes in the educational system "to take Texas into the 21st or the 22nd Century."

Speaking of major proposals developed by the Select Committee on Public Education (SCOPE), Lewis said, "To carry out those recommendations is going to cost money. Nothing is cheap."

Major changes in the educational programs include increased teacher salaries, a career ladder for teacher development, a means of getting poor teachers out of the system and greater emphasis in academic areas, Lewis said.

A hike in salaries is "essential for quality education," he said. A career ladder to reward better teachers is needed to keep good teachers in the

classroom "without economic hardship" which causes many teachers to seek better paying jobs outside the school, he said.

At the same time, a mechanism should be available for eliminating poor teachers from the system to prevent students and school systems from suffering loss of educational opportunities, Lewis said.

Sports and extracurricular activities too often have taken more time and money which should go into academic studies, he said. Better balance is needed to improve education, he said.

Lewis said the state had had a long period of economic prosperity, but "things have changed." After a period of state revenue surpluses, low taxes and "a drastic change" in population growth, "Texas went through a sort of economic recession" in the past year, he said.

Serious economic problems in Mexico and the subsequent devaluation of the peso, declining oil and gas incomes and other factors have "put us into a squeeze," Lewis stated. The state and its residents "have had to tighten their belts."

But education reform "is a very valid issue," with some kind of tax increase needed to implement necessary changes to "prepare young people for the future" in a highly technological society, he said.

Recognizing the need for changes in the education system, Gov. Mark White organized SCOPE to study reforms, using "people with the best minds," Lewis said.

SCOPE "has received some unjust criticism," he said, especially its chairman, H. Ross Perot. He praised Perot's efforts, noting he "has brought

to the forefront some issues that have clouded education for years."

Lewis said many of Perot's remarks have been misinterpreted or blown out of proportion, citing reports Perot had wanted to eliminate sports from school systems. Lewis said Perot did not want to completely eliminate sports from the public school system, but he does think the major emphasis should be placed on academics.

The Speaker said the proposed changes will give classrooms back to the teachers and restore their respectability.

"We will all benefit" from the changes, he said. And those benefits "will far outweigh any little tax increase."

At a press conference with area news media representatives on his arrival at Perry Lefors Field, the Tarrant County representative provided more specific assessments of needs to be discussed in the upcoming special session.

Questioned how the state can raise funds to offset a possible \$2.4 billion shortfall expected in 1985, Lewis said, "If I had that answer, let me assure you we wouldn't be meeting day and night in Austin, as we currently are doing to try to find out where that money needs to come from."

Major issues facing the Legislature are education changes and funding to maintain current conditions for state

Bullock says state is already \$2 billion short

AUSTIN - The state faces at least a \$2 billion shortage in revenues for maintenance of government services for 1985, according to figures released by State Comptroller Bob Bullock.

Bullock said if and when there is a special session of the Legislature, his estimate of available revenues will not change.

"And even if our lawmakers do pass a tax bill in a special session, it will only be a dress rehearsal for the grand finale next January," he said. "That's when the Legislative Budget Board says we'll need at least another \$2 billion just to maintain state government services at their present level."

Bullock predicted last year the current state budget of \$30.9 billion would leave \$15 million available for spending at the end of the budget period running Sept. 1, 1983, through Aug. 31, 1985.

"Today, with eight months of actual experience in this budget period, actual revenues are running within four-tenths of one percent of what we estimated," he said. "That means there is absolutely no reason for me to adjust the bottom line up or down."

In a letter to the Legislature, Bullock stated, "The health of the Texas economy continues to improve at a steady pace, but the improvement has not been so dramatic or far-reaching as to significantly alter

the revenue estimate I gave you last October. Today, Texas seems to be in step with the national recovery, but I do not foresee a marked upswing in the growth of receipts in the coming months."

Bullock said the shortage will necessitate a need for a tax increase of some kind from the legislators.

"Fifteen million dollars isn't much, compared to the price tags attached to the spending proposals being talked about," he said.

"Every education reform package proposed so far will cost more than a billion dollars. That means every nickel of spending over \$15 million will be followed by a tax increase as surely as night follows day."

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Dominican Republic youths battle police in food-price riots

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Rock-throwing youths battled police in the latest flare-up of food-price riots that have killed at least 45 people in this Caribbean nation, and the president appealed for "sense and calm."

In a nationally televised address Wednesday evening, President Salvador Jorge Blanco said the government "is in charge" and deserves the public's confidence.

But within hours of his emotional appeal, more disturbances were reported. In the capital city of Santo Domingo, witnesses said several youths were wounded when soldiers fired into an angry crowd.

Army trucks loaded with soldiers rolled out into the streets late Wednesday, and by early today the troubled capital was quiet.

Violence also was reported Wednesday night in Santiago, the nation's second-largest city 110 miles northwest of the capital. No details were immediately available.

Two people were killed by soldiers Wednesday in Santo Domingo, and hospitals here and in outlying areas reported eight other people died Wednesday of wounds suffered earlier.

The new fatalities pushed the three-day death toll to 45.

The riots follow Jorge Blanco's announcement April 19 of new austerity

measures which significantly boosted the price of basic foods. The price of beans, for example, jumped from 30 cents to 65 cents a pound. Cooking oil that sold for \$9.75 a gallon last week went up to \$25.

The measures are required for a new agreement being hammered out with the International Monetary Fund. Jorge Blanco says the agreement is needed to cure the nation's financial malaise. The value of wages have been cut in half in the last two years and two-fifths of the population is out of work.

During his emotional speech from the National Palace, Jorge Blanco was interrupted by applause from government supporters as he recounted how he fought in the 1965 civil war against a military-appointed government. The bloody five-month civil war resulted in elections the following year, and democracy has reigned here since.

"I fought for the order on April 24, 1965, the day our civil revolt erupted, and today the struggle for democracy and the constitution returns to me in this way. Oh, the paradox of our historical destiny!" said the 57-year-old president, elected 20 months ago.

The rioting started Monday — after the end of Easter holidays that the president had hoped would defuse reaction to his announcement.



PEKING HONORS—President Reagan and Chinese Premier Li Xiannian stand during honors ceremonies on President Reagan's arrival in Peking Thursday. (AP Laserphoto)

Old foe Reagan receives a warm China welcome

PEKING (AP) — President Reagan, who for years was an outspoken critic of Communist China, received a warm welcome on his arrival in Peking today and was told by China's president that there is hope the "two great nations" can solve the problems between them.

After reviewing goose-stepping Red Army troops and smiling as a group of children chanted "Welcome, warm welcome" at an arrival ceremony, Reagan went directly into a meeting with President Li Xiannian in the Great Hall of the People.

Reagan's spokesman, Larry Speakes, said the meeting marked "an excellent beginning" for the American leader's visit here and quoted Reagan as telling the Chinese president, "The differences between our two countries amount to very little, compared to areas of agreement."

Speakes added that the Taiwan issue, a longtime thorn in the side of U.S.-Chinese relations and a point the Chinese rarely miss an opportunity to raise, did not come up during the 35-minute opening discussion. China opposes continued U.S. ties with Taiwan and U.S. arms sales to the Taiwan government.

In his first public statement after his arrival, Reagan said he came to China "representing the sincere desire of the American people to be good neighbors to the Chinese people."

"There are differences between us that should not be glossed over nor denied," Reagan acknowledged. But he added that "thanks to the hard work and determination of farsighted leaders of both our countries during the last 12 years, our future is bright with potential."

IN HIS REMARKS, in a toast at a banquet given by President Li in his honor at the Great Hall, Reagan noted he was the first American president to visit China since normal diplomatic relations were established in 1979.

Departing from the text of his toast, Reagan issued a public invitation to Li to visit the United States, an invitation officials said had been issued an accepted privately earlier in the day. No date has been set for the trip.

"Whether in commerce, the arts, science, or industry, our citizens are establishing personal bonds of trust and friendship that mirror the good will found at the highest levels," Reagan said.

"This healthy intercourse is encouraged because our countries, our people as a whole, have determined that what we have in common — what we can accomplish and build together — is vastly more significant than those things that separate us," he added.

He said that "even greater progress can be made if our future efforts are based on... mutual respect and mutual benefit... even while recognizing that we do not totally agree on some things which we believe important."

President Li told Reagan at the start of their meeting that he wanted to

express his "warm welcome to you and Mrs. Reagan and all your friends from the United States."

LI SAID CHINESE Premier Zhao Ziyang had received a warm welcome on his visit to Washington in January, which improved ties between the two countries, and added, "I hope the current visit, Mr. President, will further enhance relations between our two countries."

Li referred to problems between China and the United States but said he hopes those "problems can be practically solved."

He said he had read Reagan's statements, made in advance of his visit, that the Pacific region, including China, are of political and economic importance.

The welcome for Reagan, held in front of the Great Hall following his arrival on a flight to Peking from Guam, was warm but not overwhelming.

Local police to get funds

The Pampa Police Department will receive state funding for two programs, but a third request was rejected Wednesday by the board that reviews criminal - justice grants proposed by Panhandle agencies.

The Criminal Justice Advisory Board of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission approved Police Chief J.J. Ryzman's grant requests for continued state funding of a crime - prevention officer and a school - liaison officer. The chief's application for \$27,000 to fund a "high visibility" patrol officer in "problem areas" was denied by the board.

Ryzman said Panhandle law enforcement agencies requested a total of \$217,000 in state grants, but money available from the governor's criminal justice program for the 1985 fiscal year fell short at \$160,000. The board, of which Ryzman is a member, had to cut some of the requested grants, he said.

The two applications approved for the Pampa Police Department include \$23,353 to pay for a crime - prevention officer and \$15,987 for a school - liaison officer.

The crime - prevention officer works with the Neighborhood Watch Program and other programs to get the community involved in law enforcement. The state funding for the officer was approved for the program's second year.

The school - liaison officer works with Pampa students. The officer's duties include counseling and talking to students about such things as bicycle safety and the dangers of drugs. Funding for the program was approved for its third year.

Young Kennedy's death remains mystery

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Doctors are analyzing tissue and body fluid to find out what killed 28-year-old David Anthony Kennedy, whose erratic life and battle with drugs in the 16 years since he watched his father assassinated on television had long troubled America's most famous family.

"Drugs, I would say, are a strong possibility," Rick Black, investigator for the Palm Beach County medical examiner, said after an autopsy was performed Wednesday. "With the types of problems he's had, I guess that's not surprising."

Kennedy, the fourth of child of Ethel Kennedy and the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was found by a hotel secretary on the floor between two beds of his suite in the posh Brazilian Court Hotel.

His body was to be flown today to Virginia, site of his family's Hickory Hill estate, said a spokesman for the Quattlebaum-Hollemann-Burse Funeral Home in West Palm Beach.

He and his brother Douglas, who had left the hotel the day before, had checked in last week to visit their grandmother, 93-year-old Rose Kennedy, at the family's mansion several miles away.

"This is a very difficult time for all the members of our family, including David's mother, Ethel, and his brothers and sisters who tried so hard

to help him in recent years," David's uncle, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said in a statement Wednesday.

"All of us loved him very much," the senator said. "With trust in God, we all pray that David has finally found the peace that he did not find in life."

No drugs or drug paraphernalia were found in the room, where a hotel secretary found the body, and there were no signs of violence or foul play, said Police Chief Joe Terlizze.

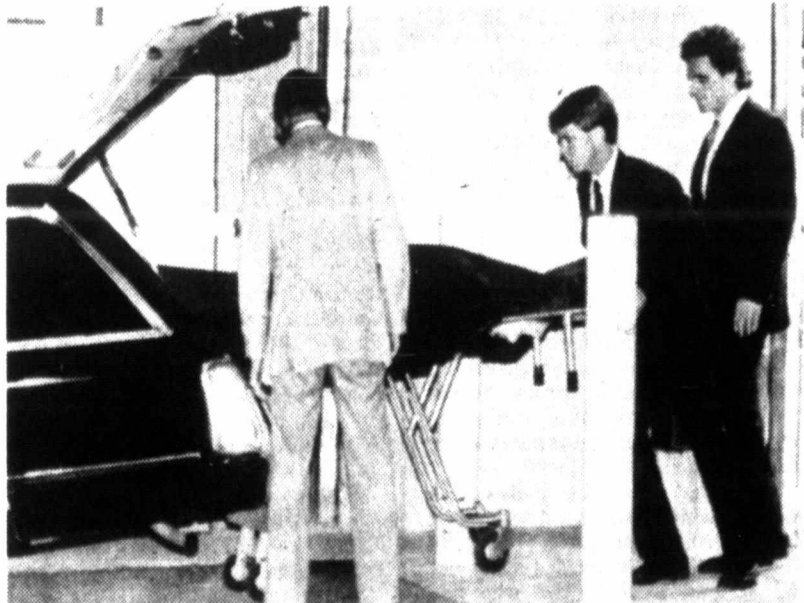
"There were no pills found in the stomach. And there was no real aroma of alcohol but that is something that will have to await the results of the tests," Black said.

Palm Beach Police Sgt. Henry Marchman said it will be several days before chemical test results pinpoint the cause of death.

"We've pretty well ruled out the possibility of a suicide. That just wasn't in his profile. Homicide is always in the back of your mind when something like this happens, but we're leaning toward a natural or accidental cause," Black said.

A Harvard University dropout, Kennedy had an apartment in Boston and had worked as an intern at Atlantic Monthly magazine for five months in 1982 and 1983.

Miles Smith, a friend in Sacramento, Calif., where Kennedy



Robert Kennedy watches brother's body put into hearse

had pleaded guilty in 1980 to drunken driving while undergoing his second round of drug treatment, said Kennedy "seemed like he finally had a hold on himself" when he visited six weeks ago on a skiing vacation.

Kennedy's problems with drugs came to light in 1979 when he reported being robbed of \$30 in a seedy Harlem hotel where police said he had gone to buy narcotics. He was hospitalized

with a heart infection often associated with drug abuse.

Friends and biographers said Kennedy had been troubled since age 12 when, on the night of June 5, 1968, he sat alone in a California hotel room and watched on television as his father, a Democratic presidential candidate, was killed by an assassin after beating Sen. Eugene McCarthy in the California primary.

# DAILY RECORD

## services tomorrow

**GRIMES, Helen Margaret** — 10 a.m. Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.

## obituaries

### HELEN MARGARET GRIMES

Services for Helen Margaret Grimes, 75, will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Gary Scwalk, associate pastor of First Baptist Church officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Waynoka Cemetery, Waynoka, Okla.

Mrs. Grimes died Wednesday at St. Anthony's Hospital, Amarillo.

Born July 27, 1908 in Bourbon County, Kans. she moved to Pampa in 1958 from Waynoka. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Waynoka. She was a registered nurse at High Plains General Hospital before her retirement in 1977. She married Theodore Ernest Grimes in 1940 in Nevada. Mo. He died in 1948.

Survivors include two daughters, Peggy Martinez of Pampa and Patsy Tharp of Hutchinson, Kans.; one son, David of Pampa, five sisters, Dora VanAtta of Ft. Scott, Kans., Irene Neff of St. Joseph, Mo., Lillian Brace of Arizona, Flora Bilyeu of Wichita, Kans. and Mary Engelson of Burbank, Calif.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## hospital

**CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions**

Leslie Adams, White Deer  
Rhonda Woodruff, Pampa  
Robert Schwab, Pampa  
Mary LaRue, Pampa  
Regina Gordzelik, White Deer

**Dismissals**

Leslie Adams, Pampa  
Canda Carpenter, McLean  
Beulah Berry, Miami

**Deer**  
Christino Pena, Pampa  
Marvin Todd, White Deer  
Doris Jones, Pampa  
Mary Hayter, Lefors  
Leon Brewer, Pampa  
Willard Robinson, Borger

**Borger**  
Louis Bruce, Pampa  
Louis Tucker, Pampa  
Emily Gross, Pampa  
Flossie Fricke, Pampa  
Vicky Blackmon, Pampa

**Pampa**  
Mary Cook and infant, Pampa  
Hazel Davis, Pampa  
Harley Elledge, Waka, Texas  
Justin Hampton, Pampa  
Ola West, Perryton  
Mattie Heath, Pampa  
Debra Keller and infant  
Amanda King, Pampa  
Claud Lamb, Pampa  
Pam Lambert and infant, Pampa  
Del Major, Pampa  
Shirley Mathis, Pampa  
Bernice Rippetoe, Pampa

**SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions**

Willis Petty, Shamrock  
**Dismissal**  
La Nell Trostle, Shamrock

## city briefs

**BOSSES DON'T** forget this is National Secretaries Week. Special ideas come from Clements Fowers, 665-3731. Adv.

**PAMPA TALENTED** and Gifted Association general meeting, Middle School cafeteria, April 26, 7:00 p.m. Gifted and Talented students will show their projects. Public invited. ENROLL NOW for oil painting classes starting April 30. Rose Johnston instructor. Sunshine Factory 669-6682. Adv.

## senior citizen menu

**FRIDAY**  
Fried cod fish, chicken a la king over corn bread, french fries, squash casserole, turnip greens, toss or jello salad, coconut pie or chocolate pudding.

## school menu

**breakfast**  
Cheese toast, applesauce, milk.

**lunch**  
Meat and spaghetti, carrot stick, green beans, thick-sliced bread, milk.

## minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported three minor accidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**WEDNESDAY, April 25**  
7:32 a.m. — A 1973 AMC, driven by William Matthew Frost of Pampa, collided with a 1981 Ford, driven by Jeff Brewer of Pampa, in the 400 block of South Barnes. Frost was cited for an improper start from a parked position and for failure to show proof of liability insurance.

12:40 p.m. — A 1973 Chevrolet, driven by Robert Lee Luster of Pampa, collided with a 1977 Buick, driven by Annie Conley of Pampa in the 1300 block of North Hobart. Luster was cited for following too closely.

6:35 p.m. — An unidentified motorist struck a 1981 Chevrolet, owned by Harmon Orville Heiskell of Pampa, in the parking lot at an Allsup's store and left the scene.

## fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported one fire run in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**WEDNESDAY, April 25**  
12:49 a.m. Edmison Hull Co., nine miles east of Pampa. Piles of cottonseed hulls on fire. No damage.

## stock market

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

Wheat	3 50
Milo	5 10
Corn	5 90
Soybeans	7 22

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

Ky. Cent. Life	18 1/2	up 1/4
Service	10 1/2	up 1/4
Southern Financial	26	up 1/4
Standard Oil	55	up 1/4
Southwestern Pub	18 1/2	up 1/4
Tennessee	43 1/2	up 1/4
Texaco	40 1/2	up 1/4
Zales	25	up 1/4
London Gold	382 30	up 1/4
Silver	2 24	up 1/4

## police report

Officers of the Pampa Police Department responded to 44 calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Douglas Edward Coleman, of Lefors, reported theft at the Nuggett Club.

Donald Jeff Seitz, 1025 Park Dr., No. 4, reported criminal mischief at his residence. The tires of his vehicle were slashed with a knife.

Harmon Orville Heiskell, 725 E. Kingsmill, reported a hit-and-run driver struck his vehicle at 140 S. Starkweather.

Mary Mertle Perkins, 1100 Varnon Dr., reported an attempted burglary of her residence.

John D. Ward, 609 Carr, reported theft from his residence.

Vicki Earley, 1116 Varnon Dr., reported an assault with a motor vehicle at Brown and Huff roads.

Marvin Eugene Smith, 310 N. Wynne, reported theft from his residence.

Two juveniles reported theft in separate incidents at Pampa High School.

Marsh & McClennan Inc., 320 W. Francis, reported a burglary.

Jim Smith, of Amarillo, reported theft of a motor vehicle from an unknown location.

William Benton Hawkins, 1716 Charles, reported a prowler at his residence.

## Arrests

**WEDNESDAY, April 25**  
Thomas W. Brookshire, 42, 209 Starkweather, in connection with a charge of public intoxication. Brookshire was released on a court summons.

Albert Brookshire, 70, 211 1/2 N. Starkweather, in connection with a charge of public intoxication.

Marcey Boyd, 31, 1224 S. Finley, in connection with a charge of public intoxication. Boyd was released on a court summons.

## THURSDAY, April 26

Abe Valdase, 55, 516 S. Gray, in connection with a charge of driving while intoxicated and two alleged motor-vehicle violations.



**HOMETOWN VISIT** - State Rep. David Cain of Dallas, center, visits with his parents, 223rd District Judge Don Cain and Betty Cain in the Heritage Room of M. K. Brown Auditorium. Currently serving as chairman of the House Transportation Committee, Cain accompanied Speaker of the House Gib Lewis on his visit to Pampa Wednesday to address a Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting. Cain is a 1966 graduate of Pampa High School. (Staff photo by Ed Copeland)

## Lewis sees tax hike

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roads and highways, he said.

"To stay even, it's going to require some type of a tax increase for which we at this time have not formulated any proposal. The Governor is trying to do that at this very moment, matter of fact," Lewis explained.

Lewis said he has been meeting with Gov. White and others "to go over different scenarios." White "has about 15 items he is currently considering," Lewis said.

Possible ways to increase tax revenue include a small increase in the state sales tax, increases in the so-called "sin tax" for alcoholic beverages and tobacco, the elimination of some sales tax exemptions, a hike in taxes for amusement machines and a tax on computer software, Lewis said.

"It's a little early at this point to really settle on one, because we are trying to decide what will be the final cost on education... and on highway construction. There's a lot of 'ifs' still... to allow us to say what will be the areas where we need to seek additional revenue," he explained.

Asked if there will be a special session, he said, "I think there is a very good chance of it right now." The session will probably be held at the end of May or the first week of June, he said.

Questioned about the SCOPE proposal to replace the current elected State Board of Education with a board of nine appointed members, Lewis said, "The proposal... indicated the Board of Education will be appointed the same way as other of our boards are appointed... at the discretion of our governor." Members could be selected by geographical representation or minority representation or a combination of the two, he said.

"To be very honest with you, I question very seriously whether or not that proposal will be considered. I think there's too much opposition to it."

Lewis said he favors making some type of change in the board because he has been disappointed with some of its actions. But he said the board "has been making some very positive steps" under the constructive criticism of SCOPE and his respect for the members has increased in recent months.

"I think a majority of the (final SCOPE) recommendations will pass," he said. Many recommendations that will not require action by the Legislature, but action can be taken by local school boards, the State Education Agency or other bodies, he noted.

The "basic concern" will be a new salary structure and a career ladder placed into action so "some of our good educators can stay in the classroom," Lewis said. Career ladder advancement designed so good teachers can be "compensated due to tenure and... workload on the job that they are doing," he said.

Other plans which probably will be implemented are an equalization plan statewide for school systems and a restructuring of classroom size to develop a lower teacher-student ratio.

The proposed education changes are needed "to make Texas number one in the nation and in the world, to make sure we challenge the brainpower of our young people," he said.

The Legislature will act responsibly, he said. "And if it requires raising taxes, they will do that."

Discussing the possibility of increasing highway funding, such as a Pothole Bill to give more money to cities for road maintenance and repairs, Lewis said in his opinion many legislators "are supportive of a 5 cents gasoline tax" that will be used to fund both highway and education needs. He said there is a constitutional provision now to allot funds from the gasoline tax to education programs.

Lewis was introduced at the Chamber luncheon meeting by local State Rep. Foster Whaley, who said Lewis "is one of the fairest speakers we've ever had."

Joining Lewis and Whaley at the meeting were state representatives David Cain of Dallas, a former Pampa resident; J. W. "Buck" Buchanan of Dumas, Pete Laney of Plainview, and Bob Simpson and Chip Staniswallis of Amarillo.

## De Lorean lawyer lashes FBI

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — John Z. De Lorean's lawyer, angry after watching a videotape of his client toasting a cocaine deal with champagne, launched a blistering cross-examination against an FBI agent in an attempt to prove the automaker was a victim of dirty government tricks.

"Why did you lie to us?" attorney Howard Weitzman shouted at agent Benedict Tisa at one point.

"I didn't lie," the FBI undercover operative said calmly.

Tisa, who played a crooked banker in the "sting" that led to De Lorean's arrest, came under attack moments after jurors saw the much-publicized videotape of the arrest.

"It's better than gold," they heard De Lorean say with a light laugh as a suitcase containing 55 pounds of cocaine was put before him on a table. "Gold weighs more than that for God's sake."

Jurors saw the silver-haired auto magnate lift a champagne glass and toast the apparent completion of a deal he hoped would save his Northern Ireland sports car company from bankruptcy.

"To a lot of success for everybody," De Lorean is heard toasting.

If convicted on all counts, he could face up to 72 years in prison.

## Weather focus

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
By The Associated Press

**The Forecast / 7 a.m. EST Friday, April 27**

North Texas: Cloudy tonight with a slight chance of thunderstorms central and east. Lows 56 to 67. Partly cloudy Friday. Not so warm central and west. Highs Friday 75 to 86.

West Texas: Continued windy through Friday. Blowing dust likely south plains Friday, possible elsewhere. Cooler Panhandle tonight and all sections Friday. Lows tonight 39 Panhandle to 55 southeast and near 60 Big Bend. Highs Friday 65 Panhandle to 82 southeast and near 90 Big Bend.

South Texas: Cloudy tonight with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms central and southeast. Considerable cloudiness and warm on Friday. Highs Friday 80s southeast and north and 90s west and south. Lows tonight 60s north to 70s south.

**EXTENDED FORECASTS**  
Saturday through Monday

North Texas: No rain expected. Temperatures averaging about 5 degrees below seasonal normals. Highest temperatures in the 70s, lowest temperatures ranging from the mid 40s northwest to the upper 50s southeast.

South Texas: Mostly cloudy with a few showers Saturday through Monday. Lows Saturday in the 60s except in the 70s along the coast and extreme south. Highs Saturday in the upper 80s to the upper 90s. Lows Sunday and Monday in mid 50s to upper 60s. Highs Sunday and Monday

generally in the 80s except in the 90s southwest.

West Texas: Mostly fair. A little warmer most sections Sunday. Lows Panhandle mid 30s Saturday warming to upper 30s Sunday and Monday. Highs mid 60s Saturday warming to upper 60s Sunday and Monday. South Plains lows upper 30s Saturday warming to lower 40s Sunday and Monday. Highs near 70 Saturday warming to mid 70s Sunday and Monday. Lows Permian Basin lower 40s Saturday warming to upper 40s Sunday and Monday. Highs mid 70s Saturday warming to near 80 Sunday and Monday. Concho Valley lows mid 40s Saturday warming to near 50 Sunday and Monday. Highs upper 70s Saturday warming to lower 80s Sunday and Monday. Lows far west lower 40s Saturday warming to upper 40s Sunday and Monday. Highs mid 70s Saturday warming to upper 70s Sunday and Monday. Lows Big Bend

area mid 40s mountains to mid 50s along the Rio Grande. Highs Saturday upper 70s mountains to near 90 along the river warming to the lower 80s mountains to mid 90s along the river Sunday and Monday.

**BORDER STATES**

New Mexico: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday with a few showers north and west. Colder tonight with lows upper teens and 20s mountains and northwest to lower 40s lower elevations southeast. Windy Friday. Highs mostly 50s northern mountains and northwest to 70s lower elevations southeast.

Oklahoma: Partly cloudy and windy statewide through Friday with thunderstorms likely tonight, some severe, becoming scattered Friday. Lows tonight mid-40s Panhandle to low 60s southeast. Highs Friday mid-60s Panhandle to upper 70s south.

**FRONTS:** Warm — Cold — Occluded — Stationary

National Weather Service NOAA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

## Two executions stayed by courts

**HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP)** — A federal appeals court spared the life of a Texas Death Row inmate scheduled for execution early Friday for killing a convenience store clerk, and it granted a reprieve for another prisoner ordered to die May 4 for fatally shooting a liquor store owner.

Jesse de la Rosa had already filed a list of friends and relatives he wanted to witness his execution, set before dawn Friday, when the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans granted a stay Wednesday.

De la Rosa was convicted of killing a San Antonio convenience store clerk in a 1979 robbery that netted only a six-pack of beer.

The appeals court agreed to hear an appeal filed by de la Rosa's attorney, Ron Guyer of San Antonio. Guyer argued that an anecdote a juror told while deliberating de la Rosa's fate constituted jury misconduct.

The 5th Circuit on Wednesday also

blocked the scheduled May 4 execution of Charles Milton, who was sentenced to death for the 1977 of a Fort Worth liquor store owner.

Milton, 33, previously won a stay four days before his scheduled execution on Sept. 15, 1981.

The appeals court, in an unsigned opinion, called for oral arguments in the case.

The court's statement said in part: "We are persuaded that proper consideration of the case requires oral arguments and a fair opportunity to review the transcript as well as relevant parts of the original 17 volumes of trial transcripts."

De la Rosa's stay saved him from becoming the fourth man executed with a combination of deadly drugs in Texas since December 1982. Before the 5th Circuit's decision was announced, prison officials released a list of witnesses the 23-year-old de la Rosa had chosen to be at his execution.

The list included the convict's stepmother, Carmen de la Rosa; his father, Luciano de la Rosa; his mother-in-law, Dolores Corrales; and two friends, Beckie Cortez and Martha Pena.

De la Rosa, on the advice of his attorney, declined to talk with reporters Wednesday, the only day Death Row inmates can be interviewed. Other inmates who agreed to be interviewed generally refused to discuss de la Rosa.

"If he doesn't want to come out and talk to the press, I'm certainly not going to do it for him," said J. Kelly Pinkerton, who is scheduled to die May 31. "If his attorney has advised him not to talk, that's probably good advice."

De la Rosa was moved into the general prison population off Death Row earlier this year and was working in the prison system's dental unit until his execution was set, officials said.

His appeal moved to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans Tuesday after U.S. District Judge H.F. Garcia of San Antonio, without explanation, turned down a request for a stay of execution.

The appeal filed with the 5th circuit outlined a "multitude of errors," Guyer said, but the "most glaring" concerned jury misconduct during the punishment phase of de la Rosa's 1981 trial.

"While they were trying to decide whether the sentence should be death or life in prison, one juror — a 73-year-old black minister — related a story. He said he had a stepfather who had murdered, been released and then murdered again. He said 'I think it's easier the second time,'" Guyer said.

"Eight jurors acknowledged hearing the story. One said it occurred after the verdict was reached, but the other seven disagreed," he said.

De la Rosa, the father of a 5-year-old boy, was convicted in the Aug. 22, 1979, slaying of Masoud Ghazali, a former Iranian Air Force captain who was working as a clerk at a 7-11 convenience store in San Antonio.

## FTC tentatively okays merger of Gulf, Socal

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Federal Trade Commission today tentatively approved Standard Oil Co. of California's \$13.2-billion takeover of Gulf Corp. in the largest corporate merger ever.

On a 4-1 vote, the commission approved a consent agreement that would allow Socal, the nation's fifth largest oil company, to immediately begin buying stock in Gulf, the next largest.

The commission, however, required the two companies to keep all of their assets separate until Socal finds a buyer for 4,000 Gulf stations in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida and the Spartanburg, S.C., area.

Timothy J. Muris, director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition, said the

combined Socal-Gulf will also have to sell off Gulf's 16.8 percent interest in the Colonial Pipeline stretching from the Texas Gulf Coast to northern New Jersey.

The Colonial Pipeline and the Plantation Pipeline, which Socal has a 27 percent interest in, moves 67 percent of refined petroleum products from the Gulf Coast to the East Coast, according to FTC studies.

Muris also said Socal will have to sell one of two Gulf refineries — either a 272,000-barrels-per-day facility at Port Arthur, Texas, or a newer, 188,000-barrels-per-day refinery at Alliance, La. In addition, he said, the combined company will have to divest certain assets in the West Texas Gulf Pipeline Co., depending on which refinery is sold.

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## Case of rare disease found in Mathis

MATHIS, Texas (AP) — An extremely rare disease caused by the bite of a common South Texas "assassin" bug, the Reduviid, has been diagnosed in the death of a child last year in Mathis, health authorities say.

Doctors say Chaga's disease, which can result in sleeping sickness, is common in other parts of the world, but has only been found in the United States two previous times.

"It's an extremely rare disease but certainly not a real health problem since it only occurs in the whole country once every dozen years or so," said Dr. Christopher M. G. Buttery of the City-County Health Department.

Jeff Taylor, an epidemiologist with the Texas Department of Public Health said the insect

transmitting the disease is "very common" from Florida to California.

"Presumably it is present in lots and lots of small animals all the time. The only mystery is why we don't have more cases of Chaga's disease," Taylor said.

He said there is no known treatment for the disease.

The Mathis case occurred last year. The child was hospitalized and later died of myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart walls.

Some months later, on a review of the tissue samples for a teaching program, the pathologist identified Chaga's disease.

The state laboratory confirmed the identification. "Knowing it was Chaga's disease at the time

wouldn't have made any difference in the treatment of the disease," Buttery said.

Taylor said he will be conducting a follow-up and will look at where the family of the child lived and what animals were kept around the home.

The insect — also known as the "assassin bug" or "kissing bug" — needs a blood meal and feeds on rodents and other small animals.

The first case in the country was found in Corpus Christi in 1964, followed by one in Houston and then a third in California.

In other countries where the disease is more common, children are most often affected.

Chaga's is caused by a protozoa, trypanosoma cruzi, which is spread by contamination of the bite wound of the bug by its infected feces.



VERDICT DEATH—Karla Tucker given a sentence of death by injection for Wednesday in a Harris County Court was the pickax murder of Jerry Lynn Dean.

## Mondale, Jackson swing through Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Democratic Presidential candidates Walter F. Mondale and the Rev. Jesse Jackson arrived in Texas Wednesday in preparation for the May 5 delegate caucuses with Mondale stressing educational reforms and Jackson criticizing the caucus system.

Mondale, the former vice president, arrived at Fort Worth's Meacham Field Wednesday and Jackson started his campaign swing in San Antonio before going to Waco and Dallas.

Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado, the other Democrat seeking the presidential nomination, was not in Texas, but his wife, Lee, visited Fort Worth and Weatherford Wednesday.

In Houston, Rep. Ron Paul filed suit against a Washington-based conservative action group, contending it wrongly used his mailing list to solicit support for his opponent, Rep. Phil Gramm, in the Republican primary.

The other Republican senate candidate, Rob Mosbacher, said in Odessa that the Reagan administration should have responded sooner to drought-assistance requests. He said President Reagan should have made surplus grain available sooner to ranchers facing drought conditions.

Mondale, the apparent front-runner, said he didn't think his ties with labor will hurt him in

Texas, where unions are not considered strong.

"If the Democratic Party doesn't stand up for working people, who in the hell will?" he asked.

Mondale today will visit Eagle Mountain-Saginaw School before going to San Antonio where he will address students at St. Mary's University.

Mondale has said he favors raising aid to education by \$1 billion.

"My strong, lifetime commitment to education and science... has been criticized by some as being too expensive. I happen to believe most wealth flows from a trained mind."

He said the Reagan administration "doesn't have much interest in the product of the trained mind."

Jackson, who was in San Antonio earlier Wednesday, got the endorsement from the Texas Black Legislative Caucus.

However, Sen. Craig Washington, the only black state senator, has endorsed Hart, and Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, the only black congressman, has endorsed Mondale.

Jackson charged that Mondale and Hart are "perpetrating a scam on the American people" by promising to increase spending on both defense and social programs.

"Both... have called for better education and an

increased commitment to social programs. Yet both have also called for increases in defense spending. They cannot have it both ways," Jackson said at a news conference in San Antonio.

In Dallas, Jackson toured a housing project that is near a lead smelter. He condemned contamination as he cuddled a 5-year-old girl who doctors said was contaminated by lead and is losing her hair.

"We don't want any more lead or anything in our blood," Jackson said. "We want change."

Jackson also criticized the Texas caucus system, saying it was unjust and undemocratic.

Those wishing to participate in the precinct conventions, the first step toward choosing delegates to the national convention, must vote in the primary.

"You've got to vote twice to make it nice," Jackson said. "You've got to vote by day then vote for Jackson by night."

In the Republican senatorial race, Paul contended in his suit filed in Houston state district court that a March 30 letter, signed by Paul Weyrich, an official of the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress, and allegedly sent to people on Paul's mailing list urged recipients to support Gramm.

## Sisters charged in plot to have spouses killed

GARLAND, Texas (AP) — Two sisters here were charged with criminal solicitation of capital murder after they allegedly tried to hire a man to kill their husbands in order to collect on insurance policies, authorities say.

Dorothy "Dee" Scrivano, 53, and LaWayne "Lee" Bancker, 45, were charged Wednesday and are jailed on \$25,000 bond each. They could face up to life in prison.

The two were arrested in a Mart parking lot in this Dallas suburb Tuesday when they gave an undercover police agent the first

installment on a \$15,000 murder contract, police said.

The sisters apparently wanted to collect on their husbands' life insurance policies, said police Sgt. Dan Asbill.

"The women wanted their husbands killed as soon as possible," Asbill said. "They didn't care how."

The women's husband were bewildered when told of the alleged plot.

"I'm dumbfounded," said Frank Scrivano, 56, a mortgage company employee who was in Houston on business. "I don't know why she would do that. We've had

a few arguments, but nothing that would lead to this."

"I imagine the sister had something to do with all this," he said. "She (Mrs. Bancker) wanted a divorce from her husband and she probably influenced her."

Mrs. Bancker's husband, Adrian, said, "It must have been the insurance money."

"I can't understand what's going on," he said. "I thought my wife still loved me. I asked her to come back to me."

The sisters allegedly tried to hire a killer at the Bandera Club, a neighborhood bar they visited so often that Mrs. Bancker's husband — from whom she separated in March — dubbed the pair "the Bandera sweethearts."

The first bar patron approached tipped off a reporter for The Dallas Morning News, who alerted the authorities, police said. A trap then was hatched with an undercover officer posing as a hit man, investigators said.

The bar patron — an unemployed commercial artist whose identity police asked not be released — said the women asked him to kill their husbands after he bragged about his martial arts skills over several beers at the Bandera Club.

"I told them I would use Korean (throwing) stars tipped with poison," he said. "They said, 'Great.' ... It was crazy. I thought it was a joke."

## Woman sentenced to death for pickax murder

HOUSTON (AP) — Convicted pickax killer Karla Faye Tucker, sentenced to die for hacking to death a Houston man last year, becomes the only woman among 178 convicted murderers on Texas' Death Row.

A jury of eight women and four men took nearly three hours Wednesday before deciding the 24-year-old Houston woman should be executed by lethal injection for the June 13 slaying of Jerry Lynn Dean. The same jury last week found her guilty of capital murder.

Ms. Tucker, who took the stand Tuesday and described a life of constant drug use that began at age 8, showed little emotion as the formal death sentence was read by state District Judge Patricia Lykos.

No woman has been executed in Texas in more than a half century.

Her attorney, Mack Arnold, said although Ms. Tucker had expected the decision, she was upset.

"She thanked us for trying. She asked if she could hug us and said she appreciated our help," Arnold said after meeting privately with his client. "It was a sad moment."

Ms. Tucker, who switched from marijuana to heroin at age 10, toured with the Allman Brothers Band, a rock group, at 13, married at 17 and turned prostitute to support her drug habit, was accused of hitting Dean 21 times with a 3-foot-long pickax.

"I'm never pleased in

having anyone sentenced to death but she is a violent person who committed as violent acts as anyone ever could have committed," Prosecutor Joe Magliolo said.

Besides having the distinction of being the lone female on Death Row, Texas Department of Corrections, statistics indicate she is one of only 13 women nationwide to be awaiting execution.

Jury foreman C.M. Anderson, the only juror to have any comment, would say only that the decision was a difficult one.

"Absolutely, that goes without question," he said. The jury had two choices — life in prison or death.

Arnold said jurors, in a brief conversation with attorneys, told him they had looked for reasons to vote against the death penalty but could find none.

By state law, the capital murder conviction and subsequent death sentence automatically will be appealed.

Arnold had attempted to convince the jury that Ms. Tucker should be given a life prison term because she would not be a threat if kept in a drug-free environment.

Magliolo argued she had a

psychiatrist said he found Ms. Tucker had no evidence of mental illness, despite the long years of drug use.

Garrett faces trial beginning next week on murder charges in the case. Attorneys said they would decide later whether Ms. Tucker also should be tried for the Thornton slaying.

Ms. Tucker, in nearly five hours on the stand Tuesday, said the Dean slaying was triggered by her hate for him after he destroyed the only photos she had of her mother, who died a few years ago.

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## 56 hearings set on education proposals

AUSTIN (AP) — State Board of Education Chairman Joe Kelly Butler wants to be sure every Texan has a say on the recommendations made by the Select Committee of Public Education.

Butler announced Wednesday that the state board will hold 56 public hearings throughout the state before the end of May and just before an expected special session of the Legislature.

"Education has been the focus of an extraordinary amount of attention, both on a national and state level," Butler said. "Reports have been issued from Washington, state and local groups and have included criticism and

recommendations for change.

"None of these groups, however, have provided an open forum for the public to make its concerns known," Butler said. "At the most only a selected few individuals have had that opportunity."

"The State Board of Education hearings are being held so that every Texas resident may be heard."

The first hearings will be held April 30 in Mt. Pleasant, Gruver, Houston, and Bedford. The last scheduled hearings will be May 24 in Richardson, Waco, Round Rock and Houston. Still another hearing may be held on May 25 if there is enough demand for it,

Butler's office said.

At least one member of the state board will attend each hearing and members of the Legislature are expected to attend.

Gov. Mark White has said he will call a special session of the Legislature to consider the Select Committee's recommendations in late May or June, if he has a consensus of support from Senate and House leaders.

One of the recommendations of the Select Committee, hotly opposed by Butler and some others, was a proposal that the 27-member state board elected from congressional districts be junked in favor of a smaller appointed board.

## Ultralight particles found in defendant's trunk

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — An FBI agent says particles from an ultralight aircraft were imbedded in a sledgehammer found in the car trunk of Lester Leroy Bower, who is accused of killing four men at a hangar and then taking one of the aircraft.

A Sherman store owner also testified Wednesday that Bower and one of the victims were in her store late September. Bower has claimed he never has been in Sherman.

Bower, a chemical salesman, is charged in the Oct. 8 slayings of Philip Good, 29, a Grayson County Sheriff's deputy; Jerry Mac Brown, 52, a Sherman interior designer; Ronald Mayes, 39, a former Sherman police officer; and Bob G. Tate, 51, a Denison building contractor.

All four had been shot repeatedly with a .22-caliber weapon. Their bodies were found at an ultralight hangar at Tate's B&B Ranch, northeast of Sherman.

Prosecutors said one of two ultralight aircraft was missing from the hangar when the bodies were discovered.

William Tobin, one of three federal agents to testify Wednesday, said the sledgehammer was confiscated during a search of Bower's Arlington home on Jan. 20, the day Bower was arrested.

Tobin, who analyzes metals at the FBI laboratory in Washington, used detailed and enlarged photographs to explain how he identified the tiny particles.

An aluminum fragment was from an ultralight part removed only by "squeezing or smashing," Tobin said. The decal pieces, found among charred debris in the car trunk,

were identical to a decal that had been removed from ultralight tubing also found at Bower's Arlington home, Tobin said.

Also testifying Wednesday was Marjorie Carr, owner of a fruit and vegetable stand, who said Bower and Good went to her Sherman store in late September.

She said the two walked in together and talked to her about 10 minutes.

Mrs. Carr said the pair went there to get oranges that Bower couldn't find in the Farmers' Market at Dallas. She said they also talked about the weather, and she remembered Bower because of his beard and "large" size.

Bower has since shaved his beard, but prosecutors showed Mrs. Carr a photograph of the defendant with a beard which she positively identified as being the man with Good.

She said she didn't come forward until she read a news article in February.

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## Opinion

### Land of the free, or the intimidated

Under the theory of judicial review, when government's desire to be a busybody conflicts with the clear-cut constraints of the Constitution, the Supreme Court should step in. The Court's job is to say that the Constitution doesn't authorize that form of intrusion, or, alternatively, if the government wants to be a busybody, it must do so within constitutional bounds.

Last Tuesday, the Supreme Court flunked the test when it ruled that government has a right to search factories for illegal aliens and privately owned fields for marijuana. Instead of acting as the protector of constitutional government and individual rights, it acted as a mouthpiece for those who view unlimited government as preferable to constitutional limited government.

Some historical context may be helpful. Laws against the possession and use of certain herbs and laws setting arbitrary quotas on who can come to this country are not part of the American heritage. They are a recent and radical departure from the idea of limited government and individual freedom the founders of this country hoped to bequeath to us.

Most of the founders would have been appalled at the idea of government limiting freedom so arbitrarily. They wrote a Constitution designed to limit government power.

Given that government always desires more power, as they understood, the Fourth Amendment (The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated...) should at least prevent government from enforcing silly laws in a tyrannical fashion.

Not according to the Supreme Court. If agents think somebody is growing something illicit, they can invade fenced, private property, posted with "no re-entrance" signs, without a warrant. In defense of the sophistries and fallacies that underlie immigration quotas, agents may burst into a factory, guard the exits and demand that people who look different produce their papers.

It sounds more like a communist country than the United States of America. Is this the land of the free or the home of intimidated?

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Warren T. Brookes

## Growth of labor force slowing

Ironically, organized labor seems to be losing its political clout, just as the national labor market is "firming up" and fast. Indeed, it seems likely that the most serious inflationary pressure facing the national economy over the next five years is a shortage of trained workers. With unemployment still around 7.8 percent, this may be hard to swallow, but the speed with which this rate has fallen (three points in fifteen months) is a harbinger of the future.

One of the nation's leading business forecasters, CIGNA Corp.'s Edward Guay said in February, "The unemployment rate could be reduced to 4.5 percent or less during the next presidential term with the right administration policies."

Guay's optimism is based only partly on the current recovery trend. It has much more to do with the fact that the nation's labor force (available workers) is growing at the slowest rate in nearly thirty years.

"If the forecasts for labor growth are generally correct," Guay noted, "the unemployment rate may fall more rapidly than assumed either by the administration or the Congressional Budget Office (CBO)." In fact, Reagan's Economic Adviser Martin Feldstein has already seen his pessimistic employment forecast (7.6 percent by the last quarter) melt in the heat of the torrid recovery.

Not only is the economy generating new

jobs at a 4-million-a-year clip, but the nation's labor force is now growing at less than 1.4 percent, compared with 2.7 percent a year in the 1970s. This is primarily because of the end of the great "baby-boom."

In the middle '70s, the 16-to-24-year-old age group, the so-called "job starters," was growing at a 700,000-a-year annual rate. But, by 1981, this age group was actually losing numbers. And in 1983, there were 832,000 fewer 16-24s than in 1982, and nearly 1.4-million fewer than in 1980. As a result, the total working-age population (16-64), which was growing at a 2.4 million annual clip in 1976-1980, has suddenly sloughed off to a projected 1.3-million clip for 1984.

With fewer working-age Americans, and with the proportion of women entering the full-time work force slowing down, it is not surprising that in 1983, the labor force expanded by only 1.3 million. With over 4-million new jobs created, this meant an automatic 2.7-point drop in the unemployment rate.

Most analysts see a recurrence this year. While the work force will grow somewhat, perhaps as much as 1.5 million, another 4-million jobs means an unemployment rate at year end in the 6.5-to-7 percent range, nearly two points lower than the administration had predicted.

In fact, we will go out on a limb and suggest that, barring a severe tightening by the Federal Reserve, September could give us a 6.9-percent unemployment rate - and hand Mr. Reagan a tremendous election-year plus, when the rate comes out Oct. 5th.

It will also be fitting and appropriate embarrassment to Rudolph Penner, head of the CBO, whose forecasts of huge deficits for the next three years are based on an unemployment rate that does not get down to 6.5 percent until 1989, a full four years after that rate is now likely to be achieved.

The significance of this should not be underestimated. If we achieve this kind of unemployment rate, the federal deficit projections you have been hearing will be utterly meaningless.

After all, each one point of unemployment knocks between \$25 and \$30 billion from the federal deficit.

With the CBO now overstating the likely unemployment rates by about 1.5 to 2 points a year in the short run, and by as much as 3 points in the out years, we are talking about major changes in deficit projections.

Over the five-year projection period, the difference, in unemployment rates alone, amounts to nearly \$270 billion in "deficit reduction" - and that's not chopped liver.

Of course, such continued rollicking improvements in the unemployment rate won't take place under the kind of massive

tax increases that the Democratic presidential hopefuls are talking about for 1985.

As Edward Guay points out, "The capital gains tax changes in 1978 and the reduced marginal tax rates of 1981 have encouraged the rapid expansion of venture capital and a sharp increase in the formation of new businesses." New business formations reached nearly 600,000 in 1983, an all-time record.

If this entrepreneurial boom continues, it seems likely that job growth will not fall below 2.5-million annual levels in 1985 and 1986. And with labor force growth continuing at 1.5 million a year, unemployment would fall quickly to 5.5 percent at the end of 1985 and 4.5 percent at the close of 1986.

The danger of this rapid decline, of course, is the re-ignition of serious wage-pushed inflation, unless wage increases are offset by substantial gains in productivity of the 3-or-4-percent magnitude.

Thus the only way the country can sustain this coming labor market tightness, without a return to hyper-inflation, is by major expansion in technological innovation and capital formation.

For both areas, the keys will not lie in silly "industrial policy" schemes, but in continued emphasis on lower taxes.

Brookes is an economics columnist for the Boston Globe.

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 26, the 117th day of 1984. There are 249 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On April 26, 1865, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln - John Wilkes Booth - was surrounded by federal troops near Bowling Green, Va. and was killed or killed himself.

On this date:  
In 1954, a nationwide test of the Salk anti-polio vaccine began.

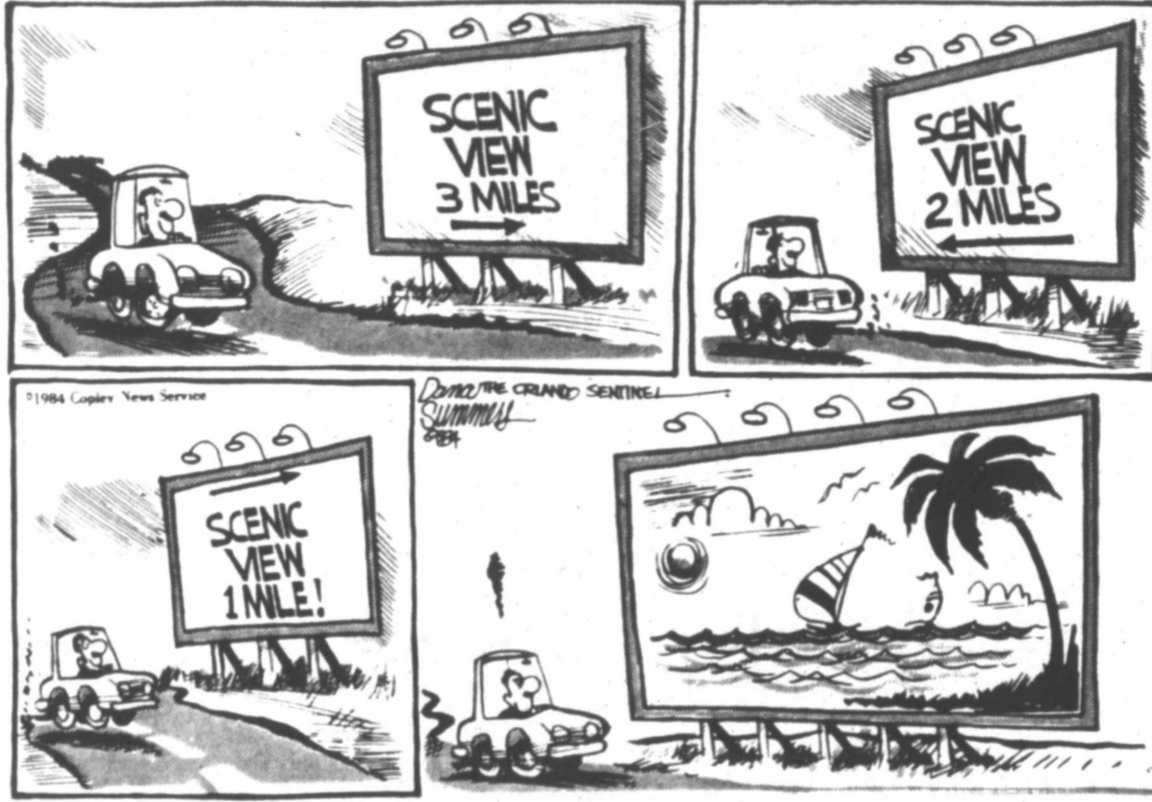
Ten years ago: A group of army officers in Portugal seized control of the government and announced that Premier Antonio de Spinoza had resigned.

Five years ago: The Labor Department reported that inflation in the first quarter of the year was running at an annual rate of 13 percent.

One year ago: Amid confidence in the economy and good corporate earnings reports, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose more than 22 points to close above the 1,200 level for the first time ever.

Today's Birthdays: Seismologist Charles Richter is 84 years old. Actress-comedian Carol Burnett is 51. And singer Bobby Rydell is 42.

Thought for Today: "Time goes, you say? Ah no! Alas, time stays, we go." - Henry Dobson, English poet (1840-1921).



Paul Harvey

## Legitimate suits or blackmail?

The sue-ers include a police sergeant in suburban Chicago who sought millions in damages because, he said, a reprimand in his personnel file violated his civil rights.

That case was in court more than a year - until District Judge Charles Kokoras finally blew up.

His Honor wrote a 36-page condemnation of frivolous, time-wasting lawsuits which are clogging the courts and corrupting the judicial process.

Judge Kokoras says the Civil Rights Law was to prevent lynchings and burnings. Now it is being misused by plaintiffs and their attorneys for all manner of nonsense lawsuits.

Most suits they know they can't win but

they can most always count of some kind of cash settlement because, for defendants, a payoff is cheaper than a court fight.

Blackmail? It's close. Lawyers are all over television advertising themselves like used-car salesmen to represent most anybody who wants to sue anybody for anything.

The potential for paralysis of our judicial process is horrendous.

Chief Justice Warren Burger says public opinion surveys now show that lawyers are near "the bottom of the barrel" in public esteem.

In some places, coupons are being distributed door-to-door offering "\$25 off on the cost of the first visit" to such - and -

such a lawyer or "legal clinic."

Many responsible attorneys are concerned for the future of their profession.

Washington attorney John Kester says if we don't recognize and remedy the weaknesses of our legal system it may soon be too late.

"When institutions die they seldom announce it. Our legal system may still be decked out in the robes and finery of its honored past when, coughing and wheezing, it collapses."

You and I are told to leave these matters "to the professionals." It is the "professionals" who brought us five-year trial delays and street criminals turned loose to commit new crimes before they

were sentenced for their old ones.

Mr. Kester says as surely as a surplus of surgeons leads to unnecessary surgery, a surplus of lawyers leads to unnecessary litigation.

Chief Justice Burger recommends cash penalties for plaintiffs and lawyers who litigate "in bad faith."

Further, he urges judges to regain control of their courtrooms; to prevent lawyers from misusing the legal system to fill their pockets and feed their egos.

Harvey is a nationally-known newspaper and radio commentator whose column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

Lewis Grizzard

## Country music not country now

My learned friend and part-time colleague, Robert L. Steed, author of the smashing collection of his past works titled "Lucid Intervals," observed recently that country music is going through a metamorphosis that includes, among other things, rowdy concerts by Hank Williams Jr. and the writing and singing of rather explicit lyrics, the kind that would knock the price tag right off Minnie Pearl's hat.

Writes Steed, "Country music was better before Dolly Parton outgrew Porter Waggoner."

I could not agree more. I think it is time country music purists, those of us who were country when country wasn't the least bit chic, spoke out.

I'm not sure exactly when country music began to change, but one day I was listening to Faron Young sing 'Hello Walls' and the next day, I was watching Dolly ooze out of her dress and hearing Barbara Mandrell's little sister, Louise, singing about slick-talking devils in singles' bars who attempt to remove a particular piece of feminine clothing by the use of their charm and guile. Need I be more specific?

Even Conway Twitty has fallen victim to the blue lyric. Singing Conway, "Even with your hair up in curlers, I'd still love to lay you down."

How un-country. Country used to be songs sung from the heart and through the nose, songs about lost loves and such values as learning to be humble, as in "Take a Cold Tater and Wait" and "Sleepin' at the Foot of the Bed."

Today, male country singers have abandoned their cowboy hats and rhinestone suits for tight jeans and open-collared shirts that reveal their chest hairs and copious jewelry drooping from their necks. And to think Roy Acuff made it with nothing more than a yo-yo.

I think it is time they gave country music back to the loyalists and traditionalists.

I want the kind of country music George Jones sings. If drinkin' don't kill him, her memory will. I want Willie Nelson singing "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain." Enough of this "Autumn Leaves" business.

I want more Moe Bandy, Larry Gatlin, Rex Allen Jr. and Gene Watson and less Eddie Rabbitt. I want Kenny Rogers to take a couple of months off and rest.

I want George Strait to make another song like "Amarillo by Morning" with the mournful fiddles in the background. I never want to hear John Anderson sing "Swingin'" again.

I don't want Alabama to do any more driver songs. Let Dave Dudley and Red

Sovine do those. I want more songs like "You're A Hard Dog To Keep Under the Porch" and less like "If I Said You Have a Beautiful Body Would You Hold It Against Me?"

I don't want to hear any rock guitars or flutes in the background of country songs. I want fiddle and steel. I want Hank Williams Jr. and Waylon Jennings to sing sweet, pure

songs like Don Williams. I want Tom Jones off country stations altogether. I don't want Merle Haggard to change a thing.

I want Conway Twitty to clean up his act and I want Dolly to sing one more with Porter, maybe even something where ol' Porter can twang through his nose a little. Just for old times' sake.

## Letters to the editor

To the editor and readers, I am deeply concerned, even alarmed at the accepted moral decay and the open, voiced support for such things as pornography.

I say bravo to those supporters of morality such as Pheil and Sutherland and their urgent call back to the moral way of life. It takes a great deal of courage for such as these to come forth with their opinions knowing full well that in this time of rebellion toward morality, they would meet with considerable resistance.

It is not surprising to view letters of opposition from those who possibly have never investigated the effect of pornography in the forms of literature, films, etc. In-depth studies have proven a definite link

between pornography and violent sexual crimes as well as promotion of homosexuality (of which some would say is fine until found in "their" son or daughter.)

It is "my opinion" that far too few are willing to take a stand for such moral issues as these. No doubt, a lot of folks who would like to express their opinion know only too well that if they dare stand up concerning a moral issue, that the individual is immediately attacked and the real issue falls to the background.

I urge those who have an ounce of courage to write in and stop waiting for the other guy, because the other guy is just like you, waiting!

Twila Deval

## Berry's World



"What's the latest with our 'arbitrary or unlawful deprivation of life' stats?"



**SPRING SWING**—Giving her mightiest swing, Tammie White, 4, sends the softball sailing. Tammie and her brother Robert, 7, were playing softball with a gigantic plastic bat in front of their parents' home in Texarkana.

## Remnants of old Braniff auctioned

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Pilot Bob Gould was there for "nostalgia." Businessman Larry French was there for a bargain.

They both found what they were looking for.

The remnants of old Braniff International, once the nation's eighth-largest airline, went on the auction block Wednesday in a giant "bankruptcy sale."

On the block was \$1 million worth of desks, expensive living room furniture, golf clubs, lawn mowers, beds, construction equipment and anything else that the reorganized Braniff Inc. decided it didn't want.

Braniff collapsed under a \$1 billion debt in 1982 and reorganized in federal bankruptcy court as a leaner, smaller carrier that began operations March 1.

"There are going to be some real bargains," said Larry Upshaw, a spokesman for the auctioneers charged with selling everything from Braniff's vacated opulent world headquarters at the Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport that was not nailed down.

"We will sell everything no matter what the bid. We'll be satisfied if we get half of the \$1 million," Upshaw said.

On Wednesday, the first of three auction days, a bearskin rug from the stylish private apartment of former Chairman Harding Lawrence sold for \$310. A painting bought for \$5,000 sold for \$100. A \$1,325 custom-made Formica desk — which still had a copy of the airline's 1980 corporate tax return lying on top — sold for \$300.

And Lawrence's four-poster bed went for \$225.

Gould, who spent 16 years with the old carrier and returned to his pilot's job with the new Braniff, said "nostalgia" brought him to the auction.

"I think it's a step in the right direction," Gould said of the auction. "We're on to bigger and better things."

Upshaw, former director of publications for Braniff International, said many of the auction workers were former Braniff employees who lost their jobs in the bankruptcy.

"We have somewhat of a vested interest in it," Upshaw said. "There's still somewhat of a nostalgic interest for us in Braniff."

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## Reagan follows in Republican footsteps

By JAMES GERSTENZANG  
AP White House Correspondent

AGANA, Guam (AP) — When Richard M. Nixon set foot in China in 1972 and became the first American president to visit that country, his arrival opened a new era in U.S.-Chinese relations.

It was a startling development in the diplomatic world, but it was not a trip intended to work out specific problems.

Nixon was followed to China by Gerald R. Ford, whose 1975 journey was intended to demonstrate that

Nixon's opening to China was not just a fluke, and that the relationship could grow.

Now Ronald Reagan is following in the footsteps of his two Republican predecessors, after an overnight stop on this South Pacific island. In the view of his aides, his journey is intended to show that with the U.S.-Chinese relationship on a solid footing, the two countries can get down to normal business, and that means trade.

As he began his journey, Reagan met with trade industry representatives in Tacoma, Wash., and told

them: "I go as something of a salesman, doing everything I can up to the limit of putting a 'Buy America' sticker on my bag."

U.S.-Chinese trade grew in leaps and bounds in the decade following Nixon's journey, but it has fallen recently.

From an historic high of \$5.5 billion in 1981, it dropped to \$4.4 billion last year. In 1983, the United States suffered a \$71 million deficit with China, the first such trade deficit since 1977.

"The trade issues have become heavily politicized

and have replaced Taiwan as the principal irritant in our relationship," said one senior administration official, speaking on the condition that he not be identified by name.

The disputes that make this subject even more difficult than the debate over the future of Taiwan, the island to which the Nationalist government fled from the communists in 1949, involve export controls and textiles. The question of textiles carries political overtones made all the more sensitive in a presidential election year.

While Reagan is unlikely, during his seven to eight hours of meetings with China's most senior leaders, to become a trade negotiator, the subject is an important element in his visit.

The textile question is considered the most sensitive

in the trade area because "the textile industry is flat on its back," the official said.

He said the Chinese would like the United States to remove all restraints on textile imports. "They'd like to sell as much as they could," he said.

When a U.S.-Chinese textile agreement expired and negotiations for a new pact broke down in January 1983, the United States imposed unilateral import quotas to protect the American textile industry.

Peking responded by limiting its imports of U.S. synthetic fibers, soybeans and cotton.

A new textile accord was reached last July, but it was opposed by the U.S. textile industry. That opposition prompted further Chinese cuts in purchases of U.S. agricultural products.

## Political outsider is city councilman

DALLAS (AP) — Civil rights activist Al Lipscomb, whose previous outbursts during City Council meetings prompted his removal from the chamber, has been sworn in as a member of the council.

He took office Wednesday after winning two elections in the Southeast Oak Cliff district, including garnering 60 percent of the vote in a runoff.

Lipscomb had been tossed out of council meetings for his strident speeches on civil rights and social justice, and had hurled charges of racism against the city's highest

elected officials.

But as 300 friends, relatives and constituents looked on Wednesday, Lipscomb was sworn in.

Mayor Stark Taylor told Lipscomb that the council members "welcome you aboard. I think you'll find that this council has people who will do their best to work with you and certainly we feel you're going to do the same on your part. Congratulations, and let's get on with business."

"Now you're not going to have to go down and be abrasive at all times," he said.

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Columbia; Stacy Hassfunder, Miss Florida; Lavonne Ranae Misselle, Miss Illinois; Debora Neary, Miss Massachusetts; Adriana Kambeck, Miss Michigan; Sandra Percival, Miss Missouri; Diane Everett, Miss Pennsylvania; and Laura Shaw, Miss Texas.

## Defense promises surprise witness

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — A defense attorney in the murder trial of former prison inmate Eroy Brown has promised that a "surprise witness" would testify before testimony ends in the case.

Brown faces charges of murder in connection with the shooting of Ellis Unit prison farm manager Billy Max Moore in April 1981.

"We're saving the best for last," said Kent Schaffer, co-counsel with state senator Craig Washington of Houston.

"The testimony this person gives will be worth the price of admission. When you hear our new evidence, you'll know you've heard it," he said, referring to a promise by prosecutors to present "new scientific evidence" that has yet to materialize.

"Remember, the opera ain't over 'til the fat lady sings," said Schaffer, declining to provide details about the surprise witness.

Dozens of witnesses have already testified in Brown's two previous trials in connection with the drowning death of Warden Wallace Pack. Pack was with Moore on April 4, 1981 when the killings took place.

Brown's first trial ended in a hung jury and the second panel found Brown innocent.

Defense attorneys began presenting Brown's version of the Moore murder Wednesday.

James Solomon, an inmate who was an eyewitness at the shooting, was expected to be called by the defense. Solomon testified Monday for the state.

He said he saw Brown grab Moore by the shoulder, force him to his knees and shoot him in the head.

In opening remarks Wednesday, Washington said the two prison officials beat, kicked and held a pistol at Brown's head the day of the shooting because they feared he told other inmates Moore and Pack were stealing state property.

"Over a period of time, at the request of Major Moore and in violation of the law," Brown had helped Moore steal tires, car equipment, propane gas and fertilizer, Washington said.

Complaining one day to a group of fellow inmates about a furlough that had been denied, Brown, then a prison trustee, was confronted by an official who overheard his conversation.

Brown told prison supervisor William "Boss" Adams, "As much as I've done for you and Major Moore, it seems you could do something for me," Washington said.

Adams thought Brown was threatening to squeal and took him to Moore who was off duty that Saturday and

fishing nearby, Washington said.

"Nigger, what're you doing running your head with the other convicts," Washington told the jury Moore said, adding that "running your head" is a jail term to be explained during testimony.

Moore and Adams, with Brown between them in the truck, then beat him on the chest, back and made him remove his shoes so they could kick his feet, Washington said.

Moore then called Pack, Washington said.

Brown tried to tell Pack he hadn't threatened to reveal the theft ring, but Pack responded, "Nigger, just close your mouth cause you've done got yourself in a wreck," said Washington, explaining the jurors would learn later that wreck was jail slang for a special kind of trouble.

While Moore handcuffed Brown's left wrist, Pack took a pistol and threatened to "blow his (Brown's) brains out, take him to the bottoms to see if he could swim in

handcuffs, and held a gun to Eroy's temple," Washington said.

When Moore tried to grab Brown's right hand to be handcuffed, Brown fought back and the shootings occurred, the defense attorney said.

Brown is expected to take the stand Friday.

## Salvadoran troops to join maneuvers

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Salvadoran troops reportedly will join in U.S.-Honduran war games next month, and a source says a military investigative panel is urging that El Salvador's next president not reform the powerful armed forces.

El Salvador's civil war began 4½ years ago.

The first phase of maneuvers began April 1. In the second phase, scheduled for May 23 to June 30, about 1,000 U.S. troops will practice anti-guerrilla tactics with the Salvadoran and Honduran soldiers.

The source, a member of the panel, said the recommendation was prompted by press reports that Jose Napoleon Duarte, if elected president, would eliminate the Treasury Police, a branch of national security forces linked to rightist death-squads. The source requested anonymity.

Duarte says he made no such vow, and the military high command denied that the panel had urged the Defense Ministry to oppose major restructuring by the next administration.

A top military officer said El Salvador will send a 1,000-man U.S.-trained battalion and about 180 paratroopers to the U.S.-Honduran war games in Honduras in May.

The officer, who asked not to be identified, has access to the military decision-making process.

Although Salvadoran troops have received U.S. training here and in Honduras, the war games would be the first time they have taken joint maneuvers with the United States since

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Proposed additions to the local exchange tariffs include an optional Local Measured Service under which all residence customers and single-line business customers could pay monthly rates less than flat rate for one-party service, with an additional charge for each completed outgoing call to be determined by the time of day, distance and duration of each call, and a subsidized LIFELINE local service to be made available to qualified individuals, as determined by the Public Utility Commission. The monthly rate for LIFELINE service would include an allowance of 25 outgoing calls per month, plus a charge for each additional call.

Proposed for deletion from the local exchange tariffs are one-element measured service offerings for residence customers and single-line business customers, but current customers would not be affected.

The company does not anticipate that these additional services will result in an increase in revenue to Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

### Aviso al Publico

Por medio del presente aviso y en conformidad con las reglas y dictámenes de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, la compañía Southwestern Bell Telephone anuncia a la audiencia pública que se llevará a cabo a partir de las 10 de la mañana del día lunes 14 de mayo de 1984 en las oficinas de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, Texas, con respecto a la propuesta de la compañía, que consiste en agregar tres servicios opcionales y suprimir dos servicios de la lista de servicios telefónicos locales a disposición del usuario en Texas.

Las adiciones propuestas al arancel del servicio telefónico local incluyen un Servicio Medido Local opcional según el cual todos los clientes residenciales y los clientes comerciales con línea única pagarían tarifas mensuales menores que la tarifa fija para servicios de línea única, con un cargo adicional por cada llamada completa efectuada desde ese teléfono, establecido según la hora, la distancia y la duración de cada llamada; así como un servicio local subvencionado de LIFELINE que estaría disponible para determinadas personas, según lo establezca la Comisión de Servicios Públicos. La tarifa mensual para el servicio de LIFELINE incluiría 25 llamadas mensuales con un cargo adicional por cada llamada en exceso de 25.

Se propone suprimir del arancel del servicio telefónico local las opciones de servicio medido de un elemento para clientes residenciales y clientes comerciales con línea única, pero esto no afectaría a los clientes actuales.

La compañía no espera que estos servicios adicionales produzcan un aumento de ingresos para Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Toda persona que desee intervenir o participar en el proceso debe notificar a la Comisión lo antes posible. Las solicitudes de intervención, participación o información deben dirigirse a: Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Para obtener mayor información debe llamar a Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division, (512) 458-0223 o (512) 458-0227, o al (512) 458-0221 si requiere teletipo para sordos.



# State House, Senate seats up for grabs

By KEN HERMAN  
Associated Press Writer  
AUSTIN (AP) — One of the 16 Texas House members not seeking re-election this year says he is retiring because the pay is bad, the hours long and he wants more time for visiting his 84-year-old mother.

But despite Waco Rep. Rollin Khoury's cautions, there is no shortage of candidates for the \$600-a-month jobs. Fifteen Senate races and all 150 House seats are on the May 5 primary election ballots.

There are 114 more candidates for the House than there are seats.

"It's a peculiarity," said Khoury, a four-year House veteran, of the scores of candidates willing to forgo almost all else to serve in the Legislature.

The top Texas Senate race is the battle to succeed Lloyd Doggett of Austin, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate.

The Democratic scramble includes Austin Rep. Gonzalo Barrientos; Travis County Attorney Margaret Moore, daughter of former state Rep. Tom Moore of Waco; lawyer Ed Small of Austin, grandson of former state Sen. Clint Small of Amarillo; and advertising woman Cathy Bonner.

The winner faces Republican Patrick McNamara, an accountant running unopposed on May 5.

Sen. Roy Blake, D-Nacogdoches, who survived a tough 1982 race, is challenged this year by Palestine real estate agent John McDonald. Farther north, Sen. Ed Howard, D-Texarkana, faces District Attorney Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs in the primary.

On the House side, the big news is the big names not on the ballot. Nine committee chairmen have decided to hang up their gavels. Some have already resigned, forcing special elections.

Criminal Jurisprudence Committee Chairman Wayne Peveto of Orange is going home to his family and law practice. Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Prenal of Bryan has left for a vice chancellor post at Texas A&M.

Austin's Gerald Hill, chairman of the Local and Consent Calendars Committee, and Jim Turner, D-Crockett, quit to join Gov. Mark White's staff. Mary Polk of El Paso, chairwoman of the Human Services Committee, is now with the Department of Human Resources.

Other departing chairmen: El Franco Lee, D-Houston, elections, who is running for the Harris County Commissioners Court; Leroy Wieting, D-Portland, agriculture and livestock; Bill Coody, D-Weatherford, financial institutions; Joe Hanna, D-Brackenridge,

energy; and Bob Simpson, D-Amarillo, insurance.

Also not seeking re-election is Elton Bomer, D-Montalva and chairman of the Sunset Committee.

The chairmen's exodus means Speaker Gib Lewis, assuming the House re-elects him next January, will have some choice jobs to spread around. Lewis, D-Fort Worth, is unopposed in his district.

House turnover could be increased by the voters. Several incumbents could face tough challenges in May or November.

In El Paso, four-term Democratic Rep. Bob Valles faces three primary opponents and 16 indictments alleging official misconduct, theft and bribery. Valles is accused of hiring, on the state payroll, the wife of a man to whom he owed money.

His primary opponents are Nicolas Perez of El Paso, Jaime Perez of El Paso and Jesse Glover of Fabens, who lists his nickname as "The Fiddler."

San Antonio ballots include three interesting House races. Incumbent Democrat Walter Martinez will try to keep Tommy Adkisson from returning to the House. Martinez won the seat in 1982 when Adkisson made an unsuccessful bid for a state Senate seat.

Rep. Joe Gamez, who picked up a drunken driving conviction during the 1983 session, is challenged in the Democratic primary by

attorney Gregory Luna.

And Joe Hernandez, long a member of House's "Red Square" section of liberals, could face a stiff test from San Antonio lawyer Daniel Morales in the Democratic primary.

Joining Adkisson in the attempted comeback category is Democrat Lanell Cofer of Dallas, who will try to avenge her 1982 loss to Jesse Oliver.

East Texas newspaper publisher Emmett Whitehead of Rusk also is on the comeback trail, seeking the Democratic nomination for Bomer's seat. Whitehead faces real estate broker Cliff Johnson of Palestine and lawyer Roland Brown of Jacksonville.

Whitehead was in the House from 1973 through 1979, but lost to now gubernatorial aide Turner in 1980.

In Houston, voters will pass judgment on Democrat Ron

Wilson, whose handling of House committee money was investigated, but led to no criminal charges. Wilson faces Lewis Cook, Frank Glasco and Kris Wolody in the primary.

The Austin race to replace Barrientos has drawn a six-candidate free-for-all, featuring a Hispanic activist arrested at a Ku Klux Klan rally last year.

Paul Hernandez was beaten and arrested by police at the rally. He was later convicted of resisting arrest. Also in the Democratic race are ad executive Lena Guerrero, former Common Cause lobbyist Brad Wiewel, financial consultant Lee Polanco, Yale graduate Roland Ortiz and landfill worker Lawson Roberts.

In East Texas, Jimmy Mankins, D-Kilgore, faces Spring Hill educator Chapple Dowell in the primary.

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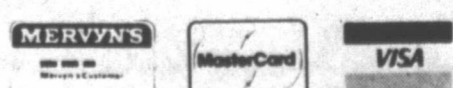
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# LIFESTYLES



Dear Abby

Mom learns bitter lesson about child safety belts

By Abigail Van Buren  
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DEAR ABBY: Two years ago today we lost our 9-month-old son. I'll call him Johnny. He died because I chose to hold him on my lap instead of strapping him into his safety belt.

Ironically enough, we were taking him to the doctor and didn't buckle him up because I thought he'd feel better if I held him. (My husband was driving.) Besides, it was only a five-mile drive.

My husband is a very careful driver, but he didn't think about the other driver that morning. Less than two miles from our home, a young man ran a stop sign and rammed into us. Although we were going only 35 miles an hour, Johnny flew out of my arms and was crushed into the windshield by me—his mother—the one person he probably trusted most in the world.

I am not looking for sympathy. I'm dealing with my loss and my guilt the only way I know, and that is by promoting the use of safety belts for infants and children.

My brother, who is a state police officer, once told me that in all of his 12 years as an officer on the scene, he has never unbuckled a dead child.

I hope your readers can learn from my mistake, Abby. Burying my child was the hardest thing I've ever had to do.

LEARNED THE HARD WAY

DEAR LEARNED: Thank you for your letter. You'll never know how many "Johnnys" will be saved because you had the courage and generosity of spirit to write.

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DEAR ABBY: I am having a generation gap problem. My boyfriend and I have been seeing each other for a long time. We love each other very much, but we are not ready for marriage yet.

He's asked me to move in with him. I see nothing wrong with this and I would like to, but my parents strongly object to it. They say when they were growing up they never would have done such a thing—that if people want to live together as man and wife, they should get married first, especially at my age (I'm 20).

My boyfriend is 22 and he doesn't understand the way my parents think. What should I do?

DESPERATE FOR ADVICE

DEAR DESPERATE: You obviously have a great deal of respect for the opinion and wishes of your parents or you wouldn't have written to me. You are wise to realize (and admit!) that you are not ready for marriage yet. If you could handle living together without marriage, you wouldn't ask me what to do. But since you're asking, I say—don't!

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DEAR ABBY: Wow! Have we ever got a problem. Our immediate boss has the most repulsive body odor lately—perspiration. When he comes into the office in the morning, we can smell him three feet away. We suspect that he "works out" before coming to work, but he doesn't shower afterward.

It is so offensive that when one of us is called into his office, we hate to go. When outside visitors come here to conduct business, we are embarrassed. It is so obnoxious and so unprofessional!

How can we deal with this situation?

US AT THE OFFICE

DEAR US: Someone at the office who has the man's best interests at heart should take him aside and tell him what you have told me.

Anonymous letters, for the most part, are for the cowardly and immature.

## Marbles writes up a generic horoscope

LOOSE MARBLES

LISA PATMAN

With all the generic products around today, I thought it was time we had a generic horoscope. Therefore, here is one. Use it any day of the week, at any time of the year, and for any occasion. You can also wrap fish scraps in it.

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**AQUARIUS:** You will meet your knight in shining armor, a tall, dark person with moustache. Unfortunately the knight will turn out to be a woman who hasn't been taking her hormones like she should. If you can, try to talk her into giving you the armor. Good scrap metal brings a nice price nowadays.

**PISCES:** This is a good time for you to have a party. You probably won't have a good time, but at least it will be expensive.

**ARIES:** Suddenly, out of nowhere, a man will appear. His name will be Aloysius. You will be unable to pronounce this, and will make

a complete fool of yourself.

**TAURUS:** Business prospects look good for you. Unfortunately, they only "look" good. Your best bet is to buy a small loom and sell homemade potholders door-to-door.

**GEMINI:** With a little work you can turn your dreams into reality — although why you would want a 12-foot dragon chasing you around a shopping mall is beyond me.

**CANCER:** Attractive romantic partners abound. Sadly, yours is a large cocker spaniel who drools on your best shirt. Don't worry, a

good cleaning service can get the spots out of the carpet.

**LEO:** The mail will bring glad tidings. It will begin with a letter which says, "Greetings..." and goes on to extol the joys of military life. You will try to explain to the officers who come to take you away that you are 75 years old and wear glasses an inch thick. Never mind, Uncle Sam wants you.

**VIRGO:** You will get some much needed support from a family member. Your spouse will buy you a giraffe.

**LIBRA:** Do not be afraid to take the plunge. Just

remember to make sure the pool has water in it before you go off the deep end.

**SCORPIO:** A "blue light special" will hold special attraction for you. There is a strong possibility that you will be trampled by an unruly crowd trying to get a bargain on handwoven underwear carriers.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Travel can be very lucrative now. In other words, Cheez it, the cops!

**CAPRICORN:** You will be tempted to try a new diet today. With your strength you will be able to overcome this

temptation, and will gorge yourself with high calorie food. Hereafter you will be called Hippo Hips.

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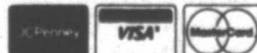
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# Willis chosen as new chairman of Cancer Crusade

Leona Willis of Pampa is to serve as chairman of the American Cancer Society's (ACS) educational and fundraising Cancer Crusade here beginning April 29 and continuing through May 5.

"Under the leadership of Leona Willis, this year's crusade should be one of our most successful campaigns ever. We fully expect to reach all of our goals and aims," said Ron Love, president of the Gray-Roberts unit of the ACS.

"Here in Pampa, we expect to raise in excess of \$20,000," Love said. This money is to go towards support programs in the Pampa area for the prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer, and to provide assistance to cancer patients.

"Another important goal is to help save lives. An army of volunteers will bring information on cancer risk and detection to all residents of Pampa during the door-to-door drive," Love added.

Willis, who is to recruit and lead the Crusade volunteers, brings to the position a background of community involvement.

"The breakdown of how American Cancer Society funds are spent in Texas represents one of the best returns on the dollar that I know of," said Jerry Foote, special gifts chairman for the 1984 Crusade.

In preparing for the Crusade, Foote says he feels it is important for the community to realize ACS expenditures. "It is one part of the ACS we're most proud of and I think our friends and neighbors will be more willing to give to cancer control if they know how well their money is being spent," he said.

The following represents the breakdown of how each dollar raised last year by the ACS is being spent this fiscal year (Sept. 1, 1983 through Aug. 31, 1984) in Texas.

- Cancer Research — \$28
- Professional Education — \$12
- Public Education — \$27
- Service-Rehabilitation — \$24
- Program Dev.-Administration — \$06
- Crusade — \$11
- TOTAL — \$108

This 108 percent expenditure reflects increased research allocation to Texas by our National Society.

"ACS is currently sponsoring research investigations in nine major Texas hospitals, medical schools and universities totaling over \$3.8 million," said Foote. "Because Texas has so many research institutions, the National Society allocates additional funds here."

"In spite of severe inflationary trends, we were able to keep tight control over our administrative costs and keep them within acceptable limits as this breakdown indicates," Foote added.

ACS programs such as patient services and rehabilitation (Reach to Recovery, I Can Cope, Can Surmount, etc.), public education (films, pamphlets, exhibits, the Great American Smokeout) and professional education for the medical community are mainly administered through the society's volunteer system. "Volunteer manpower helps maintain these impressive figures," Foote said.

## County treasurer attends seminar at Texas A&M

Gray County Treasurer Jean Scott of Pampa was one of 210 county treasurers and 25 deputies taking part in the 12th annual County Treasurer's seminar at Texas A&M University, April 16-19.

Theme of the 1984 seminar was "Learning Today for a Better Tomorrow."

The annual seminar is an educational program of the V. G. Young Institute of County Government, a part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas A&M University system. The institute helps Texas' elected county officials become more effective public servants, Scott said.

The County Treasurers' Association of Texas cooperated with the extension service in conducting the seminar.

This year's program

featured discussions on the duties of the county treasurer, basic budgetary procedures, basic accounting principles, current microcomputer applications and use of the "Texas County Treasurer's Procedure Manual."

In addition, professional improvement sessions dealt with cash management, motivation, stress management, written communications, personnel management and the legislative process, she said.

The annual seminar provides 20 hours of study for county treasurers as required by House Bill 570 passed by the 68th Texas Legislature.

Scott was presented a special certificate at the final session for successfully completing the 2½ day educational program.



LEONA WILLIS



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## Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

Your ambitions will be furthered this coming year by friends who will go out of their way to help you. It's extremely important that you acknowledge and later repay their good deeds.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You could be a trifle too curious for your own good today. There's a chance you might ask probing questions of others they prefer not to answer. Major changes are in store for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your year-ahead predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If you borrow something from a friend today, be sure you return it in the same condition you got it. Treat other possessions with respect.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Do not vacillate on important issues today. Your failure to take a firm position will be both annoying and confusing to your associates.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** There's a possibility you might be somewhat of a lazybones today, and it's going to take extra effort to perform at your usual level of productivity.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Be on guard in social situations today, especially if you encounter one you know from experience to be a bit deceitful. Don't let her take you in.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You will eventually be held accountable for any promises you make to others today, so don't agree to do something merely for the sake of expediency.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Tasks of a mental nature should be attended to as early in the day as possible. By afternoon, you might not be able to marshal full concentration.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Most of the day you're apt to manage your resources prudently. However, if you go out on the town this evening, it could be an extravagant night.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Conditions are reasonably favorable for you today, yet you could be plagued with self-doubts and fail to do things which serve your best interests.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Keep faith with a person who has placed her confidence in you if she wanted others to know what she told you, she would have told them herself.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Be kind and generous to the deserving today, but don't allow yourself to be taken advantage of by someone who has a history of using others.

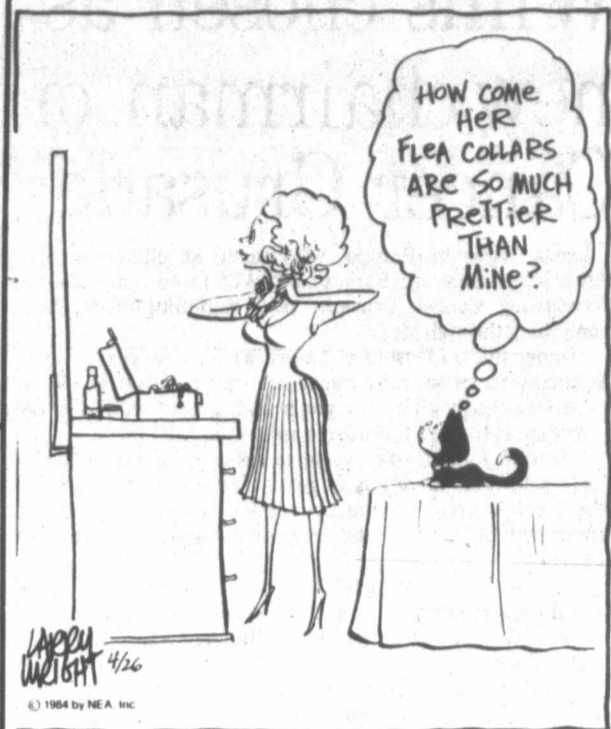
**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Beware of tendencies today to do things in opposition to your own common sense, when you know your chances of succeeding are very slim.

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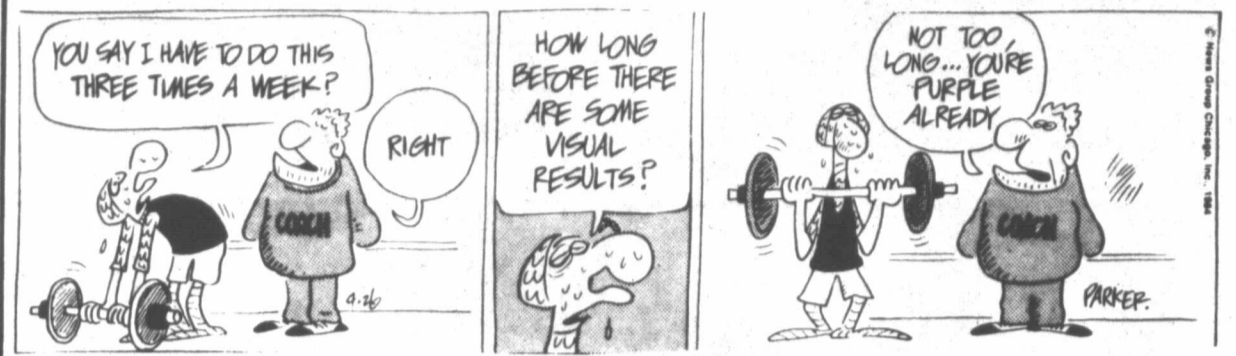
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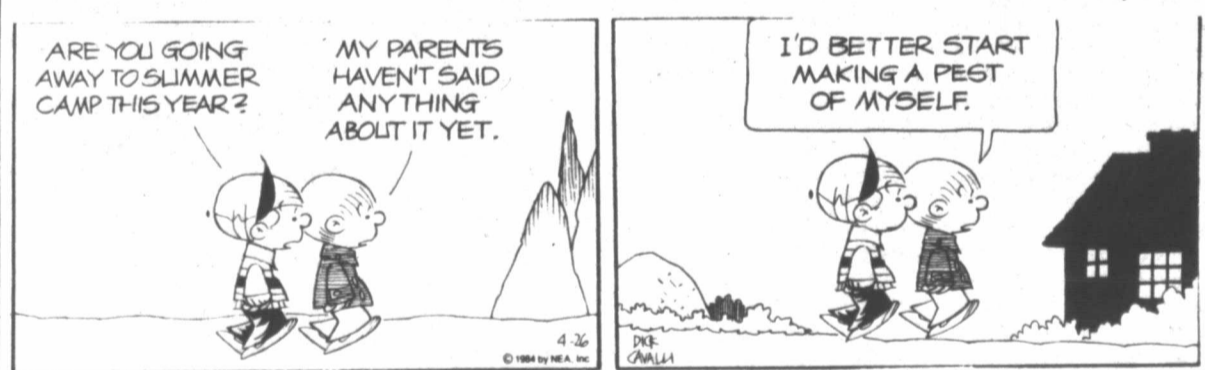
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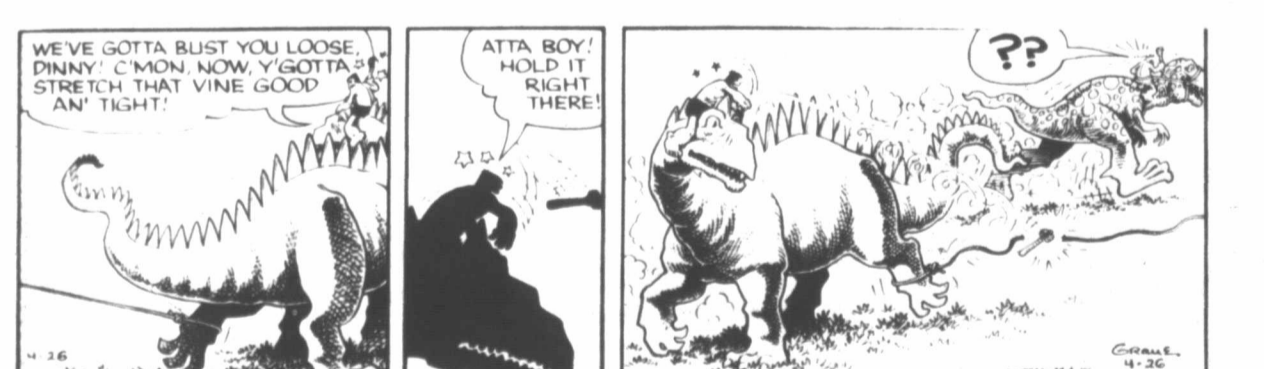
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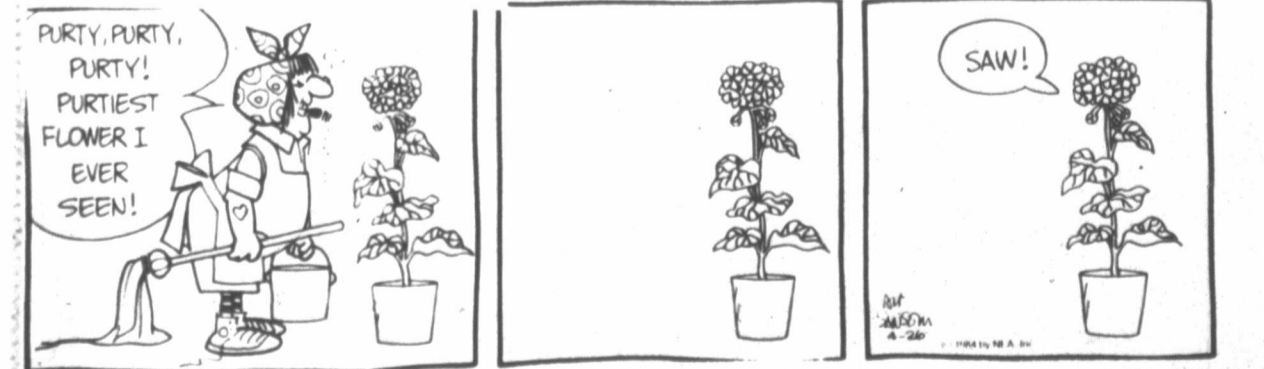
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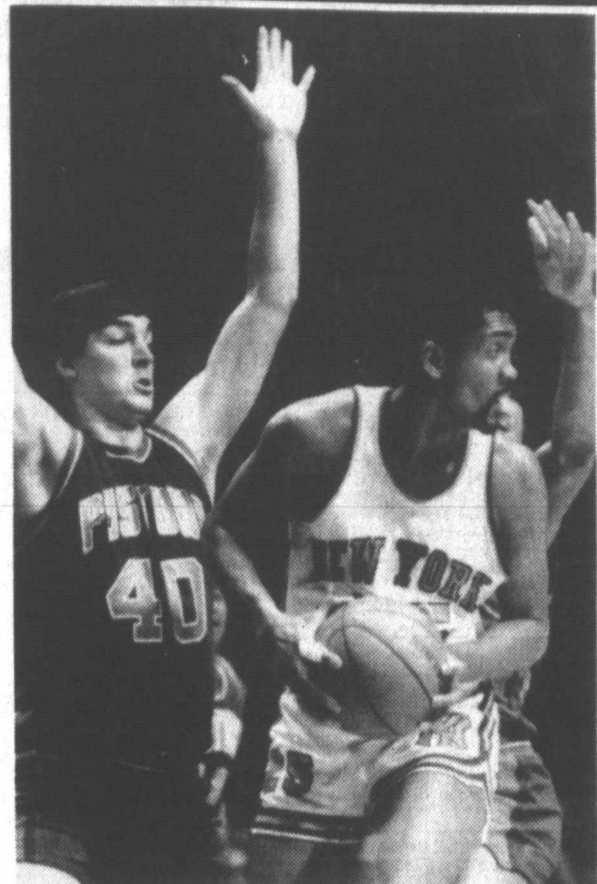


PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schultz



# SPORTS SCENE



**WHICH WAY?**—Bill Cartwright (25) of the New York Knicks looks for a teammate while being guarded by Detroit's Bill Laimbeer during NBA playoff action Wednesday night. The Pistons won, 119-112, to deadlock their series at two games apiece. (AP Laserphoto)

## Pistons even series with Knicks, 2-all

NEW YORK (AP)—The way teams are winning on the road in the National Basketball Association playoffs, the Detroit Pistons aren't about to claim a homecourt advantage for the fifth and deciding game of their series with the New York Knicks.

In fact, the Pistons' "home" game Friday night will be at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, miles away from the Pistons' regular homecourt at the Pontiac Silverdome, which was previously booked with motorcycle racing.

"I've never been in Joe Louis Arena, nor have I even seen it," Detroit Coach Chuck Daly said after the Pistons defeated the Knicks 119-112 here Wednesday night to deadlock the best-of-five series 2-2. "It's a completely foreign court to me. We just have to put some people in it on Friday night."

"No matter where you play, you have to put the ball in the hole," said Isiah Thomas, who led the Pistons with 22 points and 16 assists in Game 4.

"The last game will be a knock-down, drag-out fight," added Pistons center Bill Laimbeer, who hit eight of 10 field goal attempts and scored 18 points. "Where we play doesn't make a lot of difference."

"Joe Louis Arena doesn't mean anything to anybody," said Knicks Coach Hubie Brown, who saw his team lose despite 41 points from Bernard King, his third straight 40-point performance. "This will be the first time both teams play there. We'll both have to learn the bounces when we practice."

The fifth and deciding game of five other series will be held tonight.

Philadelphia, Utah, Dallas and Portland, each of whom won on the road Tuesday night, play host to New Jersey, Denver, Seattle and Phoenix, respectively, while Atlanta is at Milwaukee in the only first-round series that has seen the home team win every game. The Nets-76ers series has seen the road team win every game.

Boston already has advanced to the second round by beating Washington in three of four games, while Los Angeles swept Kansas City 3-0.

Although Daly and the Pistons, making their first postseason appearance in seven years, discount the advantage of leaving New York in Game 5, they believe the experience of playing two games at Madison Square Garden was worthwhile.

## Babe Ruth season opens April 30

The Pampa Babe Ruth Baseball League opens the 1984 season April 30 at Optimist Park with Cree Company playing the First National Bank at 7:30 p.m.

Pampa Hardware, managed by Gerrel Owens and coached by Marvin Elam, will be going after its sixth consecutive league title.

Umpires are needed. Interested persons may contact Gary Graves at 665-2244.

The remainder of the '84 schedule is as follows:

**May**  
1-Grant Supply vs. Lions Club, 6 p.m.; J.T. Richardson vs. Pampa Hardware, 8:30 p.m.; 3-Holmes Gift Shoppe vs. Cree Company, 6 p.m.; Pampa Hardware vs. Grant Supply, 8:30 p.m.; 4-J.T. Richardson vs. First National Bank, 6 p.m.; Lions Club vs. Holmes Gift Shoppe, 8:30 p.m.; 7-Holmes Gift Shoppe vs. Grant Supply, 6 p.m.; First National Bank vs. Lions Club, 8:30 p.m.; 8-Pampa Hardware vs. Cree, 6 p.m.; J.T. Richardson vs. Grant Supply, 8:30 p.m.

Three Babe Ruth games are scheduled for the Optimist Club's Opening Day Ceremonies on May 12. First National Bank will play Pampa Hardware at 12 noon, Cree Company plays the Lions Club at 2:30 p.m. and Holmes Gift Shoppe meets J.T. Richardson at 7:30 p.m.

14-Grant Supply vs. Cree

Company, 7:30 p.m.; 15-First National Bank vs. Holmes Gift Shoppe, 6 p.m.; Pampa Hardware vs. Lions Club, 8:30 p.m.; 17-Cree Company vs. J.T. Richardson, 6 p.m.; Grant Supply vs. First National Bank, 8:30 p.m.; 18-Pampa Hardware vs. Holmes Gift Shoppe, 6 p.m.; J.T. Richardson vs. Lions Club, 8:30 p.m.; 21-Lions Club vs. Grant Supply, 7:30 p.m.; 22-Pampa Hardware vs. J.T. Richardson, 6 p.m.; Cree Company vs. Holmes Gift Shoppe, 8:30 p.m.; 25-Lions Club vs. J.T. Richardson, 6 p.m.; Holmes Gift Shoppe vs. First National Bank 8:30

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June  
1-Lions Club vs. Pampa

## AL roundup Pryor swings big bat for Royals

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON  
AP Sports Writer  
Thanks to a utilityman named Greg Pryor, the Kansas City Royals haven't had a chance to miss George Brett.

"People sometimes forget what a good player Greg Pryor is. He's been a very good acquisition for us. He won a game for us in 1982 with a home run. He's got some pop in his bat," Manager Dick Howser said Wednesday night after Pryor won another game for the Royals with a two-out home run in the bottom of the ninth inning that produced a 3-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Pryor has been the Royals' third baseman since Brett injured a knee in the final exhibition game. And the 34-year-old veteran, a lifetime .297 hitter, is batting a nifty .321. Even Brett wouldn't sneeze at that.

In other American League games, Detroit trimmed Texas 9-4, California downed Milwaukee 5-1, Toronto bombed Oakland 11-0, Minnesota defeated New

York 8-6, Cleveland trounced Chicago 9-2 and Boston nipped Seattle 2-1.

Pryor hit his game-winning home run off Baltimore relief ace Tippy Martinez.

"This is my seventh year in the big leagues and I want to be here as many years as I can," Pryor said. "Things like this make my job a lot more fun. This was great."

The Royals tied the game 2-2 in the eighth on an unearned run without a hit. Onix Concepcion drew a walk from Sammy Stewart and was sacrificed to second. After Martinez took over, Concepcion stole third and Leon Roberts lifted a pop fly into shallow right field that Gary Roenicke dropped for an error, allowing Concepcion to score.

The loss dropped the world champion Orioles to 5-13, the worst record in the majors and 11 games behind runaway Detroit in the AL East.

"We can't keep playing one good one and two bad ones, or one good one and one bad one," said Manager Joe Altobelli. "We just can't keep doing that."

## Softball tournament set May 25-27 in Plainview

The Plainview Softball Association is sponsoring a men's and women's slowpitch softball tournament May 25-27.

Entry fee is \$85 for first 30 men's teams and \$80 for the first 20 women's teams. Entry deadline is May 21.

The ASA-sanctioned tournament will present several awards in both men's and women's categories. Men's awards include: 1-4 team trophies, 1-4 individual trophies, most valuable player (two watches) and an all-tournament team (t-shirts). Women's awards include: 1-3 team trophies, 1-3 individual trophies, most valuable player (2 watches) and an all-tournament team (t-shirts). Team sportsmanship trophies will be presented in both divisions. Checks should be made payable to: P.S.B. Softball Tournament Account, P.O. Box 1963, Plainview, Tex. 79073-1963. P.J. Lemons (806-293-8932) or Stan Beasley (806-293-2226) can be contacted for further information.

## Harvesters stay alive in 1-4A baseball playoff race

Pampa keeps its hopes alive in the District 1-4A baseball race Tuesday with the 6-5 11-inning win over first-place Borger, but the Harvesters need help to snare a playoff spot.

Borger and Lubbock Estacado are tied for first with 8-3 records while Canyon is second at 7-4. Pampa is 6-5 with three games to go in the season.

"We're going to have to win the rest of our games and somebody is going to have to beat Borger twice and Canyon once for us to have a chance," said Pampa Coach

Billy Butler. "In high school baseball anything is possible."

At one point, the Harvesters had a 4-1 district record before going into a tailspin and dropping four of their next five games.

"We and the other coaches got to talking the other day and we figured the district winner would finish with a 10-4 record," Butler said. "That's just about the way it's going to end up."

Gary Clark will start on the mound against visiting Brownfield Saturday afternoon. Going into last

Tuesday's game, Clark is also Pampa's top hitter with a .350 average. Centerfielder Alfredo Soto is batting .341 with 11 RBI and 3 home runs. Scott McCartney is hitting .333 as a parttime starter and a pinch hitter. McCartney had two of Pampa's eight hits in the win over Borger.

## Announcers named for WTSU football games

Dick Bay and Lee Banks will team this fall to broadcast West Texas State football.

Bay, who has recently handled the high school Game of the Week, will do the play-by-play, while Banks will handle the color commentary.

Bay began his career working as the sports director at KGNC radio and television. He has broadcast high school football and basketball, and the games of Amarillo's professional hockey team.

He also has worked in Ohio as the play-by-play announcer for the Cincinnati Swords of the American Hockey League Team and did

some work for the Cincinnati Reds.

Banks did radio and television work in Waco and worked for WFAA-radio in Dallas.

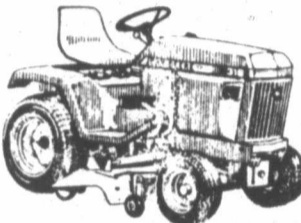
In Amarillo he has worked at KGNC, and began broadcasting high school football games in the late '70s. He has also helped with the NWIT broadcasts for the past two years.

Bay replaces Warren Hasse, who broadcast WT football for 30 years. Hasse was not asked back for the 1984 season.

Mike Fox, who did the color for Hasse, will not do WT football because of business commitments.



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# Taking look at the leading indicators

By CHET CURRIER  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Strong new evidence of a slowing economy is expected in the next few days.

When the government issues its report Monday on the index of leading economic indicators for March, analysts say, the figure is likely to show a significant drop.

The forecasting firm of Evans Economics projects a 0.8 percent decline, with the chance that it could be as large as 1.5 percent.

At the investment firm of A.G. Becker Paribas, economist Richard Hoey sees a drop of between 0.4 percent and 1 percent, with 0.7 percent the most probable reading.

The index, calculated by the Commerce Department, is designed to detect future economic trends by measuring early warning signals in such things as building permits, prices of certain raw materials, business formations and even stock prices.

Because private economists have access to these figures as well, they can estimate in advance what the government report will look like.

The index is not infallible, most experts agree. It can give erratic signals at times and, like many other official gauges of the economy, it is subject to revision later on when more complete data are in.

But at the moment, a good many observers believe a dropoff in business activity is indeed at hand — and none too soon, they say. As Evans Economics puts it, "Last year the economy went on a binge. We are now paying for that binge in the form of higher inflation and higher interest rates."

Jack Lavery, economist at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, observes that "continued strong gains in overall business activity would add to the nervousness in the financial markets, since upward pressure on both interest rates and inflation would intensify."

"Conversely, if the economy is in a 'transition' phase, moving from a period of rapid growth to a more moderate pace of expansion, a subsequent easing in credit conditions could materialize."

Lavery argues that there already is evidence in hand that this transition is taking place — including recent declines in retail sales and a downward turn in measures of consumer confidence.

In the view of Lavery and others, all this means that there could be quite a dramatic change in the picture presented by the economy for the second quarter of the year compared to the first quarter.

The gross national product, according to the latest figures, grew at a powerful 8.3 percent annual rate, after adjustment for inflation, in the first quarter.

As long as a slowdown doesn't open the doors to a new recession, most economists agree it would be a favorable turn of events, putting the economy at a pace that can be sustained over time without causing a lot of adverse side effects.

# Friends take short cut to their death

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The new truce made Mohieddin Khawam feel safer, so he took a short cut home. He never made it.

Sniper fire cut down Khawam and a friend near the "green line," the zone which splits Beirut into Moslem and Christian sectors. They were but two of many civilians who have died during a cease-fire — one in a long line of truces called in hopes of finally ending civil warfare that began nine years ago.

Since the latest cease-fire was proclaimed a week ago, at least nine people have been killed and 80 wounded. Khawam, 52, left a wife and children — four daughters and three sons ranging in age from 14 to 22.

Friends, neighbors and relatives gathered Wednesday to mourn at his house, just a block from where he died. Khawam, 52, left a wife and children — four daughters and three sons ranging in age from 14 to 22.

Khawam, described as a quiet man, was with his friend — known to the family only as Mohammed — when

the two were killed Tuesday outside Khawam's restaurant. The men had walked directly into the street instead of taking a longer route behind the building where they would have been protected from sniper fire. Khalife himself was wounded by a sniper on the same street facing "green line" positions several months ago. Earlier this week, two people were wounded on the street.

Khawam's restaurant is in the Moslem neighborhood of Khandak El-Ghamik, a low-income quarter that runs along the "green line" at the edge of the old commercial district in downtown Beirut.

The restaurant serves the traditional Lebanese breakfast of "hommos," a dish of mashed chickpeas, and "foole," cooked beans. The eatery is called "Abu Adel" after its owner. Khawam, like many Arabs, was known also by the name of his first son. "Abu" means "father of"; Adel is his oldest son.

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# Organization stresses child abuse enforcement

By JACK KEEVER  
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AUSTIN (AP) — A young mother of two, who founded an organization to stop child abuse, says that after learning how most cases are handled, "If anybody ever hurt one of my kids, I don't think I could sit back and wait for justice to be done."

Stephanie Boucher, founder, bookkeeper and secretary of MAAM — Mothers (And others) Against Murder — was asked if she meant taking the law into her own hands.

She nodded "Yes," and said, "And that scares me, because there are a lot of people who feel that way."

"I believe the public is tired of the injustice in this world across the board, all of it — murderers going free, robbers. But when we're talking about child abuse, we're scraping the bottom of the barrel."

"Now, I would spank my children because I believe in spanking, but there have been a few times that I have been so upset that I knew I couldn't touch that kid. An alarm went off inside me. Child abusers don't have that alarm, because they were taught to hit, and that's the only thing they know."

Ms. Boucher, 29, was in Austin recently for a series of meetings and "to drum up support for MAAM," which included making herself available for an interview in the Capitol office of Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi.

She said she and her husband, Jerry, a Bowie police officer, moved from Corpus Christi to Forestburg, Montague County, to escape the city and "raise our kids in a great atmosphere, the country life."

"When I left, I said I do not want to read the paper. I don't want to listen to the news. I don't want to watch the news. This world is so horrible that I don't want to know what is going on outside of my little domain. I'm going to close myself in," Ms. Boucher said.

She said she did just that until a woman went on trial in Montague County last summer in the death of her 4-year-old son.

"My only thought was, 'Good, they need to hang her and get it over with.'" Ms. Boucher said the woman received a 10-year sentence, then placed on probation so she would not be separated from her other children.

"For six weeks I went through pure torment, pure torment over what she considered a grave injustice, she said. "It would not leave me alone. Something inside of me kept saying, 'This is it. You can't ignore this.'"

"At the end of six weeks, I found God was telling me, 'Well, here it is. You've asked, and this is what I want you to do.' I really feel like God has called me to do this,

and he's given me tremendous support," she said. "It's incredible."

Ms. Boucher said she never starts her story by mentioning God, so "I won't sound like a complete fanatic."

MAAM, she said, was started as a non-profit corporation in August, and the first chapter was in Montague County. From there she sought out hometown connections in Corpus Christi, and visited several legislators, thinking, "Boy, everything's going to be great."

She said she got the same story from lawmakers — "Well, anything my staff can do to help you," and, "I'm not going to put myself on the spot."

Berlanga, however, agreed to sponsor her bill to create a state agency to conduct preliminary investigations on all child abuse reports. The agency would determine whether the case would be forwarded to the Department of Human Resources for civil action or to prosecutors for possible criminal charges.

"One thing we want is better prosecution and that distinguishes us from most everybody else," Ms. Boucher said. "To this day, I have not found another organization stressing enforcement."

About 2½ months after MAAM was incorporated, she said, it had 47 chapters and 10,000 members. She admits the count is rough, because members may send in

contributions but do not pay dues.

How is MAAM financed? "We're talking prayers," she said, and laughed. She said her husband brings home \$800 a month, and the family of four lives in a trailer which "includes a little hole in the wall I call my office." She said she had an answering machine, but it was disconnected for non-payment.

MAAM, she said, is \$2,000 in debt, and her 1979 car — the MAAM and Boucher family car — broke down in Fort Worth on the trip to Austin. The repairs will cost \$600, she said, and she had to rent a car, which was more expense.

"One thing that bothers me is I run across people who have been doing this type of thing for a long time, or even a short time, and they tend to get calloused. I think it's self-preservation," she said. "But every case I hear I cry over, and I have said, 'God, please don't let me ever get to the point that the cases don't bother me.'"

Her own children, Jessica 6 and Nathan 8, prop her up when she's down, she said.

Once, in the beginning, after she had lost five pounds on a four-day trip, she thought the task might be too much, but recalls Jessica saying, "Mommie, it's OK, because if we keep working real hard, there aren't going to be any more kids getting dead around here."

In January, when it was so cold that ice had formed on

the inside walls of the Boucher trailer, and the bills were piling up, and Ms. Boucher had spent most of the day on the phone over a "particularly sad child abuse case," she said she could feel the tears flowing down her cheeks, and she couldn't quit crying. The children asked what was wrong, and she said she told them:

"Oh, I'm just sick and tired of not getting anywhere. I'm sick and tired of hitting my head against the wall. I'm sick and tired of not having money to do for my kids what I want to do. Maybe I ought to

forget all this and get a job so I can do something for my own family."

Jessica responded, "Mommie, if you quit now my heart will just break."

The next day, driving to church, Nathan said, "Mom, me and Jessica are really proud of you, and I want you to know when you get too old to do your work with MAAM, we're going to take over and then our kids, and we're never going to give up MAAM."

"With kids like this, how I can ever quit?" Ms. Boucher said. And she laughed.

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