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City Commission rejects extra payment for audit

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Pampa City Commission unanimously voted Tuesday to deny additional payment on a bill to the firm that completed the fiscal 1989 year financial audit for the city of Pampa.

The city has already paid Peat, Marwick, Main and Co. of Amarillo the \$18,900 fee originally bid to complete the audit. The accounting firm originally billed the city an additional \$25,000 for what it termed "numerous problems that we encountered that were not of our making."

However, the City Commission in earlier discussions following the request for the additional \$25,000 had come to the conclusion that the firm had not kept its end of the bargain. The firm had said it would come before the City Commission if additional fees were needed while the audit was being conducted. By the firm's own admission, that was not done.

The accounting firm had requested, through a March 19 letter, that the City Commission take official action at its Tuesday meeting on the "compromise" additional bill of \$9,327.84.

During a work session before the regular meeting Tuesday, City Manager Glen Hackler said he would have to recommend that the city not pay any additional fees to the accounting firm.

"They were a little remiss in not telling us in a tim-

ly manner," Hackler said.

Hackler had figures for the money paid for the last three years' audit: 1986-87 was \$26,357; 1987-88 was \$28,800; and 1988-89 was \$23,749. The city had budgeted \$22,000 for the fiscal 1989 year audit, Hackler said.

City Commissioner Gary Sutherland said he did not want to see the situation escalate to an "adversarial" position.

However, Hackler said it was his opinion that the relationship between the city and the accounting firm was still "cordial" and not adversarial in nature.

City Commissioner Ray Hupp said during the work session, "I'm not prepared to compromise one iota. It was a bad business deal and they can eat it."

During the regular meeting, Hupp commented, "I think Peat Marwick did us a fine job. They made a bad business decision and that's the way it goes."

Mayor Richard Peet, although voting for the motion to deny the additional payment to the firm, said he did not have a problem in working out a compromise with the firm.

The mayor said he still had questions about why the audit took so long and why the city's books were in such "disarray" as compared to the past four years.

In unrelated business, the City Commission took no action on an ordinance regarding disposal of used or scrap tires at the landfill. The group agreed to consider the ordinance at a later date, since the state regulations

would not have to be in effect until July or August.

In other business, the Commission:

- Unanimously approved the second and final reading on an ordinance regarding tow trucks.
- Unanimously approved the second and final reading on an ordinance regarding transportation of butane.
- Unanimously approved authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with Ted Powers regarding a limited recycling operation at the landfill. The agreement is for three months and then on a month-to-month basis. It can be terminated with two weeks notice. The operation is at no cost to the city and will not interfere with city operations at the landfill, Hackler said.
- Unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance to amend the 1988-89 budget to reflect actual appropriations and transfers.
- Unanimously approved allowing the city of Clarendon to temporarily - for 30 days - use the Pampa landfill at a cost of \$2 per cubic yard.
- Unanimously approved an \$8,000 bid by Hunky Greene for a four-year agriculture lease; and a \$21,930 bid by Neal Stovall on another four-year agriculture lease.
- Unanimously approved Good Friday, April 13, as a holiday for city employees.
- Unanimously approved the list of disbursements for February.

During a work session preceding the meeting, the

City Commission:

- Learned that prior statements were incorrect regarding the disposal of lawn clippings, leaves and tree limbs in the city landfill. It had been stated earlier this year by city officials that the items would not be allowed at the landfill in the future.

- Public Works Director Nathan Hopsen had previously expressed concern that environmental regulations would prohibit such items in the landfill because of the methane gas they produce. So far, city officials said, the Environmental Protection Agency has not forbidden such items, although such proposals are being considered. There are no state regulations preventing their disposal.

- Discussed working out an agreement with the Salvation Army on a waiver of the landfill gate fee for "official purposes" because the trash received by the non-profit organization at its pickup sites is beyond the Salvation Army's control.

- Discussed July 4 activities in the city, including the possibility of a fireworks display.

- Discussed the proposed comprehensive, community drug enforcement program with Police Chief Jim Laramore and Gray County Sheriff Jim Free. The city plans to apply for a grant to receive the majority of the funding for a five-year program.

- Discussed capital improvements on landfill equipment. The city will advertise for bids on a scraper (both new and rebuilt) and advertise for bids on digging a pit.

Lithuania's leaders demand return of army deserters seized by Soviets

By ANN IMSE
Associated Press Writer

VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Incensed at Moscow's first use of force in the standoff on independence, Lithuania's leaders are demanding the return of seized army deserters and urging negotiations with the Kremlin.

In a letter Tuesday to Mikhail S. Gorbachev, Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis said the secessionist republic would respond to the Soviet challenge with "moral strength" rather than violence.

Earlier in the day, Soviet soldiers entered two hospitals and dragged away soldiers who deserted after the

republic declared independence 17 days ago. Red Army troops also took control of the headquarters of the republic's Communist Party, which broke with Moscow in December.

The Kremlin then ordered all foreigners to leave Lithuania.

Landsbergis said the army actions likely presaged further violence.

"You can see for yourself there is no violence, except for incidents created by the army," he said. "We can see how they are going to great lengths to create the image that in the Baltics, and in Lithuania in particular, there is instability."

At a news conference Tuesday in

Warsaw, Poland, senior Soviet diplomats said Lithuania's independence drive could lead to destabilization of Europe and the rest of the world, but did not elaborate.

A declaration read at the briefing said "the aspirations of the Lithuanian leadership to speedily separate from the other nations appear unjustified and let's say frankly dangerous."

In his letter to Gorbachev, Landsbergis said: "Lithuania is an unarmed, peaceful state and the only way it can resist the aggressor is by moral strength and by not using armed resistance to violence."

"The government of Lithuania demands the return of its kidnapped citizens," he told the Soviet president, and demanded that "negotiations with the government of the U.S.S.R. be held in neutral territory."

Washington and other foreign governments urged restraint from Moscow but avoided attacking Gorbachev, who by fostering greater democracy has allowed independence movements to take hold in several republics.

Gorbachev is also trying to implement market-oriented reforms that would nurse a badly crippled economy to health.

The Bush administration, in declining to denounce Moscow, said it did not want to "inflammate the situation."

The official Tass news agency said Soviet soldiers seized 23 Lithuanian deserters in the pre-dawn raids. Witnesses said some deserters were beaten as they were taken from a psychiatric hospital in Vilnius. A trail of blood led down the steps and out the front door of the hospital.

Gorbachev has called Lithuania's independence declaration invalid and last week ordered

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Two men with posters reading 'No to Neonazi Dictatorship in Lithuania at the End of the XX Century' and 'No to U.S. Congress Interference in Soviet Affairs' protest at a meeting Tuesday in Vilnius.

County task force groups to meet Thursday

The second county-wide study group meeting for identifying critical issues will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Pampa Community Building.

The group will hear reports from the four task force moderators about the critical issues their groups identified at the March 15 meeting sponsored by the Gray County Extension Service.

After the task force reports are presented, the study groups will discuss how the identified issues affect social, economic or environmental conditions in the county. Those attending will have the opportunity to make additions to the list of critical issues.

The issues will be used to guide programming efforts of the Gray County Extension Office as well as other groups and organizations in the county.

"Several of the issues are beyond the scope of the Extension Service and will be referred to more appropriate groups," said Joe VanZandt, County Extension agent.

The Gray County Extension Program Council chairman, Smiley Henderson, states that this is an excellent opportunity for people to express their ideas on critical issues facing the Gray County area over the next four years.

Two extremist groups claim responsibility for killing of missionary

RASHAYA FOUKHAR, Lebanon (AP) — Two Lebanese extremist groups today claimed responsibility for the assassination of an American missionary who was gunned down by masked men in his home during a prayer service.

Villagers had accused William Robinson of trying to establish an Israeli settlement in Rashaya Foukhar in southern Lebanon.

However, acquaintances said he only wanted to expand his 7-year-old orphanage, located in Israel's self-declared security zone.

Israeli denied that any such settlement was planned.

U.S. officials said Robinson had been repeatedly warned of danger. Three masked assailants broke

into Robinson's house Tuesday night while he was singing bedtime prayers with his wife, four sons and 26 other children from his orphanage, Lebanese security sources told U.N. investigators.

The assailants then tied up Robinson's wife and sent the children into another room before shooting Robinson three times in the neck and chest, the sources said. The masked men also took \$4,000 and some jewelry before fleeing. In Beirut, the Communist Party and the pro-Syrian Lebanese National Resistance Front claimed responsibility for the killing.

"One of our units Tuesday night carried out the death sentence against William Robinson, who was

seeking to establish an Israeli settlement on Lebanese territory," a statement from the front said. The front has carried out several guerrilla raids on Israeli targets in the area.

The Communist Party said in its statement that the slaying "brought an end to schemes to plant Jewish settlers in south Lebanon." The party and its militia have carried out numerous raids on Israeli targets, including an abortive suicide truck bombing in southern Lebanon on April 21, 1985.

U.S. Embassy officials in Tel Aviv, Israel, said Robinson had been repeatedly advised of U.S. government policy barring Americans from visiting Lebanon. They gave no hometown, citing restrictions on privacy.

Rashaya Foukhar is inside Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone" in south Lebanon, about eight miles northeast of Israel's border. The six-to-10-mile-deep zone was set up to serve as a buffer against raids by guerrillas and is policed by the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army.

Wolford said Robinson was a former U.S. Marine from just outside Chicago who "had a love for the children of Lebanon and went there to help."

He said Robinson was a missionary who "stayed in Lebanon because there was no other place to take care of these 20 children. He was trying to get permission to adopt so he could bring them out. He was trying to expand the facilities there."

Earlier this month, 5,000 residents of Rashaya Foukhar petitioned the government of President Elias Hrawi to prevent Robinson from establishing what they called the first "Israeli" settlement on Lebanese soil.

The petition said Robinson, whom it described as a Jewish American, moved to settle in the town's school right after Israel's 1982 invasion and gradually brought in relatives and Israeli acquaintances.

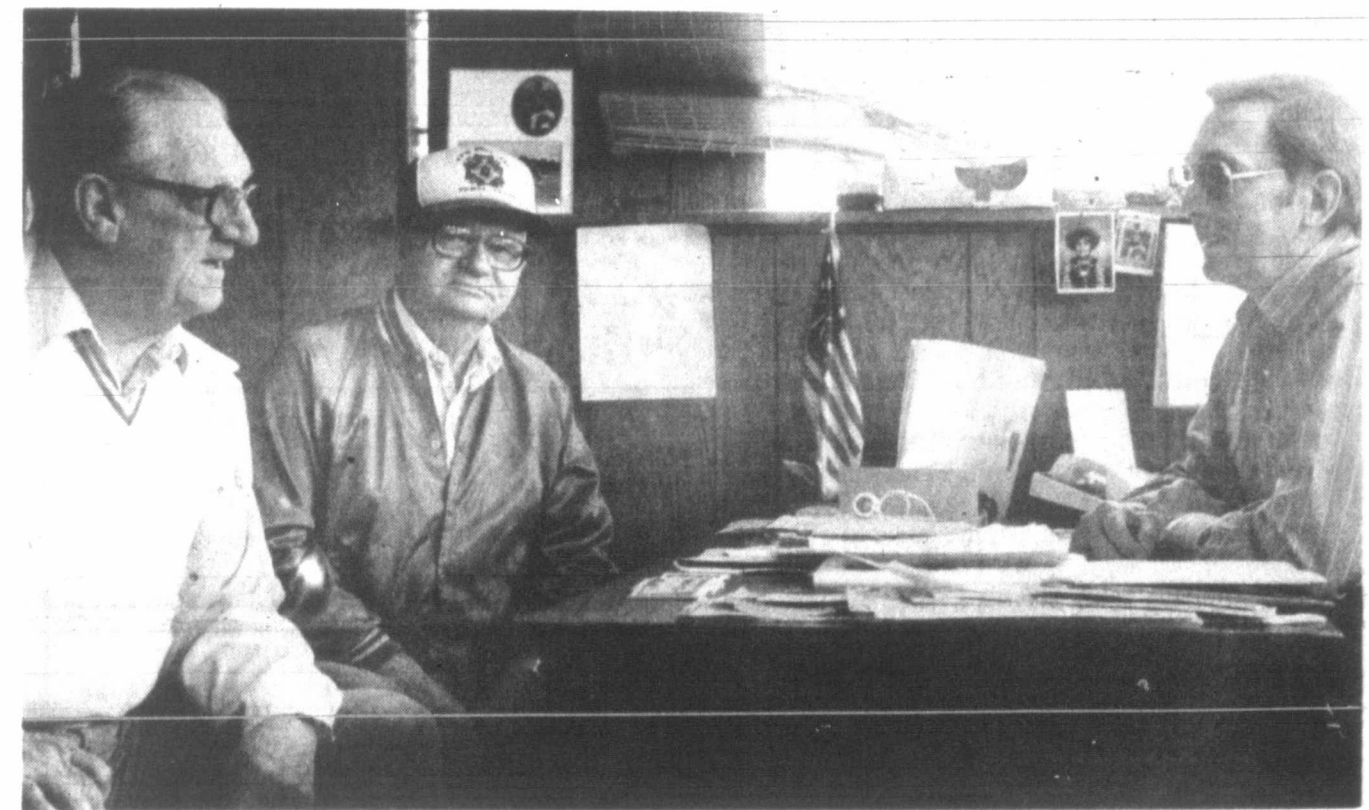
Beirut newspapers have said Robinson used trained dogs to keep villagers off his fenced compound, arousing their suspicion about his activities.

But sources in Lebanon, who asked not to be identified further, said

Robinson was engaged in a dispute with Shiite Moslems over land which he wanted to expand his orphanage.

Robinson first entered Lebanon from Israel in 1978 and worked as a technician at a Christian television station in the southern Lebanese town of Marjayoun. In 1983, he founded his "Christian Children's Home" project in Rashaya Foukhar and was caring for 29 handicapped children when he was shot, security sources said.

"We are not an organization and we do not belong to any organization or even a church," Mrs. Robinson said in a previous interview with a Beirut newspaper, the *Ad-Diyar* daily. "We are a family moved by humanitarian motives."



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

PAAF/VFW members working to build an airfield museum in Pampa discuss preliminary aspects of the joining the two groups. Pictured, from left, are Mike Porter, vice president of the group; E.W. Totty, VFW post commander; and John Triplehorn, Gray County veteran service officer and president of the project.

VFW, Pampa Army Air Field advocates join forces to develop airfield museum

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Pampa Veterans of Foreign War and Pampa Army Air Field museum advocates have voted to merge members of the two groups into one committee to more quickly develop a tribute to the airfield located here during World War II.

John Triplehorn, Gray County veteran service officer, elected to chair the group, said focus of the proposed museum will not only include the airfield but all types of war memorabilia.

"This is not an attempt to glorify war," Triplehorn said, "it is an attempt to honor the men who fought for freedom."

Mike Porter of the PAAF group and vice president of the new cooperative committee said, "We're looking forward to the time when school children, Cub Scouts and Brownies can tour this and review the mistakes their grandfathers might have made."

Porter also said that many of those who have worked for a museum are now growing old and that the VFW will infuse new blood and enthusiasm

into the project, which has been in the works for several years.

Location for the museum will be an abandoned water works building located in Memorial Park next to the Gray County Veterans Memorial.

"The water building is going to take a lot of survey work," Porter said, "because of the piping systems. Anyone who worked on those systems should contact us and let us know what they know. That will save us some money."

Triplehorn said associate memberships in the cooperative group are available for \$10 a year for anyone with an association with veterans or the airfield. He also said those interested in aviation or the cause of preserving freedom are invited to join.

Besides Triplehorn and Porter, others elected as officers were W.C. Ferguson, second vice president; Thelma Bray, secretary; Blake Laramore, treasurer; and Ken Fields, legal advisor.

Directors elected from the PAAF were Nina Spoonemore, Gene Barber, J.C. Hopkins, Tampa Dougless, Mildred Pierce, James Baird and Roy Kay. Spoonemore was elected

historian for the project, Triplehorn said, noting her expertise on the airfield's history.

VFW members are Vernon Camp, E.W. Totty, Don Emmons, Clarence Upton, Glen Fisher, Herb Harvey and Lloyd Laramore.

Porter said an advisory committee has also been established including State Rep. Warren Chisum, former state representative Foster Whaley, Jerry Sims, Dene Taylor, Raymond Reid, Warren Hasse and Lewis Epps.

Fund-raiser efforts, directed by Bray, will begin within the next few weeks, Porter said.

"Things are progressing at a more rapid rate," Triplehorn said. "We felt like with both organizations working on it, we will create a better museum and open it up to more people."

Porter said the PAAF has been working with an architect and preliminary drawings have been completed. However, both men said it was too early to set a time frame for completion of the project.

Triplehorn and Porter said more than 1,000 people currently belong to the PAAF association around the nation.

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Services tomorrow

HALL, Noble — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Dumas; 4:30 p.m., graveside, Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
MEATHENIA, Ethel V. — 2 p.m., Church of Christ, Shamrock.
MARTIN, Virginia M. — 2 p.m., Church of Christ, Miami.
EGGEMAN, Gladys Elizabeth — 10:30 a.m., Minton-Chatwell Memorial Chapel, Borger; 3:30 p.m., graveside, Sentinel Cemetery, Sentinel, Okla.

Obituaries

GLADYS ELIZABETH EGGEMAN
BORGER — Gladys Elizabeth Eggeman, 82, died Monday, March 26, 1990. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Minton-Chatwell Memorial Chapel with the Rev. J.D. Seale, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating.
 Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Sentinel Cemetery in Sentinel, Okla., with the Rev. Dennis Jones, pastor of Sentinel United Methodist Church officiating. Services are under the direction of Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.
 Mrs. Eggeman was born in Hobart, Okla., and had been a Borger resident for 40 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Pampa Bible Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Helen Lindsey, in 1989.

Survivors include a brother, Ira Wood of Hobart; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

VIRGINIA M. MARTIN
MIAMI — Virginia M. Martin, 58, died Tuesday, March 27, 1990. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Miami Church of Christ with Randy Daugherty of the Church of Christ in Searcy, Ark., officiating, assisted by George Lundberg, minister of Miami Church of Christ. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Martin was reared in Mobeetie and was a Miami resident for 30 years. She graduated from Mobeetie High School in 1948. She was executive director of Roberts County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. She was a member of Miami Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Bobby Sheppard of Abilene; three sisters, Betty Schaub of Pampa, Mrs. Nettie Walker of Mobeetie and Mrs. Nadine Jones of Brawley, Calif.; a brother, Claude Henderson of New Orleans, La.; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Miami Church of Christ Building Fund.

NOBLE HALL
DUMAS — Noble Hall, 74, the father of a Canadian man, died Tuesday, March 27, 1990. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church with Dr. Edward Rogers, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be at 4:30 p.m. at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Mr. Hall was born in Munday and had lived in Moore County since 1952. He was an engineer for the Army during World War II. He retired after 40 years as a welder and field operator for Phillips Petroleum Co. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He married Juanita Crisp in 1945 at Phillips.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Allen Hall of Canadian; two daughters, Theresa Ford and Lulu Sisemore, both of Amarillo; a brother, Jesse Hall of Dumas; three sisters, Ollie Teel of Alamogordo, N.M., and Florence Olsen and Beulah Pounders, both of Norfolk, Va.; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to Memorial Hospice Program, 224 E. Second St., Dumas.

ETHEL V. MEATHENIA
 Ethel V. Meathenia, 90, died Tuesday, March 27, 1990. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Shamrock Church of Christ with Don Perry, church minister, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Richerson Funeral Home of Shamrock.

Mrs. Meathenia was born in Fannin County and moved to Shamrock from McLean in 1941. She had lived in Shamrock until 1978, when she moved to Pampa. She married George E. Meathenia in 1916 at Yowell; he preceded her in death in 1984. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She was also preceded in death by nine children.

Survivors include a daughter, Bonnie Schaub of Pampa; two sons, L.A. Meathenia of Pampa and Kenneth Meathenia of Bloomfield, N.M.; three sisters, Onita Walker and Armenta Hamlin, address unknown, and Gladys of Missouri; 21 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

MONTY DANE HAWPE
HOUSTON — Monty Dane Hawpe, 42, a former White Deer resident, died Monday, March 26, 1990. Services are pending in Houston. Burial will be in White Deer.

Mr. Hawpe was born in Pampa and grew up in White Deer, where he graduated from high school. He attended Panhandle State University on a football scholarship. He was an inspector for Bechtel Corp. in Alaska. He moved to Houston in 1977.

Survivors include a daughter, Kanada Lee Hawpe of Oklahoma City, Okla.; his parents, Miller and Darlene Hawpe of White Deer; four sisters, Linda Sherrill, Jenny Wood, Patsy Micou and Peggy Capwell, all of Amarillo; a brother, Mike Hawpe of San Francisco, Calif.; two nephews, Matt and Michael Wood of Amarillo; and a niece, Wendy Sherrill of Amarillo.

LOUIS R. BENNETT
TRINIDAD — Louis R. "Ben" Bennett, 67, the brother of a Canadian woman, died Monday, March 26, 1990. Services will be at 2 p.m. today in Laurel Land Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Don Bennett officiating. Burial will be in Laurel Land Memorial Park under the direction of Laurel Land Funeral Directors of Fort Worth.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Benny Bennett of Amarillo, John Bennett of Fritch, and Mike Bennett of Trinidad; two daughters, Jane Pritchett of Fort Worth and Bridget Easton of Van Alstyne; five brothers, Wes Bennett of South Dakota, Don Bennett of Fort Stockton, Jack Bennett of Borger, Edmond Bennett of Notrees and the Rev. Duane Bennett of Borger; two sisters, Ruth Humphreys of Raleigh, N.C., and Louise Wilson of Canadian; and 13 grandchildren.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Brandon Coffee, Pampa
 Maria Garcia, Wellington
 Glendora Gindorf, Pampa
 Natalia Jackson, Pampa
 Oma Lee Lisman, Pampa
 John Mackie, Pampa
 Mason Merrell, Borger
 Louis Rushing, Borger
 Laura Villanueva, Pampa
 Dory Woodruff, Pampa

Dismissals
 Hiley Armstead, Pampa
 George Collingsworth, Pampa
 Wanda Goff, Pampa
 Billie James, Pampa
 Clara Lee Rhoades, Pampa
 Katherine Tennant, Canadian
 Orville Terry, Pampa
 John Ward, Groom
 Robert Ward, Pampa
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 Willie Miller, Shamrock
 Carl Knoll, Shamrock
 Herbert Stacy, Shamrock

Dismissals
 Adah Wooten, Shamrock
 Louise Reeves, Shamrock

Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. Terry Coombes of Pampa, a boy.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Wendal Winkleblack of

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.31
Milo	3.65
Corn	4.40

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

Ky. Cent. Life	13 7/8
Serfco	6 1/4
Occidental	27 5/8

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

Magellan	58.79
Puritan	13.12

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

Amoco	53 1/8	up 1/8
Arco	115 1/8	dn 3/8
Cabot	33 1/2	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	15 7/8	NC
Chevron	67 1/4	up 1/2
Coca-Cola	75 3/8	NC
Enron	53 3/4	up 1/4
Halliburton	45 1/2	up 5/8
Ingersoll Rand	56 1/4	up 1/2
KNE	22 3/8	NC
Kerr McGee	50 1/2	NC
Limited	41 3/8	NC
Mapco	38 5/8	NC
Maxxus	11 1/8	NC
McDonald's	32	up 1/8
Mesa Ltd.	6 1/2	NC
Mobil	62	up 1/4
New Atmos	18	NC
Pemco	68 1/2	dn 1/4
Phillips	25 7/8	up 1/8
SLB	51 7/8	up 1 1/2
SPS	29 1/8	dn 1/8
Tenneco	67	up 3/8
Texasco	59 1/4	NC
New York Gold	373.00	
Silver	4.96	

Police report

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

TUESDAY, March 27
 Shawn Weatherford, 1001 Browning, reported criminal mischief at 420 Pitts.
 Johnny Davis, 312 Naida, reported disorderly conduct in the neighborhood and criminal mischief at the residence.
 Carol Ziegelgruber, 2208 Lynn, reported a burglary at the residence.
 Police reported a domestic dispute in the 2100 block of Coffee.

Minor accidents

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

TUESDAY, March 27
 11:35 a.m. — A 1981 Ford driven by Bryan Hall, 2434 Fir, collided with a 1988 Ford driven by Jason Westover, RR 1 Box 9B, at the intersection of Worrel and Hamilton streets. Hall was cited for following too closely.

DPS WEDNESDAY, March 28
 1:30 a.m. — Virgil Wade Lumpkin, 22, of Miami, was traveling east on U.S. 60, 12.7 miles east of Pampa, when he apparently fell asleep, went off the north side of the road into a ravine, striking the top of a tree, and rolling the vehicle twice, according to DPS reports. The vehicle landed in the bottom of the ravine on its top. Lumpkin was treated and released at Coronado Hospital, a spokeswoman said. Citations were issued.

Calendar of events

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

CASINO NIGHT
 Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Pampa is having their second annual "Casino Night" Saturday, March 31, starting at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Call 665-1211 for ticket information.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, March 27
 9:26 a.m. — A pickup fire destroyed a 1985 Ford owned by H&K Plumbing 8 miles south of city on Hwy. 70. Cause of the fire was attributed to a broken fuel line. One unit and two firefighters responded.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	665-8481
SPS	669-7432
Water	665-3881

Police issue warning to citizens on possible waterproofing scam

By BEAR MILLS Staff Writer

Pampa police are seeking clues to the identity of two men who apparently conned a local home owner out of \$3,700 in a waterproofing scheme.

Cpl. Dave Wilkinson said the man, who lives on Purviance St., was approached on Thursday, March 15, by two men in their 50's, both dressed well, about having his roof waterproofed.

"They went out and gave him an estimate to waterproof his house for \$3,700. Evidently they told him they needed the money up front," Wilkinson said. "He wrote a check (on a local bank). They said they weren't sure where the bank was, so he drove to the bank and through the drive-through."

Wilkinson said the two men followed him in a white Chevrolet van. After the man turned over the money, Wilkinson said, the men offered to meet at a local restaurant to discuss the project.

"They never showed up," he said. "They drove away with \$3,700."

He asked that anyone else approached regarding a similar offer call Crime Stoppers at 669-2222 and report the incident.

"Nobody would fall for a fraud if it looked like a

fraud," Wilkinson said. "So, most of the time it looks like something else — a good deal, a business opportunity, a gift, or a chance to make a quick buck."

Wilkinson offered eight tips to reduce the chances of being taken by a con man.

"Pay by check," he said. "Never pay by cash. Arrange to make payments in installments with one third at the beginning of the job, one third when the work is nearly completed and one third after the job is done."

Other tips included:
 • Be suspicious of high pressure sales efforts.
 • Take your time. Think about the deal before you part with your money.

• Get all agreements in writing. Insist that all contracts are in plain English and not "legalese."
 • Read over all agreements and contracts before signing. Have a lawyer examine all major contracts.

• Compare prices, services and credit offers before agreeing to a deal. Ask friends what their experiences have been with the firm or service in question.

Wilkinson described the suspects as being white males, probably in their 50's, between 5 foot eight inches and six foot tall.

One of them had brown hair and the other had brownish gray hair, he said.

Lefors, White Deer gain one-act play honors

Lefors and White Deer high schools' one-act plays took honors last week and will participate Thursday in University Interscholastic League district competition in Amarillo.

The two schools' plays took zone honors at the competition in the East Zone of District 1A. They are advancing to the Amarillo College competition, where they will compete with the West Zone 1A winners, Channing and Vega.

At last week's competition, one-act plays were present from White Deer, Lefors, Sunray, Gruver and Claude.

For Lefors, all of the actors and actresses in the play received recognition in the play *Improvptu*.

John Call was named best actor in last week's competition. Jennifer Moore and Lee Villarreal were chosen for the All-Star Cast. Danna Davis was selected to the Honorable Mention Cast. Teacher Cynthia Simmons is the director of the Lefors one-act play, and is assisted by Deana Milliron. Simmons said this is the first one-act play the school has had in about 10 years.

Lefors' stage crew consists of

Rodney Nickel, Cody Padgett, Susie Davis and Donny Williams. Alternates in the play are Jarrod Slatten, Dusty Roberson, Shellie Lake and Kevin Mayfield.

In White Deer's play, *Butterfly*, the following were recognized last week at zone competition: Devri Wheeler was named Best Actress; Kim Hanover and Bridget Sharp were named to the All-Star Cast, and Amanda Medlock was named to the Honorable Mention Cast. The White Deer play is directed by Cody Duncan.

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Lithuania

Lithuanians to turn in their weapons and stop signing up with a volunteer militia. But the Lithuanians have not backed down.

The Soviet leader had promised not to use force unless lives were endangered in the Baltic republic, which the Soviet Union forcibly

annexed along with Latvia and Estonia in 1940. But military authorities had warned they would seize deserters who did not return voluntarily by last Saturday.

Thousands of opponents of independence — Soviet television put the estimate at 20,000 — attended a rally Tuesday outside the Parliament in Vilnius.

The expulsion order announced Tuesday affected foreign journalists,

businessmen and diplomats, Foreign Ministry spokesman Yuri Gremitskiikh told a Moscow briefing.

"Foreigners have been asked to leave the borders of Lithuania and temporarily refrain from entering its territory," he said. The spokesman said foreign reporters currently in Lithuania would be allowed to stay until their previously announced departure dates.



On Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1989, at 5:30 p.m. the sexual assault of a minor was reported to have

occurred in the 200 block of South Faulkner. The suspect in this offense is described as a black male in his 20's.

He was driving a 1983 Ford Superc pickup, light and dark brown in color, with an orange water cooler in the bed.

Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward up to \$1000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the suspect responsible for this crime.

If you have information about

this crime or the manufacture or distribution of illegal drugs, please report it to Crime Stoppers by calling 669-2222.

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City briefs

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CROWSON BARBER Shop, Combes Worley Bldg., 669-6721. W.B. Burgess, Dale Ladd, Gip Gipsion. Adv.

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PAMPA MALL invites you to their Spring Fashion Show. Saturday March 31, 2:30 p.m. \$50. Gift Certificate to be given away. H WY 70 North and 25th St. Adv.

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TAX AND Bookkeeping Service. Glenda Brownlee, 665-0310 or 274-2142. Adv.

SOUTHERN KNIGHTS will be at City Limits tonight, Friday and Saturday. Adv.

FABRICS GALORE Truck Sale, sponsored by Kathy's Kids Daycare, 2119 N. Banks, 10-4 p.m. Saturday 31st. Adv.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with a high in the upper 30s and southeasterly winds 5-15 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, a high in the mid 50s and northeasterly winds 10-20 mph. Tuesday's high was 45; the overnight low was 40. Pampa received a trace of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — More cloudiness and increased chances for showers and thunderstorms tonight continuing Thursday all except far west near El Paso. Partly cloudy and mild far west through Thursday, warmer today most sections with highs 64 Panhandle to 75 far west and near 80 Big Bend. Lows tonight 37 Panhandle to 54 south. Highs Thursday 56 Panhandle to 75 Permian Basin except low 80s Big Bend.

North Texas — Cloudy and warmer through Thursday. Thunderstorms developing western portions today and spreading across the area tonight and Thursday. Some storms with heavy rainfall west and central sections tonight. Some storms severe Thursday. Lows

tonight 51 to 59. Highs Thursday 64 to 73.

South Texas — Continued cloudy through Thursday with scattered showers or thunderstorms most numerous south central and Southeast Texas. Dense late night and early morning fog. Humid with warmer temperatures. Lows tonight in the 60s. Highs Thursday 70s and 80s.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Friday through Sunday
 West Texas — Panhandle, South Plains: Fair each day. Highs mid 50s to mid 60s. Lows in the 30s. Permian Basin, Concho Valley, Pecos Valley: Fair each day. Highs in the 60s. Lows mid 30s to low 40s. Far West: Fair each day. Highs upper 60s to mid 70s. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Big Bend: Fair each day. Mountains: Highs in the 70s with lows in the 30s. Lower elevations: Highs in the 80s with lows mid 40s to low 50s.

North Texas — All areas: Cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms ending from the west Friday. Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday. Cooler through the period. Highs in the 60s. Lows in the 40s.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Chance of showers or thunderstorms Friday. Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 70s. Coastal

Bend: Chance of showers or thunderstorms Friday and Saturday. Partly cloudy and cooler Sunday.

Lows Friday and Saturday in the 60s, highs near 80. Lows Sunday in the 50s, highs in the 70s. Lower Valley and Plains: Chance of showers or thunderstorms Friday and Saturday. Partly cloudy and cooler Sunday. Lows Friday and Saturday in the 60s. Highs in the 80s. Lows Sunday in the 50s, highs in the 70s. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Chance of showers or thunderstorms Friday and Saturday. Partly cloudy Sunday. Lows in the 50s, highs in the 70s.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma — Showers and thunderstorms likely statewide tonight and Thursday with locally heavy rainfall possible. Low tonight mid 30s Panhandle to mid 50s southeast. High Thursday near 50 Panhandle to mid 60s southeast.

New Mexico — Tonight mostly cloudy northeast with a chance of showers, snow above 6000 feet. Clear to partly cloudy elsewhere. Thursday partly cloudy with a chance of mountain showers, snow above 6000 feet, north. Sunny to partly cloudy elsewhere. Lows tonight mid 20s mountains to mid 40s southeast. Cooler Thursday with highs low 40s mountains to low 70s southwest.

Lawyers seeking court order to have public schools shut down

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Lawyers representing the poor school districts that got the Texas Supreme Court to declare the state's school financing system unconstitutional have been told to seek a court order on May 1 to shut down the state's public schools.

Edgewood Superintendent James Vasquez said Tuesday that the plaintiffs are going to take the action because the Legislature is "playing games" in attempting to patch the school funding system with a bill that is not within monetary boundaries set by Gov. Bill Clements.

Clements has vowed to veto any bill that costs more than \$300 million the first year.

Vasquez, however, says that \$800 million is needed unless the state formula is changed so that money going to the wealthier school districts is redistributed to the poorer districts.

"If anything comes out, it's going to be a watered-down bill that will be a patch and not take care of the problem," Vasquez told members of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.

"I would hate to go to the Pearly Gates and have this state judged now," he said.

Edgewood is the lead plaintiff among 68 property-poor school districts in the state which successfully challenged the current funding system, the bulk of which, is provided through local property taxes.

Funding plans by both the state House and Senate were rejected last week as being too expensive, dashing hopes that a new finance bill could be agreed to before the end to the 30-day session today.

Clements has ordered another special session to begin next Monday and vows to keep the Legislature in special session until the school funding issue and judicial reform is resolved.

Vasquez also said he is "totally pessimistic" that a new school finance bill can be agreed upon during the second special session as legislators race toward a May 1 deadline imposed by the Texas Supreme Court.

"On May the 1st, we have a 9 a.m. appointment with the court. We're going to that (Travis County district) court and say, 'Shut down the system. Shut it down.' If it can't be fair to all, then we shouldn't put money into it," Vasquez told the group.

Al Kauffman, attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund who represents the plaintiffs in the equalization lawsuit, was unavailable for comment Tuesday night, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported.

State Rep. Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio, vice chairman of the House Public Education Committee,

said Tuesday afternoon that lawmakers will not pass a plan in time to satisfy the plaintiffs.

"If we're to believe the governor, any plan over \$300 million will be vetoed. A plan that I believe the governor would sign, the court would not accept," Luna told the newspaper.

Vasquez said he has been cautioned about the backlash from closing the classrooms to 3 million students in Texas.

But he said, "I think we have no choice. We owe it to those kids at this point."

"Maybe 3 million kids going home and 3 million parents calling the governor will influence him."

Texas Supreme Court justices ruled 9-0 in October that the state's method of funding its school system is unconstitutional because it discriminates against children living in poor school districts.

Williams protest



(AP Laserphoto)

Protesters make their feelings known as they demonstrate outside of Clayton Williams' Houston gubernatorial headquarters Tuesday afternoon. The protest was the Houston National Organization of Women's response to Williams' rape remarks over the weekend.

Richards hasn't ruled out debates with Mattox

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Ann Richards' campaign says the Democratic gubernatorial candidate hasn't ruled out debating opponent Jim Mattox. But she hasn't agreed to attend any debates, either, press secretary Monte Williams acknowledges.

"We're not ducking any debates. We had other things on the schedule — rallies, events people have been invited to — that conflicted," Williams said.

Mattox on Tuesday accused Richards of using illegal drugs when she was "a 46-year-old elected official" and said that's one reason she is dodging debates before their April 10 runoff election.

"There is sufficient information to cause me to believe that she needs to come forward and discuss these issues in a public forum," Mattox told a news conference.

"She doesn't want to answer simple 'yes or no' questions about cocaine, marijuana and hallucinogens. She must answer what she used, how much, for how long, and who supplied them," Mattox said, although he refused to provide any

evidence of drug use.

Richards, 56, had little to say about Mattox's allegation during a campaign appearance in McAllen. Asked by The Associated Press if she wanted to respond to him, she replied, "No."

In debates and elsewhere, Richards has repeatedly refused to give a yes-or-no answer when asked if she ever used illegal drugs. A recovering alcoholic, Richards has said she hasn't used a "mood-altering chemical" in 10 years and that she never knowingly committed a felony.

"This campaign has taken on the predictable form that Jim Mattox campaigns always take," Richards said Tuesday. "Whatever trash he can throw to try to detract from his poor performance he will do that, and I expect it to continue until election day."

Mattox, the state attorney general, said Richards is refusing to debate him because she doesn't want to face the drug issue and questions about her personal finances.

He said she refused to participate in two televised debates proposed for Dallas and Houston. He challenged her to participate in those

and two more "no-holds-barred" debates before the state Capitol press corps in Austin.

"I will appear anytime, anywhere," Mattox told news reporters. "Ann Richards is off on the run. She's hiding. That's what's happening right now. She's trying to stay out of y'all's way and my way."

In McAllen, Richards said she was willing to debate and blamed any failure to schedule one so far on her campaign staff.

"If we can work that (debates) into the schedule, that's great with me. Frankly, don't know what's on that schedule. But there are some scheduled (campaign) events where people have bought tickets" and she must appear, she said.

Richards said she didn't fear a one-on-one format. "I spend most of my time answering his ridiculous questions anyway."

But Mattox said his opponent was deliberately dodging events other than carefully planned campaign appearances. He said such tactics would fail against Republican nominee Clayton Williams if Richards wins the Democratic nomination.

"Ann Richards, when she doesn't have a script in front of her,

performs very poorly ... What has Ann Richards got to hide that she doesn't want to debate Jim Mattox? Can she really stand up to Clayton Williams in the fall?" Mattox asked.

In other political developments:

— Members of the National Organization for Women demonstrated outside Williams' campaign offices in several Texas cities to protest the Republican's remarks about rape. Williams has apologized for likening bad weather to rape and saying, "If it's inevitable, just relax and enjoy it."

— U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, endorsed state Rep. Rick Perry in the GOP runoff for agriculture commissioner. Gramm said Perry, of Haskell, could defeat incumbent Democrat Jim Hightower and help Republicans "win up and down the ballot." Perry faces Stafford consultant Richard McIver.

— Nikki Van Hightower, a Democratic candidate for state treasurer, picked up the endorsements of state Sens. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi; Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena; Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and John Whitmore, D-Houston. She faces San Saba County Judge Tom Bowden in the runoff.

Pesticide board member opposes ban on chlordane

AUSTIN (AP) — A member of a new pesticide regulatory board, arguing against a ban of the pesticide chlordane, said: "sure it's going to kill a lot of people, but they may be dying of something else anyway."

McAllen Mayor Othal Brand, one of Texas largest vegetable growers, made the statement Tuesday during his first appearance at a Agriculture Resources Protection Authority meeting. He was appointed by Gov. Bill Clements.

Brand later denied making the statement, which was tape-recorded by a *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reporter and a state Agriculture Department employee.

The board was discussing whether to close a loophole in state regulations which allows the use of chlordane by homeowners who still own some of the banned pesticide, even though licensed exterminators are prevented from using it.

Brand said that people who still own quantities chlordane should be able to use it.

"Now they want to ban the total use of chlordane. ... I ask you, what is the substitute for termites in the Rio Grande Valley? You wouldn't last four years in a house without some control of termites," he said.

"I'm 70 years old and in great shape, and I mean, sure it's going to kill a lot of people but they may be dying of something else anyway," Brand said.

The sale of chlordane was banned by the Environmental Protection Agency in 1988 and by the Texas Department of Agriculture in 1987.

Authorities have said that despite the ban, the pesticide can still be found in home storage areas across the state.

Chlordane is a highly effective

pesticide when used to prevent the spread of termites. But tests show it can remain lethal for nearly 30 years after application, officials say.

Texas Water Commission officials urged the authority board to order a total ban on chlordane after traces of it were found in fish taken from the Trinity River between Fort Worth and Dallas. The commission is concerned that continued use of the pesticide may pollute the groundwater supply.

Brand said he wanted to be shown scientific data proving the danger of chlordane to humans before issuing a total ban on it. Texas Health Department officials say chlordane has been shown to cause cancer in laboratory animals.

When asked by a reporter later if his statement on chlordane was a responsible statement, Brand denied he said it.

At the meeting's conclusion when a reporter offered to show Brand a transcript of his comments taken from a tape recording of the meeting, Brand refused comment.

The authority board's chairman, Jim Hightower, who is also Texas Agriculture Commissioner, called Brand's position on chlordane outrageous.

Elvin Caraway III, a Fort Worth attorney also appointed to the board, said Brand's comment was just an "old country expression."

"The gist of his comment is there are many things that cause illness and that ... some of the concern about pesticide generally is a little over-exaggerated," Caraway said. "I think that was what he was trying to say and I'm not saying I agree with that or disagree with it."

Brand and Caraway's appointment to the board is pending approval by the Senate Nominations Committee.

Salinas, Clements to attend bridge ceremony

LAREDO (AP) — Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari and Texas Gov. Bill Clements will be among dignitaries attending a groundbreaking ceremony Thursday for a new international bridge across the Rio Grande.

The ceremony will be for the Colombia-Laredo International Bridge. Actual construction of the eight-lane bridge is not expected to get under way until this summer.

The bridge, to be constructed about 15 miles northwest of Nuevo Laredo, is considered a key element in an ambitious project to develop Nuevo Laredo state's northern area.

Salinas de Gortari will arrive by helicopter near the site where the \$18.5 million bridge will be built, a press spokesman for Nuevo Leon Gov. Jorge A. Trevino Martinez said. Trevino and other Nuevo Leon

state officials will arrive with the president.

Others at the afternoon ceremony in addition to Salinas de Gortari and Clements will include John Dimitri Negroponce, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Gustavo Petricoli, the Mexican envoy to the U.S., Mexican Foreign Minister Fernando Solana and several cabinet secretaries.

Clements' plane reportedly will land at the Nuevo Laredo airport, where he will be picked up by the Laredo delegation headed by Mayor Aldo Tatangelo.

City Manager Peter Vargas said an entourage of about 40 Laredoans will attend the ceremony. All the members of the city council, Webb County Judge Andres Ramos, the county commissioners and representatives of the chamber of commerce have been invited, said Vargas.

EPA says it's 'mildly opposed' to border clean air funding

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency says it's "mildly opposed" to legislation that allows the use of U.S. funds to help Mexico finance air pollution controls on its side of the 2,000-mile border.

Backers say the plan is designed to improve air quality for residents of U.S. cities that suffer from pollution generated on both sides of the border, but the EPA said the bill results in an "open-ended financial commitment" the government may not be able to afford.

The Senate approved the plan, sponsored by Democratic Sens. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, Dennis DeConcini of Arizona and Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, last week as an amendment to the Clean Air Act, while Rep. Ron Coleman, D-El Paso, has introduced similar legislation in the House.

"The northern border of Mexico is the country's fastest growing area, and as a result there are a number of environmental problems, includ-

ing the degradation of air quality in both Mexico and the United States," DeConcini said. "Until we address this issue and cooperate with Mexico ... our country's clean air standards will remain virtually useless."

DeConcini said the bill authorizes the EPA administrator to enter into negotiations with Mexico to establish joint air quality monitoring agreements to identify sources of pollutants.

Under the bill, the EPA could also negotiate with Mexico to develop joint measures that would reduce levels of pollution on the border, and could provide funds, personnel and equipment to carry out monitoring and pollution control programs.

"The U.S. and Mexico must cooperate to reduce pollution in Mexico because as long as they fail to get it under control, U.S. citizens will breathe unhealthy air," Bentsen said Tuesday. "Money spent on reducing Mexico's pollution problem along that border is a sound investment in U.S. health."

Bentsen said there would be limits on that spending, "but this is an important first step

toward cutting through the fog of international complications and cleaning up the air."

But Stan Meiburg, acting deputy director of the EPA's office of air quality planning and standards, said the administration's position on the bill is "mild opposition," not because it's not a good idea to assess sources of pollution but because it's an "opened-ended financial commitment."

Meiburg said the costs of monitoring air pollution and financing pollution control efforts would not be cheap.

Another policy question to be answered is how far should the United States go in helping another country pay for pollution control, at the same time recognizing that air pollution knows no boundaries, he said.

"The question is how far can you afford to go, especially given all the competing problems within in environmental sphere," Meiburg said Tuesday. "It gets down to a question of the allocation of resources."

The costs of conducting the monitoring would likely be in the millions of dollars, he said.

Greyhound violence no excuse not to resume talks, union says

By KAREN BALL
AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The union representing striking Greyhound bus drivers is urging the company to couple its offer of rewards for information about strike-related violence with a return to negotiations.

"Anything that brings criminals to justice is great, but it's no excuse to stay away from the bargaining table," union spokesman Jeffrey Nelson said Tuesday after Greyhound Lines Inc. said it would pay \$100,000 for information leading to convictions for shootings at buses or terminals.

Since the strike started March 2, there have been shooting attacks on 21 Greyhound buses and two attacks on terminals, Greyhound

vice president P. Anthony Lannie said in announcing the rewards.

"The terrorism must stop," Lannie said. "It's inevitable that somebody is going to get hurt."

No one has been seriously injured in any of the shootings. On the second day of the walkout, a striking driver in Redding, Calif., was crushed to death by a bus driven by a replacement driver. No one was charged.

"Certainly, we condemn the violence, but we don't have a hand in it," Nelson said.

Meanwhile Tuesday in West Hartford, Conn., the case against a striking driver accused of shooting at a bus two weeks ago was moved to Hartford Superior Court so officials there can determine whether more serious charges are warranted. Roger Cawthra, 44, is accused of

firing the shot that hit the luggage compartment of a Greyhound bus carrying 19 passengers. No one was injured.

Cawthra, the only person who has been arrested in any of the shootings, was charged with first-degree criminal mischief, a felony, and three misdemeanors — first-degree reckless endangerment, unlawful discharge of a firearm and unlawful discharge of a firearm on a public highway.

The union said it is willing to resume negotiations at any time. Lannie said the company would not resume talks, which broke down 10

days ago in Tucson, Ariz., until management had "hard assurances" from the union that the violence would stop.

Federal mediators are trying to meet separately with both sides, but no immediate sessions were scheduled, officials said. "We have no reason for optimism," Greyhound's Lannie said, adding that the union also would have to soften its wage demands before negotiations could resume.

Wages, work rules and job security are the key issues in the strike, which involves 6,300 drivers and 3,000 other Greyhound workers.

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Opinion

The revolving door should be opened

America's immigration difficulties seem on the way to solving themselves. The national panic of the 1980s, resulting in the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act, stemmed largely from an influx of Mexicans. They fled their country as its government, beginning in the 1970s, nationalized industries, property and banks. Mexico sent virtually no immigrants northward in the 1970s, but nearly 3 million in the 1980s.

Now Mexico's government has begun to de-socialize the economy. Jose Angel Guria, undersecretary for international finance affairs at the Mexican Ministry of Finance, wrote recently in the *Wall Street Journal*, "Mexico has closed, merged or privatized several hundred government-owned enterprises."

These moves should bring Mexico's economy back to health and create so many new jobs that fewer Mexicans will seek employment north of the border. Also, the general peace now spreading across Central America will send fewer Salvadoran and Nicaraguan refugees northward. And improvements in the economies of Asia should slow the influx of immigrants from there. Indeed, we may soon wish we had more immigrants, as they are a boon to our economy.

Unfortunately, this news hasn't registered on American immigration bureaucrats in Washington, DC. Gene McNary, commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, proposed imposing identity cards on all workers. Whenever you seek employment, you would have to present a laminated ID card proving that you are an American citizen, even if your ancestors came over on the Mayflower, or that you are an immigrant here legally.

McNary's proposal was sparked by an outbreak of discrimination caused by the 1986 IRCA law. That law effectively enlisted all employers as INS enforcement officers, forcing them to make sure every new worker was a citizen or legal alien. Employers who violate the INS regulations can be fined up to \$10,000 or sent to jail.

The result was predictable: discrimination against brown-skinned people, even those whose ancestors have lived here for hundreds of years. Last month a New York State task force on immigration issued a report that found "a widespread pattern of discrimination" exists against people who are or look foreign. Chairman Cesar A. Perales said the task force found that employers "are adopting practices that discriminate against foreign residents, out of fear of penalties under the immigration law."

The way to end such discrimination is not, as McNary proposes, to impose a vast, Soviet-style system of national ID cards, but to repeal the repressive 1986 immigration law. After that, we should work with Mexico, Canada and the other nations of the Americas to establish a Western Hemisphere Economic Community, similar to the European Economic Community, with open markets and open labor.

Walls are falling across the world. Let's break down those around our own land, and keep it free.

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Berry's World



"I think they're doing the 'Lambada' — or is it the 'Libido'?"

But reality says fat chance

On paper, where it is likely to remain, Dan Rostenkowski's plan to eliminate the federal deficit is altogether admirable. It would require some sacrifice from almost everybody, but it would not demand great sacrifice from anybody, and it would work.

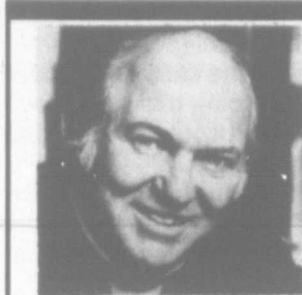
Why, then, the pessimism? It is because the gentlemen from Illinois would revise not only the laws that now govern taxing and spending. He also would repeal the laws of human nature, and these are not subject to roll-call vote.

If nothing significant is done toward getting the nation's financial house in order, the government will roll up deficits estimated at \$648 billion over the next five fiscal years. Rep. Rostenkowski's combination of increased taxes and diminished spending would cut this to \$137 billion. He predicts an actual surplus in 1994 and 1995.

How would he accomplish this miracle? Let us count the ways.

For reasons that never were clearly explained, the income tax rate on individuals begins at 15 percent. At a certain point it goes to 28 percent. Then it is 33 percent for a while, and then it falls back to 28 percent. This schedule, says Rostenkowski, is "absolutely ludicrous." He would dissolve the bubble and keep the top rate at 33 percent. This would hit the rich folks.

Americans, the gentleman notes, currently enjoy the lowest gasoline tax in the free industrial world. Federal and state taxes combined amount to about 30 cents a gallon. The gas tax in France is \$2.42 per gallon, in Japan \$1.64, in Great Britain \$1.75, in Italy \$3.97 and in Germany \$1.58. Under the Rostenkowski plan, the federal tax would rise from 9 cents to 24 cents a gallon. This would pro-



James J. Kilpatrick

duce additional revenues of about \$11 billion a year, and it would make truckers, shippers and cab drivers very unhappy.

The congressman has other revenue enhancements in mind. He would double the federal tax on beer and wine. He also would double the tax on tobacco products, lifting it from 16 to 32 cents a pack. He would impose unspecified taxes on "pollutants," and these increases would make smokers, toppers and polluters extremely sad.

Manifestly, these enhancements would fly in the teeth of President Bush's pledge of "no new taxes," but a hint developed last week that perhaps it is time to read between the president's lips. Budget Director Dick Darman, testifying on the Hill, was asked how long the pledge was intended to last. Darman's reply was a classic formulation of political reality. "For the time being, forever."

All told, the Rostenkowski plan would produce \$195 billion in new revenues over the five-year period.

On the spending side of the ledger, the plan proposes a one-year freeze on all non-defense outlays except those that benefit the very poor. The freeze would permit no increase next year in expenditures

for education, drug control, national parks, farm subsidies, foreign aid, grants for pornographic art, congressional staff and you-name-it.

Of greater political interest, Rostenkowski would freeze spending on Medicare, and he would deny a cost-of-living increase for one year to retirees on Social Security.

It is relevant at this point to note that the gentleman from Illinois has no opposition for re-election this year. He is positioned to retire from Congress in 1992 with more than a million dollars in accumulated but unspent campaign contributions.

The one-year freeze would greatly displease educators, farmers, environmentalists, drug enforcement officers and the makers of filthy photos. It would arouse the American Association of Retired People to new peaks of forensic fury.

Finally, the plan envisions not merely a freeze on defense expenditures but an actual cut of 3 percent this year. This would bring howls of dismay from the Pentagon, from defense contractors, from military personnel and from many chambers of commerce.

All told, the plan would produce savings of \$255 billion over the five years. An additional \$62 billion would be saved in the cost of interest on government bonds. Deficits would end, interest rates would drop, inflation would stabilize, and we would all be happy hereafter. It says here.

The great hinge word of life is "if." Everything turns upon it. If every affected interest, including the White House, would go along with Rostenkowski, we could climb out of the pit. Will it happen? Hope says it could. Reality says fat chance.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 28, the 87th day of 1990. There are 278 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:
On March 28, 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa., as a series of human and mechanical failures caused the cooling system to malfunction, damaging the reactor's core and leaking radioactivity.

On this date:
In 1797, Nathaniel Briggs of New Hampshire patented a washing machine.

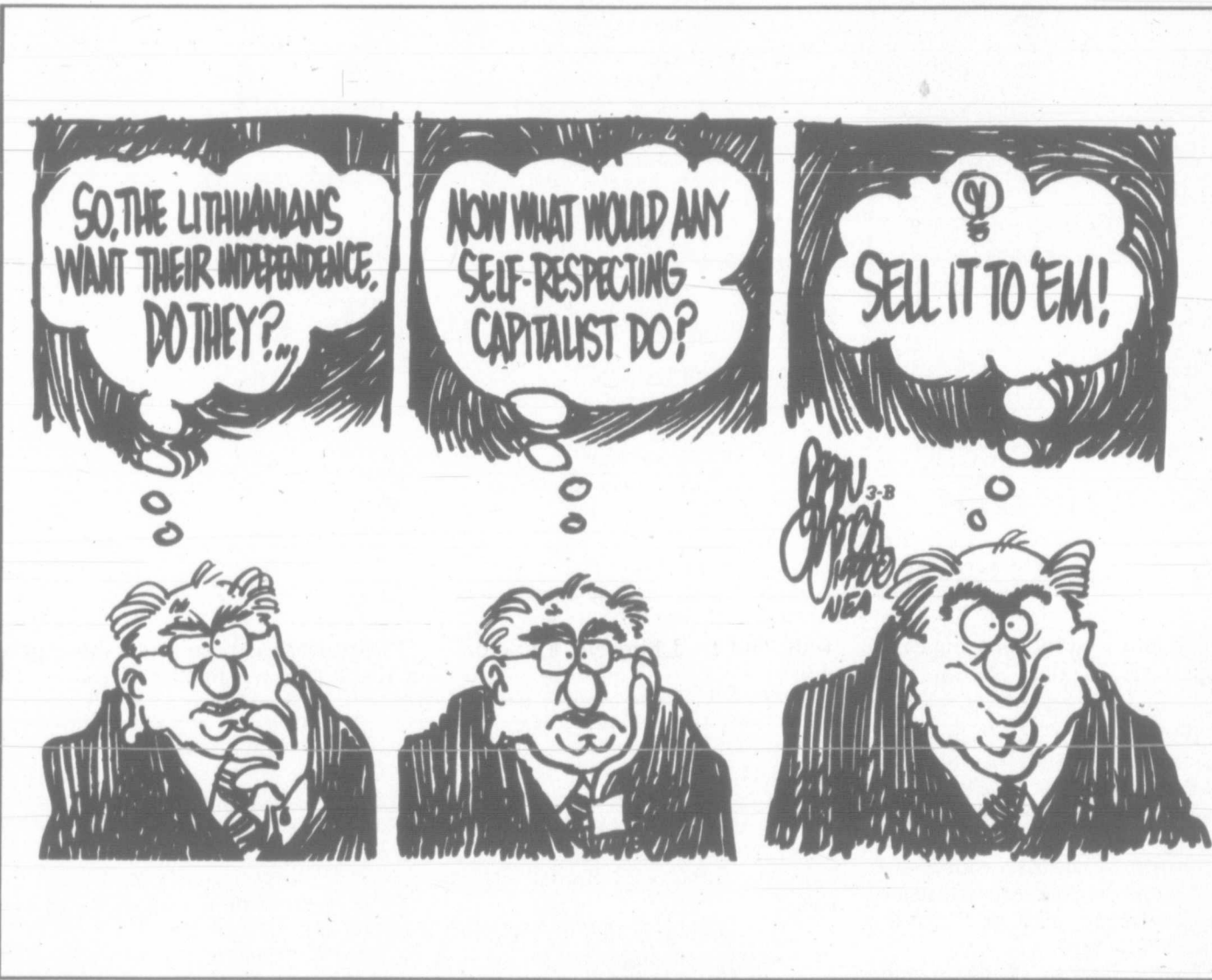
In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.

In 1939, the Spanish Civil War ended as Madrid fell to the forces of Francisco Franco.

In 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf died in Lewes, England.

In 1942, during World War II, British naval forces raided the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire.



There's no deluge of acid rain

For 10 years, government (at your expense) has been studying the subject of acid rain.

Hundreds of scientists, at a cost of more than \$500 million, have sought to determine what acid rain is, what causes it and the extent of any damage resulting from it.

It's called the National Acid Precipitation Assessment Program.

The report of this NAPAP is not yet final but I have seen enough portions of it to note the following:

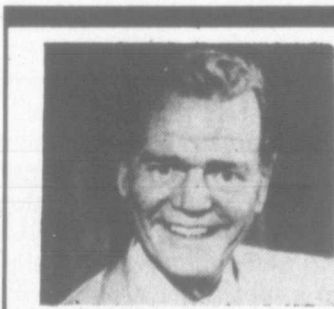
Except for red spruces high in Northeastern mountains, acid rain does not directly harm trees or other vegetation.

Acid rain does impose "indirect stress" on trees, but any such stress is minimal compared with that caused by such other factors as temperature, insects, ozone and root disease.

Acid rain does not reduce crop yields.

Acid rain does affect lakes, though exactly how much is not completely understood. Many lakes have been naturally acidic since prehistoric times.

In Florida 22 percent of the lakes are acidic,



Paul Harvey

even though Florida has little or no acid rainfall.

The report states that putting lime in lakes is presently the most effective and by far the cheapest way to neutralize the acid.

Sen. Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., wrote the bill that created the NAPAP study. Summarizing the results to date, he says, "For me it is reassuring because it shows that the sky is not falling."

The *Wall Street Journal* has studied enough of the new assessment to conclude that recent hysteria about acid rain was "fomented by professional environmental organizations and encouraged by

hyperventilating media reports."

The EPA says President Bush's proposals for fighting acid rain would cost at least \$4 billion a year.

In light of findings so far, such an extravagant diversion of public money is unconscionable.

For a fraction of that sum all artificially acidified lakes in the United States could be limited. This would certainly seem the prudent course.

The director of the NAPAP, James Mahoney, has testified that the Bush proposals — after 20 years — would de-acidify 25 Northeast lakes — at a cost of \$3 billion per lake.

This cost would add to utility bills, to the prices of steel and aluminum. It would divert money desperately needed by American industry for modernization.

President Bush has now "covered himself" with the paranoid and with the professional fear mongers. Congress now has an opportunity to cite the results of its own 10 year study and reject the notion of spending an added \$4 billion a year trying maybe to fix something that ain't broke.

The hyena pack zeroes in on Sununu

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

The jungle drums are throbbing along the Potomac these winter evenings, and their message is unmistakable: "Sununu must go... Sununu must go... Sununu must go..."

If you have watched the Washington media and their liberal cronies on Capitol Hill over any length of time, you will have noticed that certain techniques are used over and over again. In attacking a president, for example, they don't at first go after the man himself.

Instead, one-high administration official at a time is singled out — much as a hyena pack will focus on one zebra in a herd. The victim is then cut down by a series of sharp, slashing attacks. When it can no longer run or resist, the pack closes in for the kill.

In the Carter administration, congressional liberals and the media decided to teach Jimmy who was boss by destroying his close friend and budget director, Bert Lance. Lance

was duly hounded out of office by a series of allegations concerning his handling of certain bank transactions back in Georgia. He was subsequently acquitted of all such charges by a jury of his peers, but Washington scarcely noticed.

In the Reagan administration, which was twice as long as Carter's and far more than twice as obnoxious in the eyes of the liberal media, a whole series of administration officials got the same treatment.

Secretary of Labor Ray Donovan was forced out by allegations of which, like Lance, a jury subsequently acquitted him; but he too was destroyed as a public official. National Security Council Director Richard Allen was smeared so effectively that he had to step down, even though every single one of the news sources that had blackened his name retracted their statements and apologized.

It was Ed Meese, however — counselor to the president and subsequently attorney general — whom the media and the congressional liberals longed

most fervently to destroy. For Meese was a true-believing conservative and much too close to Reagan for the liberals' comfort. Unfortunately for them, two successive special prosecutors found no reason to indict him.

When the Bush administration opened 13 months ago, it seemed obvious that the first victim of this tested technique would be White House chief of staff John Sununu, the roly-poly former governor of New Hampshire. For Sununu, like Meese, is an authentic conservative, and his powerful position made it inevitable that his views would be influential.

It was almost eerie to watch the Washington press corps, like some blind octopus, probing Sununu with its tentacles, searching for a vulnerable spot. Luckily Sununu, whom many observers had predicted wouldn't last long in Washington, swiftly consolidated his position as the president's right-hand man, and showed great skill in dodging the rocks and assorted offal tossed at him by the press. After several months, it

moved disconsolately on to White House counsel Boyden Gray and other possibilities.

But in recent weeks a keen ear has been able to pick up fresh mutterings aimed at Sununu, and on Feb. 21 a general offensive was launched against him. Eight "environmental groups" wrote a joint letter to President Bush, charging the Sununu is undercutting Bush's pledges to protect the environment.

Don't be deceived by the specifics of the accusation. The cause of environmentalism has as little to do with what is actually going on here as the opening of that McDonald's in Moscow. The point is that John Sununu has been marked for slaughter, and from now on the accusations will rain down on his head unceasingly.

Sununu is a remarkably shrewd and able man, and his boss, George Bush, is wise in the ways of Washington and loyal to a fault. So it's far too soon to count Sununu out. But the hyenas have made their choice.



(AP Laserphoto)

Contra rebels patrol in northern Nicaragua in this 1987 photo. The disbanding of the Contras has been called an essential element of agreement between the Sandinistas and the incoming government to cede control of the army and police.

Sandinistas agree to cede control of army and police

By **FILADELFO ALEMAN**
Associated Press Writer

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The Sandinistas have agreed to cede control of the army and police in a preliminary agreement with advisers to President-elect Violeta Barrios de Chamorro on transferring power.

The agreement, reached late Tuesday, stresses that the demobilization of the Contra rebels is crucial if a civilian government led by Mrs. Chamorro is to take over from the Sandinistas on April 25 as scheduled.

Dismantling of the rebel force that once had strong U.S. backing "constitutes an essential element for creating the climate of peace, stability and tranquility in which the transfer of government should take place," the agreement says.

The heads of the transition teams signed the preliminary agreement after a month of negotiations. Chamorro defeated President Daniel Ortega in free elections on Feb. 25.

Control of the security forces is a key issue in the transition from a decade-old leftist revolutionary government to the conservative United National Opposition, or UNO.

Under the agreement, the Sandinista army and police will become non-partisan organizations under the control of Chamorro and only these institutions should have combat weapons.

The accord also says that the size of Nicaragua's armed forces, which Soviet aid built into the largest in Central America, will be determined by the "economic capacity and social necessity of the nation."

Chamorro campaigned on a promise to end the draft and drastically cut the size of the military, which consumes half the national budget in this impoverished country.

The Sandinistas, openly reluctant to relinquish their armed forces and police while the Contras remain intact, have been handing out thousands of weapons since their stunning election loss and urging people to defend the "conquests of the revolution."

Those "conquests" include thousands of houses and farms confiscated by the Sandinistas. The accord says the new government will respect the rights of people who were given confiscated property before election day.

The transition document was signed by Defense Minister Humberto Ortega, head of the Sandinista transition team and the president's brother, and Antonio Lacayo, head of the UNO team and a son-in-law of Chamorro.

Lacayo said the agreement

Prosecutors gather evidence in social club fire

By **RAYNER PIKE**
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Prosecutors intend to use a pair of gasoline-soaked sneakers and a hunk of dance floor to help make their case against a man charged with setting the fire that killed 87 people in a social club.

A grand jury Tuesday began hearing evidence against 36-year-old Julio Gonzalez, charged with 87 murders in the blaze at the Happy Land Social Club in the Bronx. Police said he set the fire early Sunday after being snubbed by an ex-girlfriend who worked there.

"We'll have a made case even if he backs out of the confession," said Edward McCarthy, spokesman for the Bronx prosecutor's office.

The club had been ordered closed for fire and safety code violations and the landlord was trying to evict the owner for non-payment of rent.

The building that housed the illegal club was subleased to the club's operator by a company co-owned by actress Kathleen Turner's husband, Jay Weiss. He leased it from one of New York's top real estate agents, Alex DiLorenzo III.

Turner said she was shocked by the fire but that her husband wasn't to blame.

"It's unfortunate that it was that building but the fact is that you can even throw a firebomb into McDonald's and it would have had the same result," Turner said outside her Manhattan apartment.

The actress, starring in a Broadway revival of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, said she was afraid that people would come to her home seeking vengeance.

Among those scheduled to testify against Gonzalez are his ex-girlfriend, Lydia Feliciano, a coat checker at the club; and the man who sold Gonzalez the \$1 worth of gasoline he allegedly used to start the blaze.

"And then we have the container that held the gasoline, his sneakers, which were soaked with gasoline," McCarthy said. "We even cut up a hunk of the floor and brought it in to prove the burn pattern was caused by gasoline."

District Attorney Robert Johnson said Gonzalez gave police a videotaped statement in which he admitted that he torched the Happy Land in a fit of pique against Ms. Feliciano.

Besides Feliciano, four other people escaped the inferno.

Authorities had warned DiLorenzo that Happy Land was riddled with violations, includ-

ing an illegally added second floor, no sprinklers on the first floor, no second exit and no fire alarms, Building Commissioner Charles Smith Jr. said in today's *New York Times*.

Normally the violations report would have been forwarded by the owner to the leaseholder, but Weiss' attorneys said they never received a formal notice of the violations. They would not comment on whether they knew of them.

Weiss, through his lawyer Roger Boyle, said Tuesday that One Peach Associates, a company he owns with Morris Jaffe, leased the building in 1985 from DiLorenzo's Clarendon Place Corp.

One Peach two years later leased the club to the club's operator, Elias Colon. Boyle said that since last spring the company had been trying to evict Colon for not paying rent. The case was to have been heard in court today. Colon died in the fire.

One Peach also leased space to a second after-hours club, called La Salsa, around the corner from Happy Land, the *Daily News* reported today.

Neighborhood residents said La Salsa, too, was packed with revelers Saturday night. The club has one door and no windows. Because of fire code violations, it had been ordered to close in August 1988.

NASA working out a few bugs in giant telescope project

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A thimbleful of bugs is delaying preparation of the mammoth, \$1.5 billion telescope that will allow scientists to look deeper into the infinities of space than ever before, NASA says.

The gnat-like insects, called midges, were found in a room where the Hubble Space Telescope was being readied for installation in space shuttle Discovery. They forced NASA to delay loading the telescope until at least Thursday.

Engineers fear the insects could damage the fragile 25,000-pound instrument, the most expensive unmanned spacecraft ever built.

"It's kind of ironic, something so tiny affecting something so big," said Lisa Malone, a spokeswoman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

As of Tuesday evening, 37 midges had been sucked into seven traps set up in the preparation room.

"They're calling it the body count," Malone said.

NASA planned to install the telescope Thursday provided no more than one or two more insects are caught in the 4-foot cylinders, which contain fans and lights that apparently lured the midges. Installation originally was planned for Tuesday.

"It is a super clean payload," explained NASA spokesman George Diller. "Any little particle at all can significantly degrade the effectiveness of looking at a very faint object."

The delay in loading the Hubble will not affect Discovery's scheduled April 12 liftoff, Diller said.

Once it begins orbiting 370 miles above Earth, the Hubble will be capable of looking seven times more deeply into space and detect-

ing objects 50 times fainter than the best ground-based observatory.

Astronomers will be able to look back almost to the beginning of time by studying stars and galaxies so distant that their light has been traveling toward Earth for 14 billion years.

The shuttle launch may be moved up a day or two since technicians have needed little of the contingency time built into Discovery's prelaunch program, even after being bugged by bugs.

Mother Nature has troubled Hubble since the telescope arrived at Kennedy Space Center in October. Crews cannot spray insect repellent because of the telescope's extreme sensitivity, Diller said.

In October, moths invaded an anteroom used to prepare the 43-foot telescope for transfer into a special clean room. Then, in December, wasps snuck into the room through a cable conduit.

Each time, crews kept the tele-

scope from being contaminated, Diller said. The telescope is kept inside a special protective bag, or cocoon, that is opened only in order for work to be performed.

The midges were found on the orbiter's payload bay doors Sunday when a servicing machine was retracted to receive the telescope. The door was vacuumed, but some of the insects got inside a payload preparation room on the launch tower.

Until lately, NASA feared a baby great-horned owl in a nest atop Discovery's launch pad structure might interfere with liftoff. However, the bird has not been spotted in nearly a week.

"We're on a wildlife refuge and critters are something we have to deal with around here," Diller said. "Like the owls and gators, sometimes they (insects) will affect launch operations. That's part of the business at the cape."

Tranquilizers awaken patient from his vegetative state

By **MICHAEL C. BUELOW**
Associated Press Writer

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Eight years after an auto accident left him in a vegetative state, a man given a tranquilizer in a dentist's office fell asleep, woke up and started to speak. Soon he could say his name, walk and feed himself, a doctor says.

Dr. Andres Kanner, a neurologist with the University of Wisconsin Hospital, said Tuesday it's a mystery why tranquilizers awakened the man.

"I don't know what it is," Kanner said. "It was just luck he had to have some dental work and it was just luck they administered the drugs."

The patient, identified only as a

Wisconsin man in his mid-40s, had been in a vegetative state, not a coma: His eyes were open and he occasionally uttered words, but he could do nothing else, the doctor said in an interview Tuesday.

"His interaction with the environment was very limited. He rarely spoke one or two words," Kanner said.

The patient had been given Valium March 12 as a painkiller for routine dental work, Kanner said. After the tranquilizer was administered, the man fell asleep about five min-

utes, said Kanner, who was not present at the time.

"Then he woke up and started talking. He was able to answer questions, say his name, to feed himself and walk," Kanner said he was told.

Hours later, the man lapsed back into the vegetative state. He was given a second dose that brought him out of it for about 90 minutes. At that point he was able to recall parts of his life.

"I have to tell you he was a differ-

ent man. He knew his name, the name of his family, where he used to work. He could add, subtract and perform complicated calculations," said Kanner, who witnessed the second reaction.

Since then, the man, who remains hospitalized, has received different, longer-lasting forms of benzodiazepines, a family of drugs that includes Valium, and barbiturates that allowed him to remain lucid 10 to 12 hours at a time, Kanner said. The drugs are administered intravenously.

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Escape to the tropics with the luscious flavors in Kahlua Fresh Coconut Cake.

Coconut and Kahlua confections create a taste of tropical paradise

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. — Daydreaming of afternoons with palm trees shading a patch of white sand and a tropical picnic spread out just a few feet from blue water?

Ah, well. At least a taste of paradise can be whipped up at home, with the right marriage of two ingredients: fresh coconut and the delicious flavor of Kahlua.

Kahlua Fresh Coconut Cake is four marbled layers, rich with a creamy filling and crowned with fresh coconut, a show-stopping finale of any al fresco event.

Kahlua Colada Pie conjures images of sipping a Kahlua Colada while swaying in a hammock under a Tahitian palm.

For those who enjoy the taste of the toxic combined with rich chocolate, try Kahlua Coconut Fudge Sauce. And, "Kahluarooms" are a South Pacific version of that classic cookie — the macaroon!

Kahlua Fresh Coconut Cake
1 (18 1/2 ounce) package yellow cake mix
2 1/2 teaspoons instant coffee powder
1/2 cup Kahlua
1 medium-sized whole coconut
2 cups milk
1 (4 3/4 ounce) package vanilla cook and serve pudding mix
1 1/2 cups whipping cream
3 tablespoons powdered sugar

Mix cake according to package directions. Pour into two greased and floured (9 inch) round baking pans. Sprinkle 3/4 teaspoon coffee powder over batter in each pan. Using fork, swirl powder through batter to create marbled effect. Bake according to package directions. Cool in pans 10 minutes. Remove from pans and, using wood pick, pierce holes about 1 inch apart all over. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup Kahlua. Cool completely.

Place whole coconut in oven at 325 degrees F., 15 to 20 minutes until cracked. Remove from oven and set aside until cool enough to handle. Crack open with hammer. Pour out liquid. With sharp knife, gently, pry meat from shell. Using vegetable peeler or sharp paring knife, remove brown skin. Grate coarsely (you should have about 3 cups).

In saucepan, combine milk with pudding mix and remaining teaspoon coffee powder. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thick. Remove from heat and stir in remaining 1/4 cup Kahlua. Cover with plastic wrap and cool completely.

To assemble cake, split each layer in half to make a total of 4 layers. Place 1 layer on cake plate and spread 1/3 of pudding in even layer to come within 1/4 inch of edge. Repeat layers, ending with cake. In large bowl, whip cream with sugar until stiff. Frost sides and top of cake with cream. Cover cream with coconut by pressing onto sides and top. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serves 12.

Kahlua Colada Pie
1 (7 ounce) package shredded coconut
1/4 cup (4 tablespoons) melted unsalted butter
1/3 cup cornstarch
1 1/2 cups half and half
1 cup canned coconut milk (see note)
1/2 cup sugar
6 tablespoons frozen pineapple juice concentrate, thawed
6 tablespoons Kahlua
2 tablespoons rum
Whipped cream

Fresh pineapple slices, leaves and/or flowers

In bowl, combine coconut and melted butter, tossing to blend. Press into bottom and up sides of 9 inch pie pan. Bake at 300 degrees F., 20 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool.

In top of double boiler, combine cornstarch, half and half, coconut milk and sugar. Set over hot water and cook, stirring constantly, until thick. Remove from heat and stir in pineapple juice concentrate, Kahlua and rum. Cool. Pour into pie shell. Cover top with whipped cream.

Chill. To serve, decorate top with fresh pineapple slices, leaves and/or flowers, if desired. Serves 8.

NOTE: Canned coconut milk is available in many supermarkets and Asian markets.

Kahlua Coconut Fudge Sauce
4 ounces semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1 (15 ounce) can coconut cream
6 tablespoons Kahlua
Ice cream, fruit or unfrosted cake

Freshly grated coconut, toasted (optional) (see note)
In saucepan, combine chocolate, condensed milk and coconut cream. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until chocolate melts and mixture is smooth. Remove from heat and stir in Kahlua. Serve chilled or room temperature over ice cream, fruit or unfrosted cake. Sprinkle with toasted coconut, if desired. Makes 3 1/2 cups.
NOTE: To toast coconut, spread on ungreased baking pan and place in oven at 300 degrees F., 30 to 40 minutes, stirring often, until golden brown.

Kahluarooms
1 (7 ounce) package shredded coconut
1/2 cup sugar
1/3 cup flour
1/4 cup Kahlua
3 egg whites

In bowl, combine coconut, sugar, and flour. Stir in Kahlua. Using two forks, mix with tossing motion until all ingredients are evenly distributed.

In small bowl, whisk egg whites until frothy. Stir into coconut mixture. Drop by rounded teaspoons 1 1/2 inches apart on greased baking sheets. Bake at 325 degrees F., 20 to 25 minutes or until firm. Immediately transfer to wire rack and cool completely. Makes 2 1/2 dozen.

Kahlua Specials Instant Splits

Give drop-in guests this unexpected taste treat: line foil cupcake cups with split ladyfingers or strips of poundcake. Add a spoonful of strawberry or apricot jam, a scoop of ice cream (any flavor), a tablespoon of Kahlua and chopped nuts. Serve at once or freeze until needed.

Kahlua Crepes

Fill ready-made crepes with melon chunks, strawberries or ice cream. Then roll up and spoon on Kahlua and whipped cream. Divine!

Morning Grapefruit Special
Choose a sweet pink grapefruit; halve it and sprinkle with brown sugar. Broil until warm; then spoon on a teaspoon of Kahlua.

Teriyaki Treat
Try this easy basting sauce for ribs, chicken, shrimp or beef on the grill: mix 1/4 cup Kahlua with the same amount of teriyaki sauce; add 1 tablespoon sesame seeds and minced fresh ginger. Baste meat frequently during cooking.

Kahlua Cubes
Don't throw away your cold coffee; instead use it to fill ice cube trays nearly full. Add 1 tablespoon Kahlua to each section; freeze. Use for iced coffee or cola drinks.

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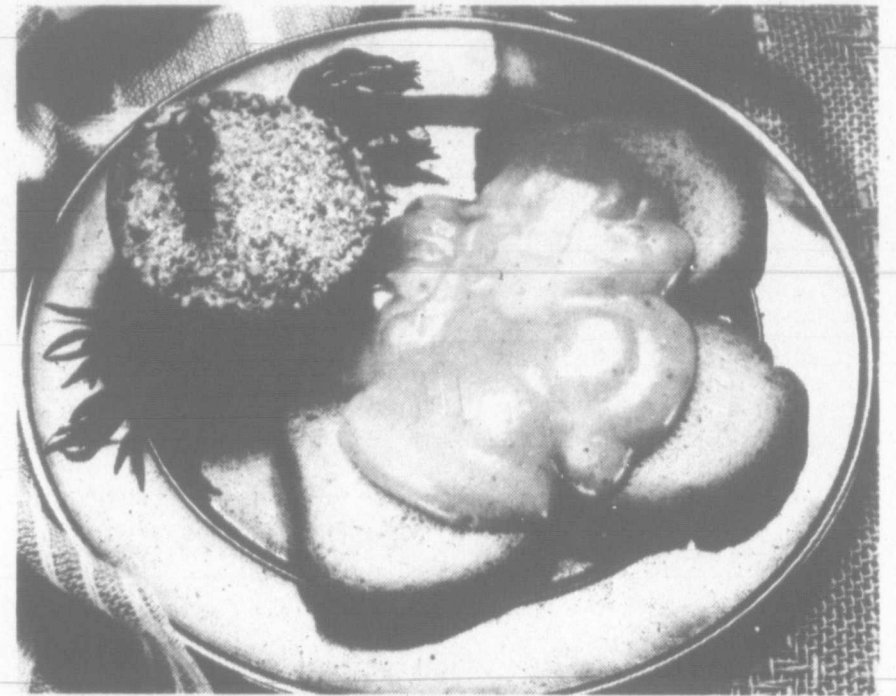
Stir up sauce for Norwegian Rarebit

NEW YORK (AP) — Jarlsberg cheese can be used in a range of recipes — from hors d'oeuvres and sandwiches to breads and pastas, fish and meat dishes.

Jarlsberg has a delicate, mellow-nutty taste, is semi-soft in texture and pale yellow in appearance.

Norwegian Rarebit
1 tablespoon butter
1 cup beer
1 pound Jarlsberg cheese, grated
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 teaspoon curry powder
1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
Melt butter in a double boiler over boiling water. Add beer. When the butter-beer mixture is warm, add the cheese, stirring constantly with a fork until melted and the mixture is smooth. Add the egg; stir in the seasonings. Serves 4-6. Note: This is delicious served over toast or crackers, and as a sauce for grilled tomatoes or other vegetables, pasta, fish or chicken.



Norwegian Rarebit is delicious served over toast or crackers, or can be used as a sauce for grilled tomatoes or other vegetables, pasta, fish or chicken. (AP Photo)

Quick cooking ideas that save kitchen time

By NANCY BYAL
Better Homes & Gardens
Food Editor

Big occasions — birthday, anniversary, promotion — don't always come when you have lots of time to prepare a celebration meal. These exquisite steaks have a flavor worthy of the most special event but are easy to prepare and cook in 12 minutes.

Mushroom-Topped Tenderloins
4 beef tenderloin steaks, cut 3/4-inch thick (about 1 pound total)
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
4 ounces fresh mushrooms, sliced (about 1 1/2 cups)
2 green onions, sliced (1/4 cup)
1/2 teaspoon bottled minced garlic or 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon dried marjoram, crushed
1/8 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons dry sherry

In a large skillet cook steaks in margarine over medium-high heat for 6 to 8 minutes or to desired doneness, turning once. Transfer to a serving platter, reserving drippings. Season steaks with salt and pepper. Keep warm.

Cook mushrooms, onions, garlic, marjoram and pepper in drippings over medium heat about 4 minutes or until mushrooms are tender. Remove from heat. Stir in sherry. Spoon over steaks. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 296 cal., 23 g pro., 2 g carb., 20

g fat, 73 mg chol., 188 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 13 percent vit. A, 13 percent thiamine, 31 percent riboflavin, 32 percent niacin, 19 percent iron.

Looking for an easier version of her grandmother's German potato salad, one of our editors created this tangy noodle salad. It tastes like the traditional side dish, but spares you the hassle of peeling and cubing potatoes. Serve it with pork or beef.

Hot Noodle Salad
3 ounces medium noodles (about 2 cups)
3 slices bacon
1/2 of a medium onion, chopped (1/4 cup)
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup vinegar

2 stalks celery, sliced (1 cup)
2 tablespoons snipped parsley

In a large saucepan cook noodles in boiling water for 7 to 9 minutes or until tender; drain well.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet cook bacon until crisp. Drain bacon, reserving 1 tablespoon drippings in the skillet. Crumble bacon; set aside. In the skillet cook onion in reserved drippings until nearly tender. Stir in sugar, flour, salt and dry mustard. Add water and vinegar. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir for 1 minute more. Stir in noodles, celery and parsley. Transfer to a bowl. Sprinkle with crumbled bacon. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 172 cal., 5 g pro., 23 g carb., 7 g fat, 59 mg chol., 281 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 10 percent vit. C, 23 percent thiamine, 13 percent niacin.

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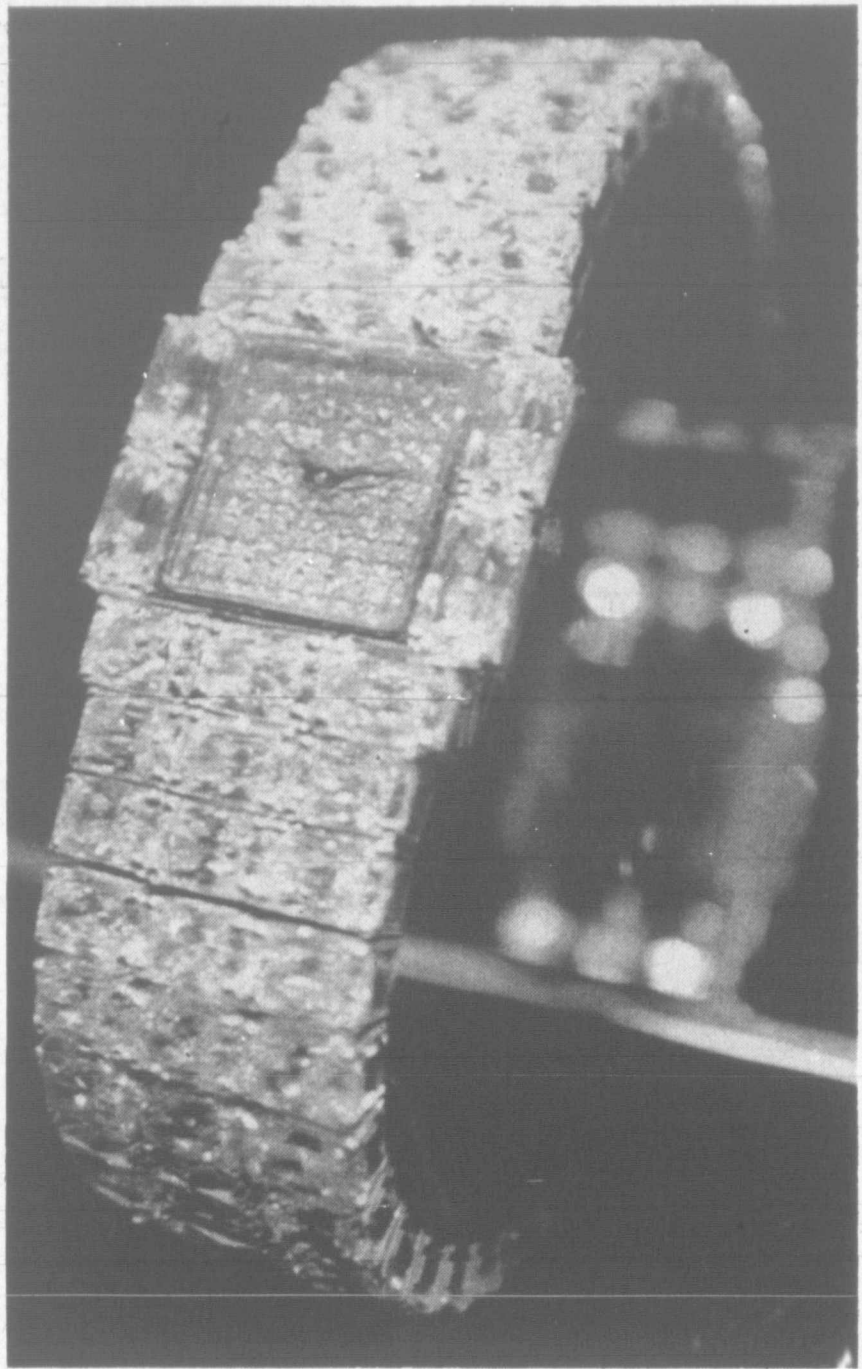
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Lifestyles

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A one-of-a-kind Swiss watch filled with diamonds was on display recently at a two day international jewelry show near Tokyo. The timepiece, made by Swiss Waltham International SA in commemoration of the watch maker's 150th anniversary in the year 2,000, is made up of 173 diamonds of the highest quality totaling 150.26 carats. The watch was used for display purposes only and bears no manufacturer's price.

Daughter-in-law's house is suddenly closed to mom

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have two married sons who move frequently in their work. Recently they both moved to the same city about 2,000 miles from us. As both sons had been asking us to visit them, we thought this would be a good time.

We called our sons before getting our tickets and were told they'd be waiting. Five minutes after I called the younger son, he called back to say his wife had told him that I wasn't welcome in their home! I was shocked. They've been married for 15 years and I had been in their home many times. (Once she had insisted that we stay two weeks when we'd planned to stay only one.)

I called and asked her what I had done to her. She said that 12 years ago, when they were visiting us, we had a family picture taken and she hadn't been asked to be in it. Abby, I always thought a family picture included the mother, father and the children they had raised.

At first we decided not to go because we didn't want to cause any trouble between our son and his wife, but the older son insisted we come anyway, so we went. He and his wife were wonderful, showing us the sights, great meals, etc. Our younger son took two days off work to be with us, brought the grandchildren out, and even took us to see his lovely new home one day when his wife was gone. (She's intelligent, college-educated and has good manners.)

When we got home, I wrote her a letter, apologizing for excluding her from the family pictures and telling her how proud I had always been of her, and hoped we could put this misunderstanding behind us. Well, my letter was returned marked "Refused."

Abby, what could I have done that I didn't do? I feel terrible and don't know what to do.

HEARTSICK

DEAR HEARTSICK: Consider this: Intelligent, college-educated people with good manners are not immune to physical and



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

mental disorders. Your daughter-in-law's sudden, hostile personality change could be a symptom of some kind of disorder. Tell your son that his wife should be examined physically and psychiatrically. It would be a kindness.

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from "Danny's Mom" in Knoxville, Tenn. It seems her son, Danny, had gone back to college at the age of 36 and, after seven years, he was graduating with honors at the age of 43. Danny said he owed it all to you because he read a letter in your column from a man who was debating about whether he should return to college for his degree. The man had written, "In seven years, I will be 45 years old." Your reply: "So how old will you be in seven years if you don't go back?"

Well, I can top Danny. After 14 years of working days and going to school nights — taking one or two courses at a time — on June 3, 1990, I will graduate magna cum laude from Elmira College with a degree in psychology.

I expect to have four grandchildren in my audience, and will be celebrating my 57th birthday in August.

Abby, keep right on telling people it's never too late to learn.
PATRICIA GOODRIDGE,
ELMIRA, N.Y.

DEAR PATRICIA: Congratulations. If anybody can top you, I'm sure I'll hear about it.

Magic show Sunday

AMARILLO - Harry Blackstone Jr. will appear in a special matinee featuring his "Grand Illusion" magic show for the youth of the area Sunday, April 1 at the Amarillo Civic Center at 2 p.m.

"Originally this event was scheduled only for an evening performance," says Civic Center Manager Kris Miller, "but because of the nature of the program, we wanted to give as many young people as possible a chance to see this spectacular magic show."

Blackstone's show, which features a large company of assistants, is known for its feats of levitation, disappearing personages on stage, a light bulb that travels

over heads of the audience and high comedy involving audience participation.

Blackstone was named Magician of the Year in 1985 by the International Brotherhood of Magicians, an award to the number one magician of the year by his peers.

Other magicians have failed to duplicate the dancing hankerchief illusion, or the vanishing bird cage. The immense terrifying buzz saw cutting the pretty lady in half is also on the obligatory magical agenda.

For ticket information call 378-3096 between 12:30 and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Clarendon College, Pampa Center

Clarendon College, Pampa Center, will offer classes in real estate appraisal Apr. 21-22, 28-29 and May 5-6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a break on Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Instructor is Charles Buzard. This course meets core requirements for real estate credit.

Deadline to register to make the

next Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) exam at Clarendon College is Friday, Mar. 30.

The test will be administered April 28 at Clarendon College, Clarendon. For more information contact 665-8801 in Pampa or 874-3571 in Clarendon.

Health services for elderly topic of Amarillo workshop

AMARILLO - Health services for the elderly will be the focus of a free workshop on Wednesday, April 4 at the Northwest Texas Hospital Pavilion Auditorium. The workshop is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon and is sponsored by the West Texas State University's Southwest Institute for Family Nursing.

The program is designed for the elderly, primary care givers and health professionals and will provide information on health services and organizations that assist the elderly and their families. Particular emphasis will be placed on home health care, hospices, the Veteran's

Affairs Medical Center and their benefits.

Presenters are graduate students in the West Texas State University division of nursing. Continuing education units will be awarded with a certificate of completion. The workshop is free and the public is invited. For more information, call WTSU division of nursing at 656-

Reunions

Channing High School
Channing High School will host the first all-school reunion on Aug. 17. Organizers are searching for addresses of former classmates and faculty. Anyone interested may write CHS Reunion, P.O. Box 55, Channing, Tex. 79018 or call Melody Brown Davis at 235-2201.

101st Airborne Division
The 45th annual "Gathering of the Eagles" of the 101st Airborne Division Association will be in Washington D.C. as part of the U.S.A. Airborne 50th Anniversary Celebration. Dates are July 5-8. More than 25 airborne unit associations will have reunions or conventions during this time period. For more information write to 101st Airborne Division Association, 101 East Morris Street, Sweetwater, Tenn. 37874.

94th Infantry Division
The 94th Infantry Division Association is conducting a nationwide search for former members of the 94th, a WWII Army unit that

completed an outstanding combat record as part of General Patton's 3rd Army in Europe. The 41st annual reunion is July 26-28 in San Diego, Cal. Write to Ross Jordan, 1415 Orion Road, Batavia, Ill. 60510.

2nd Armored "Hell on Wheels" Division
The 2nd Armored "Hell on Wheels" Division is looking for former members for a reunion at Killeen, Fort Hood, Tex. on May 30 - June 3. Among the veterans from Texas, they are interested in locating Sgt. Clark of Fox Co. 41st Inf. who was wounded at Humane, Belgium, Dec. 26, 1944 in the Battle of the Bulge; and the McElroy brothers who rode motorcycles for the 41st. Write to Loren O. Guge, 8053 High Point Blvd., Brookville, Fla. 34613 for information.

82nd Airborne Division
The 82nd Airborne Division Association will have a reunion in Washington, D.C. on July 4-8. For more information write: Airborne

Reunion, 5459 Northcutt Pl., Dayton, Ohio 45414.

401st Bomb Group
A reunion of the 401st Bomb Group Association (H), part of the 8th Air Force over Germany and Occupied Europe during WWII, will take place in Portland, Ore. on Sept. 19-22. For further information write to Group Secretary, Ralph "Rainbow" Trout, P.O. Box 22044, Tampa, Fla. 33622.

LST Association
The LST Association is looking for LST shipmates for a reunion in St. Louis in September. For more information write U.S. LST Association, P.O. Box 8769, Toledo, Ohio 43623.

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Observations on March Madness

Here's some interesting tidbits on past NCAA tournaments:

- Who is the only player to lead the nation in scoring while playing for the NCAA champion? Clyde Lovelette of Kansas.
- Who is the only player to win the Final Four Most Outstanding Player award three times? Lew Alcindor, UCLA.
- Who made 21 of 22 shots from the field in the NCAA championship game? Bill Walton, UCLA.
- Who scored a record 184 NCAA tournament points in one year? Glen Rice, Michigan.
- What player has scored the most points in his career in NCAA tournament play? Elvin Hayes, Houston.
- Before first-year coach Steve Fisher led Michigan to the NCAA championship in 1989, who was the last coach to win the title in his first tournament appearance? George Ireland, Loyola, Illinois.

With all the March madness swirling around, don't forget about the University of Rochester, N.Y., men's basketball team.

Rochester finished third in the University Athletic Association and was unranked nationally at the end of the regular season.

The Yellowjackets still qualified for the NCAA Division III Tournament and won the national championship by defeating DePauw, 43-42, in the finals.

Sam Condo's record has stood for a long time. Condo, an honorable mention all-state basketball player for the Pampa Harvesters, hit 42 free throws in a row during the 1956-57 season.

That's still a Harvester record for the most consecutive free throws converted.

While Condo had his streak going, it was learned that a junior college player in New York state was pouring in foul shots at the same pace.

A long distance free throw contest developed between the pair.

Ironically, the string ended at 42 for both of them. "He missed his free throw first and then I missed mine the very next night," said Condo, who still lives in Pampa.

More on Condo: Condo was a 6-2 senior forward on the Harvesters' 1956-57 club, which posted a 28-2 record. Other starters on that team were Jerry Pope, Tommy Gindorf, Dickie Mauldin and Bill Brown. Pope was a first-team, all-state pick.

Condo averaged 14.3 points per game and was at his best down the stretch.

He poured in 23 points as Pampa defeated Abilene High, 68-53, in regionals to put the Harvesters in the state tournament.

Condo and Mauldin shared team-scoring honors with 13 points in Pampa's 54-40 win over Austin in the state semi-finals.

In Pampa's 67-51 loss to Port Arthur in the finals, Condo led the team in scoring with 15 points.

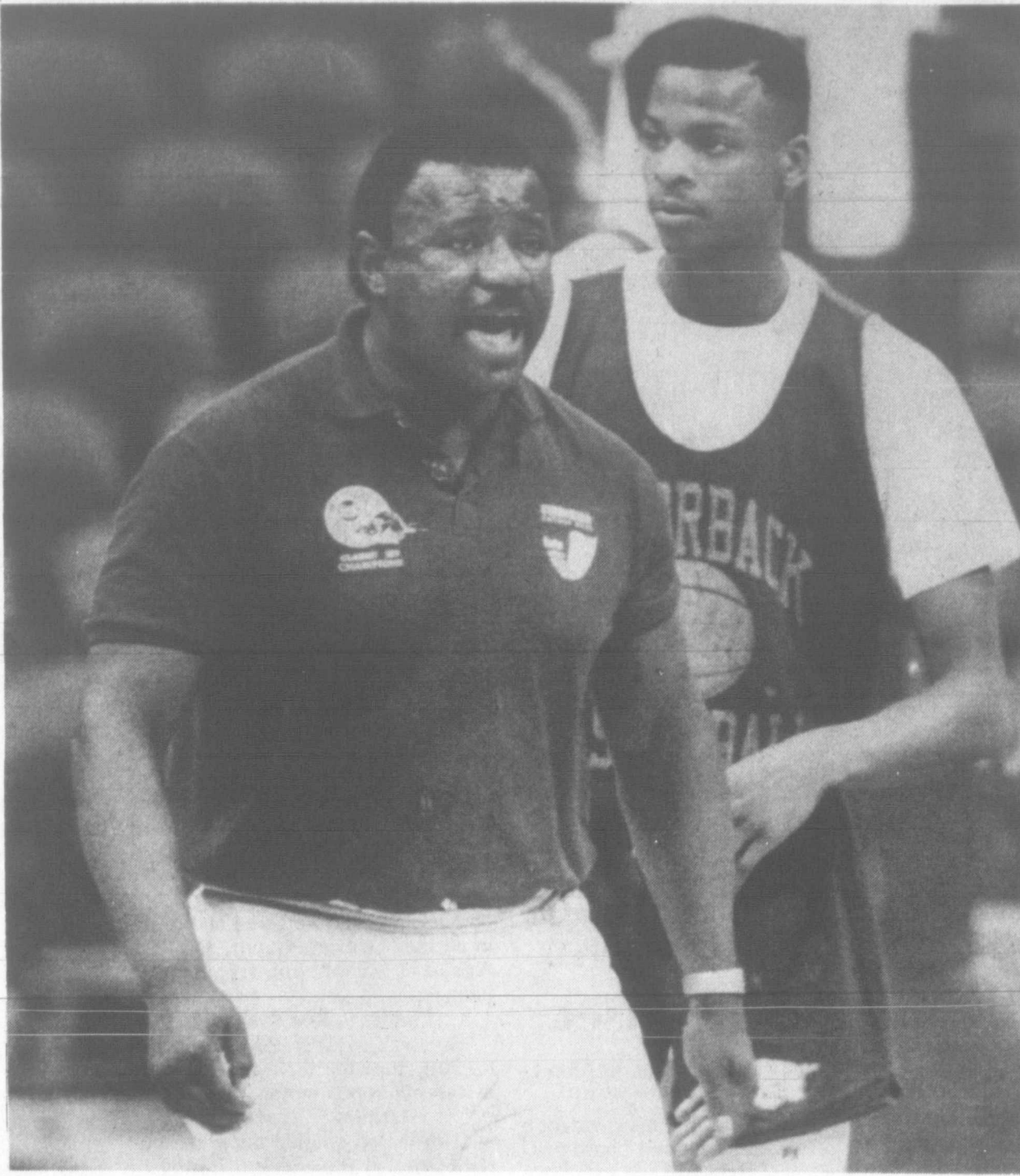
Condo capped off the season by receiving the Hustling Harvester Award.

The alleged *Sports Illustrated* cover jinx struck again.

Oregon State's Gary Payton was pictured on the front of the March 5 issue, proclaiming him as college basketball's Player of the Year.

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Richardson carves out niche in a white world



(AP Laserphoto)

Arkansas basketball coach Nolan Richardson is only the second black coach to take a team to the NCAA tournament's Final Four.

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — A certain perception about black coaches is still prevalent, says Arkansas Coach Nolan Richardson, the second black to take a team to the NCAA tournament's Final Four.

"When I win a basketball game or John Thompson does, it's because we've got talented players," Richardson said. "When a white coach wins, it's because he's smart."

Thompson was the first black coach to reach the Final Four, eight years ago at New Orleans. His Georgetown team lost to North Carolina in the final, then won the championship two years later at Seattle.

Thompson was offended when asked how it felt to be the first black coach with a team in the Final Four. Richardson said he understands Thompson's anger, though they came from different worlds.

"I came from the South, John is from back East," he said. "There's a lot of feelings in the way we were brought up. I came from a city that I call the 'colorless city,' and it's in Texas — El Paso. The reason it's colorless is 60 percent is Mexican-American, and that's minority to begin with."

But even in El Paso, he said, he was subject to discrimination. "I couldn't go to the movies when I was a college player. ... I couldn't go to the restaurant and ride on the bus, and even if I did, I rode in the back."

On campus, "I never, ever was called a name. And I was the only one on the campus who was black. I was never called a name. I was never treated disrespectfully on the campus."

That doesn't mean he doesn't have strong feelings on the subject. He sees himself and Thompson and Minnesota's Clem Haskins as pioneers, breaking new ground in a largely white world.

"What else could we be?" Richardson said. "Every move we make is an important step. Every move that is positive is an important step."

There were no black coaches in El Paso when he started his high school coaching career there, he said. "Then you leave and there's three or four come in and get a good job."

In years past, he said, blacks broke into coaching as assistants, hired mostly to recruit black players and to deal with them once they were on the roster.

"We'd go out and attract all the black kids," he said. "We'd work with the black problems. I used to see this. But that was the only way we could get jobs."

When he took a coaching post at Western Texas Junior College in Snyder, Texas, he recalled, "there's maybe only 10 black families. And I left and they hired a black coach two years later."

He served a similar purpose in Oklahoma, he said, as coach at Tulsa.

"Oklahoma State would have never hired Leonard Hamilton if I wasn't over there knocking them out recruiting."

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What Nicklaus wants more than anything is a challenge

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

Most men entering the autumn of their lives long for spring. Jack Nicklaus' desire is to extend summer.

He tees it up tomorrow on the Senior Tour and has penciled in the Masters for the following week. And neither the aged skeptics who await him in the first quest nor the foolish youths who do so in the second would dare write off his chances in either.

"When you go head to head against Nicklaus," fellow golfer J.C. Snead once said, "he knows he's going to beat you, you know he's going to beat you, and he knows you know he's going to beat you."

Jack William Nicklaus still sounds like he does, though since crossing the threshold of a half-century earlier this year, the greatest player in the history of this centuries-old game clearly is having a harder time turning the mental engine over.

"My goal is to be the first to win on both tours (in the same year)," Nicklaus said before embarking on a vacation that ended with a practice round Tuesday at Desert Mountain in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he debuts with the over-50 set in the Tradition.

Commentary

"I don't know why I can't. I feel better than I have in years. I really think the exercise program I've been on has brought my game back close to where it was," he added, "20 years ago."

Having shed 15 pounds, his waistline is close to those earlier dimensions and his back is in better shape than it has been for years. His driver is no longer the cannon it once was, but at 265 yards, on average, out of the box, it is long enough. And his drawing power? Probably at an all-time high.

Yet, for the first time in a long time, Nicklaus does not have a clear picture of where his next shot is headed. Winning

is still a compulsion with him, but he has yet to be convinced that doing so on shortened courses with little rough against men his own age and older really counts for something.

Unlike those golfers who have plundered the circuit as though it were a federally funded job program for the elderly, Nicklaus does not need the money. As head of the Golden Bear conglomerate of companies involved in golf course design, construction, management, publishing, promotion and sportswear (you can purchase almost anything from him — an entire golf course to the shirt off his back), he is turning over nearly \$400 million a year.

He has already won an unprecedented 20 majors and all the crystal and silver his dining table and bookshelves could possibly accommodate.

No, what Jack Nicklaus wants more than anything else now is a challenge. And to a man who shot 69 on a regulation course when he was all of 13, handicaps were something for everybody else. Which explains, perhaps, why his first

step down the seniors' path was a crooked one.

In an article in *Golf Digest*, he said: "Fellows who were marginal players on the regular tour are now doing quite well as seniors. I don't find it a challenge to play against the same guys I've beaten for 30 years."

That raised some hackles among the senior set — at least among those who still have their hackles intact.

"I always thought Jack was quite a guy," Dave Hill said. "I don't any longer. ... I hope that some of us marginal players can hammer him at Scottsdale."

Arnold Palmer, who usually wound up taking the bullet in several of the greatest duels golf has ever seen, was a bit more philosophical.

"I felt the same way when I turned 50," he said. "I thought I could still beat the juniors. I wasn't ready to admit I couldn't win on the regular tour."

"Once I understood, I have had nothing but fun," Palmer added. "It'll happen to Jack, too."

Boys of summer busy after a long winter of discontent

By DICK BRINSTER
AP Sports Writer

Pasqual Perez is in camp, the umpires are coming back, there's an outbreak of chicken pox in Arizona and the San Francisco Giants are still trying to beat the Oakland Athletics.

All this on Day 2 of the spring training that almost wasn't.

Perez, delayed by visa problems and a lawsuit, arrived Tuesday night at the New York Yankees' camp in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He threw for 10 minutes, pronounced himself fit and predicted he would prove New York's three-year, \$5.7 million investment was a good one.

"I'll be ready for the season," said the 32-year-old right-hander, projected as the Yankees' opening-day pitcher.

"I've already told my wife I'm going to win 18 games," he said.

Because of a 1984 drug arrest, Perez needed a waiver to enter the United States. He got it, then was delayed Friday by a child-support suit in the Dominican Republic.

Perez denies fathering a child born to a woman he claims to know only casually.

Umpires will report to work Friday, ending a boycott of spring training games while their labor dispute goes to binding arbitration.

The umpires' union and league presidents agreed Tuesday to let a retired Philadelphia judge resolve their differences. The umpires want to be paid for spring games canceled during the owners' 32-day lockout.

"They need some work, particularly behind the plate," umpires'

union chief Richie Phillips said. Agreement was reached with the prodding of U.S. District Judge Norma L. Shapiro, who had been scheduled to hear arguments in the baseball's request for an injunction against the umpires.

Instead, the sides met for several hours, then emerged to say retired Common Pleas Judge Stanley Greenburg would decide the issues, starting with a hearing today.

There's a player in the Oakland minor-league camp that no one wants to face. His name is Martese Robinson, and he has the chicken pox.

"I have no idea where it came from," he said from his hotel room in Scottsdale, where he is quarantined. "I just can't believe it's me."

And he's not alone. The Cleveland Indians have three chicken pox cases in their minor-league camp at Tucson, about 120 miles away.

Robinson was diagnosed Saturday, and exhibition games with other minor league teams were canceled.

Robinson may be working out again by the weekend.

The major-league A's had no problems at all on Tuesday.

"Everything we do against them is wrong and everything they do is right," San Francisco manager Roger Craig said after the A's routed the Giants 16-3 at Phoenix. "It's a carryover from last year."

Oakland swept San Francisco last fall in the earthquake World Series.

"We hit well against them, that's all," said Jose Canseco, who hit one of three Oakland home runs.



(AP Laserphoto)

Oakland second baseman Lance Blankenship leaps over San Francisco baserunner Kevin Bass in the teams' first meeting since last fall's World Series.

Darren Lewis hit a three-run, inside-the-park homer. Ozzie Canseco, Jose's brother, added a two-run triple.

Dave Stewart outpitched Scott Garrelts — as he did twice in the World Series.

Mets 11, Yankees 0
Dwight Gooden, sidelined nearly half of 1989, was impressive in his spring debut for the Mets. Gooden,

who had a shoulder muscle problem last season, allowed two hits, and struck out three in two innings.

Red Sox (ss) 3, Astros 1
Boston's Roger Clemens pitched three scoreless innings and rookie Tim Lincecum hit a solo homer.

Royals 6, Blue Jays 3
Kansas City's Gerald Perry and Danny Tartabull hit solo home runs.

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Briefs

Baseball

The Harvesters will find out Thursday if they're prepared to challenge for first place in the District 1-4A standings when they travel to Lubbock to face the Estacado Matadors at 3:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Estacado edged Lubbock Dunbar, 7-6, to take over sole possession of first place with a 4-0 league record, 7-5 overall. Dunbar, which had been all alone in first place before that game, dropped to 4-1, 7-5, just behind Pampa in the district standings.

Pampa has yet to lose a game this year, boasting a 3-0, 9-0 record entering Thursday's showdown with Estacado. A victory will put the Harvesters in sole possession of first place for the first time this season.

Pitcher Brandon Knutson (3-0) is scheduled to start for Pampa.

The Harvesters will travel to Borger to take on the eighth-place Bulldogs Friday at 4:30 p.m. They'll host fifth-place Levelland in a district game Saturday at 2 p.m.

Golf

The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters have scheduled makeup dates and times for the District 1-4A round that was postponed at Frenship last Saturday.

The girls team will play the makeup round Thursday at Elm Grove Course in Lubbock beginning at 9:30 a.m. After one day off, the girls will then travel to Dumas Saturday for another district round at the Dumas Country Club course. Tee time is 9 a.m.

The boys team will makeup Saturday's round on Friday, April 6 at Elm Grove Course in Lubbock at

1:30 p.m. The following day, Saturday April 7, the Harvesters will play at Levelland.

But meanwhile, the Harvesters will compete in the Amarillo Relays this Friday at the Amarillo Country Club starting at 8:30 a.m. Ryan Teague is the defending medalist champion at the Amarillo Relays.

Track

The Harvester and Lady Harvester track teams will host the Top O' Texas Relays this Saturday at the Pampa High School track. For a detailed look at both teams, see Thursday's and Friday's editions.

Tennis

After missing out on the United States Tennis Association Zone Advancement Tournament in Amarillo last weekend, the Pampa High School tennis teams jump back into action at the Borger Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Each team member will play four matches: three on Friday and one on Saturday, weather permitting. Play begins at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Rodeo

Last Saturday's Tri-State High School Rodeo at Stratford, which was cancelled because of weather, has been rescheduled for this Sunday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. with a team roping to be held between performances.

Area high school rodeo clubs will compete in the Channing rodeo this Saturday at the XIT Arena in Dalhart. Performances are at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., with a team roping at noon.

Mavs drop Warriors, 118-108

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks forward Sam Perkins says he couldn't get his rhythm until the fourth quarter, but when he did there was no stopping him.

Perkins broke up a tight game with 11 points in a four-minute span as the Mavericks took a 118-108 NBA victory over the Golden State Warriors Tuesday night. It was the fifth consecutive victory for the Mavericks.

Perkins said the Warriors were holding him back with their press.

Mavericks coach Richie Adubato agreed, saying the Warriors gave all the Mavericks problems.

"They're probably the best-coached team in the league," he said. "They press, they run, and shoot it. They make you play helter-skelter basketball."

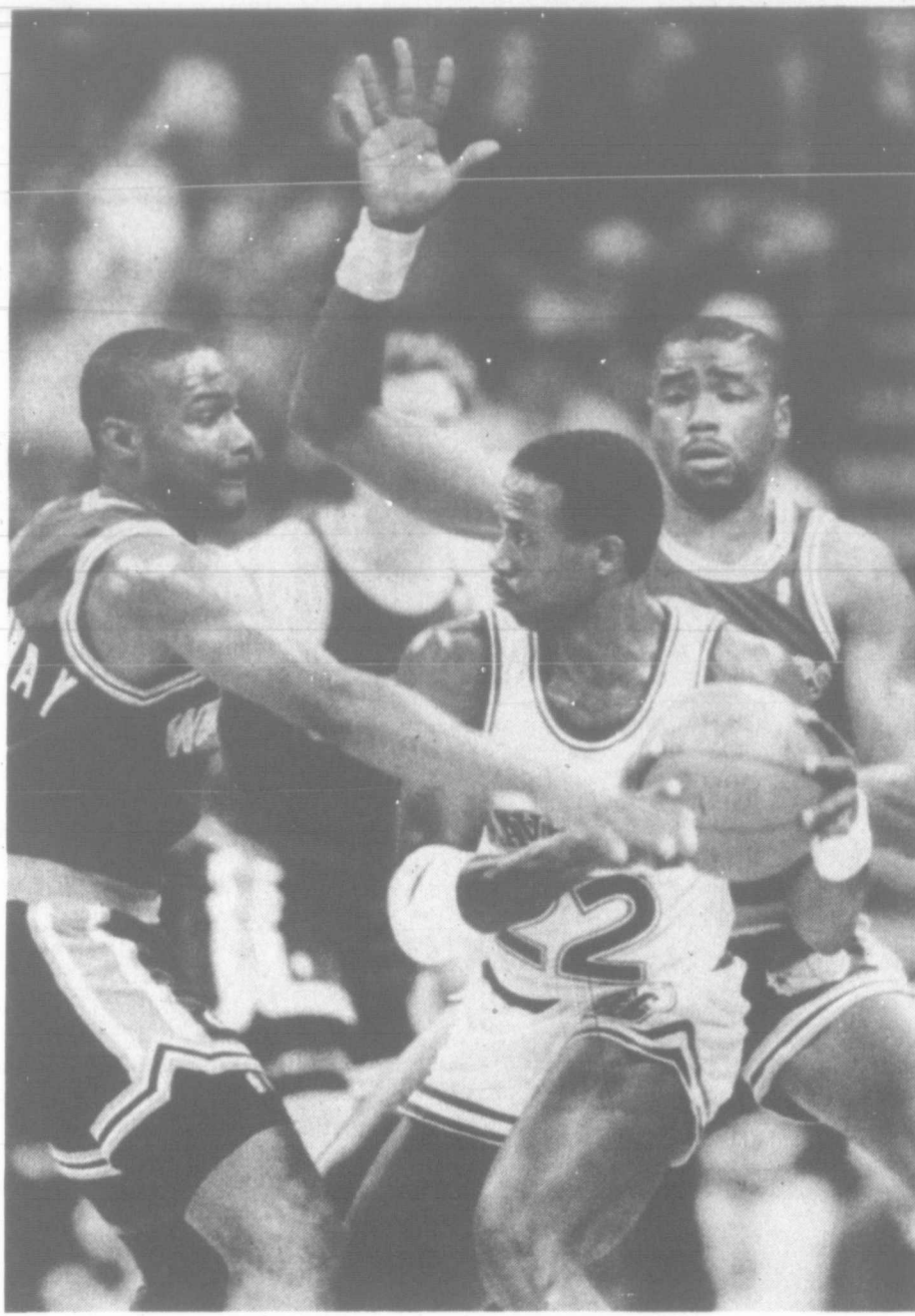
"Perkins got some key rebounds and hit some great shots when he started hitting the offensive board," Adubato said.

Rolando Blackman, who had a team-high 25 points for Dallas, said that the Warriors kept the Mavericks off stride.

"They just didn't let us run our plays," he said. "They key to victory was to slow down their drives to the basket."

The Warriors were without All-Star forward Chris Mullin, who missed a fourth consecutive game because of a viral infection.

"No doubt we could use him," said guard Mitch Richmond, who led all scorers with 32 points. "He's the nucleus of our club."



(AP Laserphoto)

Warriors' defenders Tim Hardaway (left) and Rod Higgins put pressure on Dallas guard Rolando Blackman, who added a team-high 25 points for the Mavericks.

Dorsett ready to trade in helmet for headset

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys running back Tony Dorsett says he plans to finalize his NFL retirement papers this week and will devote his time to sports broadcasting and child-rearing.

Dorsett, an almost certain pick for the National Football League Hall of Fame and the No. 2 rusher in league history, said Tuesday he signed his retirement papers last week, two days after auditioning with ESPN for a job as a television sports broadcaster.

An injury last year forced Dorsett, who was playing for the Denver Broncos at the time, to end his 13-year pro football career.

Earlier this year, Dorsett became a full-time father, responsible for his 16-year-old son, Anthony, who until recently had lived with his mother, Karen Casterlow, in Aliquippa, Pa.

"My mom did all the raising, basically," said Anthony, a junior at J.J.

Pearce High School in suburban Richardson, Texas. "But now, my dad is going to try and be mom."

Dorsett, the Cowboys' all-time rushing leader, was traded to the Denver Broncos in 1988. He says he is excited about life after football but would have preferred to end his career under different circumstances.

"I would have liked to have ended my career on the field," he said. "But they (the retirement papers) will be sent this week — they're signed."

Copies of the documents will be sent to Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association, to Broncos management and to the NFL commissioner's office, he said.

Dorsett, who had 12,739 career rushing yards, hurt his knee in August while running a pass pattern. The injury forced him to sit out the entire season, but Dorsett said it was not the

determining factor in his decision to retire.

"I've been playing this game for a long time," he said, "and I have pretty much had enough. I am somewhat burned out."

"I did not think I would play this game until 40, so this is a good time to retire."

Dorsett said he was excited by the prospect of landing a job with ESPN, a national all-sports network.

"They told me it went well and that they were impressed with my studio appearance. I was happy and delighted," Dorsett said. "I thought I would be even more nervous than I was."

Although he was traded, Dorsett says Dallas remains his adopted home and favorite city.

He said people will remember him not as a Bronco but as a Cowboy.

Idaho's Davis expected to receive post at Texas A&M

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Idaho's Kermit Davis Jr. will be named today as the new head basketball coach at Texas A&M, according to broadcast and published reports.

KRIV-TV of Houston reported Tuesday that Texas A&M Athletic Director John David Crow had contacted Davis by telephone at his in-law's home in Helena, Ark., and offered him the job.

Davis, 31, met with Crow Tuesday night and could be named coach today, the Bryan-College Station Eagle reported today.

"There's still a thing or two that's got to be done," Crow told the local newspaper after a 30-minute meeting with Davis at the Memorial Student Center. "We don't have a coach yet. If things work out, we'll have a press conference (today)."

Davis could not be reached after the meeting, which ended after midnight.

"We have decided on who we would like to be our new head coach," Crow said Tuesday. "We're just not ready to name him yet. I need to notify some people of some things."

Davis posted a 39-20 record in two seasons at Idaho, where five members of this year's team played their high school or junior college basketball in Texas.

The Vandals won the Big Sky Conference this season and wound up 25-6 after losing to Louisville in the first round of the NCAA West Regional.

Earlier Tuesday Alabama-Birmingham basketball coach Gene Bartow denied reports that he was the front-runner for the post. He said he had not been offered the job.

Bartow, 58, who recently completed his 12th season at UAB, said he had visited with Crow, "and I wish him the best in his search for head basketball coach."

Bartow, who has coached for 28 years, has a 536-279 career record and finished the 1990 season with a 22-9 mark before losing to UCLA in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Crow met last Friday in Oakland, Calif., with Loyola Marymount Coach Paul Westhead, who is not believed to be seriously interested in the job.

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Baseball

Expos 6, Dodgers 1
Montreal's Jeff Goff had two hits and scored two runs, and Howard Farmer pitched three hit innings in relief of winner Joe Hesketh.

Twins 3, Astros 2
Kirby Puckett homered and drove in all three Minnesota runs, and Rick Aguilera struck out five in two innings.

Phillies 9, Red Sox (ss) 7
Boston's Mickey Pina dropped a fly ball, allowing three runs to score in a six-run fourth inning.

Orioles 5, Braves 4
Tim Lulett singled home the go-ahead run in the seventh inning to support winner Ben McDonald. Baltimore's top draft pick last June, McDonald allowed one hit in three innings in beating Dwayne Henry.

Richardson

Richardson said, "They said, 'Oh, man. We got to do something about this.'"

"That was part of why I came to Arkansas, to open up the South," he said. "Open it up. Let me see if I can do the same kind of job I did in junior college."

One change he sees is in the attitudes of fans. The primary problem

White Sox 6, St. Louis 3
Lance Johnson's two-run double in the sixth inning broke a 3-3 tie.

Mariners 4, Indians 3
Mickey Brantley drove in two runs and Greg Britely and Jeffrey Leonard had three hits apiece for Seattle.

Brewers 6, Cubs 3
Milwaukee's Gus Polidor drove in two runs and Robin Yount homered in the first off loser Steve Wilson.

Angels 8, Padres 6
Chili Davis hit a solo homer and Dan Grunhard a three-run shot in California's four-run seventh.

Tigers 5, Reds 1
Urbano Lugo, a non-roster pitcher, scattered three hits over five innings for Detroit. Lugo struck out four and allowed a home run by Paul O'Neill in the fourth inning.

Rangers 5, Pirates 1
Scott Coolbaugh tripled in two runs in a five-run eighth-inning for Texas.

today, he said, is the belief that "we cannot be placed in positions where we have to make decisions. I don't think it has anything to do with the fans today. I think maybe years ago it did, but the fans today just want to win."

But watch out if you don't. "That's the main thing. It's amazing. You can be at an all-white school with black players and as long as you win you never hear racial things," Richardson said. "You only hear racial things when you're losing."

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Strate Line

In Payton's next game he scored five points against Arizona, 22 below his average.

I'm glad the Raiders are heading back to Oakland.

Their 'bad boy' reputation and those silver and black uniforms just never seemed to fit into that Hollywood-soft environment.

I think most L.A. residents felt that way.

A poll conducted by the Los Angeles Times revealed that 83 percent of their subscribers didn't really care where the Raiders moved.

Owner Al Davis may be a quite the wheeler-dealer, but he made a big mistake by moving the Raiders to L.A. in 1982.

It turned out to be more than just a concern that Los Angeles Coliseum would be a difficult stadium to draw crowds every week. The average attendance dropped to 49,620 in 1989.

Besides that, the Raiders haven't had a winning record the last three seasons.

The Raiders belong in Oakland.

Why doesn't someone organize a 'Superstars' extravaganza featuring athletes of various sports in a boxing tournament?

Just sticking to the Big Three (baseball, basketball, football), the list of possible pugilists is endless.

Jose Canseco, Wally Joyner, Dave Parker, Ruben Sierra and Kevin Mitchell could represent baseball.

Charles Barkley, Kevin McHale, Karl Malone, James Donaldson and David Robinson could represent basketball.

Lawrence Taylor, William Perry, Dan Hampton, Keith Jackson and Ken Norton could represent football.

Those are just a few names off the top of my head.

If tennis was included, John McEnroe would be my first pick. He'd fit right in.

ESPN or HBO would be the perfect vehicle for such an event.

To start things off, a media match could be staged to really get the blood flowing.

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Scoreboard

Baseball

District 1-4A Standings

Team	Dist.	Season
Lubbock Estacado	4-0	7-5
Pampa	3-0	9-0
Lubbock Dunbar	4-1	7-5
Dumas	2-2	3-5
Levelland	1-1-1	4-6-2
Friendship	1-3	4-8
Hereford	1-2	2-8
Borger	0-3-1	2-5-1
Randall	0-4	1-7

Tuesday's Games

Lubbock Estacado 7, Lubbock Dunbar 6; Levelland 13, Friendship 3; Hereford 19, Borger 15; Dumas 16, Randall 4.

Thursday's Games

Pampa at Lubbock Estacado, 3:30 p.m.; Randall at Friendship, 4:30 p.m.; Levelland at Hereford, 4:30 p.m.

Exhibition Baseball Standings

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Texas	3	0	1.000
Oakland	2	0	1.000
Seattle	2	0	1.000
Boston	2	1	.667
Baltimore	1	1	.500
California	1	1	.500
Detroit	1	1	.500
Kansas City	1	1	.500
Milwaukee	1	1	.500
Minnesota	1	1	.500
New York	1	1	.500
Chicago	1	2	.333
Cleveland	0	2	.000
Houston	0	3	.000
Toronto	0	2	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Montreal	2	0	1.000
New York	2	0	1.000
Philadelphia	2	0	1.000
Cincinnati	1	1	.500
Los Angeles	1	1	.500
Pittsburgh	1	1	.500
San Diego	1	1	.500
San Francisco	1	1	.500
Atlanta	0	2	.000
Chicago	0	2	.000
St. Louis	0	2	.000
Houston	0	3	.000

NOTE: Split-squad games count in standings, ties do not.

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 5, Atlanta 4
Kansas City 6, Toronto 3
Boston (as) 3, Houston (as) 1
Philadelphia 9, Boston (as) 7
Montreal 6, Los Angeles 1
Minnesota 3, Houston (as) 2
Chicago White Sox 6, St. Louis 3
Seattle 4, Cleveland 3
Oakland 16, San Francisco 3
Milwaukee 6, Chicago Cubs 3
California 8, San Diego 6
New York Mets 11, New York Yankees 0
Texas 5, Pittsburgh 1
Detroit 5, Cincinnati 1

Today's Games

Atlanta vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 11:35 a.m.
Detroit vs. St. Louis at St. Petersburg, Fla., 12 p.m.
Toronto (as) vs. Philadelphia (as) at Clearwater, Fla., 12 p.m.
Houston vs. Cincinnati at Plant City, Fla.,

Baseball

12:05 p.m.	New York Yankees vs. Montreal at West Palm Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.	x-San Antonio 47 22 681 3	Dallas 39 29 574 101/2
12:05 p.m.	New York Mets vs. Baltimore at Miami, Fla., 12:05 p.m.	Denver 36 33 522 14	Houston 33 36 478 17
12:05 p.m.	Chicago White Sox vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.	Minnesota 18 51 261 32	Charlotte 14 54 206 351/2
12:05 p.m.	Minnesota vs. Boston at Winter Haven, Fla., 12:05 p.m.	x-L.A. Lakers 51 17 750 —	x-Portland 50 20 714 2
12:35 p.m.	Kansas City vs. Texas at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:35 p.m.	Phoenix 46 23 667 51/2	Seattle 34 35 493 17/2
1 p.m.	Seattle vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 1 p.m.	Golden State 31 37 456 20	L.A. Clippers 27 43 386 25
2:05 p.m.	Milwaukee vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.	Sacramento 22 47 319 291/2	x-clinched playoff berth
2:05 p.m.	Cleveland vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.	Tuesday's Games	New York 119, Washington 100
2:05 p.m.	California vs. San Diego at Yuma, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.	Indiana 101, Boston 96	Milwaukee 133, Phoenix 127
6:35 p.m.	Toronto (as) vs. Philadelphia (as) at Clearwater, Fla., 6:35 p.m.	Dallas 118, Golden State 108	San Antonio 115, Seattle 103

Basketball

NIT At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times CST
At Madison Square Garden
New York Semifinals
Wednesday, March 28

Penn State (24-9) vs. New Mexico (20-13), 5:30 p.m.
Championship
Vanderbilt (20-14) vs. St. Louis (21-11), 8 p.m.

NCAA Tournament Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times CST
THE FINAL FOUR
At McNichols Arena
Denver Semifinals
Saturday, March 31

Duke (28-8) vs. Arkansas (30-4), 4:43 p.m.
Georgia Tech (28-6) vs. UNLV (33-5), 30 minutes after comp. of first game
Championship
Monday, April 2

Duke-Arkansas winner vs. Georgia Tech-UNLV winner, 8:14 p.m.

NBA Standings

By The Associated Press
All Times CST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	44	26	.629	—
Boston	41	29	.583	2
New York	40	28	.588	3
Washington	25	44	.362	18 1/2
Miami	16	54	.229	28
New Jersey	15	54	.217	28 1/2

Central Division

x-Detroit	51	18	.739	—
Chicago	45	23	.662	5 1/2
Milwaukee	37	32	.536	14
Indiana	35	34	.507	16
Atlanta	33	36	.478	18
Cleveland	32	36	.471	18 1/2
Orlando	17	51	.250	33 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Utah	50	19	.725	—

Hockey

NHL Standings

By The Associated Press
All Times CST
WALESE CONFERENCE
Patrick Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-NY Rangers	36	28	13	85	272	256
y-New Jersey	35	34	8	78	281	269
Washington	34	36	5	73	277	270
Pittsburgh	32	38	8	72	312	351
Philadelphia	30	38	9	69	283	286
NY Islanders	29	38	11	69	269	283

Today's Games

New York at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Adams Division

y-Boston	45	25	7	97	281	225
y-Buffalo	42	27	8	92	274	242
y-Montreal	40	28	9	89	280	229
y-Hartford	37	32	8	82	269	262
Quebec	12	58	7	31	234	394

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
y-Chicago	39	32	6	84	304	285
y-St. Louis	36	33	9	81	287	269
y-Toronto	37	36	5	73	277	344
y-Minnesota	35	38	4	74	275	280
Detroit	28	37	13	69	284	315

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Tiny fat bubbles being used in treatment of bone cancer

By MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Children with a deadly bone cancer are being injected with microscopic, drug-carrying bubbles of fat in hopes that the experimental therapy will work where chemotherapy has failed, a researcher says.

While it is too soon to tell if the strategy is working, some early signs give encouragement, said Eugene Kleinerman of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

The approach may also help some day with other forms of cancer, she said this week at a science writers seminar sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

The patients in her study have osteosarcoma, a childhood bone cancer that produces some 700 cases a year in the United States.

The cancer is treated with surgery to remove the bone tumor, plus chemotherapy to attack cancer cells that have spread elsewhere in the body.

Nonetheless, some 30 percent to 40 percent of patients die from cancer that had spread to their lungs before surgery, Kleinerman said.

Her therapy is aimed at destroying microscopic tumors in the lung by activating white cells called monocytes in the blood and others called macrophages in lung tissue. When activated, these cells kill cancerous cells, she said.

The white cells can be turned on by a drug called muramyl tripeptide phosphatidylethanolamine, abbreviated as MTP-PE, she said.

The drug is enclosed in the tiny fat bubbles because monocytes and macrophages readily digest them. Once devoured, a bubble spills its

load of MTP-PE, activating the cell to fight cancer.

In this fashion, the drug can be delivered only to the desired cells, which cuts down on side effects, Kleinerman said.

The bubbles, called liposomes, are about the size of red blood cells, she said.

In mice, the strategy was able to eliminate cancer that had spread to the lung, she said. It also worked in dogs, even without help from chemotherapy, she said.

The current study has so far enrolled 14 children for whom chemotherapy has failed and whose cancers have spread to the lung.

Participants have been getting liposomes bearing MTP-PE intravenously twice a week as an outpatient for three months or six months. An earlier study showed that side effects are minimal, including fever and chills.

Kleinerman said it is too early to see if the strategy is working in the new study. But participants' lungs show dead cancer cells and scar tissue around tumors, indicating that the treatment is having some kind of effect, she said.

If the liposome strategy does work, she said, she hopes it will be combined with chemotherapy after the initial bone tumor is removed. The idea is that the activated monocytes and macrophages would kill cancer cells that resist the chemotherapy.

She also said the strategy may pay off for other cancers that spread to the lung, such as the skin cancer melanoma, or which spread to the liver, such as colon cancer. Liposomes are taken up by the liver and spleen as well as the lung, she said.

Man sentenced to 131 years for rape, mutilation of boy

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A man whose rape and mutilation of a 7-year-old boy sparked a rewriting of sexual predator laws was ordered imprisoned for 131 1/2 years by a judge who called him "a danger to the defenseless."

Pierce County Superior Court Judge Thomas R. Sauriol sentenced Earl Kenneth Shriner on Monday to three times the maximum standard term under state law. Even with time off for good behavior, Sauriol noted, Shriner still would have to serve more than 88 years.

Shriner, diagnosed as slightly retarded, had a 25-year history of violence against young people. His case galvanized public efforts to get repeat sexual offenders off the street. The state Legislature enacted a strong sexual predator law.

Sauriol told Shriner the crime had angered and troubled him more than any in his 37-year legal career.

"I don't think that I have ever heard of a case that borders on extreme cruelty more than this one," Sauriol said. "The reality is, Mr. Shriner, you present a danger to the defenseless."

Shriner, who did not testify in his own defense, said nothing.

The 40-year-old Shriner was convicted Feb. 7 of first-degree attempted murder, two counts of first-degree rape and first-degree assault in the May 20, 1989, attack on a 7-year-old boy in a wooded area near their homes in south Tacoma. The boy was raped, choked and had his penis cut off.

Neighbors said they found the boy naked, bloody, covered with mud and practically incoherent. A jail inmate testified during the trial that Shriner admitted mutilating the boy, who has since undergone reconstructive surgery.

The boy, who identified Shriner in court as his attacker, was not present. The victim's mother, Helen Harlow, dabbing her eyes and comforted by friends, said she was satisfied with the sentence.

Deputy Prosecutor Barbara Corey-Boulet said, "I think that it served the purpose."

Defense attorney Dino Sepe said he would appeal the verdict and the sentence.

If the convictions stand, defense attorneys said Shriner's sentence should have been within the standard range of 34 years to 43 years, 10 months.

Restrictions proposed on ocean shark fishing

By RICHARD COLE
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — The king of the ocean predators is falling victim to land's deadliest hunters, people, and may face doom unless governments around the world agree to sharply limit shark catches.

The shark-fishing industry boomed in the 1980s to feed the world's growing appetite for shark meat, an inexpensive main course popular with yuppies, and for delicacies such as shark-fin soup.

Now the dusky shark, once common off the Northeast coast, has all but vanished. The night shark, a formerly reliable catch in the Florida Straits, is rarely spotted. A lemon shark research project in the Keys was abandoned last year when researchers could not find enough animals.

And sport fishermen report the number of the sought-after mako sharks caught in the Atlantic is dropping sharply.

"I think we are reaching a critical stage, if we are not already there," said Eric Hawk, administrator for the National Marine Fisheries Service in St. Petersburg.

The U.S. Commerce Department is ironing out the final wrinkles in a plan that would limit to 5,800 metric tons — roughly a half-million animals — the commercial shark catch in federally regulated waters in the Gulf of Mexico, the eastern Atlantic and Caribbean. Estimates are that three times that amount of shark will either be thrown away by boats seeking other fish, such as tuna, or caught by sport fishermen.

Hawk noted those limits would not apply to state waters — where 65 percent of sport catches occur — nor to countries like Mexico, which may take double the U.S. catch.

The fragility of the shark population and the shark's vital role in shaping ocean evolution is only now beginning to be understood, said Samuel Gruber, a University of Miami researcher who has spent a lifetime studying the ancient animals.

"They are more like a whale than a fish — they have their young one at a time," Gruber said. "But the sharks play a much more important role than the whales, because they maintain the ecological health and balance of the seas."

Just as wolves and mountain lions once culled antelope herds in the American West, sharks have been guiding the evolution of fish for 400 million years, he said.

Anecdotal evidence from other biologists and sport fishermen indicate the disappearance of sharks has accelerated over the last decade, coinciding with the boom in commercial shark fishing.

"My impression is that the chickens have come home to roost. This fishing has been going on for about 15 years, and that's how long it takes for sharks to mature," Gruber said.

The growing shark-fishing industry is suspicious of the biologists' data and the Marine Fisheries plan projected to take effect in June. They have hired an attorney and expect to sue the program.

Jim Bonnell, vice president of the Southern Offshore Fishing Association and a shark fisher-

man, said reports from commercial fishing fleets fail to support the theory that shark populations are in trouble.

"In the years we have been doing this, we haven't seen any decrease in the number of fish, or the size of the fish," he said.

The 800-member association estimates there are 45 full-time shark boats in the Tampa Bay area alone, and far more than the 150 estimated by the government in the area covered by the plan. Many fishermen have already been hit hard by new reef-fish restrictions, and switched to shark to make ends meet.

Government biologists don't deny their data is sketchy. But they insist it points to danger for sharks.

A 1980 study estimated maximum sustainable yield for the region was 25,000 metric tons. Yet industry reports show that in the past decade up to 52,000 tons a year was fished annually, with most of it thrown away by boats that caught sharks by accident as they looked for other catches. The figure for 1988, the latest year available, was more than 43,000 tons.

"There's too many fishermen and we're too efficient," says Jack Casey, a Marine Fisheries biologist in Narragansett, R.I.

Government biologists warn that U.S. regulations are not enough to guarantee the shark's long-term survival. Tagged blue sharks, for instance, have been reported caught in 23 nations as they migrate through the oceans.

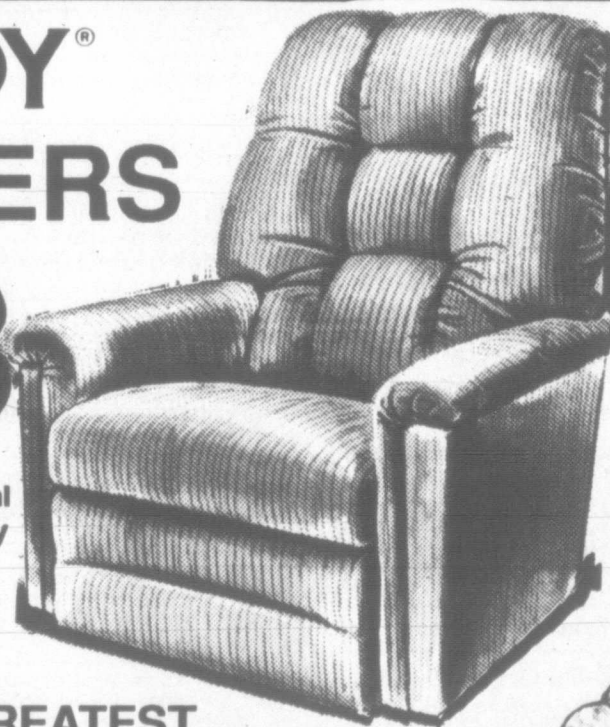
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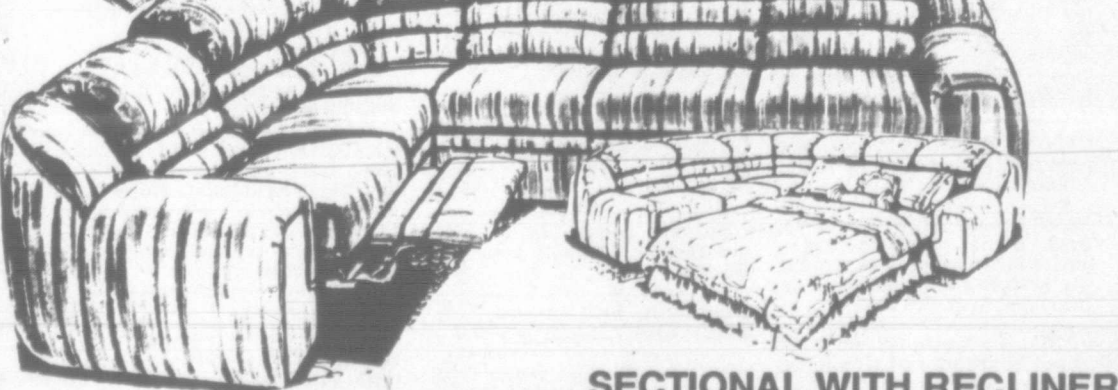
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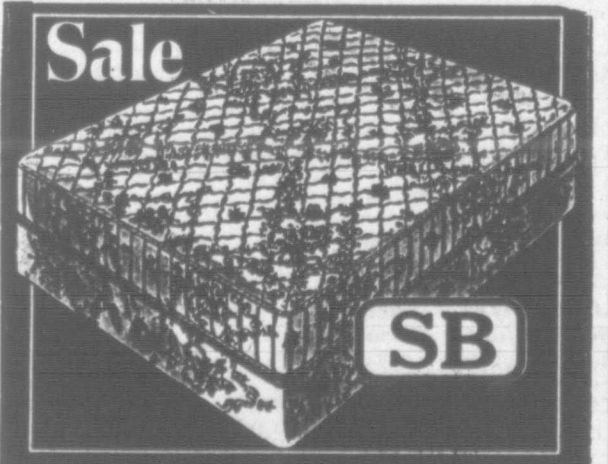
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