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PAMPA — A 68-year-old man was in stable condition today with stab wounds to his back and chest following a Thursday night fight.

Luis Gonzales Sr., 68, was rushed to Coronado Hospital at 10:50 p.m. Thursday with multiple stab wounds to his left arm, back and chest which were the result of an outdoor brawl at 715 N. West.

Police officials said the second man involved in the fight left in a car with no muffler, but have no other description.

PAMPA — The 14th annual Pampa Fine Arts Association members art show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday in the lobby of Citizen's Bank & Trust in Pampa.

Works of 25 to 35 local member artists will be on display, according to John Forister, show chairman.

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Vietnam will open a liaison office in Washington as a "transitional step toward full diplomatic relations" with the United States, Deputy Foreign Minister Le Mai said today.

His statement came after President Clinton lifted a 19-year trade embargo against Vietnam and said the United States was opening a liaison office in Hanoi. He said Clinton proposed Vietnam open the liaison office in Washington.

In an apparent effort to reassure veterans' groups and families of Americans unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, Le Mai pledged that Vietnam would continue cooperating in trying to resolve their cases.

"The Vietnamese government reiterates its policy of consistently regarding the questions of Americans missing from the war as a humanitarian concern not linked with political issues," he said in a statement at a news conference.

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — News of the crumbling of the U.S. trade embargo drew as many blank stares as satisfied smiles from Vietnamese filling Hanoi's dark streets early today.

"I know nothing about the embargo," said shop owner Nguyen Mai Phuong, 25, as she stocked her shelves with cans of 7Up soda, Nescafe instant coffee, and Tang breakfast drink — all American products, all officially banned from Vietnam until today.

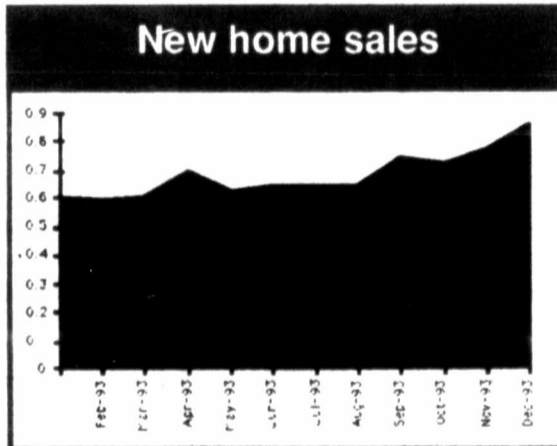
Others expected the removal of the 19-year embargo to bring new jobs and more and cheaper goods.

Vietnamese are already familiar with many kinds of American products. Coca-Cola, Marlboro cigarettes, and IBM computers have found their way here by way of third countries like Singapore and Hong Kong.

Word that President Clinton was lifting the embargo reached Hanoi as residents gathered for breakfast in dimly lit noodle soup shops. Farmers bicycled to street markets, their wicker baskets bulging with cabbages and green beans. Housewives haggled with produce vendors crouching in muddy streets.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Families of missing Vietnam-era servicemen say President Clinton's decision to resume trade with Vietnam breaks a promise he made to keep the pressure on Hanoi to fully account for MIAs. But U.S. businesses are reveling at the prospect of a new multibillion-dollar marketplace.

By dropping the 19-year trade embargo, Clinton has assured U.S. companies a sizeable share of business expected to be generated as Vietnam modernizes its fallen-down infrastructure, updates its telecommunications system and develops new consumer markets.



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U.S. and Vietnam restore economic ties after nearly 20 years

By **GEORGE ESPER**
AP Special Correspondent

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — The United States and Vietnam restored economic ties today after nearly 20 years, opening a multibillion-dollar market to American businessmen and bringing a painful postwar era to its end.

The two countries began preparing to establish liaison offices in Washington and Hanoi, a mid-step toward an embassy when diplomatic ties are restored. Officials said they are a ways off.

The U.S. liaison office in

Hanoi will be responsible for handling trade matters and human rights issues, among other things.

The United States already has an MIA office in Hanoi staffed by more than 20 people, including three from the State Department.

Deputy Foreign Minister Le Mai announced today the opening of Vietnam's office in Washington, a step which he said "contributes to opening a new page in U.S.-Vietnam relations in the interest of the two peoples."

Almost immediately after President Clinton's lifting of the

trade embargo, some of the giants of American industry opened for business today or announced plans to begin operations.

American Express signed a contract with the Bank for Foreign Trade of Vietnam to accept its card in the country, the first U.S. credit card company to return since the end of the war in 1975.

Pepsi-Cola International began limited operations and gave the first bottles away at 50 locations in Ho Chi Minh City as part of a promotion campaign to celebrate the lifting of the embargo. Barry Shea, the

Southeast Asia manager, said Pepsi would be in full production in a week.

United Airlines said it will begin service between Los Angeles and Ho Chi Minh City, as soon as it can get government approval. United acquired the U.S. rights from now-defunct Pan Am in 1986.

U.S. businesses, seeking to enter the \$4 billion market in aviation, telecommunications, heavy equipment and construction, have clamored for an end to the embargo.

Vietnam has licensed more than 800 foreign investment projects for mostly European

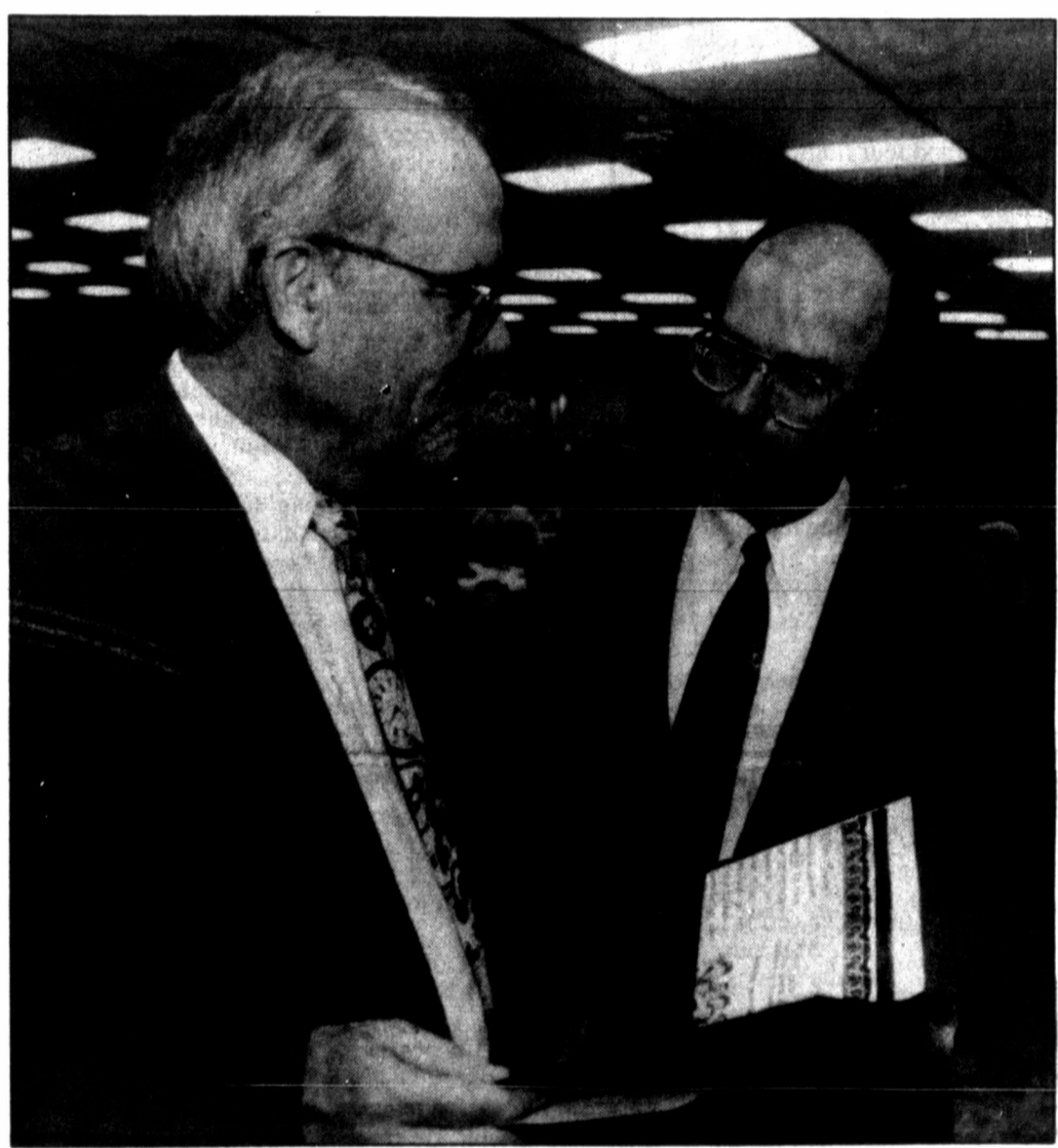
and rich Asian nations with a total approved capital of \$7 billion.

The American business leaders in Vietnam said the lifting of the trade embargo on its former foe would finally give them the chance to compete in the multibillion-dollar market.

"That's great news," said Frank Hawke, vice president and Indochina manager for Citibank.

Vietnam is "the hottest emerging market in the world right now," said Eugene Matthews, president of Ashta International Inc., an investment and consulting firm.

More than 200 attend banquet hosted by Chamber of Commerce



Dr. Barry Thompson, president of West Texas A&M University, left, and Dr. Dawson Orr, president of Pampa's chamber of commerce board of directors, confer prior to Thursday night's chamber banquet at M.K. Brown Memorial Civic Center and Auditorium. Over 200 people attended the annual banquet, according to Nanette Moore, executive director of the chamber. "I think everyone enjoyed it," she said. "The food was excellent; the entertainment, wonderful; and the speakers, brief." (Pampa News photo)

Perot huddles with United We Stand leaders to plan 1994 strategy

By **JOHN KING**
AP Political Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Ross Perot and his followers are vowing to regroup for this year's congressional elections and prove wrong those who say losing the NAFTA fight stripped the Texan and his organization of their clout.

"As far as I'm concerned that is wishful thinking," said Steve Bost, United We Stand America's Maine director. "Every time the political establishment has written off either this organization or Mr. Perot they have made a mistake."

Looking to settle on a 1994 agenda, Perot summoned the state leaders of United We Stand to Dallas for a three-day conference opening today. The meeting comes at an important moment for Perot and the organization that sprung from his 1992 presidential campaign.

"There are a lot of people in the organization who are very depressed," said Roger Henson, a leader of the losing fight to kill NAFTA. "It was like going to the Super Bowl. You don't get an award for finishing second even if you played the game of your life."

Perot won 19 percent in the 1992 presidential election — 19.7 million votes — but his public standing has eroded steadily since. In December 1992, 33 percent of respondents in the NBC-Wall Street Journal poll viewed Perot negatively; last month that number stood at 54 percent and just 23 percent had a positive view.

Many in politics believe it will be difficult for United We Stand to be as influential as it hopes to be in congressional contests. It cannot endorse candidates because of its tax-exempt status.

But United We Stand leaders sound undaunted. "I think we will be the swing voters," said Bill

Walker, the Texas chapter's director. "Our members are people who have strong opinions. They voice their opinions with their friends and neighbors. ... They are active from a standpoint of going to someone's campaign office and rolling up their sleeves and going to work."

As they gather in Dallas, a major goal is to settle on a handful of issues for a national 1994 agenda. On this front, not all of the state leaders necessarily see eye-to-eye with Perot.

Perot promised the night of the key House vote on the North American Free Trade Agreement that health care would be his next major push. Two weeks ago, he called President Clinton's health plan an "airplane with no wings" and predicted United We Stand would oppose it.

But many of the organization's leaders aren't so sure. "It sure is not black and white like NAFTA was to all of us," said Henson.

Echoed Florida director Pat Muth: "Mr. Perot is our spokesperson. But it is what the people feel, and on health care we do not yet have a consensus."

Several United We Stand leaders said they would press for a return to the government reform agenda that anchored Perot's presidential campaign.

"The budget deficit, campaign finance, term limits, line-item veto," was Walker's list.

Another question is whether the organization will stick to its "we'll remember in November" theme and focus heavily on punishing lawmakers who voted for NAFTA.

"I think NAFTA is going to be very important to people," said Muth. But Kohut said NAFTA now enjoys significant public support and is "off the table" as a political issue.

Pampans express mixed views on Vietnamese trade

Residents of Pampa were less than enthusiastic today in their view of trade with Vietnam.

Ray Hupp, vice president of IRI, an equipment manufacturing firm that has dealt with regions of the former Soviet Union that are developing their energy industries, was cautious in his outlook.

"There is some long range potential there," Hupp said concerning oil and gas exploration off the coast of Vietnam in the South China Sea. "But there will have to be quite a bit of drilling before we know how extensive it is."

Hupp said IRI, which manufactures specialty steel equipment including products for oil field use, had no plans at present to pursue markets in Vietnam.

Gray County Veteran Service Officer John Triplehorn, however, said today that he was violently opposed to trade with the communist nation.

"What we have just done," he said, "is sanctioned a totalitarian government."

Triplehorn said he thought the Vietnamese would get the better part of the deal. "I'm heartsick," he said.

City commission schedules interviews for city manager job

By **RANDAL K. McGAVOCK**
Staff Writer

Pampa city commissioners will be interviewing three more applicants for the city manager's job.

They are: Robert Eskridge of Rosenberg, Texas; Mark L. McDaniel of Lake Jackson, Texas; and Dion O. Miller of Katy, Texas.

Commissioners chose the applicants for interviews during an executive session of the scheduled Thursday afternoon meeting.

The newest applicants for the position were picked following a presentation by David Eisenlohr of the Dallas-based search firm of Ralph Andersen and Associates in the executive session.

"I'd like to say to David that we do appreciate the presentation of the new list and, as I indicated as we came out of executive session, I hope we can get somebody out of this list," said Mayor Richard Peet.

Last October, three other applicants were interviewed by the commission and one, Gary Greer of Kearney, Neb., was interviewed a second time for the position that has been filled on an interim basis by Nathan Hopson, director of Public Works.

Pampa has been without a permanent city manager since July when Glen Hackler, the former city manager, resigned to become assistant city manager in Midland.

The next round of interviews will be conducted Saturday, Feb. 12, as the commission meets in executive session in City Hall. Specific times were not established.

In addition to the interviews, the applicants will have the opportunity to tour the city.

Early in the search process, Peet said there wasn't just one factor that will lead the commission to their final decision. Instead, the commission will look into such things as the applicants' resumes, projects they have in mind, their background and the cities they are from, to name a few.

The original list of applicants to fill the city manager's position compiled by the search firm totalled more than 50 people.

In other business, the commission approved the cost of a financial report for the 1992-1993 fiscal year to be done by a local accounting firm. The cost of the report has been estimated at between \$3,500 and \$4,500 by John Horst, Pampa's director of finance.

Horst said that even with the additional cost to the department, he is confident they'll be able to stay within budget.

The city had to go to an outside accounting firm to do the report because the person who originally was to compile the information in the finance office and who was trained using specialized software, resigned late last year to accept a job in Borger.

Out with the old...



Saying good-bye to winter, Rick Prieto of Lubbock covers up the reindeer with a holiday message on a billboard near downtown Pampa today. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Riot police battle fishermen during French premier's visit

By PAUL-HENRI DU LIMBERT
Associated Press Writer

RENNES, France (AP) — Riot police battled with thousands of angry fishermen trying to confront Premier Edouard Balladur today during a visit to Brittany, center of a violent campaign demanding cuts in fish imports.

At least 18 policemen and five protesters were injured during two hours of clashes, and nine protesters were arrested, authorities said.

Balladur, anxious to placate the fishermen after two days of rampages, promised that his government would move on its own to protect the French fishing industry if the 12-nation European Union did not act swiftly.

Fishing and Agriculture Minister Jean Puech, who joined Balladur in talks with a delegation of fishermen, later said the EU would set minimum prices for some species of fish, effective immediately. He also said the government would cut by half the fishermen's required contributions for health care, retirement and other social programs.

Protest leaders responded to the concessions by urging their followers to disperse, but indicated the fishermen would still press for formal restrictions on fish imports.

During the meeting, more than 600 riot police used tear gas to keep back 4,000 fishermen and other protesters trying to break through barricades about 200 yards away.

Protesters hurled eggs, empty beer cans and paving stones. At least 13 of the injured policemen required hospitalization, including two wounded in the legs by shots from a flare pistol.

The mayor of Rennes, Edmond Herve, and a Parliament member, Jean-Michel Boucheron, were jostled by protesters and whisked to safety by riot police. Rampaging fishermen overturned cars and smashed store windows.

The fishermen are demanding that Paris and the EU take measures to set minimum prices and prevent cheaper, non-EU fish imports from flooding the market. They complain they can't compete with cheap imports and are being driven into bankruptcy.

The protesters arrived in Rennes by train and bus from across Brittany and from further away. Some carried clubs.

One band of about 50 fishermen raided a Rennes supermarket en route to the march, throwing all imported fish on the ground.

Two supermarkets also were raided in Aracachon, outside Bordeaux, where protesters blocked a highway with barricades of burning tires.

More than two-dozen policemen were injured in various places Thursday trying to control the protesters, who blocked roads and ports, broke into numerous supermarkets and ransacked the central fish market near Paris.

Seeking to calm the protesters, the government Thursday ordered stepped-up customs checks of foreign fish to make sure they met quality standards.

The Agriculture and Fisheries Ministry also asked the EU to implement a safeguard measure adopted in December 1992 that will enforce stricter controls on fish imports from non-EU countries.

A British official today condemned "baseball-bat-toting French fishermen" for destroying British fish exports.

"Gallic selfishness and violence" were not the right way to sort out problems of the European fishing industry, Fisheries Minister Michael Jack in a BBC radio interview.

The clashes resembled violent protests by French farmers who pressured the government to demand, and eventually win, concessions on subsidies in the recently completed GATT world trade deal.

Astronauts begin experiments

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The first Russian to fly aboard a U.S. shuttle and his American crewmates collected bodily fluids for medical research today and prepared the spaceship's robot arm for a satellite release Saturday.

Discovery lifted off at sunrise Thursday on an eight-day flight that was heralded as the dawning of a new post-Cold War space age. The flight is a prelude to a shared space station and possibly a joint trip to Mars.

The former Space Race rivals are cooperating in a manned mission for the first time since the 1975 Apollo-Soyuz docking.

Today, the crew members took blood, urine and saliva samples and drank a solution of water and bromide for studies of how spaceflight affects the body's metabolism.

"They also checked out Discovery's 50-foot robot arm by maneuvering it around the open cargo bay. NASA said the arm was in good shape. It will be used Saturday to release a research satellite

that could someday lead to new manufacturing processes in space.

The satellite, a stainless-steel disk 12 feet in diameter, will be used to grow high-quality semiconductor films in the ultra-pure vacuum it creates in its wake as it hurtles through space. The crew will use the robot arm to pick up the satellite two days later.

Another of the experiments aboard the shuttle involves 12 rats. Half were treated before launch with a drug to stimulate their immune systems; the others got a placebo.

Scientists want to know whether the drug, Interleukin-2, can counteract the slowing of immune functions caused by the weightlessness of space.

Cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev caught a glimpse of his homeland as Discovery passed more than 200 miles overhead. "We just had a great view of St. Petersburg, Sergei's hometown," shuttle pilot Kenneth Reightler said.

The flight is scheduled to end a week from today with a landing in Florida.

Texas posts 6 percent jobless rate

DALLAS (AP) — The state's unemployment rate was 6 percent in January, compared with a national rate of 6.7 percent, the Labor Department said.

The Texas rate compares with a December jobless rate of 6.6 percent. But Labor Department officials note the January figure is based on changes in the way the job markets are surveyed and cannot be strictly compared with last year's results.

"The redesign of the survey ... does not change the definition of either employment or unemployment, but it does provide additional accuracy in the measurement of both," said Bob Gaddie, Southwest regional commissioner for the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"What we see here can fairly clearly be said not to be bad news but we have to wait a little to see if it's really good news," he said.

There were 555,000 people unemployed in January. The total Texas labor force, including people either working or seeking work, was 9.3 million.

The nation's unemployment rose slightly in January, to 6.7 percent, up from 6.4 percent in December. Experts say the change is due to an increase in measured unemployment among women.

Gaddie said changes in lifestyle, in which women have become a greater part of the nation's workforce, rendered previous sampling methods obsolete.

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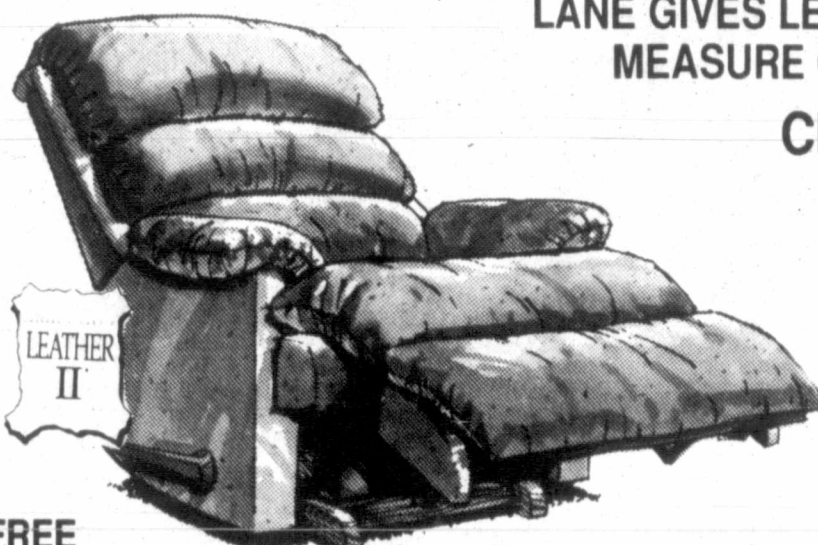
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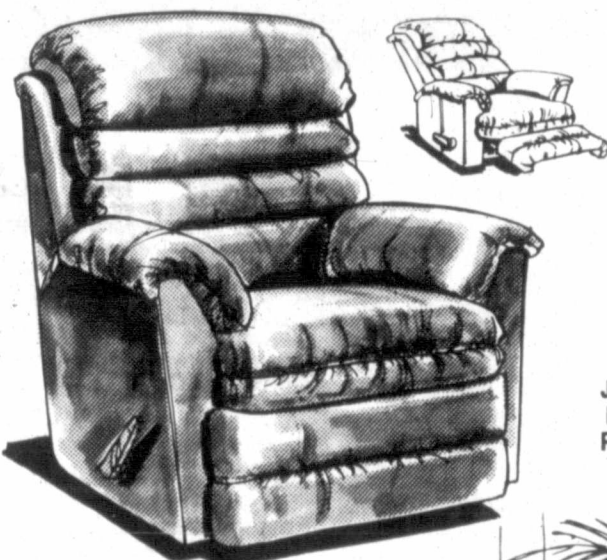
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Lawmakers hear of need to protect drivers' records

WASHINGTON (AP) — A New Mexico woman who tried to escape her violent husband persuaded a friend from Texas to give her a new home.

The battered woman didn't count on her husband taking down the friend's Texas license number. With a call to the Texas Motor Vehicle Department, the husband learned his wife's new address — and continued to harass her.

The woman's story was told Thursday to a House subcommittee. The panel is considering legislation that would prohibit motor vehicle departments from disclosing addresses and other information about a licensee — unless there is a specific, approved reason for doing so.

"By spending only a few dollars and a few minutes, stalkers can have the government to do the work for them," testified David Beatty, public affairs director for the National Victim Center.

Beatty, who relayed the story to a committee hearing, said state motor vehicle departments "will divulge the address of the victim's hiding place — no questions asked."

Similar legislation to restrict release of motor vehicle information was included in the Senate's comprehensive anti-crime bill that passed last year, and could be included in the House's crime package this year. The bill is now before the House Judiciary subcommittee on civil and constitutional rights.

"Much to my surprise, I found out that in 34 states, anyone can walk into the ... (motor vehicle department) and for a small fee, and in some cases nothing at all, provide a person's license plate number and walk out with that person's name and address," said the House

bill's sponsor, Rep. James P. Moran, D-Va. Moran testified the information still would be available to reporters, private investigators, government agencies, automakers needing information for recalls, businesses trying to verify personal information and for research activities.

Lists of licensed drivers still could be sold to marketing companies — a major money maker for some states — but drivers would be given the chance on their registration applications to have their names deleted.

Richard A. Barton, a senior vice president of the Direct Marketing Association, testified that marketing firms believe the bill is too restrictive.

Policeman Donald L. Cahill, representing the Fraternal Order of Police, said officers across the country "feared for the safety of their families as most of their time was spent away on the job."

Cahill said he learned firsthand 13 years ago about the importance of such restrictions.

The officer and his partner had just completed an undercover narcotics operation in Washington's Virginia suburbs. They were approached in a restaurant by a motorcycle gang member who thought the officers, by their dress, were fellow bikers.

The gang member told how his brother had been busted in the drug sting, how he obtained the license number of the arresting officer's personal car and how he planned to blow up the vehicle.

"The 'narc' he referred to was my partner," Cahill said.

The biker "was not allowed to follow through with his intentions," Cahill said.

Senate confirms Perry for defense secretary

By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The view new Defense Secretary William Perry gets today from his Pentagon office takes in a shrinking military force and an array of regional threats simmering on three continents.

With almost unprecedented speed, the Senate on Thursday unanimously confirmed Perry as the nation's 19th defense secretary, a job that dates back to the early Cold War years after World War II. Shortly after the Senate vote, Perry took the oath at the Pentagon.

Although the Soviet threat is gone, the swift elevation of Perry from his No. 2 position at the Pentagon reflected apprehension among lawmakers about leaving the Pentagon rudderless for too long.

Former Defense Secretary Les Aspin announced his departure two months ago, and Clinton's first choice to succeed Aspin, Adm. Bobby Inman, dropped out of the running last month saying he was the victim of unfair press attacks.

"It's essential and in the interest of national defense to fill this posi-

tion quickly," Sen. John Warner, R-Va., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said prior to the 97-0 vote.

Despite concerns about the administration's new regulations on gays in the military, Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., said Republicans "came to the unanimous conclusion that it's too important a position to be held up."

And while the bookish engineering professor comes to the job with a reputation as an expert in high-tech weapons and management efficiency, much of Perry's three-hour confirmation hearing was taken up with foreign threats. They include North Korea, a country suspected of developing nuclear weapons; Somalia, where U.S. forces are set to withdraw by March 31; and Bosnia, scene of daily airdrops and possible air strikes.

At least twice since World War II, Perry said his predecessors have overseen rapid defense spending cuts only to find the nation unprepared for a foreign threat.

"This time," he said, "we must get it right, or we will pay the cost later in blood or treasure or both."

The 66-year-old Stanford Univer-

sity engineering professor helped forge defense policy for the past year under Aspin and directed defense research under President Carter. He made his reputation in defense circles as the leading promoter of radar-evading stealth technology. He also became a millionaire as the founder of and consultant to defense contractors.

In his first official act Perry flies to Munich tonight to attend a conference on security policy. On Monday he unveils the Clinton administration's \$264 billion defense spending plan, a slight increase over this year's budget but, in real terms, the 10th consecutive decline in defense spending since 1985.

President Reagan, who pushed the Pentagon budget to a peak of more than \$350 billion that year, was back in town Thursday night, asking a question on the minds of many lawmakers during the confirmation process.

"The next time a Saddam Hussein takes over Kuwait, or North Korea brandishes a nuclear weapon, will we be ready to respond?" he said at a birthday celebration in his honor. "In the end, it all comes down to leadership."

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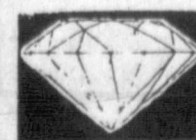
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Study: Sugar not to blame if children are acting hyper

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Science Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Don't blame sugar if your child acts up.

A study published Thursday disputes the widely held belief that too much sugar makes youngsters hyperactive, inattentive and hard to control. If anything, it suggests, sugar might have a slight calming effect.

Several smaller studies over the years have looked at sugar's effect on children. In general, they found no clear signs it makes them hyperactive. However, many of those studies were small and largely involved seeing whether sweet drinks change the way youngsters act. Critics have said such experiments don't measure the effects of longer exposure to sugar.

The new study — paid for by the government and the food industry and published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* — lasted nine weeks.

"Our study would say there is no evidence sugar has an adverse effect on children's behavior," said Dr. Mark L. Wolraich of Vanderbilt University.

The study was conducted on 25 normal preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, and on 23 children ages 6 to 10. The older children were described by their parents as being sensitive to sugar.

Dietitians went to the children's homes and took away all food. Then they provided prepared meals for the youngsters and their families.

The families followed three different diets, each lasting three weeks. One was sweetened with sugar; one with aspartame, which is sold as Nutrasweet; and one with saccharin.

The meals changed in appearance each week, so the children couldn't be sure when they were being switched from one regimen to another. And neither the participants nor the researchers knew which diets the children were on.

Throughout the study, the researchers monitored the youngsters' behavior by way of testing and ratings from parents and teachers.

Among the school-age children described as sugar sensitive, the three diets made absolutely no difference on any of 39 behavioral measures.

Among the younger children, differences turned up in three of 31 measurements. On one of these — the parents' ratings of their children's school performance — behavior actually improved when they were on the sugar diets. The two other measurements showed that the youngsters moved more slowly on a pegboard test when they were eating sugar.

However, Wolraich said these differences could have occurred as a matter of chance.

Dr. Marcel Kinsbourne of Tufts University, who reviewed the research in an accompanying editorial, concluded, "There is no evidence that sugar alone can turn a child with normal attention into a hyperactive child."

Wonders of wireless communications win FCC sanction

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are a step closer to the day they can send and receive messages and faxes, make phone calls and be paged on a single, portable instrument.

The Federal Communications Commission passed a pair of rule changes Thursday that help clear the way for what many believe will be a revolution in wireless communications.

The changes illustrate how innovations in technology and marketing can create a new industry and create jobs, said FCC Chairman Reed Hundt.

"Innovative and feature-rich services" will be encouraged under rules changes covering mobile communications, said Ralph Haller of the commission staff.

These complex rule changes replace a patchwork set of mobile radio rules — which include cellular telephone operations — with a comprehensive set of regulations, the agency explained.

Under this framework, Haller said, companies would be able to develop services such as an individual telephone number that follows the holder anywhere in the country, with calls forwarded to that number.

And, he said, there is potential for developing a single portable handset that could provide such

services as paging, digital messaging, voice communication and sending and receiving faxes.

Further refinements of the rules are pending and some companies now considered private message services would be shifted to commercial regulation, with a transition period of up to 1996.

In the second action, the commission set up rules for a series of new services known as narrowband personal communications services.

Unlike mobile radio and telephone service, which use a wider broadcast frequency, the newly approved service uses a set of 26 narrow frequencies to handle communications services.

These services are expected to include advance voice paging with the ability to acknowledge receipt of the page, two-way messaging and other services.

If businesses are able to provide two-way voice or other services on these bands, that, too, is all right, officials said. Fax service would also be allowed if the technology can be developed to permit it.

The channels will be auctioned and services could be under way within 18 months, according to the commission.

Under these rules, 11 channels will be used nationally: six in each of five large regions; seven in each major trading area and two in each basic trading area. Basic trading areas are metropolitan areas and cities, while major trading areas can

include larger areas but not a whole region.

The five major regions and the major trading areas they contain are:

Northeast: Boston-Providence, R.I.; Buffalo-Rochester, N.Y.; New York; Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

South: Atlanta; Charlotte-Greensboro-Raleigh, N.C.-Greenville, S.C.; Evansville, Ind.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Louisville-Lexington, Ky.-Nashville, Tenn.; Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Puerto Rico-Virgin Islands; Richmond-Norfolk, Va.; Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla., and Washington-Baltimore.

Midwest: Chicago; Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio; Cleveland; Columbus, Ohio; Des Moines, Iowa-Quad Cities; Detroit; Indianapolis; Milwaukee; Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., and Omaha, Neb.

Central Region: Birmingham, Ala.; Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas; Denver; El Paso, Texas-Albuquerque, N.M.; Houston; Kansas City, Mo.; Little Rock, Ark.; Memphis, Tenn.-Jackson, Miss.; New Orleans-Baton Rouge, La.; Oklahoma City; San Antonio, Texas; St. Louis; Tulsa, Okla. and Wichita, Kan.

West: Alaska; American Samoa; Guam-Northern Mariana Islands; Honolulu; Los Angeles-San Diego; Phoenix; Portland, Ore.; Salt Lake City; San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.; Seattle and Spokane, Wash.-Billings, Mont.

Interior official Jim Baca resigns, cites disagreements

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the agency that oversees millions of acres of federal land resigned Thursday because of disagreements with Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt over how to pursue Western land reform policies.

Jim Baca, a favorite of environmentalists because of his strong views on protecting federal lands, said he was resigning with "great

sadness (and)... regret" as director of the Bureau of Land Management.

The resignation came a week after it became known that Baca had been asked to leave his high-profile job as head of one of the department's most important bureaus to become a deputy assistant secretary within the department.

He had refused to accept the new job, although Interior officials

sought to portray it as a promotion.

Babbitt, in announcing the resignation, praised Baca's work. But he also made clear there had been disagreements between them over policy issues.

"Jim and I have different approaches to management style and consensus building ... (and) the management styles of the department's bureau directors need to mesh. They need to work with me," said Babbitt.

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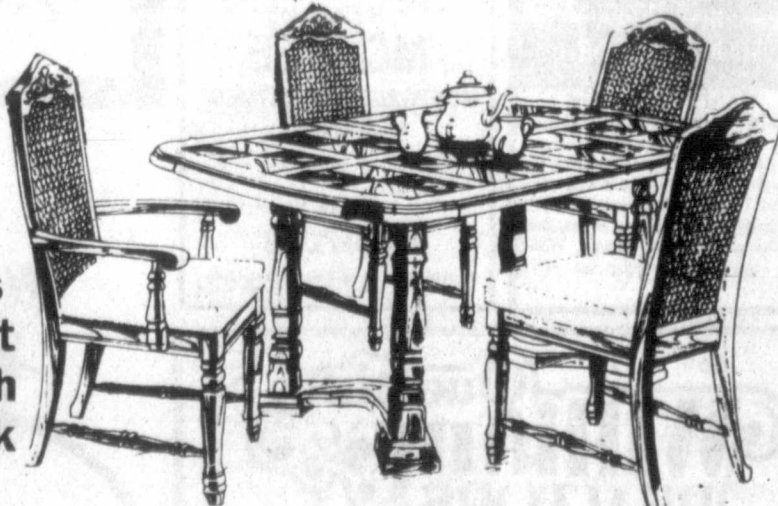
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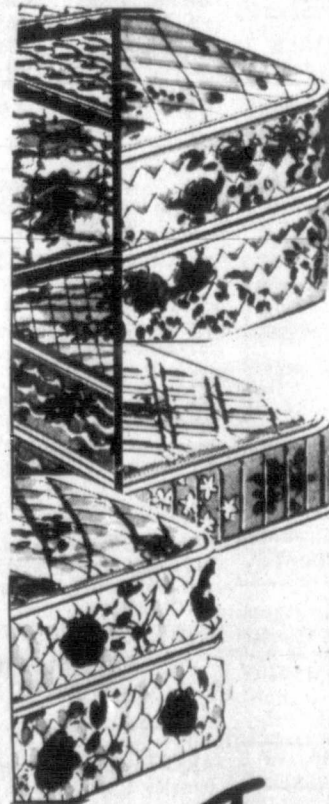
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