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Cheney threatens to close military bases in Philippines



A protester grimaces from the effects of tear gas as a plainclothes policeman tried to arrest her during the dispersal of an anti-U.S. rally in front of the U.S. embassy in Manila.

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
AP Military Writer

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Police clashed today with leftists opposed to U.S. military bases while Defense Secretary Dick Cheney warned that Washington will abandon the six installations unless differences over their funding are resolved.

Cheney, on a two-week tour of the Pacific rim, met for three hours with Philippine Defense Minister Fidel Ramos in discussions described as "very cordial," but also "very forthright."

The defense ministers were unable to bridge conflict over funding of the U.S. bases. Cheney said the United States will maintain "only as long as the Philippine people wish it to stay, and only if the terms negotiated are acceptable to both parties."

There is growing opposition in the Philippines to the bases, which are among the largest outside the continental United States. In 1988 the United States agreed to pay the Philippines about \$960 million to maintain the facilities until their lease expired in 1991, but this year Congress significantly cut financial aid to the bases.

About 200 members of the leftist League of Filipino Students, chanting "Yankees go home!" marched to the U.S. Embassy and hurled bottles and rotten tomatoes at police, who charged them with clubs and tear gas.

One student was arrested and at least four policemen were injured in the protest, which occurred near Cheney's hotel. Earlier, 50 students burned an effigy of Cheney and picketed the military headquarters with banners reading "Cheney warmonger, go home" and "White monkey, go home with your bases."

In Angeles City, home of Clark Air Base about 50 miles north of Manila, about 300 protesters hurled rocks at club-wielding police who tried to stop them from dismantling barbed wire barricades at the entrance.



(AP Laserphoto)

U.S. Defense Secretary Richard Cheney, left, stresses a point during a joint news conference with his Philippine counterpart Fidel Ramos after concluding his talks today at the Armed Forces headquarters.

Demonstrators said about 30 students were injured.

Relations between the two allies have reached new lows in recent weeks.

President Corason Aquino refused to see Cheney, citing the aid cuts and anger over what officials consider adverse reports about her government in the American press.

Cheney's talks with Ramos focused on Filipino claims the United States has failed to live up to its financial obligations for use of the six military installations.

This year, the Bush administration asked Congress for \$360 million in funding, but the figure was cut by \$96 million, and U.S. diplomats say it is unlikely the money will be restored.

"We recognize there is a shortfall of \$96 million over what we had anticipated," Cheney said. "I also pointed out that in East Asia, in this part of the world, the United States provided a little over \$600 million, and about \$500 million of that

comes specifically to the Philippines."

Cheney pledged his "best efforts" to restore funding cut by Congress. He also denied reports in the Philippine press the cutbacks signal diminished support for the Aquino government.

Ramos acknowledged the U.S. administration needs congressional approval for aid commitments, but said he told Cheney "time is of the essence" in meeting obligations.

Asked whether Filipinos wanted the bases to remain, Ramos declined to answer, saying the issue was under discussion in the Philippine Congress.

U.S. and Filipino officials are expected to begin talks soon on extending the bases. Any agreement must be approved by two-thirds of the 23-member Philippine Senate, where anti-bases sentiment is strong.

No date for the talks has been set, and leading Filipino congressmen have urged Mrs. Aquino to postpone them until the cuts are restored.

Japan's parliamentary election puts ruling party to tough test

By ELAINE KURTENBACH
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Japan held parliamentary elections Sunday that put the scandal-plagued governing Liberal Democratic Party to its toughest test in decades.

A controversial sales tax and sex- and influence-peddling scandals have dogged Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu's party for nearly two years, forcing the resignation of two prime ministers.

On Saturday, hundreds of candidates wearing white gloves to symbolize clean politics held final campaign rallies, and the issue was on the minds of some voters.

"The consumption tax and cleaning up politics are the most important issues in this election," said a middle-aged woman coming out of a voting booth who declined to give her name.

But Masaru Oshima, 48, said although opposition parties are gaining support, "their policies are unclear and their leadership untested." He said he voted for the Liberal Democrats.

Polls indicated that the large number of uncommitted voters could hurt the Liberal Democratic Party, which has ruled Japan since 1955. The conservative party needed to win at least 257 seats in the 512-seat lower house of Parliament to retain its majority and win the right to name the prime minister.

The Liberal Democrats hold 295 seats in the outgoing house, to 83 for the main opposition, the Socialist Party.

A victory for the Socialists could

lead to Japan having its first female prime minister — 61-year-old Socialist Chairwoman Takako Doi.

Polls opened at 7:00 a.m. (5 p.m. EST Saturday) and were to close 11 hours later. Partial election results were expected later Sunday, but final results were not expected until Monday afternoon.

Mild winter weather across the country was expected to contribute to an unusually high voter turnout; polls predicted 80 percent of Japan's 90 million eligible voters would cast ballots.

A poll released Saturday by the nationwide Asahi Shimbun newspaper reaffirmed earlier surveys showing the Liberal Democrats leading the Socialists by about 20 percentage points.

But 32.2 percent of the 103,200 people surveyed said they had not decided which party they supported. The newspaper did not provide a margin of error for the survey, conducted Feb. 8-9 and 11-12.

At a rally Saturday, Kaifu confidently flashed the V-for-victory sign and urged several thousand people at Tokyo's Shinjuku Station not to be swayed by the opposition.

He accused the Socialists of being unclear on their position on defense and said a comment by Ms. Doi that such issues could be worked out "overnight" after the election was "irresponsible."

"We can't allow someone who does things overnight to take over this precious country," he said.

In an effort to win support from conservatives, the Socialists watered down their longstanding opposition

to the U.S.-Japan security treaty, under which the United States bases 50,000 troops in Japan. But opposition to the treaty remains party policy, giving the conservatives an opening to accuse Socialists of weakening Japan's security.

The Liberal Democrats had a disastrous year in 1989, caused by scandal and the passage of the unpopular 3 percent sales tax in April.

Also in April, Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita resigned to accept responsibility for an influence-peddling scandal in which politicians profited from sales of cut-rate stock shares supplied by the Recruit Co. conglomerate.

Takeshita's replacement, Sosuke Uno, lasted only two months and was plagued by allegations of extramarital affairs.

He quit after the sex scandal and sales tax cost the Liberal Democrats their majority in the upper house in Parliament in July. The party also lost farmers' support for partly opening agricultural markets to imports.

Ms. Doi urged several thousand people at a rally in the western Tokyo suburb of Hachioji to "show you believe the consumption tax and money politics are unforgivable."

Kaifu, 59, urged voters not to base their decisions solely on the sales tax and promised the Liberal Democrats would not allow another Recruit scandal.

"The LDP will repeat right policies, but we will never repeat wrongdoings," he said.



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Academic All-Stars from Pampa Middle School's Gifted and Talented sixth grade program include, from left, Hugh Teng, Debra Smith, Edith Osborne, Aixa Almonte and Justin Allison. The students finished second in the state in a recent computer test.

Pampa students to advance to national computer meet

A team of five sixth graders from Pampa Middle School finished second in the state during a recent National All-Star Academic computer competition and are now eligible to compete for national honors.

Students Hugh Teng, Debra Smith, Edith Osborne, Aixa Almonte and Justin Allison represented PMS in answering computer-based questions on math, science, social studies and language arts.

School officials said the students are part of the Gifted and Talented program at the school. They will now go on to compete on the national level.

Sponsors said students are tested at their campus on computers and that the test disk is then sent to Lexington, Kentucky for grading.

The PMS group won \$200 in

computer software for the school with their second place finish. They took the test on Apple IIE equipment at Pampa Middle School.

Students from Jamison Middle School in Pearland, located near Houston, placed first in Texas, contest officials said.

Nationwide, Pampa sixth graders finished 42nd out of 1,600 teams from 49 states competing, said Brian Hale, an official with Academic Enterprises. The Pampa team scored 555 of a possible 620 points on the 100 question test.

Teams are given points on correct answers as well as how quickly they answered. To get the most points, they had to read the question and respond correctly all within seven seconds.

A correct answer that took up to 45 seconds to key into the computer was worth little more than

an incorrect answer. If a student took more than 45 seconds, no points were awarded.

Hale said the top five schools from each state will move on to a second round against teams from around the nation with all testing again done on the individual campus on disks that are sent to Lexington for grading.

"The top four scoring teams from round two will advance to the national finals to be held in Lexington on May 12," Hale said. "We pay to fly four team members and a coach here and put them up in the Radisson. Depending on time and weather, we also give them tours of some horse farms and things here in Lexington."

Pampa team members were tested on Jan. 18 and notified of their second place finish late last week.

Williams says he'll stay in governor's race

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams was to announce today that he will stay in the race, campaign officials said today.

Williams suspended his campaign and withdrew TV advertising last week after five business associates were killed in the crash of a small plane near Abilene.

"His first day back on the campaign trail will be tomorrow," Mona Palmer, a campaign official, said today.

The official announcement was expected at mid-afternoon today in Austin, after Williams attended a funeral in Midland for the last of the plane crash victims, Randy Kidwell.

Williams' press secretary Bill Kenyon said on Sunday that Williams probably considered withdrawing from the March 13 primary races, but added, "I think he'll probably go on (in the campaign)."

Kenyon said, "Some of the widows of the fellows who died are

encouraging (Williams) to stay in the race."

Campaign staffers have planned rallies in which Williams will lead voters to absentee polling places after Wednesday, when the absentee voting period begins. The campaign has also purchased TV time around the state this week, sources said.

Polls show Williams leading in the GOP race over Texas Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance, former Secretary of State Jack Rains and Dallas attorney Tom Luce.



(AP Laserphoto)

Volunteers in Newport Beach, Calif., use absorbent pads to clean up crude oil which washed ashore from the ruptured tanker American Trader on Feb. 9. This method illustrates what some say is a primitive level of technology that exists for oil-spill cleanup.

Critics call 'state-of-the-art' oil cleanup crude, primitive

By LEE SIEGEL
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The oil spill that fouled California's coast brought scenes of work gangs with towels and pads swabbing goopy beaches using methods industry called state-of-the-art but environmentalists panned as primitive.

"We're watching a very crude burlesque show which unfortunately cannot get the job done," said Bob Sulnick, head of American Oceans Campaign, a Santa Monica-based environmental group.

"This spill unequivocally demonstrates you really can't clean up an oil spill."

Oil company officials said the industry is doing the best it can, and plans a multimillion-dollar effort to develop better cleanup methods.

"Rather than dwell on the shortcomings of the state-of-the-art as they now exist, I'd try to look to the future," American Petroleum Institute spokesman Bill Taylor said by phone from Washington.

On Feb. 7, the tanker American Trader spilled 400,000 gallons of British Petroleum America Inc. oil off Huntington Beach, polluting some 14 miles of Southern California coastline, killing scores of birds and ruining business for local fishermen.

The Coast Guard estimated last week that skimming boats cleaned up more than a third of the oil,

while nearly half evaporated or dissipated in the ocean. The rest hit the beach.

Bays and wetlands were sealed off with booms and temporary dams. Vacuum trucks helped keep oil from the Santa Ana River.

Unlike last year's nearly 11-million-gallon Exxon Valdez spill on Alaska's rocky beaches, high-pressure hoses were not used on sandy California shores.

But television scenes still were dominated by the spectacle of hundreds of yellow-suited cleanup workers raking up the mess and dabbing globs of oil using absorbent pompons, towels and pads that looked like big diapers.

Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Jack Kemerer said he wouldn't call cleanup technology primitive, but "it hasn't changed much in the last 10 or 15 years."

Cleaning the sand with absorbent pads "may look primitive, but I don't think it is," Kemerer said. "In this case it's probably the most effective way to do it without destroying the beach" using bulldozers to scoop up oily sand.

Others were harsher in assessing cleanup methods.

"Politically you have to put on a show by hiring people and having them mop up whatever oil they can mop up," Sulnick said. "But people ought not to believe that's a cleanup. This oil will be in the environment for a decade."

A spokesman for British Petroleum defended the cleanup.

"This cleanup used the best technology that's available ... even though the technology seems primitive and very, very labor intensive," said Tom Thomson.

He said officials must consider possible environmental damage from cleanup methods, which is why toxic chemical dispersants were not used on the near-shore spill.

Kemerer, executive officer of the Pacific Area Strike Team that responds to oil and toxic spills, said the oil industry and government have not spent enough money on research and development of new cleanup methods.

"I'm sure on the government side it was budgetary constraints," he said. "There probably was some complacency. There weren't any big spills for some time."

Since the Exxon Valdez spill, the oil companies are forming a "petroleum industry response organization" that will spend millions to study and develop better methods to recover spilled oil and prevent and reduce harm to shorelines, Taylor said.

The effort will seek improvements in oil-eating bacteria, methods to wash oil off land, boom designs, absorbent materials, oil-coagulating gels and oil disposal techniques, he added.

Survey: Americans prove to be a staid lot when it comes to sex

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Science Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — When it comes to bedroom habits, Americans are a rather staid lot, a new survey concludes.

On average, adults say they have sex once a week. If they are married, it's almost invariably with their spouse. And they overwhelmingly eschew homosexuality.

"This shows that the sexual behavior of Americans is more circumspect and traditional than the libertine impression we get from the popular media and fiction," said Tom W. Smith of the University of Chicago, who directed the survey.

A separate study shows that teenage boys, as well, are not living up to their reputations.

It found that adolescents seem to be having sex less often, with fewer girls and at a later age than teenagers did a decade ago.

"This contrasts sharply with the view that most young men are sexu-

ally promiscuous," said Fredya L. Sonenstein of the Urban Institute in Washington, who analyzed the results.

Both reports were among sex surveys outlined Sunday at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The University of Chicago results were based on interviews and questionnaires administered to a cross-section of 1,500 adults in 1988 and 1989. The questions were added to the General Social Survey, which has been conducted annually since 1972.

Surprisingly little is known about the sex lives of ordinary Americans, Smith said.

His survey found that on average, adults have sex 57 times a year, or about once a week.

"We don't know what night of the week," he said, "but it sounds like the traditional stereotype of every Saturday night."

Sexual frequency dropped with

age from about 78 times a year for those under 40 to eight times for those over 70. Overall, married people have sex 67 times a year, separated people 66 times, divorced and never-married people 55 and widowed people six, the survey found.

However, 22 percent of people said they had no sex partners at all during the previous year. Nine percent of married people were abstinate, as were 86 percent of widowed people.

Among other findings:

- Only 1.5 percent of married peo-

Countdown underway for space shuttle launch

By HOWARD BENEDICT
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A hush-hush countdown ticked away today for the Thursday launch of space shuttle Atlantis with a spy satellite that reportedly will help monitor Soviet compliance with arms-control agreements.

A Soviet official on an unprecedented tour of the Kennedy Space Center on Sunday said with a smile the shuttle's classified payload was a waste of money as his country has "no special secrets."

After announcing that the launch clock had started Sunday night, NASA pulled a curtain of secrecy over the countdown because of the shuttle's secret satellite.

The count will be made public just nine minutes before the planned liftoff on Thursday. Officials have said only that the launch will take place between midnight and 4 a.m., but sources close to the program report Atlantis and its crew of five military officers are to take off at 1 a.m.

Once Atlantis is in orbit there will be a news blackout on what is happening until an hour before the shuttle returns to Earth. The flight is expected to last four days.

It will be the fourth after-dark flight and the sixth dedicated to the military in 34 shuttle missions.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the shuttle's payload is a 37,300-pound satellite with a dual role to snap high-resolution reconnaissance photos and eavesdrop on military and diplomatic communications.

They said the satellite will be launched into a high-inclination orbit that will cover most of the Soviet Union, including northern



(AP Laserphoto)

The crew for space shuttle Mission 36 arrive late Sunday at Kennedy Space Center.

areas not previously flown over by shuttle-launched spy satellites. The Soviets have heavy concentrations of naval ships and submarines and several missile bases in the far north.

The satellite, known by the code name AFP-731, and other reconnaissance spacecraft will be important in verifying whether the Soviets are complying with U.S.-U.S.S.R. disarmament agreements now being forged.

The Soviets have their own spy satellites to monitor U.S. compliance.

As part of the new openness under Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, Soviet defense committee lawmakers viewed Atlantis on its pad from about two miles away just hours before the shuttle's countdown began.

A reporter asked Vladimir Lopygin, the delegation leader, what he thought of the spy satellite to be trained on the Soviet Union.

"We have no special secrets. ... I think you are wasting your money," he replied with a smile.

The group of 23 included 10 members of the Defense Committee of the Soviet National Legislature and advisers on space, science, disarmament and foreign affairs.

The Soviet delegation stopped here as part of a 12-day U.S. tour that includes visits to the Pentagon, several military installations and aerospace factories. The trip follows a similar visit to the Soviet Union last August by members of the U.S. House Armed Services Committee.

The crew for Atlantis' mission was to be briefed here today on countdown status and other aspects of the flight.

The commander is Navy Capt. John O. Creighton. The others are Air Force Col. John H. Casper, the pilot, and mission specialists Marine Lt. Col. David C. Hilmers, Air Force Col. Richard M. Mullane and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Pierre J. Thuot.

Two-year-olds abandoned by mother at store for more than four hours

HOUSTON (AP) — Two-year-old twin girls remain in a foster home after being left at a convenience store over the weekend reportedly by their mother, police said.

A woman who said she was the girls' mother called Harris County Children's Protective Services Sunday morning, but has not checked in with police, Officer R.E. Sisk said.

"We know who she is and know who (the girls) are," Sisk said, but declined to release their names.

Other people claiming to be relatives of the girls also called Children's Protective Services, according to spokeswoman Judy Hay.

Sisk said investigators will have to talk to the mother before deciding whether to file charges.

"We really have to talk to her and determine the exact circumstances," he said.

In order to file child abandonment charges, chil-

dren must be left unattended and the parent must not have any intention of returning, he said.

"It'll probably be a matter handled by CPS as to what the best welfare is for the children," he said.

A caller Saturday told police she had been asked by the girls' mother to watch her children for a short while at a convenience store near Hobby Airport.

The caller said she believed the mother would return shortly, but finally called police after waiting more than four hours at the store.

Sisk said the caller had never met the woman and didn't know the children.

The mother returned to the store later Saturday, and didn't appear upset when the caller told her the children had been taken into police custody, said Yasmeen Khan, a clerk at the store.

Sisk said the girls were bathed and given clean clothes at the downtown police station.

Clint Black sets record sellout at rodeo

HOUSTON (AP) — Country music newcomer Clint Black of the Houston suburb of Katy brought a record sellout to the Astrodome, surprising event schedulers and fans who were turned away from the parking lot, on opening day at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The combination of Black, the winner of the 1989 Country Music Association Horizon Award for the most promising newcomer, and professional rodeo on Sunday drew 55,435 fans to the enlarged Astrodome.

Promoters expected Black to be a good booking, but initially underestimated his attraction to Houston fans.

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Texas agriculture commissioner candidates include, top row from left, Gene Duke, Earl Smith, Dan Krenek and Rick Perry; and bottom row from left, Neal Burnett, Dan Pustejovsky, Clyde Chandler and Jim Hightower.

Hightower has high profile over other candidates

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — For a guy holding a low-ranking state office, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower enjoys a high profile.

Democrats put him on their national convention podium. President Bush's son endorsed one of his Republican rivals. GOP lawmakers tried to abolish his job. The Texas Farm Bureau unsuccessfully urged Texas Rangers pitcher Nolan Ryan to run against him, then sponsored six farmers to challenge him instead.

He has even been blamed for the coming invasion of killer bees.

Through it all, Hightower has relied on his trademark sense of humor.

"There's an old East Texas saying that a lie is halfway around the world before the truth can get its boots on. We're getting our boots on early because they're gonna be telling a lot of lies," he said.

After the *Dallas Times Herald* reported that an apparently bogus news release had blamed Hightower for failing to stop killer bees moving up from Central America, he quipped, "I'm going to have to start wearing a pest strip on my lapel as I go around, just to get through this election."

Other criticism has been more serious.

Republicans and conservative Democrats have accused the self-proclaimed populist of using the agriculture job to promote his own political future rather than the work of Texas farmers and ranchers.

The *Dallas Morning News*, in a copyright story, said seed and grain dealers gave Hightower's campaign \$6,600 last fall when their chief regulator visited them in tandem with a consultant who solicited the political contributions.

Hightower said he was unaware of the solicitations and would have stopped them had he known about it. He also said the lobbyist who made them doesn't work for his campaign. "I don't want any kind of contribution brought to me under any kind of duress," he said.

Adopting the nickname "Whole Hog," Hightower first was elected in 1982. He quickly became

a leading Democratic spokesman against President Reagan's farm policies with such lines as, "Reagan's idea of a good farm program is *Hee Haw*."

One of the few white politicians to back Jesse Jackson's presidential bid in 1988, Hightower talked of challenging Republican U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm this year.

Instead, he opted to seek a third term, saying he wants to keep pushing innovative economic development efforts that include alternative crops and direct marketing.

His department has encouraged farmers to plant everything from Christmas trees to wine grapes. It started a "Taste of Texas" national promotion to help small producers sell everything from smoked sausage to hot sauce. It helped Panhandle grain farmers start a flour mill.

"It's a philosophy of economic development at the grassroots level," he said. "We've been able to turn loose the enterprise of, really, thousands of Texas producers in a way that demonstrates that this new agricultural model actually works."

But he has made enemies along the way. When the U.S. Department of Agriculture balked at European demands for beef free of artificial growth hormones, Hightower moved to establish a state program to certify such meat for export. That brought cries from the White House and the Texas Farm Bureau, which charged that he abandoned traditional ranchers.

Hightower is either perpetrating the biggest fraud in Texas political history, or he has become the comic sidekick for the European Economic Community in the growth promont dispute," said S.M. True, Farm Bureau president.

Hightower's aggressive stance on pesticide regulation won praise from farm workers. It also brought efforts to turn his elected post into an appointed job. Conservative legislators and Republican Gov. Bill Clements lost that battle, but they did create a new pesticide regulation board on which Hightower is but one member of nine.

Looking for a big name to put before voters, Republicans urged former Dallas Cowboys running back Walt Garrison to run. The Farm Bureau asked Ryan. Neither did.

When Republican state Rep. Rick Perry, whose family ranches in West Texas, entered the race, Hightower responded, "I thought they were talking about (retired pitcher) Gaylord Perry."

Besides Perry, Republican hopefuls are Gene Duke, who has a cotton seed business in Brownfield, and Stafford consultant Richard McIver.

All six Democratic primary challengers paid their \$3,000 filing fees with contributions from the Farm Bureau's political arm. They are Neal Burnett of Plainview; Dan Pustejovsky, Hillsboro; Dan Krenek, Rosenberg; John Earl Smith, Quemado; Paul McDaniel, Weslaco, and Clyde Chandler, Rosebud. All are farmers and ranchers.

"The incumbent commissioner has no practical farming or ranching experience," said Farm Bureau official Vernie Glasson. "As we see it today, it is an anybody-but-the-incumbent campaign."

His lack of farming experience is a criticism all Hightower's challengers make.

"Antelope meat and Christmas trees (are) well and good. But while you spend all your money, time and energy on these small, insignificant amount of crops, the mainstream agriculture is suffering," Chandler said.

"Texas farmers and ranchers deserve to have one of their own as agriculture commissioner," said Perry, a former Democrat who expects to spend \$2 million to \$3 million on the race.

Hightower spent an inordinate amount of time in 1987 and 1988 outside Texas, campaigning for Jesse Jackson and Mike Dukakis and preparing to run himself against Phil Gramm. Those were not the activities Texans had in mind for their agriculture commissioner," Perry said.

Duke said Texans want a commissioner "who has a well-rounded background in agriculture, has a love for the industry, has worked in or studied some segment of almost every phase of the industry and has the consumers' interests at heart."

Hightower says the race is a referendum on the department's future.

"We've carved out a pretty clear identity, I think, in the public mind," he said. "Basically all I've heard from the folks who are running against me is that I'm a friend of Jane Fonda."

Neighborhood residents say enclave's destruction ends close-knit way of life

By JODIE DeJONGE
Associated Press Writer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — There are just 15 houses in the spot on the map known as "Pigsville," but residents say that when the doomed enclave is destroyed next year in a bridge-rebuilding project it will be the end of a close-knit way of life.

The fate of one of Milwaukee's oldest and most stable blue-collar neighborhoods has been sealed by the very bridge that has given it an identity the last 80 years.

Pigsville, on the bank of the Menomonee River west of downtown, will be destroyed in 1991 when the mammoth Wisconsin Avenue Bridge whose approach forms one of its borders is rebuilt under a \$15.3 million project.

"There's a lot of irony in it. It's a unique, special neighborhood that now will be gone, resigned to the history books," said Alderman Michael Murphy, whose district includes Pigsville.

The 40 or so residents who have lived in the neighborhood — many for decades — will be relocated starting in August.

They'll be leaving behind the asphalt-tile roofs, limestone basements and creaky stairwells of their century-old homes. They'll also leave behind the smell of hops from the huge Miller Brewing Co. brewery across the river, the sounds of crowds cheering at Milwaukee Brewers games at County Stadium a quarter-mile away and the plate-rattling vibrations of Soo Line trains that pass on the western edge of the neighborhood.

But most of all, the residents will miss the camaraderie that goes back decades and the privacy of an isolated neighborhood where crime is rare and friends can venture outside in their bathrobes for an early-morning chat.

"Our biggest fear going somewhere else is neighborhoods don't get this close," said Kim Papp, whose family has lived in Pigsville since 1922.

Mrs. Papp, 30; her husband, William, a plumber, and two daughters live next door to the two-story house where her husband's father, grandmother and grandmother's sister-in-law still live.

"Our daughters are the fifth gen-

eration to live down here," she said. "There's a lot of history. Bill's great-grandfather helped build the Wisconsin Avenue viaduct."

That viaduct, the main bridge for the main drag leading toward downtown, was completed in 1911, boasting concrete arches that resemble a Roman aqueduct. The bridge is the main symbol for Pigsville, but it is suffering from long-term deterioration and must be replaced. And the replacement project will mean the leveling of the clutch of houses at its base.

The river, the railroad tracks and the approach to a smaller bridge to the south form the other boundaries of Pigsville. There's only one road leading in.

"Unless you know where you're going, it's hard to find," said resident Sue Wiederstein. "There's only one way in and one way out. It's like a little city suburb. There's no sidewalks. We don't have driveways or garages. We don't have problems."

How the area got its name, which dates back to before the turn of the century, is a mystery. One story attributes the moniker to a man who kept pigs, while another holds that the area was named after a dentist named Dr. Pigg. Yet another says it was named for iron castings — known as pigs — poured from a smelting furnace at a nearby foundry.

While residents throughout the Menomonee River valley often stake claim as members of Pigsville, most agree the 15-home neighborhood of bungalows and cottages at the base of the viaduct is the original Pigsville. Early residents were German immigrants, later supplanted by Slavs.

The bridge project is slated to begin in 1991 with demolition of the homes and bridge. The new bridge, which will preserve the original architectural design, will probably take two years to complete.

Leonard Bielsky, 77, a retired shoemaker, reared 11 children in Pigsville. He and his wife, Irene, moved to their 120-year-old home in 1950 and expected to live there until they died.

"We don't know where we're going. We can't do anything till they make us an offer. Thrown out. That's how I feel about it," he said.

Gun waiting period draws criticism

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Police Department's suggestion that Texas enact a waiting period for people wanting to buy guns drew verbal fire from the Texas State Rifle Association.

The proposal for a 10- to 14-day waiting period on the sale of firearms is among 64 steps to fight drugs Police Chief Mack Vines will present to City Council Wednesday.

"There is no sympathy for such a bill in the Legislature," said David M. Edmondson, executive director of the 25,000-member Texas State Rifle Association, which is affiliated with the National Rifle Association.

The Dallas Police report says the waiting period on the purchase of guns would allow a record check on the buyer before the weapon is delivered.

"We have seen this kind of thing requested before, and it is almost always at the request of police associations and union," Edmondson said. "But when we talk to the rank-and-file police officers, the ones who are actually on the street ... they don't agree with the position taken by their own police association or union."

In 1988, the Dallas City Council

endorsed a bill for a waiting period, but the measure failed during the last legislative session.

Mayor Annette Strauss, who sponsored the 1988 resolution, said Saturday she would support a waiting period on handgun sales.

"There's always going to be opposition to anything involving handguns," Mrs. Strauss said.

Dallas County District Attorney John Vance said chances for such a proposal becoming law are slim. But Vance said he thinks the plan could work.

"This is a way to catch people who commit crimes," Vance said. "It would work some, and I don't see how it could hurt. People buying guns for hunting or any other legitimate reasons shouldn't be affected."

Other recommendations in the police anti-drug plan include spending more money for drug prevention programs, narcotics investigators and equipment.

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MOSCOW (AP) — Cosmonauts Alexander Viktorenko and Alexander Serebrov returned to Earth today, ending a 22-week mission that included the first American experiment aboard the Soviet space station Mir.

Their TM-8 space capsule safe-

ly touched down at 7:36 a.m. near Arkalyk, 1,080 miles southeast of Moscow, and both cosmonauts were reported in good health, the official Tass news agency said.

A replacement crew, Anatoly Solovyov and Alexander Balandin, blasted off Feb. 11 and

will remain aboard the Mir for about six months.

The American experiment, created by Payload Systems Inc., was launched on Dec. 20 and exposed protein crystal to weightlessness.

The Cambridge, Mass., company was the first authorized by the

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The crystals will be analyzed next month at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, N.Y., according to Payload officials.

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 - 5 Spider's kin
 - 9 Four and my garment
 - 13 Tennis player — Nastase
 - 14 Indian
 - 15 What the bunny brings (2 wds.)
 - 17 Heavy-hearted
 - 18 Rubber tree
 - 19 "— news that's fit..."
 - 21 Musical key
 - 24 Locale
 - 25 Vend (2 wds.)
 - 27 Regulations
 - 31 Singing syllable
 - 32 Actor Robert De —
 - 34 Half (pref.)
 - 35 Jane Austen title
- DOWN**
- 37 Buckle
 - 38 Burning
 - 40 Lasso
 - 42 Repeat
 - 44 Bound
 - 46 Stories
 - 47 Rings
 - 50 Dawn
 - 51 French yes
 - 52 Same
 - 57 TV network
 - 58 Require
 - 59 Author Gardner
 - 60 Language suffix
 - 61 French stoneware
 - 62 Baseballer Nolan

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 5 Fatigue
- 6 — de France
- 7 Smoker's item
- 8 Bowler
- 9 Put out
- 10 Mormon State
- 11 Advise
- 16 Musician — John
- 20 Praise
- 21 Chemical compound
- 22 Physicist Enrico —
- 23 Andes animal
- 24 Fearful
- 26 Eligible
- 28 "Merry" widow composer
- 29 Behave theatrically
- 30 Places
- 33 Fall mo.
- 36 Aleutian island
- 38 Spartan slave
- 41 Ill
- 43 More optimistic
- 45 Large sea duck
- 47 First-rate (2 wds.)
- 48 Story points
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Joint ventures look exceptionally promising for you today, especially if you are tied in with an individual who is imaginative and resourceful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have what it takes to succeed today, but unless someone gets behind you, you and gives you a big shove, you might not use your talents to your best advantage. Be a self-starter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your possibilities for material gains look extremely encouraging today. Your rewards will be proportionate to the efforts you will expend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're likely to be much luckier in partnership arrangements today than you will be in situations where you go it alone. Seek strong allies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Whatever you do today, you are likely to do quite well. You also have another big plus going for you: You're a stronger finisher than a starter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something in which you're presently involved will have greater chances for success if it is reorganized a bit. This is an excellent day for you to make revisions and adjustments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Things may be going better for you personally at this time than they are for several of your friends. Be modest and low keyed about your good fortune.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could receive some news today that might not be exactly what you expected. However, don't let this upset you, because they will turn out to be the happiest tidings in the long run.

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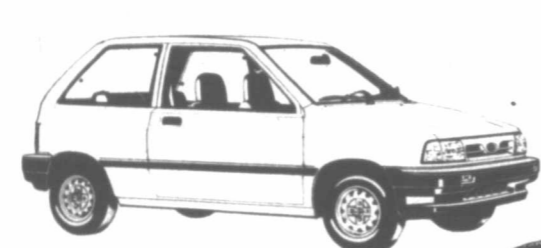
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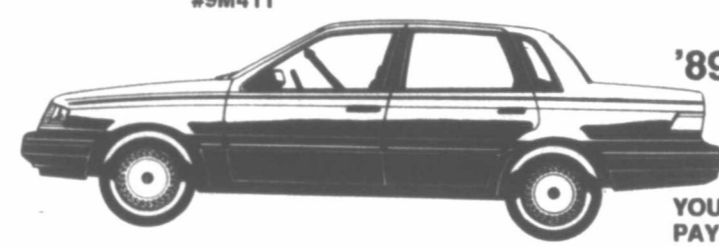
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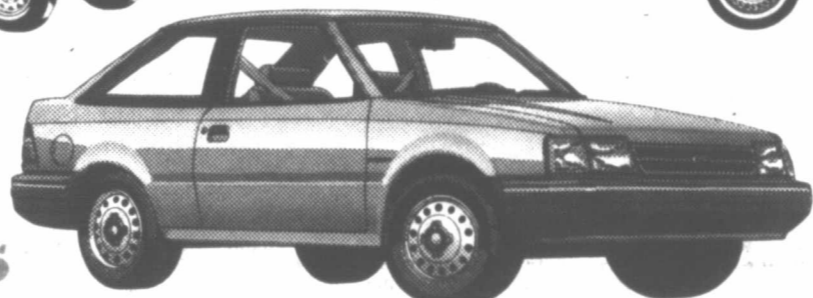


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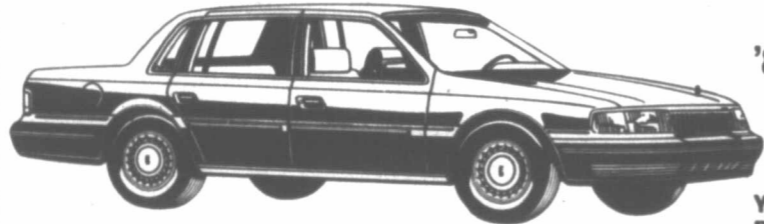


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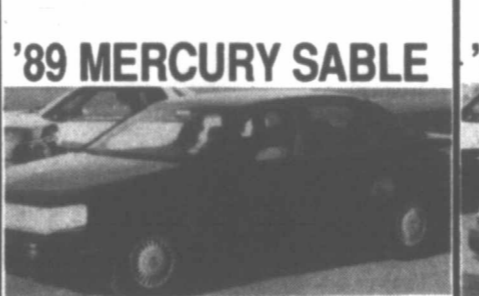
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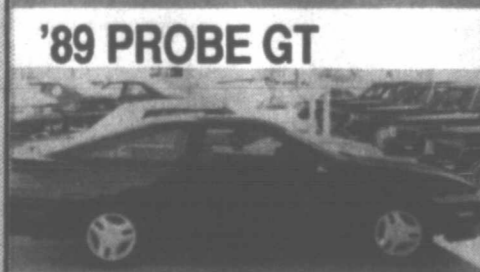


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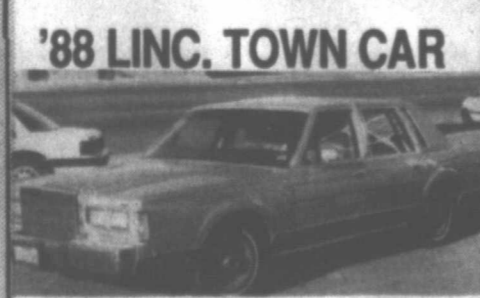
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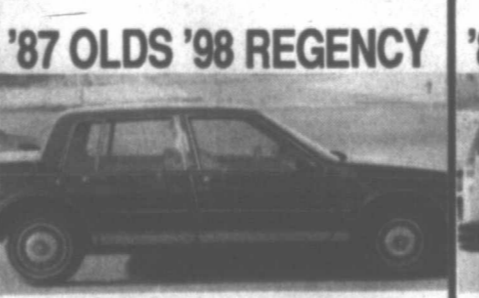
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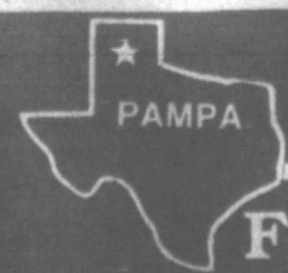


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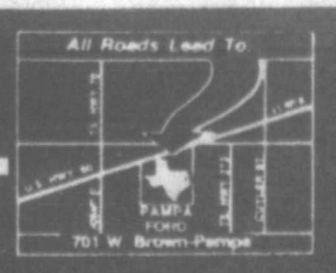


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Some inmates turning to consultants in hope for parole

AUSTIN (AP) — Some former inmates are crediting parole consultants with helping them get out of prison, but state officials say families could do an equally good job.

Houston Weaver, who was sent to the Texas Department of Corrections 10 years ago after killing someone in a barroom brawl in East Texas, decided to do what an increasing number of prison inmates have done — hire an attorney to act as a parole consultant.

Consultants are usually hired to collect information that will increase the inmate's chances for parole.

Although Weaver credits his release to hiring a consultant, most inmates up for parole do not need them, said Karin Armstrong, spokeswoman for the Pardons and Paroles division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"These consultants don't do anything that the

inmates' families can't do on their own," Ms. Armstrong said. "They don't have any special privileges as far as I can tell. What they do is footwork."

She said the subject is difficult "because on one hand the board makes it very clear that a so-called consultant is not needed, but on the other hand the board has never been in the position to say you don't have the right to hire one."

Some consultants only offer the clients basic advice such as to stay out of trouble while in prison, Armstrong said. Other consultants do a great deal of research, she said.

The price for hiring consultants can range between \$500 and \$5,000 or more if the attorney charges by the hour, she said.

In fiscal year 1989, 61,221 inmates were up for parole and 48.3 percent — 29,571 inmates — received it. Consultants represented less than 1 percent of that number — 57 cases for 43 inmates in 1989.

Of the 57 cases, 17 inmates — 39.5 percent — were paroled.

Parole consultants should ensure the board has all the information that is available, said Dan Guerra, who is the parole board's family information coordinator and acts as a liaison between the public and the board.

However, families and inmates should be wary of consultants who promise parole for a certain price, Guerra said.

"I have received many complaints of that nature and I want the public to know they cannot purchase a parole

for someone," Guerra said. "One thing to remember is that even if parole has been approved on a particular inmate, it may be rescinded should additional negative information be received."

Attorney Paige Massey, who represented Weaver, said hiring a consultant can help some inmates by providing more information to the parole board than what is in an inmate's file.

"The way the parole system works is that the district attorney or the prosecution submits information, which may be slanted toward the prosecution," Ms. Massey said. "In some cases, pertinent information can be gathered in the county of conviction. The inmate wants that presented to the board. The inmate may not have access to it because he is in TDC."

Study: Southeast has gotten cooler and wetter over the past 30 years

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Science Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Despite fears that the planet is heating up, temperatures in the southeastern United States have actually fallen 1 degree Fahrenheit over the past 30 years, according to a federal study released Saturday.

The finding contradicts the widely held notion that pollution in the atmosphere has already made temperatures start to rise.

"It's cooling and getting wetter," said George A. Maul. "This is quite different from what the computer models suggest should be going on with global warming."

Often-repeated theories of global warming hold that rising levels of carbon dioxide, methane and other gases are trapping heat in the atmosphere, causing the so-called greenhouse effect.

These gases result from burning fuels and other sources. Computers programmed to run complex mathematical formulas predict that if the gases continue to build up, temperatures around the world will jump between roughly 3 and 8 degrees Fahrenheit over the next century.

Maul, an oceanographer with the U.S. Commerce Department's Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory in Miami, presented his findings at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He said his work does not definitely prove that global warming isn't happening. The fall in tempera-

tures "may be a factor of the difficulty of calculating global warming on a regional scale. But it should increase the debate about global warming."

Last year, Maul and colleagues produced a report showing that overall temperatures across the United States have been virtually unchanged during the past century.

Two other studies, done by other groups of researchers, suggest that around the world, temperatures have risen 1 degree in the past 100 years.

However, some critics have suggested that this rise might be partially due to increasing urbanization where the temperatures are recorded. City temperatures are higher than the surrounding countryside because of the concentration of people.

Maul's latest data show that from the turn of the century to the mid-1940s, average temperatures in the Southeast rose a half-degree. But since then, they have fallen a full degree. So over nearly a full century, temperatures have dropped half a degree.

At the same time, annual rainfall in the Southeast has increased 65 millimeters, or roughly 2 1/2 inches, since the turn of the century.

Maul said he believes that if the heat-trapping gases continue to increase — and nothing else changes — then global temperatures almost certainly will increase. However, he said, too little is known about other forces that affect weather, such as ocean currents and the sun's output, to say with certainty that the planet

will heat up.

Computerized predictions, known as computer models, produce widely divergent scenarios of what might happen, especially over relatively small portions of the Earth.

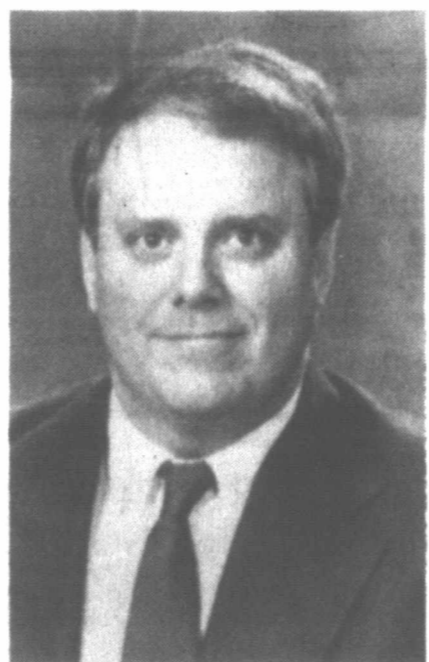
The weather is affected by mountains, lakes and other features on the Earth's surfaces. However, adding all of these features to the computerized calculations makes the job dauntingly complex.

Michael E. Schlesinger of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, who makes computer models, said that accurate predictions about global warming will require calculations that use 10 times finer detail. And producing a model with this much detail would require running the world's fastest supercomputer non-stop, day and night, for 40 years, he said.

Despite the uncertainties, many climate experts have used the existing models to speculate about what might happen over the next century. Among the predictions offered at Saturday's meeting:

— Diana Liverman of Pennsylvania State University said higher temperatures and lower rainfall could damage Mexican farming. Corn output, for instance, in non-irrigated fields could fall by 40 percent.

— Orman E. Granger of the University of California at Berkeley said that rising sea levels in the Caribbean would destroy the beaches, which are crucial to the islands' tourist industry.



Texas comptroller candidates include, from left, Democrat John Sharp and Republicans Irby Ford and Warren G. Harding Jr.

New, old and famous names try for position as state comptroller

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Names — new, old and somewhat famous — are on the ballot in the race for state comptroller, a job generally considered one of the most powerful in Texas government.

The comptroller is the state's tax collector and chief accounting officer and sets the state's revenue forecast — essentially providing the limit of what state lawmakers can spend every two years.

The agency spends more than \$100 million per year and employs 3,000 people.

Incumbent Comptroller Bob Bullock, who has held the post since the 1970s, is running for lieutenant governor. One Democrat, three Republicans and a Libertarian are vying to take over his \$74,600-per-year job.

Railroad Commissioner John Sharp, a prominent Democrat and former state representative and state senator from Victoria, drew no opposition in the March 13 primary.

"But that doesn't mean it will be easier for me. I'm taking nothing for granted," Sharp says.

The Republican field includes Irby Ford, Jon Hall and Warren G. Harding Jr. Also running is a Libertarian, William Grisham.

Ford, 58, is a Pflugerville accountant who went into private practice in 1975 after being dismissed by Bullock from the comptroller's office, where Ford had worked for 14 years.

Hall, 42, an accountant, has served as a corporate executive and started several small businesses in the past 16 years. Before filing to run, he served in the aborted GOP campaign of Houston businessman Tom

Fatjo, who was snubbed by Republican Party leaders.

Harding, 41, is a financial adviser from Grand Prairie. He is the son of a former state treasurer who pleaded guilty in 1983 to misdemeanor charges of official misconduct.

The GOP primary victor, plus Sharp, 39, and Grisham, 38, a certified public accountant from San Antonio, will advance to the November general election ballot.

Sharp has said he would seek to simplify state tax laws, restructure the corporate franchise tax paid by businesses and look for ways to use automated teller machines to collect state taxes.

He also proposed placing an economic development expert in the more than 50 comptroller's field offices around the state.

"I've proven I can work with the Legislature and manage a state agency," he said.

Ford says he would push for more efficient tax collections. "I was a conservative Democrat," Ford said. "But there are no conservative Democrats anymore. They're all Republicans now."

Hall said Bullock's approach to tax collections has intimidated small businesses, and he criticizes Sharp as being "an extremely liberal individual with no qualifications to be in that office."

Harding ran unsuccessfully two years ago for Dallas County tax assessor and collector. His current campaign includes a call for more efficient and effective tax collection, but he admits that many Texans may vote for him because of his famous-sounding name.

He said he isn't certain what if any family ties are to former President Warren G. Harding. "I was born with that name, and I'm real proud of it," he said.

Barges collide, spill gasoline in Louisiana waterway

MORGAN CITY, La. (AP) — A barge loaded with gasoline caught fire and spilled some of its cargo when it collided head-on with another barge in the Intracoastal Waterway, the Coast Guard said today.

No one was injured and the fire was extinguished at 11 p.m. Sunday, about 4 1/2 hours after the collision, Coast Guard Petty Officer Steve Guy said.

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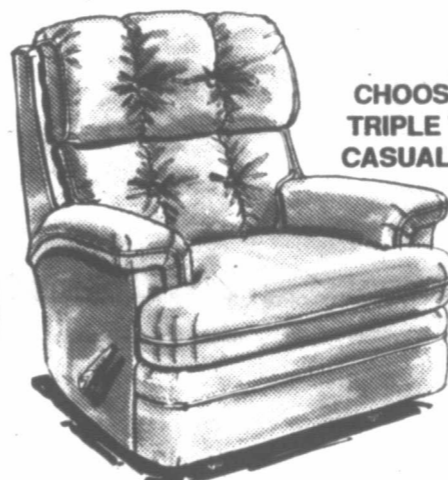
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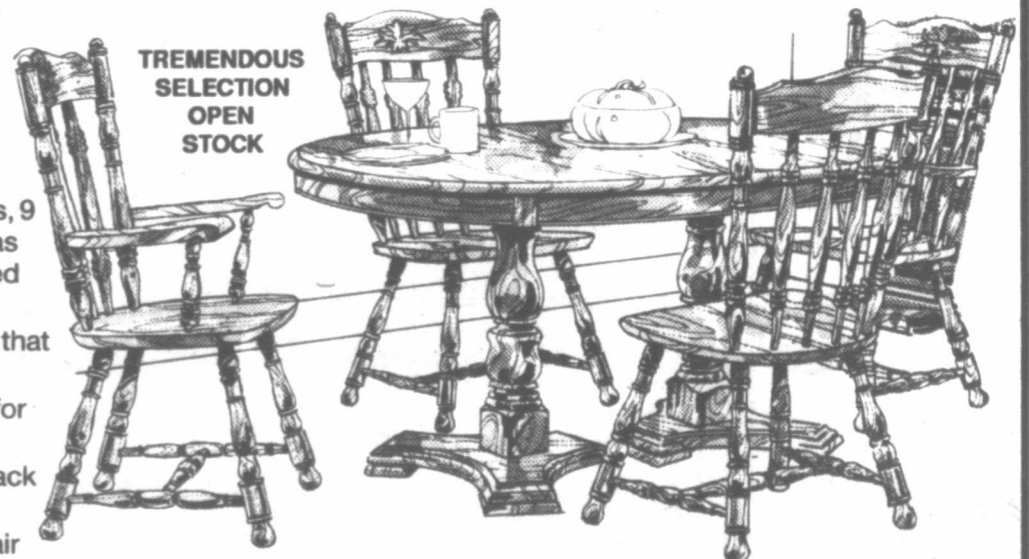
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