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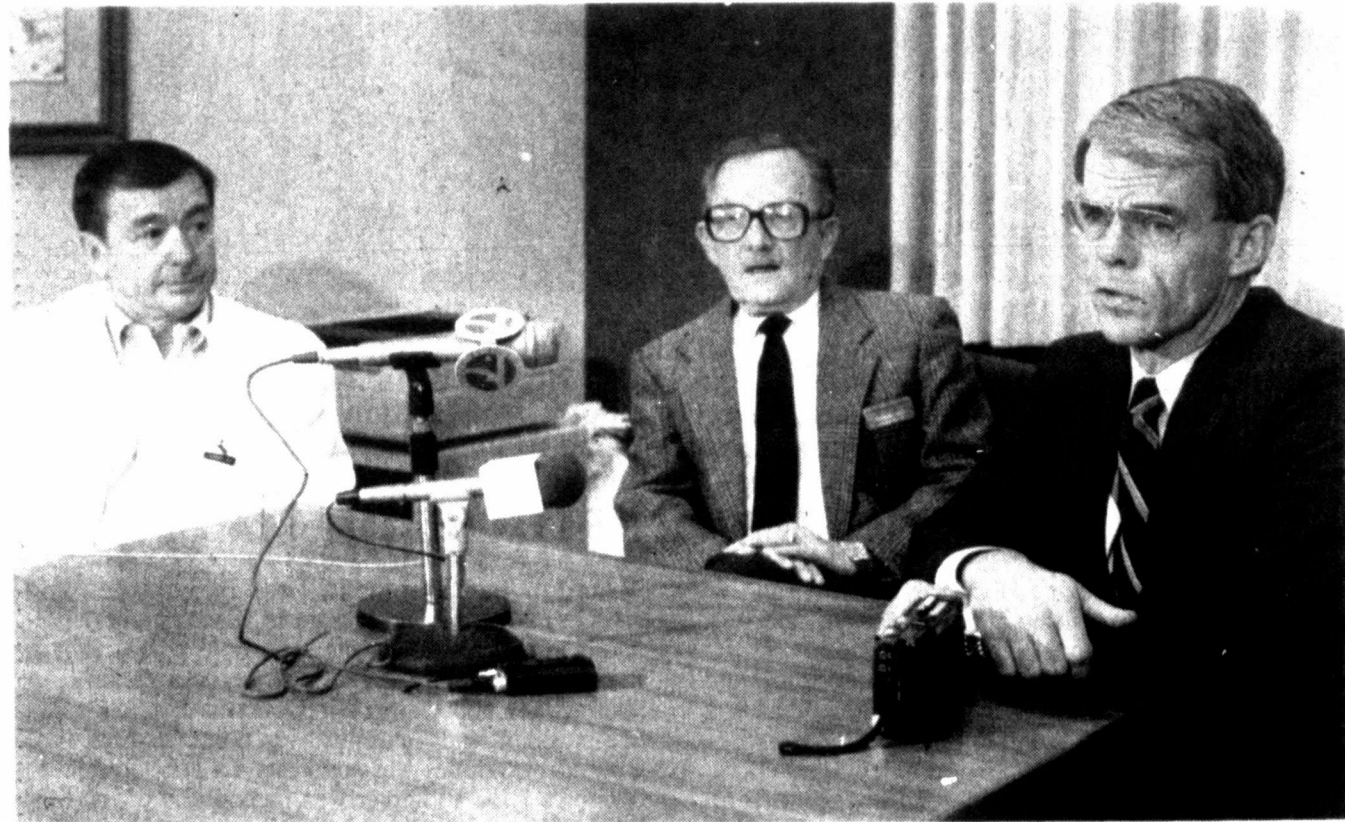
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(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

State Rep. Warren Chisum, left, and Coronado Hospital Administrator Norman Knox, center, listen Wednesday as Jim Dalton, regional vice president of HealthTrust Inc., speaks during a press conference at the hospital.

Coronado Hospital 'doing well,' HealthTrust Inc. executive says

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Coronado Hospital received a healthy check-up Wednesday from two executives with HealthTrust Inc. during a swing through the Southwest Region.

Charles N. Martin, president and chief operating officer of HealthTrust Inc., accompanied by Jim Dalton, regional vice president of HealthTrust, have been touring HealthTrust hospitals during the past few weeks. The two are from HealthTrust headquarters in Nashville, Tenn.

While in Pampa Wednesday, Dalton said Coronado Hospital is one of the success stories of HealthTrust. Coronado Hospital became part of HealthTrust, an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) company, in September 1987 when 104 hospitals belonging to Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) formed the new company.

"This hospital is doing very well," Dalton said during a press conference at the hospital. "We're very pleased with the hospital when many are closing due to the dire economic times."

Dalton attributed the hospital's success to the staff, administration, doctors, community and business community. He also said ESOP plays an important role in the success of HealthTrust. ESOP was used to finance part of the acquisition of the

hospitals several years ago. HealthTrust borrowed \$2 billion in 1987 to acquire the hospitals, he said.

"ESOP is people working for themselves," Dalton said.

Although Dalton explained that the employees do not benefit directly from ESOP until they retire or are disabled, he said in the meantime they are building their retirement benefits.

There are now 92 of the original 104 hospitals HealthTrust acquired still in the organization. Dalton said the company took a close look at the hospitals when they were acquired and chose to "divest" of some of them.

"Some were not doing as well as others and some did not have a lot of real potential," Dalton said.

Some 40 hospitals in HealthTrust, including Coronado Hospital, are the only hospital in their communities. Dalton said the typical profile of a HealthTrust operation is a 135-bed hospital, adding that more than half of the hospitals are in small communities. HealthTrust has 14 hospitals in Texas.

When asked what the future held for Coronado Hospital, Dalton responded that the hospital is now in good condition. He added, "We will continue to look at all of the assets. We have sold most of the ones we recognized early (that were non-profitable). Economics could change year to year."

Coronado is a 115-bed acute care facility that has added services since becoming part of HealthTrust, Nor-

man Knox, administrator, said. The additions include a birthing room, an extended care unit, an in-house CT scanner, a heart catheterization laboratory, new monitoring equipment in the ICU and a new cystoscopy room.

New programs the Pampa hospital hopes to include in the 1990-91 fiscal year budget include land improvements to the west side of the hospital, an out-patient surgery addition and a step-down unit from the coronary intensive care unit.

Dalton said he hopes the 1990s will bring several definitions from local, state and national levels on health care issues. He said he would like to see the national health care policy defined to give hospitals a better sense of direction. He also said at the local level the health care delivery system needs to be clearly defined.

Dalton, as regional vice president, is responsible for overseeing the operations of HealthTrust Inc. hospitals in the Southwest Region, currently consisting of 17 hospitals. Dalton came to the company from HCA, where he served as vice president of the Dallas/Fort Worth division.

Martin is responsible for all hospital operations at HealthTrust Inc. and has responsibility for development, marketing and support services. He, too, came to HealthTrust Inc. from HCA, where he had served as executive vice president, marketing and development since 1985.

Crews work to save beach from oil spill in California

By LYNN ELBER
Associated Press Writer

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Crews worked today to protect a wildlife preserve and beaches from a slick of more than 290,000 gallons of oil spilled from a tanker that may have gashed itself on its anchor.

The 811-foot American Trader, fully loaded with 21 million gallons of heavy Alaskan crude, tore a 3-foot hole in a compartment Wednesday as it was moored at an offshore pipeline terminal 1 1/2 miles from shore, the Coast Guard said.

The slick hovered about a mile from several popular beaches and an estuary this morning, but desert winds today condensed it from a four-mile-long plume into a roundish, mile-long blob and were pushing it away from shore, officials said.

"It's good, because it's a smaller area for us to corral," said Coast Guard Petty Officer Mark Kennedy. "But the farther it gets offshore, the harder it will be to get it out of the water."

Cleanup crews using oil-containment booms and skimmer boats were helped today by calm seas. Lifeguards patrolled the beaches for signs of oil. Nine oil-fouled birds were found alive on the beach, said life-guard Bill Richardson.

"Those wetlands and wildlife preserves are so very precious," said Dorothy Green, president of Heal the Bay, a local environmental group.

The spill occurred just off Huntington Beach, a city about 30 miles south of Los Angeles long popular with surfers and sunbathers and often the scene for movies and TV shows featuring surfing.

The tanker sat more than 40 feet deep in the water, said Sanford Schmidt, president of American Trading Transportation Co. of New York, which operates the ship. The American Trader was leased by British Petroleum Oil Shipping Co. USA.

British Petroleum has assumed responsibility for the spill and hired a contractor to join in the cleanup, which was led by Clean Coastal Waters, a cooperative funded by oil companies, the Coast Guard said.

A diver found a hole in the bottom of a forward compartment that held more than 1 million gallons of crude, said Coast Guard Capt. James Card. No other damage was found.

The Coast Guard initially reported the tanker had struck a submerged pipeline, but Schmidt said the captain speculated that the vessel was punctured by one of its anchors as it was maneuvering at less than 1 mph.

Schmidt said the ship had dropped two anchors off the bow and eased backward into a nest of buoys. But he said there was speculation that a swell caused the front of the ship to lift up and one of the anchors to swing loose.

Coast Guard Cmdr. Scott Porter, assistant chief of marine safety, couldn't confirm the account. He said the cause of the spill remained under investigation.

The tanker captain, Robert Laware, and the first mate were tested for alcohol and drugs, but results were not immediately available, officials said.

Oil containment booms were set around the tanker. Protective booms were set at the Bolsa Chica wildlife preserve, Alamitos Bay, Anaheim Bay, Santa Ana River and upper Newport Bay, Coast Guard Lt. Vince Campos said.

Voter registration



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Elaine Cooper, right, helps Betty Pannell, a resident at Coronado Nursing Center, fill out a voter registration card. Cooper, a voter registrar from the Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector's office, was at the nursing center Wednesday to provide the voter registration service. The last day to submit an application to register to vote in the March 13 primary is Sunday, Feb. 11.

All-State Choir students



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

These voice students of Susie Wilson are in San Antonio preparing for the 1990 All-State Choir performance Saturday afternoon at the San Antonio Convention Center. They were among the more than 200 outstanding choir students from throughout the state chosen for this prestigious event. Pictured are, from left, Liz Stiles of Wheeler and Krystal Keyes, Angie Harvey and Mark Bridges, all of Pampa.

Bush says U.S. needs to keep strong defense

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — President Bush, saying U.S. military strength "is the catalyst for arms control," contends the way to further Soviet reform is to maintain America's defense resolve, not lay down arms.

Bush today was to make an inspection tour of B-52 bombers and climb into the cockpit of a B-1 at Strategic Air Command headquarters, capping a barnstorming trip in defense of his \$292 billion military budget.

He also planned to tour SAC's underground command center and address by radio its forces deployed around the world on ground alert, ready to unleash

America's nuclear arsenal against enemy attack. The visit to SAC facilities at Offutt AFB was to follow a GOP fund-raising breakfast for Gov. Kay Orr.

Bush flew to Omaha Wednesday evening after touring Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, a nuclear weapons and Star Wars research facility, and delivering a foreign policy address in San Francisco.

Speaking before 2,500 members of the Commonwealth Club, he refrained from passing judgment on the move by Soviet communist leaders to relinquish their party's constitutional monopoly on power.

Rotarians urged to fight trends of dropouts and juvenile crime

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

An authority on youth development urged members of the Pampa Noon Rotary to make a conscious decision to fight trends of growing numbers of high school dropouts and youths turning to crime.

Her comments came during a presentation Wednesday at Coronado Inn.

Dr. Lynne Thibodeaux, a 4-H and youth development specialist with the Texas A&M Extension Service in College Station, said Texas spends more on prisons than it does education, the result of which is more teenagers dropping out of school and becoming incarcerated.

"We have a serious problem with juvenile justice and crime," she said. "We are finding out rehabilitation has never been truly successful. We know that for every tax dollar we spend on preventative education, we save \$4.75 on corrections."

Thibodeaux said it would be less expensive to bring up a person on public assistance, including paying for their college books and tuition, than it would be to keep them in prison for two years.

"We should not be a welfare state," she stated, "but we should also not just recycle people back into a system where they can't get ahead."

In giving an overview of the challenges facing society, Thibodeaux explained it currently takes 17 people in the work force to support every retiree on Social Security. Yet, she said, by 1993 there will be three retirees for every one worker.

"I don't know about you, but I'm going to find my three kids and make sure they make good money so I can afford to retire," she said.

Statistics Thibodeaux presented showed that the majority of young adults do not become financially independent until they are 25 to 30 years of age, while their parents became financially able to care for themselves usually by the age of 18 to 20.

"We have got to help these young people," she said. "It will make a difference in the quality of our lives as well as theirs."

In making that difference, Thibodeaux said children must be taught four qualities — to recognize problems, know how to identify solutions, make a decision regarding the best solution

and then know how to live with the decision they made.

"We're going to have to make a decision to support education," she said of Texas, which is currently spending at least a billion dollars less a year than what the state Supreme Court has ruled is needed to provide a quality education to public school students.

"Money is important," she continued, "but it's not the only answer. What you've done in Pampa is bring in the community. There are a lot of communities where the priority is to keep parents off the back of school officials."

She said the city is on the right track with its Pampa 2000 project of community and business involvement in education, which she said is a model for the state.

Thibodeaux encouraged Rotarians to not become complacent, though, with what has been done, saying the economic and environmental problems of the next century will require leaders who are adequately equipped to handle monumental problems.

"Just because my son is 21 doesn't mean I shouldn't care about public education," she said. "I have a stake in how these young people turn out."

Democratic gubernatorial candidates square off in televised debate

By LAURA TOLLEY
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The major Democratic contenders for governor squared off on education, crime and abortion in a statewide televised debate, but the issue they battled over most was one they all claimed to support — a state lottery.

Attorney General Jim Mattox, who has made the lottery a cornerstone of his campaign, said both his opponents at different times have not backed the idea and they only are supporting it now because it's gained popularity.

"What's happened is you feel the political winds blowing in your faces and you've decided to get on with it," Mattox said during the 90-minute debate Wednesday night.

But former Gov. Mark White and State Treasurer Ann Richards repeatedly said they supported a state lottery.

"I'm for a lottery, and I think you are too, Mark," said Ms. Richards, who in a recent poll led White in a close race with Mattox trailing far behind. But she added

she believes a lottery is an "unstable source of revenue."

At one point, rather than reply to another question about education, she said, "Let's talk about the lottery so we can finish this sucker."

Richards also said she thinks Mattox's television campaign advertisement in which he indicates his two opponents don't support a lottery is "a lie, and I think you need to pull it down."

"I'm not about to change my TV commercials," Mattox said after the debate.

White said he, too, is for a lottery and against raising taxes.

"Well, I think we did well," White said after the debate. "I think maybe for the first time, we got it kind of cleared up on the lottery."

Early in the debate, Richards said she would veto a bill that would forbid abortions for girls 16 years of age or younger.

"I cannot arrive at any conclusion but that no legislator, no judge and no bureaucrat has any business in determining whether a white woman has an abortion or not," she said.



Democratic gubernatorial candidates — from left, White, Richards and Mattox — make their way to center stage for Wednesday night's debate in Houston.

After the debate, Richards said she did not recall exactly what was said, but added that "white women ... is not a phrase that I use. I think what I said was 'why women.'" Neither White nor Mattox nor the panelists questioned her on the remark, but the subject came up at a news conference afterward.

The debate, held at the George R. Brown Convention Center, was broadcast throughout the state on Public Broadcasting System stations. The three candidates for the March 13 primary answered about a dozen questions, including those from a panel of three reporters and one question each that was posed by an opponent.

Afterwards, both Mattox and White claimed victory, while Richards said she thought "it was a good, balanced debate."

"I think the issues were very clear cut and very strong," White said. "You've got a record with Mark White and you don't know how the other two would do. Mark White keeps the commitments he has made."

Mattox said he felt Richards and White "both decided they would

orchestrate their activities against Jim Mattox ... But our momentum is going to carry us on to victory."

Richards, however, later denied entering into any pact with White before the debate.

Mattox also said it was obvious both of his opponents "had worked out certain funny lines that they were going to say."

"I don't have time to listen to the laughter or wait for the applause," Mattox added.

Other subjects included election of judges, the death penalty, crime and punishment, drug and alcohol abuse and campaign finances and income disclosure. Each gave closing statements on topics of their choice.

About 4,000 people were invited to attend the debate, with each of the candidates given about 1,000 tickets to distribute to supporters. Former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros served as moderator.

A similar session involving the four major Republican gubernatorial candidates — Kent Hance, Tom Luce, Jack Rains and Clayton Williams — was scheduled for tonight.

Fellow students mourn death of lung implant recipient

By ROBERT MIMS
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 16-year-old girl died of pulmonary failure 4 1/2 days after becoming the world's first recipient of an experimental lung-assist device, but the device's developer said it performed as intended and will be tested on other patients.

Melicia "Mimi" Harvey, 16, of Arthur City, Texas, who suffered from Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome and had not been expected to live, died Wednesday of "worsening pulmonary failure," said Tim Madden, spokesman at LDS Hospital.

Word of the death stunned Mimi's classmates at North Lamar high school. Many of the school's 735 students, who included the girl's sister and brother, wept unabashedly, and eight ministers went to the school to counsel students.

Those closest to her said Mimi added a spark to any place she went. She was vice president of the student council and played flute in the school's band.

"She had a great sense of humor and she had a contagious laugh," said Krissy Hicks, who was on the drill team with her. "She was always telling these weird jokes that nobody understood."

School officials authorized a fund-raising "Mimi Harvey Day" on Friday to help pay burial expenses.

The girl's mother, Edith Harvey, 41, died Jan. 31. School officials said Mrs. Harvey's death was related to diabetes.

The girl's identity and details of her condition had been kept private at her family's request until a Texas newspaper, *The Paris News*, identified her and her father, Atrell Harvey II. With the family's permission, Madden confirmed her identity Wednesday.

The experimental IntraVascular Oxygenator, implanted during two hours of surgery Friday afternoon, functioned properly, Madden said, and the hospital's government-approved implants will continue.

"There were no clinical complications from the use of the device, which added oxygen to and removed carbon dioxide from the patient's blood," Madden said.

The IVOX, a 20-inch bundle of hundreds of synthetic tubes about as fine as human hair, with walls so thin that oxygen and carbon dioxide can pass through, was designed to give damaged lungs time to rest and recover.



Melicia Harvey

Hershey Medical Center at Pennsylvania State University, the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor and the Los Angeles County-University of Southern California Medical Center.

Protocol set by the FDA stipulated that the device be used on patients requiring 100 percent oxygen and who have no better than a 10 percent chance of survival, and its use is limited to seven days.

Before Mimi died, it was unclear how long doctors intended to leave the device inside her. Madden had said any use beyond the seven days would require FDA permission.

Madden said that in its most severe forms, Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome is fatal in 90-95 percent of all cases. It is a condition with a variety of causes, including pneumonia, smoke or gas inhalation, drug overdose, partial drowning, or a high concentration of oxygen, and is characterized by an inability of the lung to transfer oxygen to the blood.

Mimi also received conventional treatments, which ordinarily include mechanical ventilation, antibiotics and medications designed to remove excess fluid and support heart function, he said.

Mortensen would not specifically discuss Mimi's case, but did indicate her death did not come as a surprise to doctors.

"Ninety percent of this group (the 10 approved implants) are expected to die," he said.

Mortensen said that while he and other doctors will spend months reviewing the case before making a final assessment, early indications are that the IVOX worked well.

"There were no complications," he said. "It will take a long time to review the mountain of data we gathered with this case. From what we know with this case, it (the IVOX) was extremely successful."

Mortensen said a second implantation will eventually take place, but not necessarily at LDS Hospital.

"We're just waiting for the right case, at any one of the centers," he said.

Mortensen said the initial experiments will involve only patients with acute lung diseases, not chronic disorders such as cystic fibrosis or emphysema.

Denise Denlinger, a spokeswoman at Hershey Medical Center, said, "This is not affecting our trials in any way and we intend to go on as planned." She said Dr. Michael Snyder, principal investigator, was waiting for an appropriate patient.

The device is inserted via the neck or groin into the inferior vena cava, the large vein that brings blood to the heart. Two tubes the diameter of a soda straw are attached to the bundle of fibers. One delivers oxygen to the body from a hospital oxygen system or tank, while the other removes carbon dioxide.

Developed by Salt Lake City-based CardioPulmonics Inc., the IVOX uses an auxiliary gas exchanger and can satisfy as much as half of the body's need for oxygen delivery and carbon dioxide elimination.

Dr. J.D. Mortensen, chief developer of the IVOX, said it is not an artificial lung but eventually could lead to one.

Madden said it was too soon to tell how much of the blood-oxygenation, carbon dioxide-elimination load the device performed while it was in the girl.

"Technicians will need to assess the data and make a determination," he said.

The device was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in September for temporary implantation in up to 10 humans at LDS and three other medical centers. They include

Army taking back combat badges it mistakenly awarded in Panama

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army, in an embarrassing admission, is taking back Combat Infantryman Badges from 14 wounded soldiers who were mistakenly granted the coveted awards within days of their involvement in the Panama invasion.

Some of the awards were incorrectly bestowed because the wounded men were still under sedation when the medals were pinned to their pillows and couldn't be queried about their duties during Operation Just Cause, according to Army spokesman Maj. Joe Padilla.

Gen. Carl Vuono, the Army chief of staff, awarded the medals during a visit to two military hospitals in San Antonio, Texas, on Dec. 22.

The chief of staff awarded 186 medals — such as Combat Infantry Badges and Purple Hearts — during his time at the hospitals, Padilla said.

"There were 14 non-infantry soldiers awarded the CIB in Operation Just Cause. However, the awards have since been withdrawn and the affected soldiers notified," Padilla said.

Although the awards apparently were given with some haste and without the usual review, the spokesman said the decision was not made to grant the medals just for publicity's sake.

"This was not a photo op for

Gen. Vuono," Padilla said. "This was an honest mistake."

"It was thought to be an opportunity for the men to be decorated by the chief of staff of the Army. ... It was an effort to distinguish those soldiers thought to be deserving, and allow those who were wounded to wake up with the award on their pillow," Padilla said.

A pool of reporters was permitted to accompany Vuono to Wilford Hall Medical Center for the presentation of medals to just three soldiers. The general also visited nearby Brooke Army Medical Center.

The medals have been the source of some controversy in recent weeks because the women who came under fire in Panama will be ineligible for the award, since they are barred under Army policy from serving in infantry units.

Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, has demanded that women who came under fire during Operation Just Cause be granted the medal despite the restriction.

The three-inch badges portray a silver rifle on a blue background, emblazoned with a wreath.

The Combat Infantryman Badge is granted only to officers or enlisted personnel with specific infantry specialties who have "satisfactorily performed their duty" in an infantry unit while it has engaged in combat, Padilla said.

Suspect in rape-slaying picked up while hitchhiking near Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — A SWAT team officer who picked up a hitchhiker south of Houston gave the man a ride to jail after realizing he was the subject of a manhunt in the area.

Paul Day, a Houston SWAT team officer, said he was returning from an unsuccessful search of the Alameda-MacGregor area of southeast Houston for a rape-slaying suspect when he spotted Gary Wayne Etheridge hitchhiking along Highway 288 near the Brazoria County line.

"We searched the area but it was like looking for a needle in a haystack," said Day, who was driv-

ing an unmarked car. "We called it off and were heading to the county jail and the Ramsey penitentiary when we saw him hitchhiking. When he got in the car, I asked him his name and he lied. But when I showed him the picture, he said, 'That's me.' It was just blind luck."

Etheridge, 26, of Freeport, was arrested shortly before 8 a.m. Wednesday for murder in connection with the rape-slaying of Christine Aileen Chauviere, 15. Justice of the Peace Roy Knopp ordered Etheridge held in lieu of a \$250,000 bond.

Miss Chauviere was attacked Friday at her mother's home near the Houston suburb of Richmond.

The girl's mother, Gail Chauviere, 49, was stabbed at least 15 times when she apparently returned to the home during the attack, police said. She remains in critical condition at a Houston hospital.

Capt. Rex McCall with the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department said he received a call about 4 a.m. Wednesday that Etheridge was in a southeast Houston neighborhood. Sheriff's investigators and Houston Police Department SWAT team

members searched the area, but were unable to find him, he said.

Etheridge's common-law wife, Teresa Lynn Etheridge, 20, of Freeport, was arraigned Tuesday on charges of aggravated robbery with serious bodily injury. Ms. Etheridge, also known as Teresa Erwin, remains in the Brazoria County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Capt. Gene Smith of the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department said investigators believe Ms. Etheridge was not present during the attack but left with Etheridge shortly afterwards in Ms. Chauviere's car.

Luce opens attack on Williams

AUSTIN (AP) — With the major Republican candidates for governor headed to tonight's debate in Houston, Tom Luce already has begun the attack on front-runner Clayton Williams.

Luce, ignoring two other major candidates in the race, Wednesday criticized Williams' multimillion-dollar television ad campaign and said it was time to get specific.

"I believe there's more to state government than simple, feel-good solutions proposed in slogan form," Luce said.

Williams said Luce's rhetoric showed his desperation over low ranking in recent opinion polls.

"Poking fun at the nearly \$4 million in personal funds Williams has spent and his claim to have created 100,000 jobs, Luce said of Williams' TV blitz: 'I think it's a legitimate jobs program. I think he's presented a very significant economic development program for the state. It's helping television stations. It's creating jobs. Probably quite a few jobs.'"

Williams, noting that Luce has received less than 10 percent in several recent polls, issued a statement saying his rival was suffering from "candidatus disappointus."

"That's Latin for a guy who spends a million bucks on TV commercials and finds himself still in the single digits of support," Williams said.

All four major GOP hopefuls — Luce, Williams, Jack Rains and Kent Hance — are scheduled to participate in tonight's statewide, televised debate.

Luce contended that some Williams proposals to combat drug use are weaker than current criminal laws. He said the law already allows suspension of many teen-agers' drivers licenses, as Williams suggests, and that it is tougher on second-time drug offenders than Williams' proposals.

He also said Williams' plan to cut state spending by 7 percent to free up money for drugs and education was unrealistic and would cost Texas \$400 million in federal funds that are matched with state spending.

"I suppose that (7 percent cut) sounds good to Clayton since he hasn't been to Austin very much," Luce said. "I'm stepping forward and saying the emperor has no clothes. That's not a plan. I don't care what the television says, that's not a plan."

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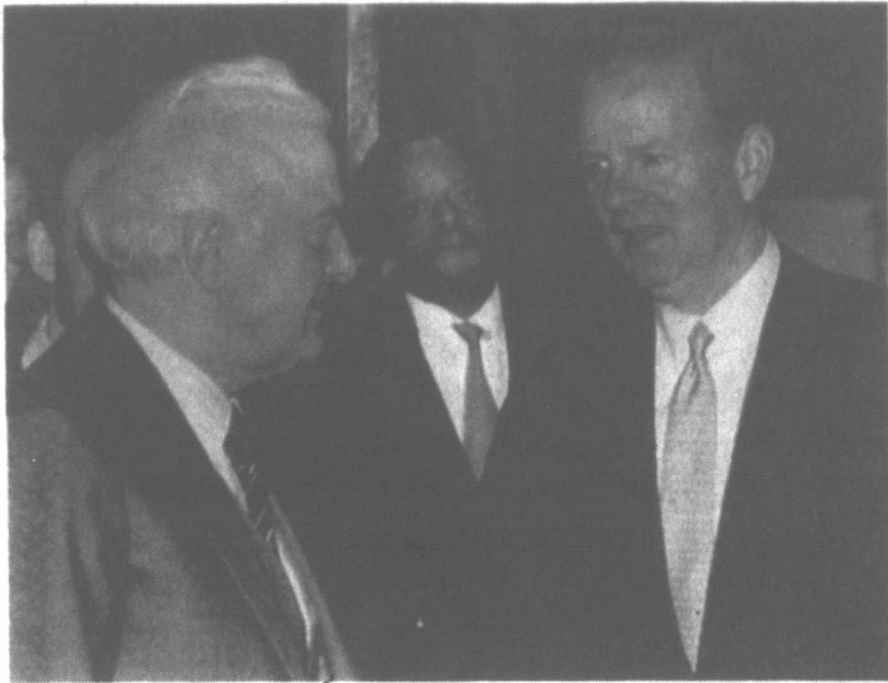
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Baker, right, speaks with Shevardnadze prior to the plenary talks Thursday in Moscow.

Baker, Shevardnadze discuss arms reductions for Europe

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Prospects for deep arms reductions in Europe appeared to brighten today as the United States and the Soviet Union resumed intensive negotiations over their non-nuclear weapons arsenals.

Contributing to the optimistic outlook was a new U.S. proposal to settle a dispute over combat aircraft restrictions.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze said, "There is some movement," and Secretary of State James A. Baker III, who launched the initiative at their opening round Wednesday night, told reporters: "I would certainly hope so."

While details were withheld, the idea is to cut through a sticky debate over which Soviet planes and helicopters are on a defensive mission — and therefore excluded from limitations in a prospective treaty — and which are subject to curbs.

Baker also presented a proposal for deeper cuts in tanks, thereby broadening President Bush's offer of last week to pare U.S. and Soviet troops in Central Europe down to a maximum of 195,000 on each side.

That would mean withdrawing about 400,000 Soviet and 100,000 American soldiers under a treaty the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Warsaw Pact are deliberating in Vienna negotiations.

Baker and Shevardnadze seemed to be in an upbeat mood as they held a second round of talks at the Soviet foreign ministry. They were joined at a long negotiating table by more than a dozen aides.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh said during the day the talks would deal with strategic and non-nuclear weapons reductions as well as a ban on production of chemical weapons.

Shevardnadze said the steps taken by the Communist Party Central Committee to abolish the party's monopoly on political

power would improve U.S.-Soviet relations further. "It will mean we have more elements of trust in our relationship," he said.

Speaking of his own government, Shevardnadze said, "We simply cannot afford lowering our international activity."

Baker's strategy, meanwhile, is to pursue his heavy agenda irrespective of internal Soviet developments, which he hailed in a statement Wednesday night as contributing to reform and to political pluralism.

Today's meeting with Shevardnadze was expected to produce a Soviet response to Bush's troop reduction initiative.

"Overall, our response is positive, and we will discuss the details," Shevardnadze said. He said Baker's supplementary proposal on tanks and combat aircraft had "some interesting elements."

On another issue — German unification — Shevardnadze again referred to Soviet concerns that are rooted in the loss of 20 million people in World War II.

He said they would be aired when West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher come here Saturday for talks.

Shevardnadze has proposed an international referendum on the issue, while Baker has found merit in a formula advanced last week by Genscher that would keep Germany in NATO but bar Western forces from the area that is now East Germany.

"There are some elements there that deserve consideration," Shevardnadze said of Genscher's formula. But referring to underlying Soviet concerns, Shevardnadze added: "Those issues will have to be addressed."

Congressman wants more foreign language studies

By TAMARA HENRY
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Question: If you call a person who speaks two languages bilingual, what do you call a person who speaks one language?

An American, says Rep. George Sangmeister, D-Ill.

He is introducing legislation today that authorizes \$58 million in federal funds over five years and matching grants to states for instruction in foreign studies, language and geography.

"We live in an increasingly global society. We can no longer afford a generation of children uneducated and uninterested in the world outside the United States," said Sangmeister. "We must spark that interest and ability early so that our students become proficient in foreign language by high school or college."

Sangmeister's sentiments have become a familiar chorus among educators, politicians, businessmen and even President Bush. All are concerned with the flood of reports that focus on what American students don't know.

Experts estimate 30 million Americans are functionally illiterate and as many as 2 million students leave school with deficient basic skills each year.

To address the problems, Bush in his State of

the Union address listed key education goals that include making American students first in the world by the year 2000 in science and math, and ensuring that children leave grades four, eight and 12 having mastered English, mathematics, science, history and geography.

Still, the Nation's Report Card continues to release negative reports.

'We can no longer afford a generation of children uneducated and uninterested in the world outside the United States.'

In its first study of geography education, the National Assessment of Educational Progress — popularly known as the Nation's Report Card — said Wednesday most students demonstrated a limited understanding of the characteristics of the planet Earth and the relationships between people and their environment.

The study found the 12th graders tested responded correctly, on average, to only 57 percent of the geography test questions overall. However, there were wide differences depending on how difficult the question was.

For example, 87 percent of the 3,000 seniors tested could locate Canada on a world map and

85 percent could locate the Soviet Union. But only 33 percent could "identify the order of the oceans, moving west to east from Africa."

The results are disturbing because students need an understanding of other countries and cultures to master other subjects, said Gilbert Grosvenor, president of the National Geographic Society.

Students cannot understand discussions of *A Tale of Two Cities* in English class if they don't know the relationship between London and Paris, or the significance of the English Channel, Grosvenor said.

While learning percentages in mathematics or lessons of census shifts in civics, students could predict the growth rate of religious sects or the impact of immigration, he said.

Sangmeister said a lack of knowledge of foreign languages has a similar effect on world trade and other jobs. He noted 80 percent of all goods face foreign competition abroad and four out of five new jobs are created as a result of foreign trade.

However, only 18 percent of the states require geography to graduate and only 17 percent of public elementary schools offer any form of language instruction. Japanese high schools require six years of foreign languages, compared with one to two years in the United States.

Oscar-winning songwriter Jimmy Van Heusen dies

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Oscar-winning songwriter

Jimmy Van Heusen, who wrote such tunes as "All the Way," "Love and Marriage" and "High Hopes," was remembered upon his death as one of pop music's most important composers.

Van Heusen died of a stroke Tuesday night in his desert home east of Los Angeles, according to a spokesman at the Riverside County Coroner's Office. He was 77.

Van Heusen collaborated with such lyricists as Johnny Mercer, Johnny Burke, Eddie DeLange and, most notably, Sammy Cahn. He also wrote for Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra.

"Jimmy Van Heusen was an architect of melody," Cahn said Wednesday. "When we were writing together, if I would ask him to add even a grace note to the song, he would sit down and write a

whole new melody."

Van Heusen won Academy Awards with Cahn for "All the Way" in 1957; "High Hopes" in 1959; and "Call Me Irresponsible" in 1963. "High Hopes" was chosen as the official song for John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign.

He and Johnny Burke also won an Oscar for "Swingin' on a Star" in 1944.

"He was one of the most important composers of American pop music," Cahn said. "He was considered a composer's composer."

The son of a building contractor who played the cornet, Van Heusen was born Edward Chester Babcock on Jan. 26, 1913, in Syracuse, N.Y. He adopted the name Van Heusen from the shirt maker's billboard advertisement.

In 1928, he was expelled from Central High School in Syracuse for singing his own composition, enti-

tled, "My Canary Has Circled Under Its Eyes."

His next-door neighbor in Syracuse was composer Harold Arlen. When Arlen went to Hollywood in 1933, he asked his brother Jerry Arlen and Van Heusen to take over his writing duties at New York City's Cotton Club in Harlem.

He wrote "Harlem Hospitality." The tune and the show for it flopped, but Van Heusen hung on in New York, operating a freight elevator and plugging tunes until he got a hit when Crosby recorded "It's the Dreamer in Me" in 1938.

By 1940, he was one of Tin Pan Alley's most successful composers, with 60 songs published in just one season. Hollywood beckoned, and he joined with Burke for a songwriting team that became known as the Gold Dust Twins. Among the words and music they churned out were the daffy tunes for the Bob Hope and Crosby "Road" pictures.

He wrote "Swingin' on a Star," for Crosby's movie *Going My Way*. The tune "Love and Marriage" won a 1955 Emmy and has been intro-

duced to a new generation of television viewers as the theme song for *Married... With Children*.

During the summer of 1942, Van Heusen toured West Coast Army camps with Crosby, sometimes serving as Crosby's pilot.

In 1955, Van Heusen teamed with Cahn and produced a string of motion picture scores that became hits. They also scored the 1965 Broadway musical, *Skyscraper*, including "Everybody Has a Right to Be Wrong."

Cahn and Van Heusen also wrote numerous hit songs for Sinatra, including "All the Way," and the title songs of the albums "Come Fly With Me," "Only the Lonely," "Come Dance With Me" and "September of My Years."

Cahn called Van Heusen "one of the world's greatest swingers."

Van Heusen remained a bachelor until September 1969, when he married Bobbe Brock. He is survived by his wife.

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Woman's life centers on animals

By MARGARET MULREANY
Beaumont Enterprise

LUMBERTON (AP) — Six cats lounge on wheelbarrows and broken cages. Roosters dance around empty pots, and doves coo amid piles of dust-covered junk.

Julia Lester emerges from behind her 8-foot metal fence, tall and robust. She grins, then tosses a 25-pound bag of dog food across her shoulder.

"You'll just have to wait until I get myself together," she says, disappearing behind a wall of barking dogs. Emerging minutes later, dressed in a flannel shirt, bluejean skirt and muddy boots, she slaps some newspapers on a wet lawn chair and flops down.

"I sure hope that the bluebirds and cardinals come out in this drizzle," she says, looking up at the surrounding trees. For 30 years, Ms. Lester has occupied this seven-acre property, living her life as she pleases, mostly for the love of animals.

She says she has nothing against people; animals are just more trusting. "The only time they hurt you is when they die and leave you," she says. She knows her ramshackle house and

haven for critters is shocking to some. "It looks like the wrath of God," she says with a laugh. But for this lifelong animal crusader, her home is paradise, brimming with healthy, happy animals. Ms. Lester may go without but her animals don't.

Her love of animals goes back to 1952 when as a breeder of danes and boxers she became a founding member of the Beaumont Kennel Club. Later she founded Pet Lovers Club, was chairwoman for National Dog Week and established the Hardin County 4-H Dog and Cat Club.

Today, she continues to help place homeless animals and visits nursing homes with her pets. This past year she organized the Muscular Dystrophy Dog Walk that netted \$1,000. This past November, Dog World Magazine awarded her efforts with its annual award for Outstanding Service to Dogs. The award praised her for her spirit and hard work in bringing joy, meaning and purpose to many of the people she has come in contact with.

But Ms. Lester isn't interested in talking about awards. She pushes information on her current cause — Life Force, a volunteer group dedicated to aiding people spay and neuter

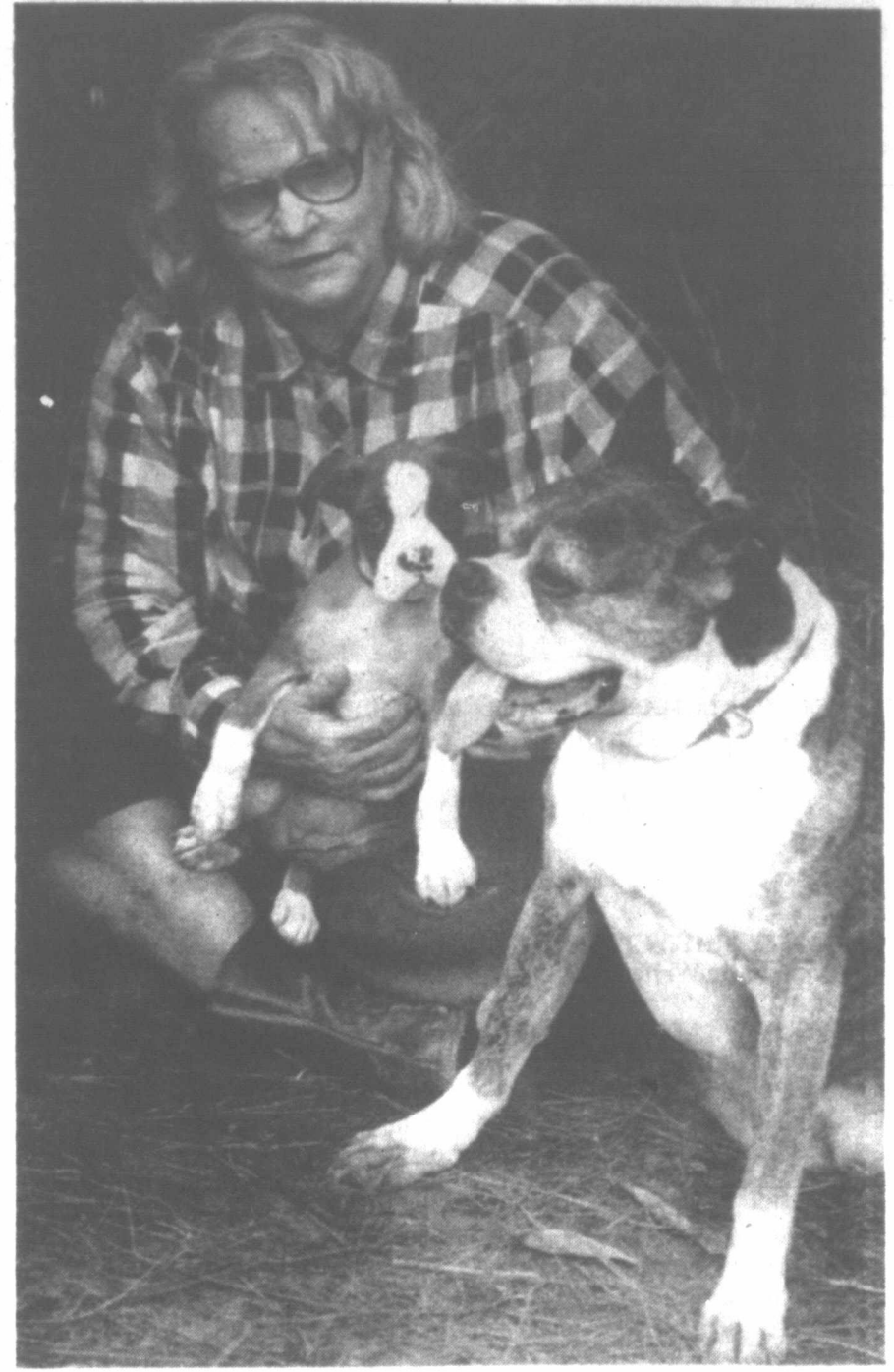
their pets. "People need to get their animals altered and stop the overpopulation because shelters and veterinarians don't like having to put animals to sleep," she says.

Ms. Lester says the financially struggling Life Force gets about 135 calls a month from pet lovers needing help getting their animals altered. "And there is only so much you can do when some months your budget is only \$200," Ms. Lester says.

At 65 and living on Social Security, Ms. Lester doesn't like to discuss details of her own finances, how many animals she actually owns and how she manages to feed her brood. "I don't worry about money. I'm not broke. And I get spoiled from lots of different people."

She says she's not in the business of taking in unwanted animals despite the cage housing two frisky, blind cats and a yard full of assorted animals. She also says she is no longer in the breeding business.

Ms. Lester says she doesn't care what people think about the way she lives. "You've heard I'm eccentric," she says. "Well, I could live in town, but then I couldn't have what I want — freedom."



(AP Laserphoto)

Julia Lester with two of her dogs, Mark and Marci.

Porn show prompts attack on arts endowment

By ROBERT M. ANDREWS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — When porn queen Annie Sprinkle performed her stage show, members of the audience might have thought they saw art. But when Rep. Dana Rohrabacher heard about it, he saw red.

"The National Endowment for the Arts is at it again!" the conservative California Republican exclaimed in the headline over a letter to his House colleagues accusing the federal arts agency of using tax funds to subsidize pornography.

Endowment Chairman John E. Frohnmayer says his agency didn't underwrite Miss Sprinkle's sexually explicit show at the Kitchen, a private, avant-garde performing arts center in lower Manhattan. He said the endowment gave the Kitchen \$60,000 last year solely for the theater's operating expenses.

Rohrabacher didn't actually see Miss Sprinkle perform but relied on press reports for the lurid details.

During one breathless pause in her act, Rohrabacher said, the star of 150 X-rated videos commented: "Usually I get paid a lot of money for this, but tonight it's government-funded."

The program for the show included a "Post Porn Modernist Manifesto" that said its adherents "celebrate sex as the nourishing life giving force" and "utilize sexually explicit words, pictures and performances to communicate our ideas and emotions."

Rohrabacher urged his fellow House members to remind Frohnmayer "he is dealing with taxpayer funds and is accountable for how they are spent, just like every other head of every other federal agen-

cy." Barbara Tsumagari, executive director of the Kitchen, said in New York that Miss Sprinkle's 12 performances were not financed with federal funds.

Ms. Tsumagari said the New York State Council on the Arts, which receives funds from the NEA, gave a \$25,000 grant to underwrite part of the Kitchen's current season of 54 performances, but specifically

excluded Miss Sprinkle's show.

That was confirmed by state arts council spokesman Tim Mulligan, who said her "presentation was not of an artistic quality to warrant council support."

Frohnmayer, in a telephone interview, said the NEA gave the New York arts council a \$500,000 grant last year for staff salaries and other administrative expenses.

Rohrabacher's press secretary,

David Eisner, said the congressman plans to circulate similar letters about every week to highlight further examples of what Eisner called the endowment's "use of tax dollars for triple-X, hard-core pornographic stuff."

Rohrabacher's campaign could prove politically embarrassing to Frohnmayer as the House and Senate prepare for hearings on legislation authorizing an extension of the NEA's life.

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American Airlines plans to upgrade facilities at D-FW Airport

By JOHN A. BOLT
AP Business Writer

FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines Inc., saying it can't put off expansion any longer, will spend \$276.1 million over the next two years to upgrade facilities at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport while authorities debate adding two new runways.

The construction program includes a new maintenance hangar and parking garage, plus refurbishing and consolidation of the airlines' gates and baggage handling system.

With the expansion, American would have 55 gates and be able to handle 100 additional flights. The carrier already flies in and out of DFW more than 400 times

daily. The plans for the airport's east side delay for the time being a previously announced proposal to build a \$1.2 billion terminal on the airport's west side.

"This is an interim step to accommodate our immediate growth needs" at DFW, said Donald J. Carty, American's executive vice president. "In the long term, we would like to build a major new terminal on the west side of the airport. The east side projects, however, will give us room for expansion now."

American has about 60 percent of the traffic at DFW, one of the nation's busiest airports, and has been pushing airport managers to construct the additional runways.

"The runway issue must be settled," Carty said,

adding that at certain periods, American operations already are strained to capacity.

The runways have met with local community opposition, and still must undergo federal environmental review. Carty said it could be three years before the runways are approved and another four or five to finish the planned 66-gate terminal on the airport's west side.

"The Dallas-Fort Worth hub is the heart of our growing route system, and it is vitally important that we find ways to expand our facilities here so that we can add more flights and strengthen DFW's competitive position in world aviation markets," Carty said.

Carty said the west side terminal also could be dependent on current contract negotiations with the airlines' pilots. In a videotape mailed to pilots last week,

American Chairman Robert L. Crandall said the carrier's expansion plans will be damaged if the pilots "insist on a contract that precludes long-term profitability."

The largest item in the plans is an \$89.5 million maintenance hangar to handle day-to-day repairs on the airlines' growing fleet. The facility will be handling different jobs than a \$400 million maintenance hangar is building at nearby Alliance Airport.

Other projects include a new parking garage, baggage handling system, improvements to gates, new cargo terminal, relocation of the carrier's American Eagle commuter airline and an upgrade of the "people mover" system between the carrier's two DFW terminals.

Court: Racism permeates Mississippi universities

By GINA HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled that vestiges of segregation "permeate" Mississippi's public universities 15 years after a lawsuit was filed to change the system.

The 2-1 decision by a 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel in New Orleans overturned a lower court ruling in a lawsuit by blacks over policies at Mississippi's five historically white and three historically black universities.

"The badge of inferiority that marks black institutions has not been removed," judges Irving Goldberg and Sam D. Johnson wrote in the decision, released earlier this week. "As such, there remains in Mississippi's higher educational system vestiges of discrimination which distort the perceptions of black students."

Unfortunately, they wrote, "this case lingered, loitered and lulled for more than a decade" without adequate changes.

Hours after the ruling, state leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People appealed to students and administrators of traditionally white-dominated schools to be more accepting of

black students. "Racism is America's Number 1 problem. This ruling about Mississippi gives a true portrait of Mississippi, but in any other state the ruling could have been the same," said state NAACP president Aaron Henry.

He said whites had not worked as hard as blacks in the desegregation effort that began when a court ordered the University of Mississippi to enroll James Meredith, its first black student, in 1962.

"The willingness of the black communities to adapt to their (white) presence is more than the whites are willing to accommodate blacks," Henry said.

In his dissent, Judge John Duhé said Mississippi had fulfilled its legal obligation to open its universities to all students, regardless of race.

"The majority, relying on district and other circuit court decisions, has imposed upon the state the same constitutional duty required for primary and secondary education, where freedom of choice is unavailable and services are free of charge."

The State College Board can ask the panel to reconsider the ruling, or can request an opinion of the full 15-member court. Board attorney Bill Goodman said he would with-

hold comment until after the ruling is reconsidered.

Aubrey Lucas, president of University of Southern Mississippi, said: "My first reaction was one of regret that we were unable to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the courts some very significant progress has been made."

Historically white Southern Mississippi, Delta State, Mississippi State, Mississippi University for Women, and the University of Mississippi enjoy distinct advantages over historically black Alcorn State, Jackson State and Mississippi Valley State universities, the panel ruled.

"Vestiges of de jure segregation permeate the public university system of Mississippi," the majority decision said. "Admissions policies, the racial composition of the faculty and administration, funding practices, academic offerings and mission designations all perpetuate a stigma of inferiority."

More than 99 percent of the state's 26,953 white college students were enrolled in historically white institutions during the 1985-86 school year, while 71 percent of 12,826 black students were enrolled in historically black schools, the court said.



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Study indicates blacks twice as likely to develop eye disease

By JIM PAUL
Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) - Blacks are twice as likely as whites to have vision problems that cannot be corrected with glasses, according to a survey of more than 5,300 people over age 40.

The study's authors could not explain the finding and were "in the process of exploring what those reasons might be," said James A. Tielsch, co-author of the study that appears in this month's Archives of Ophthalmology.

It was conducted over a four-year period in east Baltimore, a working-

class section, and was designed to provide data typical of multiracial urban populations in the United States, said Tielsch, an ophthalmology professor at Johns Hopkins' Wilmer Eye Institute.

Almost 12 percent of those studied were visually impaired even though they wore glasses and saw an eye doctor regularly.

"This translates nationally to more than 9 million people," Tielsch said Tuesday.

"The good news is that two-thirds to three-quarters of those were correctable, that is they could move out of the visual impairment category just by the provision of the proper

pair of spectacles."

The study defined impairment as vision of 20-40 and legal blindness as vision of 20-200.

The study's two principal findings were that, "For both visual impairment and for blindness, at every age blacks have a higher proportion of people affected than whites," Tielsch said. "The second point is that there's a dramatic increase with increasing age in both the proportion of people affected from visual impairment and blindness."

The study found visual impairment in 2.2 percent of whites and 3.94 percent of the blacks. Of the whites, 0.43 percent were legally

blind, compared with 1.02 percent of blacks.

Among both races, the researchers projected that more than 3 million people nationwide could see no better than 20-40 even with the strongest glasses. Of those, more than 890,000 are legally blind.

The study found that in the oldest age group, those over 80, more than 25 percent were blind or visually impaired because of eye disease, said Tielsch, whose co-author was Dr. Alfred Sommer.

East Baltimore was chosen because socio-economic conditions of blacks and whites in the area are

similar. The area is poor to middle class and has a higher rate of rental housing than the rest of the city and country, the study said.

"We chose Baltimore to serve as a model for the rest of urban America," Tielsch said.

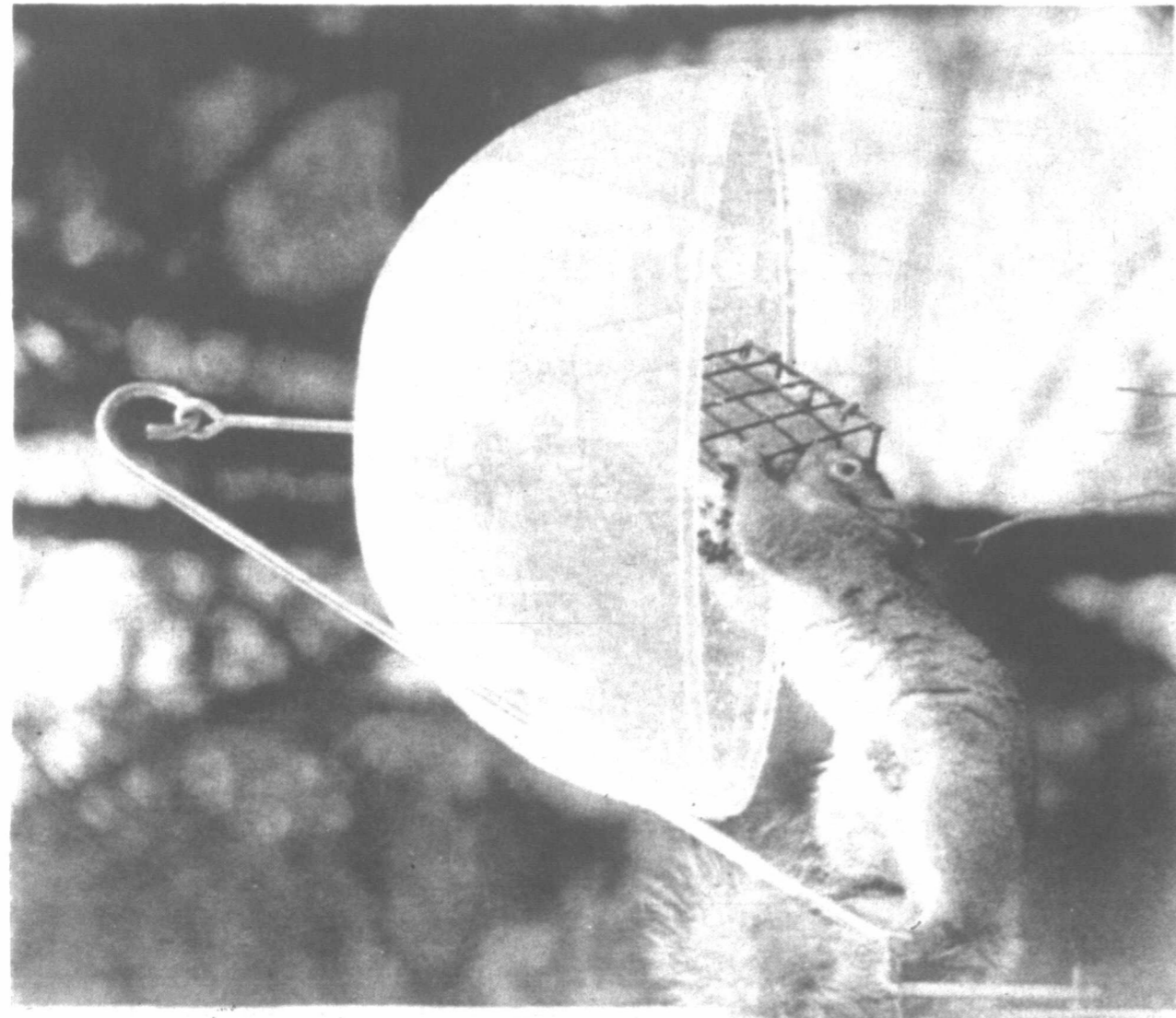
"It's a credible study by a credible group. They do good work," said Dr. Barbara Klein, an ophthalmology professor at the University of Wisconsin. "(The study) was

done the right way and from their credibility it's likely to be quite true."

About 50 percent of those interviewed for the study were black. None of the participants was a resident of a nursing home, hospital or institution for the blind.

All the participants were given an eye examination, and about one-third were given a complete exam at Wilmer.

Yankee ingenuity



(AP Laserphoto)

A Long Island, N.Y., squirrel finds a way to circumvent a supposedly "squirrel-proof" suet feeder for birds in the Long Island town of Rockville Centre, N.Y., recently. Is it necessity or hunger that's the mother of invention?

Mattox: Richards inconsistent on abortion

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ann Richards' campaign vigorously denied opponent Jim Mattox's charge that she only recently adopted a strong pro-choice stand on abortion.

"That's blatantly false. Ann Richards has been actively involved with pro-choice groups," said Rep. Lena Guerrero, D-Austin, political director for Ms. Richards' campaign.

On the eve of a major Democratic gubernatorial candidates' debate in Houston, Mattox on Tuesday said, "Before the Webster decision and before the elections that took place in the North, Ann Richards could not find time in her schedule to be a pro-choice candidate."

He was referring to last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing states to impose restrictions on abortion and subsequent political battles between pro-choice and anti-abortion factions.

Mattox accused Ms. Richards of working on compromise legislation passed in 1987 to ban many abortions in the third trimester of pregnancy. He said that means it is dishonest for her to say she would have vetoed anti-abortion legislation if she'd been governor.

"I don't care whether it's gaining any pro-choice votes or not. That's not what I'm trying to do at all ...

It's a matter of integrity. It's a matter of truthfulness," Mattox said.

Ms. Richards' campaign distributed a letter saying pro-choice groups found Ms. Richards to be a "key partner" in working with the Legislature.

"General Mattox is now in the ridiculous position of having his abortion attack on Ann Richards refuted by all the leading pro-choice groups in the state," said Glenn Smith, Ms. Richards' campaign manager. "He's desperate, so he's trying anything."

Also Tuesday, Mattox won the endorsement of the Sierra Club, which said he has fought to protect the environment as Texas attorney general, congressman and state lawmaker.

"While the other major Democratic contenders have the potential to be good on environmental issues, Jim Mattox has the record ... to prove his commitment to environmental protection," said Ken Kramer, director of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Mattox's campaign platform includes support for a state lottery. Kramer said his group has no official stand on the issue, but added, "Certainly, if that's a realistic way of financing major new environmental initiatives, then I think we'd be likely to support it."

Mattox also claimed that he got a "clear majority" from the Coalition of Black Democrats at their endorsement convention in Fort

Worth last weekend, but the vote was by secret ballot and the numbers haven't been released.

The coalition, which required a 60 percent margin for an endorsement, didn't throw its support to any gubernatorial candidate.

In other political developments:

• State GOP Chairman Fred Meyer said the party is planning its most extensive campaign in a gubernatorial election year to urge Texas voters to support Republicans. He named George W. Bush - principal owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team and President Bush's son - as chairman of the Victory '90 fund-raising effort, and businessmen T. Boone Pickens and Bobby Holt as co-chairmen.

• The creation of the Amigos De Clayton Williams Steering Committee was announced. "I'm 150 percent with him ... I know that he will be the best person, a governor for all the people of the state of Texas," said Abel Quintela of Odessa, former U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce chairman.

• Republican gubernatorial candidate Tom Luce said he would support a constitutional amendment that would allow Texans to take out home equity loans to finance education.

"Texans can borrow on their homes today to put in a hot tub, a swimming pool, or other home improvements," Luce said. "But they can't borrow to provide for education."

Texas research spending totals \$796.6 million

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas public universities, medical, dental and other health schools spent a total of \$796.6 million on research in the 1989 fiscal year, an increase of \$109.8 million or almost 16 percent more than the previous year, according to a state Higher Education Coordinating Board report.

Public universities, led by Texas A&M University and the University of Texas at Austin, spent \$500.2 million. A&M spent \$215.6 million and UT-Austin \$162 million, or together 75.5 percent of the total university research funds.

Of the \$296.4 million spent on research by medical, dental and allied health schools, UT's M.D. Anderson Cancer at Houston headed the list with \$85.9 million followed by UT's Southwestern Medical School at Dallas with \$79.9 million.

Federal funds accounted for \$392 million or about 49 percent of the total research money spent, the report said.

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Wandering seal comes to town

SHELTON, Wash. (AP) - As a municipal animal control officer, Dave Opfer has plenty of experience rounding up stray dogs, cats. Now, a stubborn seal has been added to the list.

Opfer said the slippery marine mammal wandered into this logging and prison town about 50 miles southwest of Seattle three times Tuesday.

The first two times it was herded into a creek and back into Oakland Bay, an arm of Puget Sound.

The third time the seal was spotted near the library, eight blocks from the water and heading uphill. Attempts to move it were met by bared teeth and ominous growling.

The seal eventually was captured in a net and taken to the Point Defiance Zoo in Tacoma.

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Lifestyles

Club News

Lone Star Tri-Mates Auxiliary
The Lone Star Tri-Mates Auxiliary of the National Guard met for their January meeting in the home of Pat Radcliff with Sharon Kennedy as co-hostess.

Gwen Reid, president, conducted the meeting. The Radcliff Memorial was completed.

Members reported a successful November bake sale for the scholarship fund at the White Deer Bank. Thanks was extended to Flo Blakeley, Reid and Nancy Easley for working the sale.

Reid gave a cake decorating program. Members are to continue collecting paperback books for the Amarillo VA Hospital project. Books and candy were delivered Christmas to all patients and the VA bingo party is set for March.

The scholarship committee will be elected in February.

Wives of National Guard are

invited to attend the Feb. 19 meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Deannie O'Neal's home at 102 Peiffer, Borger. Call 273-7333 for directions.

Daughters of the American Revolution

Las Pampas Chapter of the DAR met at the home of Mrs. P.R. Britton. The meeting was opened by Regent Mrs. Tom Cantrell with the DAR Ritual followed by the Pledge, Creed and Preamble led by Mrs. H.T. Kirby, Mrs. Jeff Anderson and Mrs. Mary Jones, respectively.

The National Defense report was given by Mrs. Jones discussing the values of SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative).

The annual Colonial Tea will be Feb. 25 in the Flame Room. Four Good Citizens from Pampa High School and surrounding towns will be presented by the Chapter. Jasmin Maric, exchange student from

Yugoslavia, will be the speaker. Anderson presented the program on "Living History Museums."

Order of Eastern Star

Pampa Chapter No. 65, OES, met Jan. 16 with Elizabeth Lewis, Worthy Matron and Robert Craig, Associate Patron, presiding. Grand Chapter Committee members were recognized and welcomed.

Bette Craig, Associate Matron, announced a rummage sale for Feb. 9-10 at the Sportsman Club. Mrs. Velma Boyd, ESTARL, District 2, member will meet with the Chapter on Feb. 6.

Worthy Matron appointed the following Eastern Star members to the Rainbow Board for 1990: Bonnie and Rudy Herrmann, Babe Mastin, Elizabeth Lewis, Mildred Pierce, Myrt Leigh, Linda Winkleback, Bettie and Robert Craig, Sue Smiley and Carol Sue Craig.

Charlotte Hogan, District 2 Deputy Grand Matron, and Edwin Hogan, arrangements committee of the Grand Chapter were recognized and presented gifts from the Chapter. Georgia Holding, Conductress, presented the Worthy Matron a birthday gift.

The Charter was draped in memory of Mrs. Blanche Morrison, past Matron and 50 year member; who died Jan. 7.

Bonnie Harrman was elected Mother Advisor of the new Rainbow Board.

Girls age 11 to 20 are invited to come learn what Rainbow Girls training can offer them. Call 669-6465, 669-3606 or 665-2665. The next Rainbow meeting is Feb. 13.

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met on Jan. 25. Plans were

finalized and various committees named for the quilt show "A Spring Festival of Quilts" set for April 21 at the Community Building. Area quilters are invited to display their quilts.

Quilt days were planned to work on the raffle quilt. Sandi Schaefer passed out a house pattern for her friendship block and Irma Puryear's name was drawn to receive the next friendship block.

Show and tell included a Christmas present (part of a quilt that was framed) received by Mary Alice Curl. Donna Reynolds showed a

duck quilt she made for her brother. Susie Edwards showed a stuffed bear she made from a family quilt and a teddy bear baby quilt. The next meeting will be Feb. 22 at the Hobby Shop.

Pampa Garden Club

Pampa Garden Club met in the home of Mary Ann Bailey on Jan. 29. Members voted to set up a scholarship fund for \$250. A committee of Ramona Gruben, G.C. Davis and Mary Hills was appointed to formulate guidelines. Davis presented the program "Color Your Winter Garden."

High price to pay for name calling

DEAR ABBY: Henry (not his real name) and I have been friends for more than 30 years. My wife passed away four years ago. In the last four years, Henry and his wife have invited me to their home for dinner on special occasions such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, Thanksgiving and other holidays. (I'm like "family.")

During a recent argument, Henry said that he and his wife had discussed the fact that in all the years they had entertained me, I had never reciprocated their hospitality by taking them out to dinner, and because of my failure to reciprocate, they have decided that I am a cheapskate!

Abby, I have never gone to their home for dinner without bringing them a bottle of good wine or a box of the best candy. Every Christmas, I send them a plant.

My question: Would you call me a cheapskate? Please answer in your column, as a friendship hangs in the balance.

HURT IN WEST PALM BEACH

DEAR HURT: You indicated that Henry revealed that he and his wife thought you were a



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

cheapskate during an argument. Obviously, that remark was intended to hurt you — which it did.

Don't write off a 30-year friendship because of something that was said in anger. Level with Henry. Tell him his "cheapskate" remark hurt you and clear the air. Then offer to take them out to dinner because you've often been a guest in their home. Even the most hospitable people appreciate dining out occasionally.

DEAR ABBY: Your youth is showing! Re the guest who wore her hat during the meal: In my grandmother's day (I'm 75) even the hostess wore a hat as she sat down to

tea or lunch with her guests. I well remember Grandmother getting all hatted up for such an occasion. She also wore a hat and a veil to go shopping — even if it were for only a loaf of bread. (Milk was delivered to our doorstep. This was in England.)

Non sequitur: All through the Blitz in London (1940-41), she slept in her corset in case the house was bombed and she might have to run out into the street.

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DEAR MARJORIE: Rumor has it that Sir Winston Churchill had always slept in his birthday suit, but through the Blitz he wore pajamas in case he had to leave the house in a hurry. You British are very proper people.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, who is 14, baby-sits often, and is paid more and more often by check instead of cash. I find this maddening, since it means she's unable to have the cash in her pocket until I am able to make a trip to the bank, if I haven't the cash in my wallet.

I seldom have reason to go to the bank, and it's a nuisance to make a special trip each time she baby-sits.

My request is that parents who hire baby sitters put aside the cash to pay their sitters. My teen is embarrassed to request cash and says she'll "die" if I do. Giving the sitter a personal check is unfair to the teenager and her parents alike.

A BABY SITTER'S MOM

DEAR MOM: Your request is reasonable; however, a check would look very good to those sitters who, after they have sat, are told, "I'll pay you tomorrow," or "the next time," or just "later." Blessed are those who pay the sitter in cash immediately after the sitter has sat.

P.S. Why not have your wage-earning daughter open her own account at a neighborhood bank?

Troop 480 receive badges



(Staff photo by Kayla Pursley)

These members of Troop 480 recently received their merit badges and promotions in scouting. Here they recite the Boy Scout Oath (a ploy to keep them concentrated while this photographer could snap a picture). Back row: Paul Telkamp (second class scout), James McElrath (tenderfoot scout), Ricky Brewer (merit badge). Middle row: Josh Brookshire (tenderfoot scout), Jeremy Telkamp (second class scout), Tanner Winkler (Webelo pin). Front row: Kevin Huddleston, Jeremy Winkler (both merit badges). Not pictured: Two girls, Becky Scott and Stacy Huddleston received Donor Awareness Patches. Scoutmaster is Don Huddleston.

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ACROSS

- 1 Wild plum
- 5 Walk with difficulty
- 9 Couple
- 12 Actress Redgrave
- 13 First-rate (2 wds.)
- 14 Sweet potato
- 15 Uproot
- 17 Opposite of post
- 18 Inhabitants of Denmark
- 19 Document file
- 21 Prescribed amount
- 23 And so on (abbr.)
- 24 Naval addr.
- 27 Current fashion
- 29 Luxury
- 32 Coat type
- 34 Freshwater fish
- 36 Become ripe

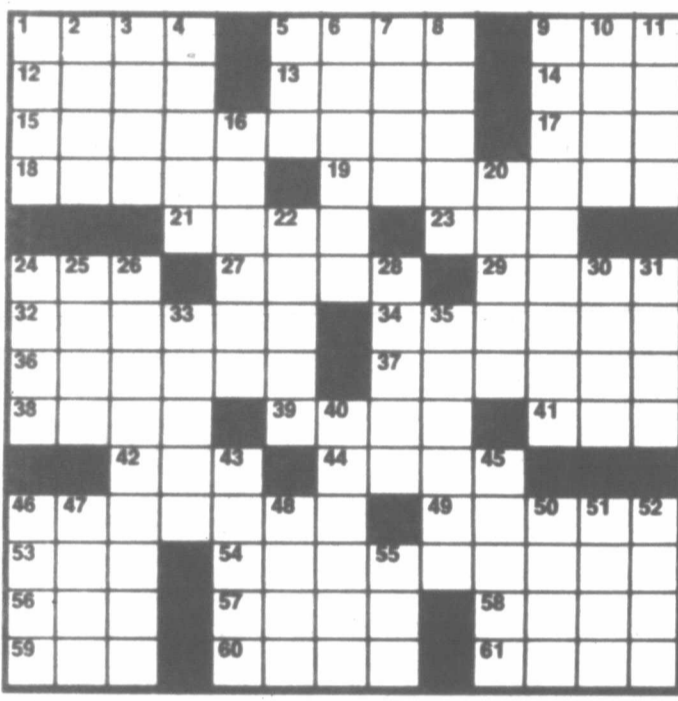
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- 37 Breakfast food
- 38 Looked at
- 39 European apple
- 41 Entertainer — Sumac
- 42 Companion of ash
- 44 Rookie
- 46 Treble
- 49 Sharp mountain ridge
- 53 — — fault (overmuch)
- 54 Bird homes
- 56 Make a choice
- 57 — Alto, California
- 58 Angers
- 59 Cigar residue
- 60 New York City stadium
- 61 Ornamental pattern
- 1 Snow vehicle

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 2 Northern constellation
- 3 — — even
- 4 Terminated
- 5 Pouch
- 6 Inebriated (sl.)
- 7 Upon
- 8 Honking birds
- 9 Normally keel
- 10 Piece of merchandise
- 11 Hebrew measure
- 16 Similar compound
- 20 Commemorative pillar
- 22 Irritated spots
- 24 Reek
- 25 Engage in sport
- 26 Medical person
- 28 Georgia university
- 30 Appear
- 31 Miss Kett of the comics
- 33 Architecture style
- 35 Shadows
- 40 Actor Peter —
- 43 Stringed instruments
- 45 Florentine iris
- 46 Portico
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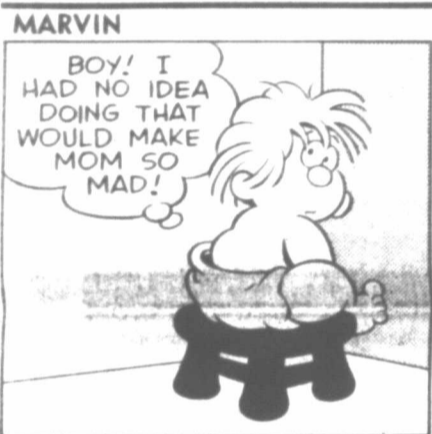
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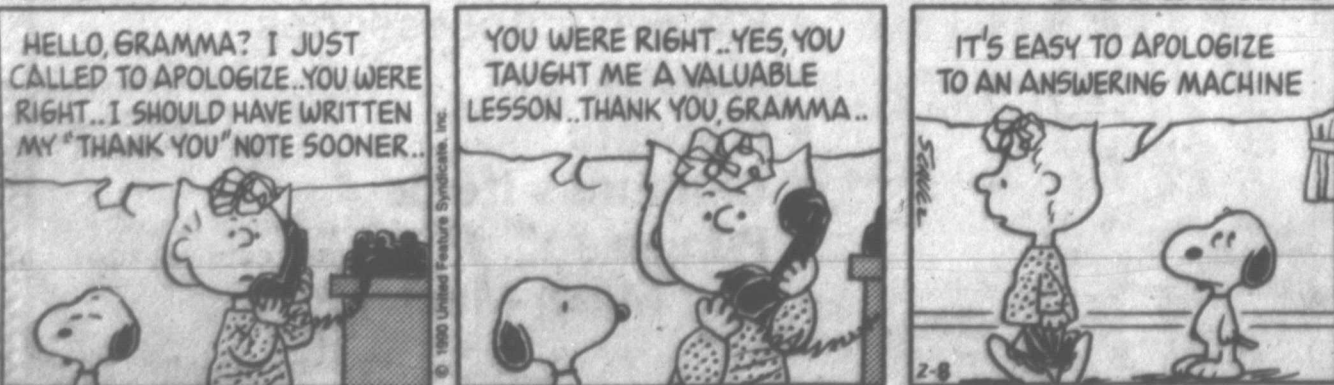
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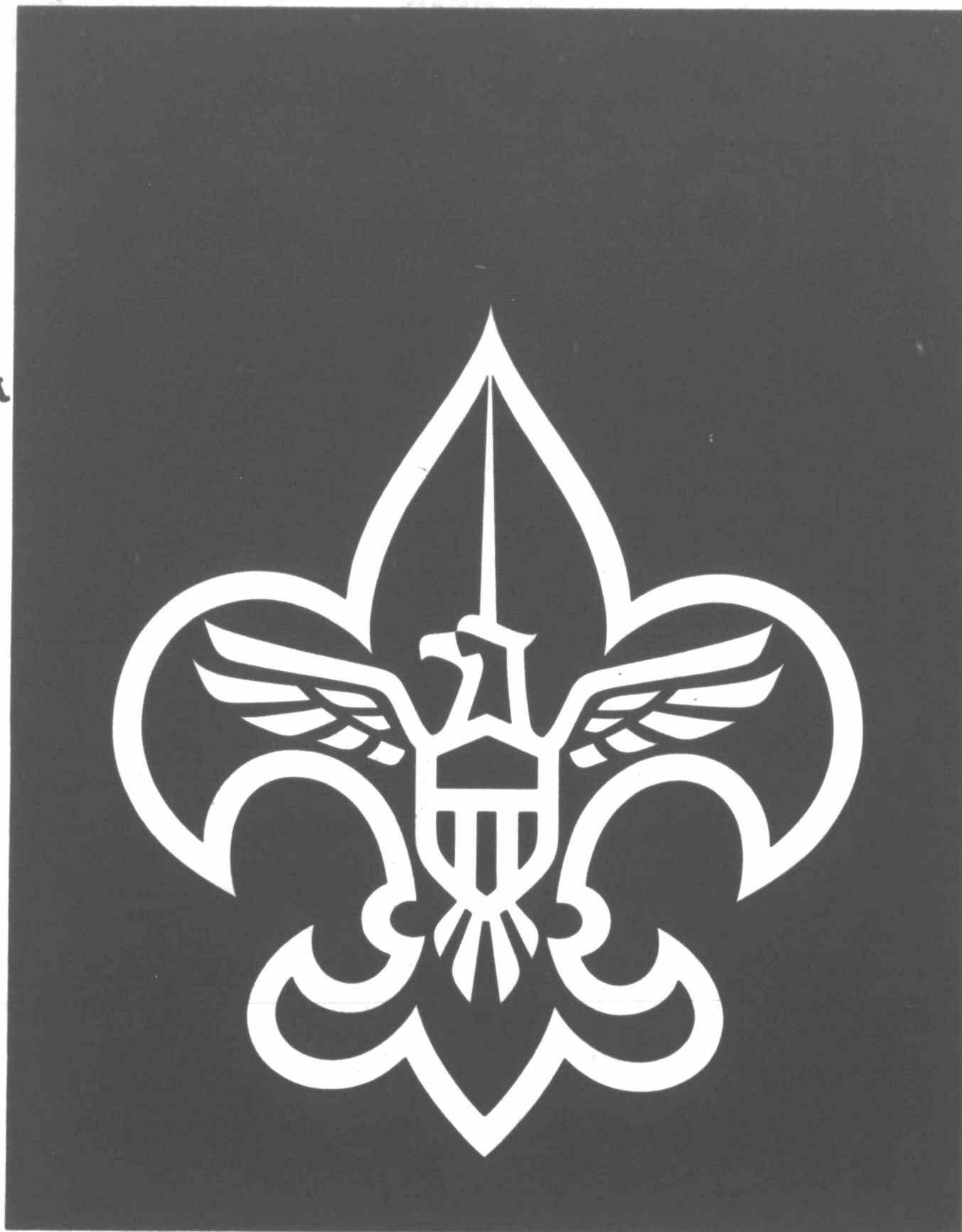




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