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THURSDAY



Bob Price, Republican candidate for the 13th Congressional seat, holds a mock check Wednesday during a news conference that signifies a 300 percent pay increase, which he says his opponent, Dick Waterfield, tried to secure for himself in the Texas Legislature.

Price attacks opponent Waterfield's record on pay raise and water rights

By BEAR MILLS
and DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writers

Former Congressman Bob Price accused his opponent in the 13th District Congressional Republican primary of not being candid with voters about his record on top issues.

Price, of Pampa, used a Wednesday press conference to criticize Waterfield, a two-term state representative from Canadian, for "seeking a 300 percent pay raise for himself" in the Legislature, attempting to "take away private water rights" in the state and being absent during "the final vote on workman's compensation."

"I want to bring up that in my research of the voting record of Representative Waterfield, I've found three glaring and devastating

mistakes that, if passed, would have done untold damage to our district and the state of Texas," Price charged. "And I think one of the most glaring mistakes was voting for a 300 percent pay raise for himself and other state legislators."

"And the voters overwhelmingly rejected this proposal, but Mr. Waterfield thought that he should have the 300 percent salary increase."

Price said that, "Some people may call this mudslinging, but I don't. I think I had an eight-year record for people to look at, the legislation I introduced and that I co-sponsored has been there for criticism all these years."

"I'm simply pointing up that if we can't discuss legislation that each of us have voted on that passed or was rejected, then we're in a pretty sorry state of affairs. That's what debates and running for public office are all about."

Waterfield defended himself against Price's claims concerning the pay raise in a news release Thursday in which he is quoted as saying: "I voted for a resolution that allowed the people of Texas to voice their opinion on whether Legislative pay raises should be increased and tied to the Governor's salary. I said at the time that I did not like the way the resolution was worded and that it would probably be defeated at the polls."

Waterfield also said in the release that he thought legislators' salary ought to be increased since the yearly salary of \$7,200 had not been changed since 1975, but added that he preferred that Texas voters make the decision, not by a formula tied to the governor's salary, since

the governor's salary is set by the Legislature.

"If my opponent was in touch with what was happening in our state, he would have been aware of what the resolution said, and what I said at the time," Waterfield said. "I had hoped we could get through this campaign without this type of misleading distortions being used. Evidently, I expected too much," he said in the release.

In spite of endorsements for Waterfield by Sen. Phil Gramm and the Amarillo and Wichita Falls newspapers, Price said he believes he will defeat Waterfield in Tuesday's primary. The winner will face incumbent Democrat Bill Sarpalus in November's general election.

"Mr. Waterfield voted to take away our private water rights under our farm and ranch land, as well as our municipal water rights," Price said. "I think this unconstitutional grab for our private water rights would, one, turn over all power and authority of our private water rights to the Texas state Water Commission."

"It would require a permit and a fee for the permit before any person could drill a new water well or improve an existing well, as well as control spacing and size. It would limit the amount of gallons you could pump, up to 25,000 gallons a day. Anyone that was irrigating their land, it would devastate them."

Waterfield in a telephone interview today said Price's accusation is misleading and a distortion of the facts. He said that with the help of the Texas Farm Bureau, he drafted an amendment to the bill, intro-

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Bob Price

Georgia officials investigating organization that 'awarded' a vacation to Pampa couple

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Georgia officials are investigating a "sweepstakes" organization that has sent at least two sets of correspondence to a Pampa couple, notifying the couple of the "Sweepstakes Vacation Extravaganza."

The extravaganza purportedly claims to offer a vacation to Hawaii, the Caribbean or Cancun, Mexico, whichever the "winner" chooses.

Bill Cloud, a spokesman in the Georgia governor's office of consumer affairs, verified Wednesday that an investigation is being conducted on Direct Sales International. "We're aware of the group. Supposedly they were going to stop mailings until we looked at the situation," Cloud said.

The notices were mailed to Pampa couple, Jackie and Paul Sublett, on Jan. 30 and on Feb. 16.

In the first postcard-type notice, the Subletts were notified they were a "winner" in the M/Sweepstakes. The notice reads, "CONGRATULATIONS! We have been trying to reach you. It has been certified by a national accounting firm that your sweepstakes entry number is a win-

ner in The Magazine Sweepstakes Early-Bird Drawing. One of the following prizes is being held in escrow in your name:

- 1990 Mercedes Benz luxury sedan
- Hawaiian vacation for two (No travel restrictions)
- Full-length mink coat.

The notice also has a telephone number to call for "immediate confirmation and delivery," and says, "Call Ms. McMann." The card also said that the Subletts "may be asked to appear at the Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson."

Paul Sublett said that the number listed on the notice gives a recorded message. "There is no one there to answer," Sublett said. Sublett also said he felt the wording on the postcard was misleading and deceptive.

Despite the fact the Subletts were never able to reach anyone concerning the first notice, they then received a letter telling them they were eligible for one of the three "fabulous" vacations listed. A magazine subscription order form was also enclosed in that mailing. The second notice enclosed a "Reservation Request Form" telling the Subletts to send a \$150 reserva-

tion deposit to a post office box in Calabasas, Calif.

The Subletts, wise to the sweepstakes offer, did not send any money.

"You don't get something for nothing," Cloud said. "It makes it sound like a vacation, but the airfare is probably not included. People should avoid these things."

Cloud said common sense should be used by consumers who receive the notices. "Why would you send money to someone you don't know?" he asked. "It doesn't make good sense. Why would someone want to give you a vacation?"

Sublett said that contrary to reports in a Feb. 11 community news column which runs regularly in *The Pampa News*, the Subletts are not going to Hawaii.

And Sublett said the investigation by the Georgia officials into the sweepstakes organization does not surprise him.

"The day we got the notice, I knew it wasn't kosher," Sublett said. "Things aren't always like they appear; that is for items you get in the mail and what you read in the paper."

Judge permits Oliver North to testify in Poindexter trial

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oliver North will be permitted to give potentially damaging testimony against John Poindexter, the judge in the former national security adviser's Iran-Contra trial ruled today.

U.S. District Court Judge Harold Greene rejected arguments by Poindexter's lawyers that testimony from North, the government's leadoff witness, was derived from his former boss's immunized statements to Congress in 1987.

Greene worked on his decision in his chambers while Poindexter, lawyers for both sides, the press and public waited more than an hour past the scheduled starting time for opening statements to begin.

The court fight over North's upcoming testimony emerged Wednesday as a jury of seven women and five men was sworn in for the former national security adviser's Iran-Contra trial starting today.

At issue was North's testimony last year at his trial asserting that he watched Poindexter destroy a politically embarrassing document concerning Iran and that Poindexter directed North to mislead Congress. North denied to Congress that he was assisting the Contras militarily.

Poindexter's immunized testimony on the Contra question "was quite limited," Greene said in concluding that North's statements were not based on Poindexter's.

"North's own testimony, both at his trial and ... before this Court, provided a wealth of detail, and on some points those details differed from testimony given by Poindexter," said the judge.

Greene ruled similarly with regard to a presidential "finding" that Poindexter tore in half on Nov. 21, 1986, saying that North's memory of that event was not based on Poindexter's immunized testimony. The finding retroactively authorized a November 1985 shipment of Hawk missiles to Iran.

The judge said that when North was asked at his own trial when he learned that Poindexter had destroyed the finding, "he answered unequivocally" that he witnessed the event.

Donations aid repair of parks sprinkler systems

City of Pampa Parks Department is to begin major repairs to the sprinkler system at Central Park Friday, officials announced today.

Boosting the funding for these repairs is a \$1,000 donation to the city by the Pampa Fine Arts Association, sponsors of the annual Chautauqua celebration held in the park on Labor Day, city officials said.

Park Superintendent Bill Hildebrandt said he hopes the repairs can be completed in approximately two weeks.

After the repairs to the Central Park system are completed, repair crews will begin work at West Central and Alameda parks, he said. Funding for repairs to these parks,

as well as to other existing park sprinkler systems, will be provided by the 75-cent voluntary donation program begun several months ago for park improvements, according to city officials.

In addition to repairing irrigation systems, the 75-cent donation is to be used to purchase additional playground equipment for the parks and to clear the hike-and-bike trail of Bermuda grass and bindweed, officials said.

Hildebrandt explained that grass and weeds growing on the trail not only reduces the usable width of the trail, but also causes physical damage to the asphalt by fracturing the surface with root systems and new

growth. This results in surface material chipping away and allowing water to penetrate into small holes deep within the asphalt, further weakening the trail, he said.

"We plan to spray the trails after things warm up a bit more and the vegetation is starting its new spring growth," Hildebrandt said. "If we sprayed right now, with the grasses and weeds being in a semi-dormant stage, we wouldn't be able to get enough chemical down to the roots to be cost-effective," he added.

Public, corporate and local organization donations have had, and will continue to have, a significant impact on improving our city's parks systems, Hildebrandt said.

Subway crash



(AP Laserphoto)

A subway car lies against a support column in Philadelphia, Pa., after a morning-rush crash which killed three riders and injured more than 150 Wednesday. Authorities are investigating the cause for the crash, which also injured 162 people, leaving some of them trapped for hours before they were rescued from the wreckage. Officials said it was the worst accident in the 21 years of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority operation.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time today.

Obituaries

AMBER RAYE HALL

Amber Raye Hall, 6-month-old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sloan of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 7, 1990, in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fairview Cemetery with Larry Haddock, pastor of Hi-Land Christian Church, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Survivors, other than her parents, include grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raye Hall of Pampa; Jayne Hall of Huntington Beach, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford of Yukon, Okla., and Stephen Sloan of Titusville, Fla.; great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Summers of Lefors; Bea Hall of Pampa; Madelyn Cousineau of Lansing, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sloan of Pampa; and great-great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Booth of Woodward, Okla.

HELEN F. THIRY

Helen F. Thiry, 74, died Wednesday, March 7, 1990. Services will be at noon Monday at Boulger and Hughes Funeral Home of Fargo, N.D., with the Rev. Damien Schill, pastor of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Fargo, officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery at Fargo. Local arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Thiry moved to Pampa in 1987 from Tucson, Ariz. She married Theodore "Ted" Thiry on Oct. 11, 1948, at Fargo; he preceded her in death in 1986.

Survivors include a son, Jeff Thiry of Pampa; a daughter, Sharon Ulrud of Tucson, Ariz.; and two grandchildren, Becky J. Thiry and Terri R. Thiry, both of Phoenix, Ariz.

The body will lie in state at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home until 4 p.m. today.

PAULINE BAIRD O'KEEFE

PANHANDLE - Pauline Baird O'Keefe, 95, died Tuesday, March 6, 1990. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church of Panhandle with the Rev. Joe Bertinetti, pastor of the Church of God of Ennis, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Paul Middaugh, pastor of First Assembly of God in Panhandle. Burial will be in Panhandle Cemetery under the direction of Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Mrs. O'Keefe was born in Elk City, Kan., and was the daughter of Hod and Ada Baird, early pioneers of Roberts County. She attended school in Miami and graduated from Texas Woman's University. She taught school in Cuyler in 1917. She moved to Panhandle in 1918, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from West Texas State University. She taught homemaking in Panhandle from 1939 to 1950 and taught in Bovina from 1950 to 1953. She taught in Graver from 1953 until her retirement in 1967, when she returned to live in Panhandle.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, a charter member of the Eridite Club of Panhandle, and a life-long member of Home Demonstration Club and Texas Teachers Association. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Raymond O'Keefe, in 1978.

Survivors include a son, John B. O'Keefe of Panhandle; two grandchildren, Michael O'Keefe of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mark O'Keefe of Canyon; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be made to The Gideons International of Borger.

Minor accidents

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

WEDNESDAY, March 7

5:30 p.m. - A 1986 Chevrolet driven by Teresita Querubin Grabato, 43, 2561 N. Chestnut, and a 1982 Mercedes driven by Shelia Hanks Harris, 41, 731 N. Faulkner, collided at 1800 N. Evergreen and 700 E. 18th St. Grabato was cited for failure to yield the right of way at a stop sign. No injuries were reported.

6:29 p.m. - A 1989 Plymouth driven by Barbara M. Teague, 47, 711 N. Banks, collided with a 1988 Ford driven by Marilyn Gale Smith, 24, of Canadian, in the 1500 block of North Hobart. Teague was cited for following too closely. Teague, Smith and a passenger in Smith's vehicle, Neysa Smith, 4, were transported to Coronado Hospital by Rural/Metro-AMT Paramedic Service.

Correction

A Wednesday article in *The Pampa News* failed to mention the name of a McLean man named to a justice advisory board. George Terry of McLean was appointed to the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Board during a Feb. 22 meeting of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors. We regret the omission and any inconvenience it may have caused.

House panel ends its investigation of Gingrich

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House ethics committee said today it will not pursue an investigation of Republican Whip Newt Gingrich, but criticized him for failing to disclose a house purchase and for improper activities by his staff.

"No adequate basis exists" to begin even the preliminary phase of an investigation, the committee said in a report approved unanimously Wednesday and made public today.

The panel said it decided that allegations in separate complaints last year by Rep. Bill Alexander, D-Ark. - even if true - did not "state violations of applicable standards of conduct" by the Georgia Republican.

Gingrich, however, was ordered to amend his financial disclosure forms to "reflect participation" in his purchase, along with his daughter, of her personal residence in

Georgia four years ago.

The committee also criticized two letters sent on Gingrich's official letterhead in December 1986 and January 1987, promoting a for-profit senior citizens cruise sponsored by Marathon Travel Co. of Marathon, Fla.

The panel wrote Gingrich, "You were remiss in your oversight and administration of your congressional office" in the cruise mailings.

"Accordingly, you are directed to immediately take steps to preclude recurrence of the type of improper activity here involved. You are further placed on notice that a future recurrence of improper use of mail and resources may result in more severe committee action."

The outcome of the case was eagerly awaited on Capitol Hill, because Gingrich, the No. 2-ranking House Republican, was the chief accuser in the ethics investigation that led to the resignation last June of House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas.

Gingrich had no immediate comment today. He previously denied wrongdoing and denounced Alexander's allegations as retaliation for the complaint Gingrich filed against Wright.

Spokesman Tony Blankley said Gingrich, who stands second in the House GOP leadership, would respond to the committee decision only after he receives formal notification of the action.

Alexander had alleged that Gingrich committed hundreds of violations of House rules, including financial disclosure requirements, and also ran afoul of campaign finance laws. He filed the ethics complaints last April and October.

Alexander said Wednesday: "The ethics committee has resolved the Gingrich matter by deciding not to investigate further, but by deciding to admonish Gingrich" for not reporting the home purchase with his daughter - or the mortgage on the residence.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions

Cletis Butcher, Pampa
Alfred Cowan, Fritch
Sherri Fortenberry, Pampa

Leroy Labarr, Pampa

Leo Samuel, Pampa
Marion F. Waldrop, Pampa
Iva White, White Deer

Birth

Michelle Lea James, Pampa
Monty Montgomery, Skellytown

To Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Fortenberry of Pampa, a boy

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions

Lillian Raines, Pampa
Heather Shepard, Pampa
Mary Ann Stewart, Pampa

Ruby Tibbets, McLean
David Simpson (observation), Shamrock
David Vinyard, Shamrock

Dismissals

Ida Fitzgerald, Pampa
Melba Gasaway, Pampa
Ethel Higgins, Pampa

Dismissals

None

Stocks

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| The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa. | | |
| Wheat | 3.27 | |
| Milo | 3.41 | |
| Com | 4.23 | |
| The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation: | | |
| Ky. Cent. Life | 14 1/4 | |
| Serco | 6 3/8 | |
| Occidental | 27 5/8 | |
| The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation: | | |
| Magellan | 58.14 | |
| Puritan | 13.14 | |
| The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa. | | |
| Amoco | 55 1/4 | dn 1/8 |
| Arco | 116 5/8 | NC |
| Cabot | 33 3/8 | dn 1/4 |
| Cabot O&G | 16 1/2 | NC |
| Chevron | 69 1/8 | up 3/8 |
| Coca-Cola | 71 1/2 | up 1/8 |
| Enron | 54 5/8 | NC |
| Halliburton | 45 3/8 | dn 1/8 |
| Ingersoll Rand | 55 1/2 | dn 1/8 |
| KNE | 23 3/8 | NC |
| Kerr McGee | 50 1/2 | up 3/8 |
| McDonald's | 31 1/2 | up 3/8 |
| Mapco | 39 3/4 | NC |
| Maxxus | 10 3/4 | NC |
| Mesa Ltd. | 7 1/4 | dn 1/8 |
| Mobil | 61 7/8 | dn 3/4 |
| New Atmos | 17 1/2 | NC |
| Penney's | 67 1/2 | dn 1/4 |
| Phillips | 26 3/8 | NC |
| SLB | 49 1/2 | up 3/8 |
| SPS | 29 1/2 | dn 1/8 |
| Tenneco | 67 1/2 | dn 3/4 |
| Texaco | 60 1/2 | up 1/2 |
| New York Gold | 400.50 | |
| Silver | 5.12 | |

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, March 7

Dicky McGahen, 1104 Seneca, reported criminal mischief at the residence.

Lisa Bowers, 1104 N. Nelson, reported harassment in the 1300 block of North Banks.

Patricia Marie Carter, 511 N. Nelson, reported burglary of a habitation.

Osborn Service Station, 1901 N. Hobart, reported theft of more than \$20, but less than \$200.

Homeland, 2445 Perryton Parkway, reported a theft under \$20.

Olivia Pena, 1004 Huff Rd., reported a simple assault on a 3-year-old child.

Chris Hettrich, 434 N. Starkweather, reported a theft of a motor vehicle at 2545 Perryton Parkway.

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Steve McConnell, 1601 W. Somerville #403, reported a theft under \$20 at the residence.

Arrest

WEDNESDAY, March 7
Jean Brown, 57, 504 Harlem, was arrested at 2445 Perryton Parkway and charged with theft under \$20. She was released on bond.

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

WEDNESDAY, March 7

3:38 p.m. - A grass fire was reported three miles west of Price Road on Kentucky. Three firefighters and two units responded. The cause of the fire was listed as "unknown."

3:49 p.m. - A grass fire was reported in the front yard of 2218 Williston. One unit and two firefighters responded to the fire, which was out when firefighters arrived. The cause of the fire was listed as "unknown."

Calendar of events

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

The Red Cross office sponsors a free blood pressure check every Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 108 N. Russell, downtown Pampa.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be offered from noon to 5 p.m. each Wednesday and Friday until April 13 at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston. The free service is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service. Contact Dan Taylor, 665-9523, for more information.

Price

duced by Terrell Smith, chairman of the natural resources committee, which exempted all agricultural usage from the permit fee.

"I told Terrell Smith that I would vote for (the bill) if he would add on the amendment," Waterfield said. "I knew that it would probably not pass at the time, but we drafted the amendment in the floor. The bill died on the floor. What Price was looking at was a bill that was filed which showed my 'yes,' but did not show that it died. I think that's ridiculous."

Price also attacked his primary opponent for missing "the final vote on workman's compensation recently, which Waterfield has defended by saying he saw no point in flying to Austin just to vote to send the measure back to the Senate again."

"Mr. Waterfield was absent and did not vote yea or nay on the workman's compensation legislation on final passage," Price said. "The workman's compensation legislation was probably the most important legislation before the state Legislature this past session. Mr. Waterfield did not think it important enough to have a recorded vote on the issue."

"You know, the excuse that he was home and didn't want to spend the money to go back down there - that's what he was elected for - to be there when these votes are taken."

Waterfield countered today by saying that if one would look at the record it shows that he was a co-sponsor of the workman's compensation bill and is on record of voting

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for the bill at least six times during the regular session of the legislature and approximately three times during the special session.

The state representative said he knew that an overwhelming majority of the House members were in favor of the bill. He added that he called the speaker of the house prior to the final vote to be certain that no surprises had arisen in which his vote might be critical.

"I just couldn't see spending \$210 of the state's money to fly down there when it wasn't needed," Waterfield said.

Price said he has not raised as much money as Waterfield, but said if his opponent has raised \$100,000, as he claimed in a published report earlier this week, "Why hasn't he spent any of it?"

When asked about a campaign appearance in Spearman earlier this week in which he was quoted as saying George Bush had told him recently that if he had known he was running, the president would never have asked Waterfield to run, Price said he spoke to "the White House," but never said he talked directly with Bush.

"I don't think I said I talked to the president," Price said. "I said I talked to what they call the political affairs department in the White House regarding this matter. They said to me - one of them is the head of the deal and another man is responsible ... that fell into Texas."

"I can't recall which of them said to me, 'Had we known that you were going to get into this race ...' I said, 'Well, who told you to call Mr.

Waterfield?' They said, 'It was one of the men who worked for the National Congressional Committee who asked that we do so.'"

Price renewed his attack on the National Republican Congressional Committee for not giving due consideration to each of the interested candidates before asking Waterfield to run. He also used the press conference to again criticize Sen. Gramm for endorsing Waterfield.

In spite of not raising near as much money as Waterfield or having the political backing, Price said he will upset him because voters remember his record for getting legislation passed when he served during the early 1970s.

Price contradicted Waterfield's claim of having a 2 1/2-to-1 lead in the race, stating he had over 45 percent of Republican support in Amarillo and Pampa. He claimed Waterfield's support is only running about 16 percent.

A member of Waterfield's election team, when asked about Price's remarks, said, "He really said that? You've got to be kidding."

No independent polls have been conducted on the race to verify either candidates' pronouncements of support.

Price termed Waterfield appearing in Pampa this coming Saturday with Gramm "the panic mission."

"He feels his race is going down the tubes, when he has to drag a United States senator down here," Price said.

Price stated that he had the experience to not have to "lean on a senator for support."

Baby's death under investigation by police

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Pampa Police Department is continuing its investigation into the Wednesday death of a 6-month-old Pampa baby, Sgt. Charlie Love said this morning.

The baby, Amber Raye Hall, died about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo after being transported there from Coronado Hospital.

In a prepared news release, Love said the Pampa police received a call at 7:22 p.m. Tuesday from Coronado Hospital that a baby girl was being treated for head injuries.

"A friend was allegedly playing with the baby and dropped her on her head," according to the news release.

Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Bob Muns ordered an autopsy on the baby Wednesday. The results are not expected before at least a week, Love said today.

The baby was transported to the Pampa hospital by a private vehicle from the 100 block of South Wells, Love said.

"The investigation is continuing. We're waiting for Mike (Brown, a detective) to get back to talk to the par-

ents again," Love said.

Brown is attending a school in Amarillo today, Love said. He will be in charge of the investigation.

Love said the child's death is being investigated by police because it is a death not explained by natural means. "The DHS (Department of Human Services) will also be involved," Love said.

The autopsy is also a routine procedure in deaths not explained by natural causes, Love said.

Graveside services for the baby will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fairview Cemetery with Larry Haddock, pastor of Hi-Land Christian Church, officiating.

The baby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sloan of Pampa.

Survivors, other than her parents, include grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raye Hall of Pampa; Jayne Hall of Huntington Beach, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford of Yukon, Okla., and Stephen Sloan of Titusville, Fla.; great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Summers of Lefors; Bea Hall of Pampa; Madelyn Cousineau of Lansing, Mich.; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sloan of Pampa; and great-great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Booth of Woodward, Okla.

Two people die in crash of light plane near Grand Prairie

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) - Two people died today when a light plane crashed just north of Grand Prairie Municipal Airport, authorities say.

A fire department spokesman says the two died when a single-engine Tomahawk plane crashed about 7:20 a.m. near the airport property.

"We are investigating a plane crash at the municipal airport. We do have two fatalities confirmed, both

males," said police Sgt. Brad Geary.

He said no identifications have yet been released, and officials of the Tarrant County medical examiner's office were en route to the scene.

Firefighters and police were sent to the crash site on the north side of the west Dallas suburb's facility. The plane crashed in a group of trees near a street intersection, witnesses said.

"It was airborne at the time that it crashed, so we do not know if it

(the crash) was on takeoff or landing," said Geary.

Witnesses say the plane emerged from low clouds and then dipped into the grove of trees about 400 yards north of a runway.

Geary said he did not know whether any other passengers had been aboard the plane. It was uncertain whether the craft burned on impact. The bodies were still in the plane, pending an investigation, he said.

City briefs

EXPERIENCED SEAMSTRESS

will do sewing formal, mens, womens, childrens. 665-2024. Adv.

BAIL BONDS.

Texas Bonding 24 hour service. 665-1510. Adv.

TAX AND BOOKKEEPING SERVICE.

Glenda Brownlee, 665-0310 or 274-2142. Adv.

FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER

118 N. Cuyler. One night only. Thursday, March 8th, 7:00 p.m. Ricky Pfiel Preaching. Nursery Provided. Adv.

MOOSE LODGE

Dance 'Silver Creek' Saturday, the 10th. Members and Guests. Adv.

FABRICS GALORE.

Fabric Sale. Saturday, March 10, 10-4 p.m. Sponsored by Kathy's Kids Day-care. 2119 N. Banks. Adv.

VIDEO ENTERTAINMENT

Monday-Thursday. Movies 99¢. New releases 1.99. Nintendo games 99¢. Budget movies 75¢. Adv.

FOR SALE - Ford 800 tractor

3 point with front end loader. Excellent condition. See at 836 W. Foster. Pampa.

TAKING ORDERS FOR St. Patrick's Day

cookies through Saturday, March 10. Cake Accents, 2141 N. Hobart. 665-1505. Adv.

McBRIDES A Hair Establishment.

809 W. Foster. Now accepting Booth rentals. 669-0902. Adv.

BASIC CPR.

Infant and adult at Clarendon College Pampa Center. March 27 and 29, 6-10 p.m. \$10. Instructor Gary James. Adv.

FULL TIME Hairstylist and manicurist

needed Styles Unlimited. 665-4247 or 669-3728 after 6. Adv.

BLUES BOY Willie and Band.

Sunday, March 11th, with Vincent Hopkins and The Texas Coasters. Starts 8:30. City Limits. Adv.

ROWDY ACE

will be at City Limits this weekend. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, fair skies with a low near 40 degrees and southwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly fair and warmer with a high in the mid 70s and southwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday's high was 62; the overnight low was 29.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Isolated thunderstorms tonight and considerable low cloudiness Friday morning Concho Valley. Slight chance of thunderstorms Friday afternoon low rolling plains southward into Edwards Plateau region. Elsewhere mostly fair and very warm through Friday. Highs Friday mid 70s north to around 80 elsewhere. Lows tonight 40s north and far west and low to mid 50s south.

North Texas - Fair west tonight a chance of thunderstorms central and east. Lows 49 northwest to 61 southeast. A chance of thunderstorms southeast Friday. Partly cloudy northwest. Highs 75 to 80.

South Texas - Mostly cloudy through Friday

Friend of student slain by cult urges other students to be careful

By JOEL WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) — A friend of Mark Kilroy, who was abducted and slain at a "human slaughterhouse" during the height of last year's spring break, is urging students to be careful while celebrating this year.

"I feel like I owe it to Mark to get the message out to everyone, especially college students, how important it is to have a safe spring break," said Bill Huddleston, who was partying with Kilroy the night of his abduction.

Kilroy's parents, meanwhile, say some good has come from the ritual slaying of their 21-year-old son: greater awareness of the evils of drugs they blame for his death.

The University of Texas student dropped out of sight about 2 a.m. on March 14, 1989, while out bar-hopping with three friends in the border city. After a month-long search, his mutilated corpse was found buried at a ranch west of Matamoros.

Fourteen other victims also were unearthed there and at a nearby farm. A drug-smuggling cult allegedly performed the ritual slayings seeking magical protection from the law and rival smugglers.

Huddleston, a Texas A&M junior who accompanied Kilroy to Matamoros, called a press conference Wednesday to urge vacationing college students to be careful on spring break this year.

"This means that everyone should use good judgment when making decisions and keep in mind that a bad thing can happen to anyone, even the best of us," Huddleston said.

Huddleston, believed to be the last person to see Kilroy before the abduction, said he would spend this year's spring break snow-skiing in New Mexico.

His advice to others: "People that are going to drink, to make their decisions before they drink. To stay in groups. When they get separated, to check up on one another periodically."

Alex Perez, sheriff of Cameron County in Brownsville just across the Rio Grande, described the scene of Kilroy's murder as a "human slaughterhouse," the most gruesome crime he has investigated in 14 years of law enforcement.

The case still haunts him, he said. "In my life, I've seen a lot of it, but this was the one that got me not to sleeping at night," he said.

Huddleston, too, wonders about the people who killed his friend.

"There's not really much I would, you know, I could say other than asking them why, why they did it. I mean, how do they feel about it now?" he said.

Mexican officials have started a voluntary sign-in program for spring breakers, as a means of keeping track of who's there, said Antonin Licona Lopez, immigration director for the Mexican government in Matamoros, 25 miles south of here.

"I think it's a great idea," Huddleston said. "I think

students should do that, because in case something does happen, people will know that they were over there ..."

Several books on the Matamoros case have been rushed to the market over the past year, including one with the title *Hell Ranch*.

Kilroy's parents said they haven't read them.

"From what people have told us, it was strictly to sensationalize what happened there rather than for people to see that from such an evil thing that a lot of good has come out, come from that," said Mark's mother, Helen.

She and Mark's father, James, are writing their own book about Mark's slaying.

"In our book we intend to tell the true story, and exactly what all went on, how we felt about it all," said James Kilroy.

The Kilroys, who live in Santa Fe, Texas, near Houston, have waged their own war on drugs through speaking engagements and their anti-drug Mark Kilroy Foundation.

The slayings make up case No. 89-110 in the Fourth State District Court in Matamoros. Judge Francisco Salvador Perez has the task of sorting through the evidence and pronouncing verdicts on the seven accused.

Perez said he could not say when verdicts might be reached.

"We are trying to move the case along as fast as we can, but it is being slowed by the fact that two of the suspects are jailed in Mexico City," he said. "That slows the paper work."

He said the defendants still have the opportunity to prove themselves innocent, but added that there is "a great quantity of evidence. In this case, it is considered that they are presumed responsible, in accordance with Mexican law."

Judge Perez said the greatest punishment any single defendant in the case could receive would be 40 years, the penalty for homicide, the worst crime alleged.

Five men arrested last April in the case remain jailed in Matamoros, awaiting verdicts.

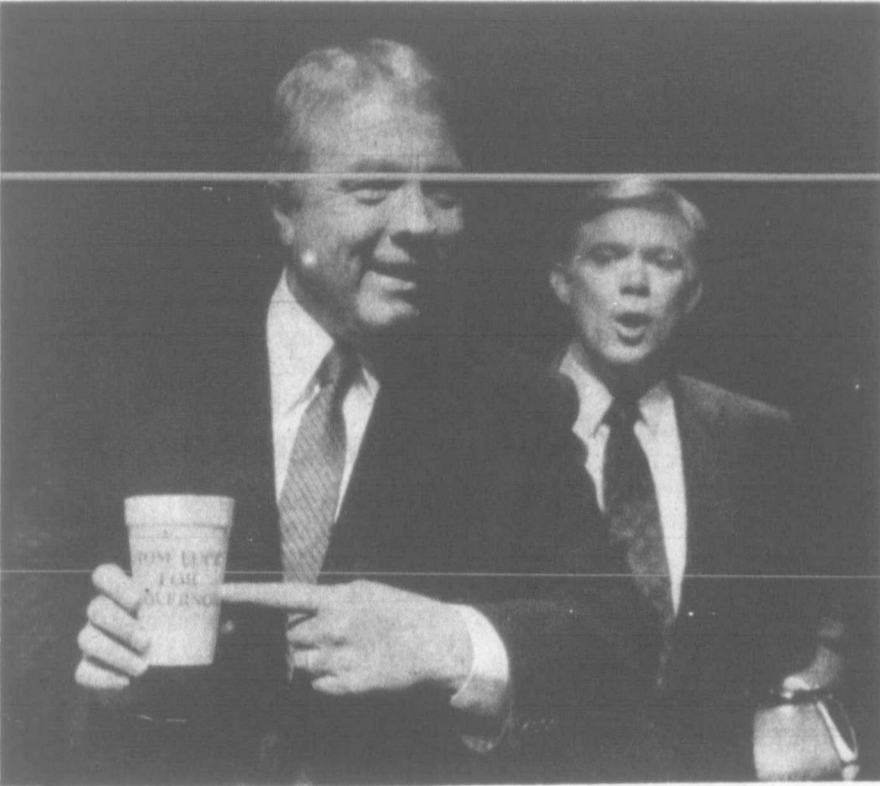
Four are charged with crimes ranging from homicide and illegal burial, to drug and weapons violations. One, a caretaker at the ranch, is charged only with covering up the crime.

Three others, including alleged cult "godmother" Sara Maria Aldrete Villarreal, were jailed in June after a shoot-out with police in Mexico City. Mexican officials in January reported that one of the three, Omar Orea Ochoa, died of complications from AIDS.

Cult "godfather" Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo reportedly ordered himself and follower Martin Quintana Rodriguez killed as police closed in on the Mexico City apartment.

Experts concluded that the cult practiced a perverted form of the Afro-Cuban religion Palo Mayombe, in which believers use human bones, but don't normally kill people to get them.

Police said Constanzo's cult reported inspiration from the 1987 film *The Believers*, depicting human sacrifices by Palo Mayombe practitioners.



(AP Laserphoto)

Gubernatorial candidate Jack Rains, left, shows reporters a drinking cup that candidate Tom Luce, right, brought to a debate Wednesday night at Richland College. Rains joked that Luce needed all the help he can get.

Texas Supreme Court reviewing Open Meetings Act violation case

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court is reviewing what is known among journalists as the "bathroom meeting" case, which tests the Open Meetings Act against another state law, the Administrative Procedure and Register Act.

The case was taken under advisement Wednesday, following arguments over whether the Texas Water Commission had violated the Open Meetings Act in denying a waste water treatment permit sought by Charles Acker for his Huntsville mobile home park.

"Acker was before the three-member commission in 1986 for a permit. During a break in the hearing, two commissioners allegedly were overheard discussing Acker's application in a restroom.

When the meeting reconvened, one of the commissioners voted to grant the application. The remaining two commissioners voted to deny it. Acker claimed in Travis County state district court that the commissioners violated the Open Meetings Act, which he argued requires agency decision-makers to conduct their deliberations in public without any private discussions among themselves.

Judge Jerry Dellana declared the commission's order null and void, and sent the case back to the commission for further proceedings.

But the 3rd Court of Appeals in Austin overruled Dellana in May, citing a 1977 amendment to the Administrative Procedure and Register Act that "explicitly permits such communications."

The open meetings law was enacted in 1967. The administrative act became law in 1975.

The nine-member Supreme Court reviewed the case Wednesday, with all justices except Jack Hightower present for the arguments.

J. Bruce Bennett, an attorney representing Acker, said the two commissioners never denied the restroom meeting but said they could not recall it.

Bennett said the discussion was key to the case because there was no discussion at the public hearing on the permit application. "It was the only debate held in the case, and it was by accident we found out about it," he said.

Bennett also said the written order denying the permit was signed by all three commissioners, which indicated the possibility of additional private discussions among the commissioners.

Since the Open Meetings Act restricts verbal exchange among members constituting a quorum, Justice Nathan Hecht said if the water commission had five members and two had talked about the case in the bathroom, there would be no problem.

"That's correct," Bennett responded.

Assistant Attorney General Linda Secord, representing the water commission, said such a discussion would not fall within the definition of "deliberation." Such exchanges, she said, assist people in performing their state functions.

Ms. Secord also said the third commissioner had not changed his vote, that "everybody signs the order no matter how they voted."

"It is something that can cause confusion," she said.

GOP candidates go after frontrunners in both parties

By DARRYL EWING
The Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Two of the gubernatorial candidates who drew the most fire at a broadcast GOP debate Wednesday weren't even there, and one is a Democrat.

Republican front runner Clayton Williams, who bowed out of the last of three statewide debates because of other commitments, drew criticism from the candidates after the close of the contest Wednesday night.

The other gubernatorial candidate making news at the GOP debate was Democrat Ann Richards, for her refusal to answer "yes or no" to a question on whether she'd ever used illegal drugs.

This was the first debate that included so-called "minor candidates," although one of them, Ed Cude of Houston, also did not show.

As they had been in the second debate, the Republicans were cordial. But only minutes after the hopefuls concluded the hour-long session at Richland College, three of them blasted Williams for not attending.

Williams had indicated he would not participate because of a previous commitment. He made an appearance in Houston Wednesday night.

"It's unfortunate that Clayton Williams is not here," said Jack Rains. "I think it's pretty clear that as this campaign has heated up, he has become less accessible."

"That's not fair to the people of Texas and it's certainly not fair to the people of the Republican Party."

Tom Luce said Williams was playing "political games" with Texas voters.

"My definition of toughness is that you fight for your ideas. You show up and fight for your ideas," Luce said after the debate. "That's what you're going to have to do in Austin. I think it's the old politics, it's just the political games."

"It's kind of a sad deal tonight that he wasn't here," Hance said. "I think that what's happened throughout this campaign is they've tried to keep him somewhat sheltered — afraid that he might say something controversial."

"He hasn't been scrutinized by the press like I have. In a runoff ... he will get those tough questions and I look forward to that."

The candidates said during the debate that Richards probably should have answered the question about illegal drug use.

Richards, who has said she has not had a mood-altering substance in 10 years, contends the question is

irrelevant. She also has said that by answering the question she would discourage substance abusers from seeking treatment.

"I think it would be an issue, but I think the main issue with Ann Richards is her philosophy," Hance said.

Luce said the question is relevant because the governor should be a role model in the fight against illegal drug use in Texas. "Drug and alcohol abuse is a very serious issue in our state and that's why I think the question of drug use in your past is relevant."

Rains reiterated his call for "zero tolerance" on illegal drug use and said he was "disappointed" Richards had not answered the question.

Royce X. Owens, a janitor from Merkel said "the people of Texas are the ones that's going to decide it."

The Rev. W.N. Otwell said his problem with Richards is that she is a "feminist," "pro-choice" and "pro-abortion."

After the debate, Otwell issued a statement saying he would announce his withdrawal from the campaign this evening. He said he felt he had accomplished his goal by "exposing the root cause of our social, political and economical problems in Texas — namely, the breakdown of the family."

His closing statement was mostly

devoted to that theme. He called for working women to return home if their spouses had jobs and denounced homosexuals as perverted.

The candidates all agreed that they support campaign reform — with some indicating that they preferred a cap on campaign spending.

Most of the Republicans said they were against hiring quotas but supported being sure that qualified minorities are represented in state government agencies and elective offices.

When asked whether English should be the official language of Texas, Rains said such a move sends a "insulting message" to Hispanics and other minorities. Luce said he envisions the day when school children in Texas would be proficient in two languages.

Rains said he did not think the State Insurance Board was "doing a really good job representing anybody, the insurance industry or the consumer."

But he added, "Of all the things that are facing this state ... I just (do) not see no-fault insurance as one of the great pressing issues of '91."

The debates were sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund and KDFW-TV. Democratic gubernatorial candidates will debate tonight.

Negotiations stalled in strike by Greyhound bus drivers

By JOHN A. BOLT
AP Business Writer

Greyhound and its striking bus drivers exchanged barbs Wednesday, with a company executive calling the strike irrational and the union saying the company is refusing to bargain in good faith.

The company said Wednesday that negotiations with the Amalgamated Council of Greyhound Local Unions would not be reopened because talks "would not be fruitful at this time, given the present attitude of the council."

The 6,300 bus drivers and about 3,000 maintenance and office workers walked off the job Friday after negotiations broke down over a new three-year contract.

Since then, the company has been operating at reduced levels, using about 700 replacement drivers hired recently plus union drivers who cross picket lines. The company says about 350 union drivers are at work, but the union says only 95 have returned.

Anthony P. Lannie, executive vice president of Dallas-based Greyhound, accused the union of conducting a "grudge strike by the pre-1983 Greyhound bus drivers." The bus industry was deregulated in 1983.

"This strike is plainly irrational and irresponsible," said Lannie, one of the investors who purchased the bus company in 1987. "We want a contract ... and we want to settle the strike."

"The cause of this strike is singular," union spokesman Jeffery Nelson said Wednesday night. "The company has refused to negotiate with the union that represents its 9,000 employees in good faith."

In other developments Wednesday:

— Two Greyhound buses en route from Montreal to New York were seized Wednesday at the U.S.-Canadian border after they were found to be illegally transporting Canadian security guards hired by the company, an immigration spokesman said. It was not immediately known whether charges were filed against the bus company or the guards.

— Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, and 10 other senators asked Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole to intervene as she did in last year's bitter Pittston coal strike by appointing a "super mediator" to help resolve the dispute. A spokeswoman for Mrs. Dole said she had no such plans because the Greyhound dispute is still under the normal mediation process.

— In Redding, Calif., about 500 mourners, half of them striking drivers in uniform, marched in memory of a driver crushed to death by a bus at a picket line. The mourners were led by the widow of 59-year-old Robert Waterhouse, who was pinned against a building Saturday by a bus operated by a replacement driver. No charges have been filed.

— At a news conference in Richmond, Va., David W. Batchelor, president of Greyhound's Eastern division, reiterated the company's position that the newly hired drivers are permanent replacements and that striking drivers who return will get jobs only as slots become available.

— Pickets in Portland, Maine, cheered loudly when a replacement driver pulled his bus onto the street and sideswiped a parked car. There were no injuries or damage to the car, so police said they would hand out no tickets.

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Judge acquits photographer arrested for covering protest

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The acquittal of a news photographer who was arrested while covering an anti-abortion protest is good news for future coverage of such controversial events, freedom of information advocates say.

County Court-at-Law Judge Wilford Flowers handed down the innocent verdict Wednesday for freelance photographer Gary Kanadjian, who was on assignment for The Associated Press during a December 1988 protest by Operation Rescue at the Ladies Center in Austin.

Kanadjian was charged with failing to obey a police order to move away as officers carried a demonstrator from the clinic's doorway to a nearby paddy wagon.

"I am very pleased at the outcome of the trial. The press must be allowed to do its job under the protection of the First Amendment," said Jack Loftis, president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

Jeff Bruce, editor of the *Longview News-Journal* and a board member of the group Texas

Media, said he hopes the verdict would "send a message" to law enforcement authorities about the importance of news coverage of events such as the abortion debate.

"The public has a right to know what is happening in their own communities. For the police and the prosecutors to have pursued this case as zealously as they did was beyond reason," he added.

"I am relieved that Gary's ordeal is over. However, I am still mystified why the Austin Police Department insisted on persecuting him, tying up the Travis County court system and costing taxpayers and Gary's defense thousands of dollars for something that should have been settled on the parking lot 16 months ago," said John Lumpkin, Chief of Bureau for The Associated Press in Dallas.

Lumpkin helped arrange for legal representation for Kanadjian when he was arrested.

Kanadjian, 20, of Georgetown, said he felt "very vindicated" by the verdict but worried that his prosecution might intimidate other photographers covering news events.

"You don't feel it will happen to you until it

does," he said.

"I was just covering the story. I don't think they were in any way right in what they did that day. I think they were a little overzealous and didn't like any more (members of the) press being there."

The photographer's attorney, Hugh Lowe, argued that Kanadjian was both doing his job and serving the public in covering a news event that involved "the most emotional public debate today — abortion."

Janet Warren, the Society of Professional Journalists' deputy regional director for freedom of information issues, said problems encountered by journalists covering such stories have been widespread, which puzzled her because photographers usually are not disruptive.

"They try to cooperate with the police department and stay out of the way," said Ms. Warren, a reporter in the Harte-Hanks newspapers Capitol bureau.

Travis County Attorney Ken Oden, whose office pursued the case, was out of town Wednesday and not immediately available to comment on the judge's decision, his office said.

Viewpoints



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Opinion

A revolution to end textile protectionism

As the world rushes toward freedom, Americans should make sure we're not left out of all the fun. One way we can contribute to the party is to smash the protectionist barriers that have crept over us over the past two decades, erecting a kind of Berlin Wall of trade around our country.

One of the worst walls is against textiles. Last year the Federal Trade Commission reported that protectionism boosts textile prices by 58 percent for American consumers. This comes to \$20.3 billion extra that consumers pay each year, according to William Cline, an economist at the Institute for International Economics.

Most foreign trade is subject to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, an international body that works (haphazardly, alas) to advance free trade. But textiles have been exempt from GATT's free-trade influence for an unfortunate reason. According to a report by Citizens for a Sound Economy, "Since 1961, the textile and apparel industries have been granted 'short term' or 'temporary' exemptions from GATT. As a result, the textile and apparel industries have benefited from their own, more restrictive policies."

Textiles currently fall under the Multifiber Arrangement (MFA), enacted in 1973 and renewed three times since, but scheduled to expire in 1991. CSE notes that, while GATT agreements usually involve many countries, MFA agreements usually involve only two countries. Thus, the United States has separate agreements with Taiwan and South Korea, freezing these nations' textile imports at 1988 levels.

The result: sluggish production by American firms constricting supply and boosting prices. The *Financial Times* has reported "a marked stagnation of investment in new textile machinery by the American textile industry."

Leslie Wexner, a textile importer, told economist Warren Brookings: "The industry's old boy network would rather fight for protection than compete in the market." The textile industry is powerful in Washington "because they are so much more socially connected than the retailers." Wexner warns: "Most American industry doesn't really want to compete. They have to be forced by the market."

Textile protectionism particularly hurts poor people. Cline says the poorest 20 percent of American households pays 3.6 percent of income just for the textile quota costs; this contrasts with only 0.4 percent of income for an American of average income.

Now is the perfect time for Bush to unravel the textile quotas. We can expect that the Eastern European countries will begin exporting textiles (some already do a little). In addition to hurting American consumers, keeping up these protectionist walls would be an insult to the suffering Eastern Europeans are going through to establish free trade.

America led the move to political freedom and market economics in the 1980s. We should spearhead a move to end all protectionism in the 1990s.

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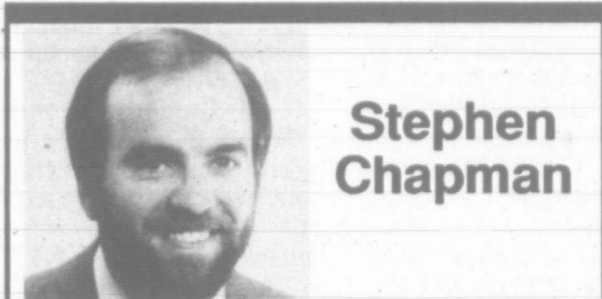
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Are we misers in education?



Stephen Chapman

Suppose a friend came to you asking for your advice on what to do about a list of problems — a lousy job, an imperfect marriage, too many bills, a deep and frustrated yearning for a few minutes with Andy Rooney. Suppose you offered several realistic ways he might handle his problems. And suppose his own proposal for dealing with each problem was the same: running off with his secretary.

Would you conclude that he truly wanted to (a) solve his problems, or (b) run off with his secretary?

Those people who invariably propose to address social problems by the uniform device of unloading dump trucks filled with taxpayers-supplied currency demonstrate the same revealing lack of seriousness. Spending more tax dollars is sometimes useful in solving certain problems. But then, so is running off with one's secretary.

An illustration of my point comes from a recent, much-heralded report by the liberal Economic Policy Institute. It claims to prove that, contrary to the insistence of Ronald Reagan and George Bush, the United States spends less on education than other industrialized countries who produce better educated graduates.

The report provides an intellectual foundation for the Democrats who charge — as Democrats reflexively do whenever Republican presidents propose education budgets — that, as House Speaker Tom Foley recently announced, "You can't be the education president, with all the problems we face in this area, by proposing a meager increase in the education budget."

EPI's statistics are superficially persuasive. It claims that the administration distorts the compar-

ison with other countries by including funds spent on higher education, where the U.S. is relatively extravagant. Where the U.S. skimps is exactly where our educational system is clearly failing — in elementary and secondary schools.

"The U.S. spends less on pre-primary, primary and secondary education than all but two other countries" in EPI's 17 nation sample, says the report. "Only Australia and Ireland spend less." These countries spend an average of 4.6 percent of their national income on these schools. The U.S. spends just 4.1 percent.

Aha! So now we have a simple, inescapable explanation for our educational failures — and a simple solution, which is for you and me to hand over our wallets.

But on closer inspection, the EPI analysis turns out to have more holes than Ronald Reagan's memory. First, there is the problem of unreliable statistics. The EPI study draws its data from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization, which gets its data from governments that have different ideas of what to include and what to exclude.

Chester Finn, formerly a high official of the Education Department and now head of the Educa-

tional Excellence Network, warns against putting much faith in this information. "I know how sloppy the U.S. is in filling out its forms," he says. "Some GS-11 at the National Center for Education Statistics does them in his spare time from whatever information he has available. They're not taken very seriously."

EPI also relies heavily on share-of-income percentages. But if I spend a bigger share of my income on housing than Donald Trump does, that doesn't prove I have a bigger house (or more houses) than he does. It proves I have a smaller income. Thanks to our wealth, Americans can allot a smaller portion of their income to education and still spend more money than other countries.

That's just what we do. In real expenditures per elementary and secondary pupil, calculates education writer John Hood, the U.S. ranks second out of 15 industrialized nations (Switzerland is first; Japan is last).

Experts can bicker about which comparison is best. What no one can dispute is that the amount of money we put aside for schooling American children has soared. Total spending per public school pupil, adjusted for inflation, is 89 percent higher than it was in 1965 and 31 percent higher than it was a decade ago, according to a recent Cato Institute study by Hood.

If more money produces better performance, as the EPI report suggests, then American kids should be doing far better than kids, in decades past. If my aunt had wheels, she'd be a bicycle.

The Democrats in Congress and EPI would like us to believe that the truly urgent question facing American education is how much money to spend. The real issue is how to spend it.

Today in history

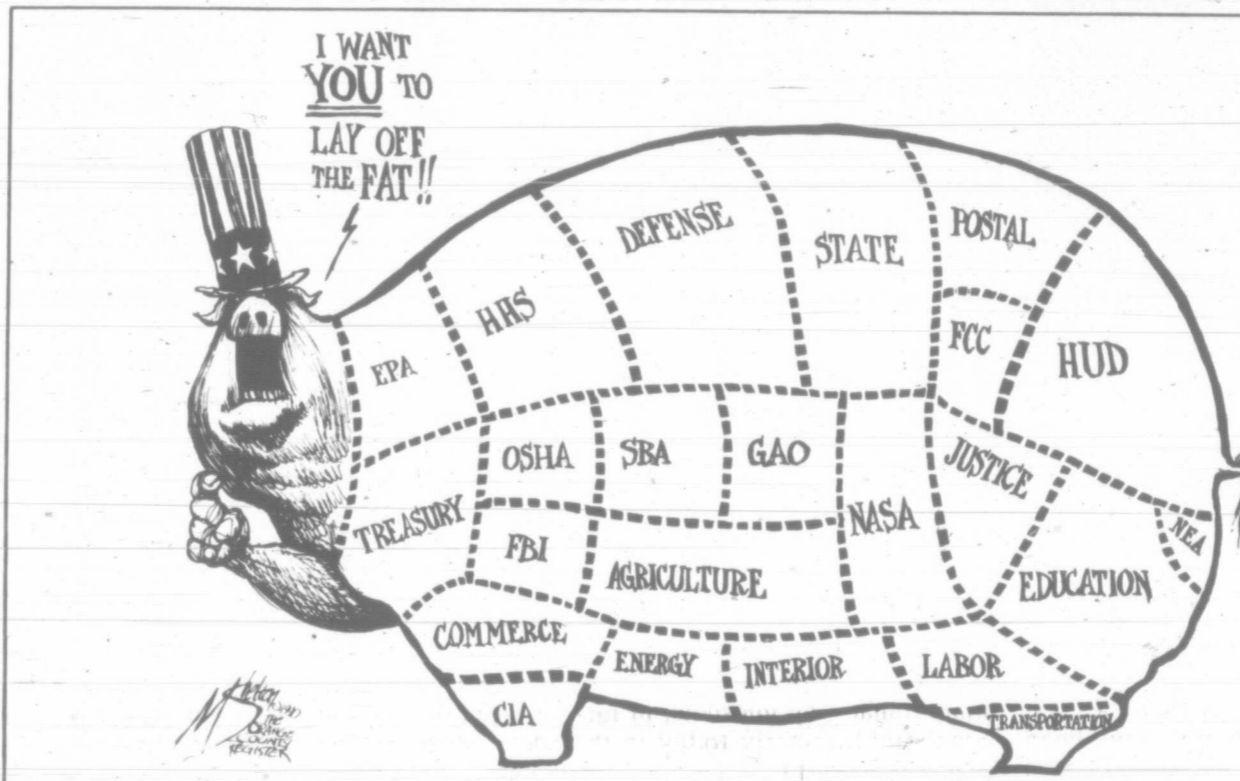
By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, March 8, the 67th day of 1990. There are 298 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:
On March 8, 1782, the Gnadenhutt massacre took place as some 90 Indians who had converted to Christianity were murdered by militiamen in Gnadenhutt, Ohio, in retaliation for raids carried out by other Indians.

On this date:
In 1702, England's Queen Anne ascended the throne upon the death of William III.

In 1841, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. was born in Boston.

In 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan. Within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.



A well-suited TV game show

I've got an idea for a great new television game show — which is just what the world needs.

I'm going to call it *Sports Celebrity Paternity Suit Challenge*, or *Sports Celebrity Paternity Suit Family Feud*, or maybe *Sports Celebrity Paternity Suit Wheel of Fortune*.

It doesn't matter what I call it, the show can't miss. Here's how it will work:

A lucky contestant will be chosen by lot from the studio audience. Hence, "Marvin Gloggenhammer, come on down!"

Then Marvin, who will be wearing a leisure suit, will be introduced to a woman who has filed a recent paternity suit against a sports celebrity.

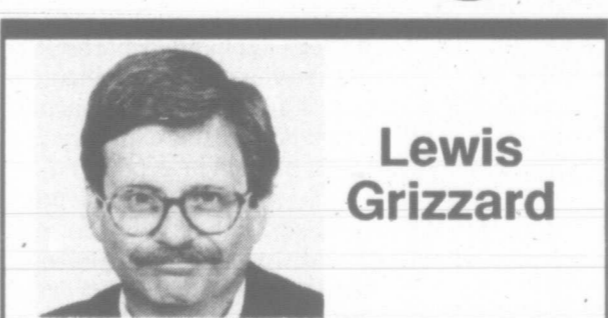
His job will be to pick the defendant in the suit from three sports celebrities who will also be on the set.

Marvin will ask Melinda Milsaps, Atlanta Waffle House waitress, certain questions in order to figure out who the defendant might be.

He might ask, "What is your favorite sport? Do you prefer infielders over outfielders?" or "Have you ever been offered tickets in the president's box for an Atlanta Falcons' football game?"

After listening to her answers, the host (perhaps Bob Eubanks can be lured away from the *Newlywed Game*) will say to Marvin, "OK, Marvin, is the defendant in this paternity suit Steve Garvey, Wade Boggs or Atlanta Falcons president Rankin Smith Jr.?"

If he doesn't pick the right sports celebrity, heavyweight boxing champion Buster Douglas



Lewis Grizzard

comes out and decks him for being stupid.

The idea for this show came to me after I realized that hardly a day passes another sports celebrity isn't hit by a paternity suit.

Former major league baseball player Steve Garvey leads the league in that category, having allegedly impregnated enough women to form an all-pregnant girls field hockey team.

Then we got the recent news that Atlanta Falcons president Rankin Smith Jr. has been hit by a paternity suit alleging that he is the father of, not one, but two, children born to a Norcross, Ga., woman.

In the suit, the woman alleges when she first met little Rankin — as his friends call him — he told her he wasn't married.

(You wonder, here's a guy with one of the highest profiles in town. Where has this woman been?)

After she has one baby, she says she finds out

Little Rankin is indeed married with three children.

She says he promised to divorce his wife and marry her at that point, which he doesn't do, but gets her pregnant again instead.

Is Little Rankin one of the smoothest talkers around, or are we dealing with bimboism at its purest level here? Perhaps the impending trial will tell us.

Regardless, now we know that one reason the Falcons have been so lousy may have been that Little Rankin has been too busy fooling around on his wife to run a football team.

He has had the good sense to announce he is taking a leave of absence from the Falcons front office to straighten out his private life, which is going to take some serious straightening out.

Not only is there the matter of the paternity suit and the two children, his present wife also has filed for separation.

Before all this is over, Little Rankin's lover and Little Rankin's wife may wind up owning the Falcons, which might be a blessing to long suffering fans of the team.

Two women certainly couldn't do any worse than Big Rankin, the owner, and Little Rankin, el Presidente, who, after a quarter century of less than mediocrity, appear to have all the pro football knowledge of Vanna White.

Back to my show. I'm looking for a sponsor. Surely a condom manufacturer will step forward any day.

It's high Noonan time for Americans

By BEN WATTENBERG

You will enjoy reading Peggy Noonan's new book *What I Saw at the Revolution* (Random House).

Here is a list of ideas I thought I would write about the book, before I read it, so now I'm writing, sitting at my keyboard, in my attic study, listening to the sounds of my 5 1/2 year old daughter playing below, tap, tap, tap, waiting for the dogwoods to come out (Noonan writes that way sometimes, full colons, lists, personally, a little loopy, and, after all, she says that someone called her the only living exclamation point):

1. That she's a conservative who wrote some fine speeches for President Reagan and then-candidate Vice President Bush, and that she received a wild amount of personal publicity.

2. That (because so it was said) her book was gossipy, that it trashed Nancy and Maureen Reagan, that it would turn out to be yet another book that would be used to show that Ronald Reagan was a programmed, lazy president, that speechwriters, and others, put all the words in his mouth.

3. That heavy publicity for speechwriters was new in America. It bloomed with President Kennedy's staff. It continued under President Johnson, but to a lesser extent, because LBJ was unpleasant to staff whose names got into the papers, particularly speechwriters (I was an LBJ speechwriter). That under succeeding presidents it had gotten worse (Extra! Extra! President to Read Glotz's Speech Tonight).

4. That, while that intrigued political junkies, it undercuts a president to be seen as a ventriloquist's puppet, particularly so since that's not the way the process works.

5. That one senses that Bush, like LBJ, has laid down the law, that these days one doesn't hear too much, nor too little, about the president's speechwriters and staff.

Having now read *Revolution*, I stand behind most this list, but with important amendments.

The book shouldn't harm President Reagan; the portrait is full-bodied and fascinating. In fact, Reagan comes across as a great man, with flaws that are outweighed by his

virtues. Here is Reagan talking about, "... those sleepy old towns where generation after generation lived. And then the kids in the Midwest left; there was nothing in those towns — Lord, that's why I left!"

Here's Noonan, about Reagan: "He was really acting, but the part he played was Ronald Reagan."

And: "He stands there in his tall brown suit ... with soft, kind eyes, and you are surprised by the pinkness, the babylike softness of his skin. The soft neck, and ... the air of frailty. He gleams; he is a mystery. He is for everyone ... everyone who worked with him. None of them understand him. In private they admit it. You say to them, Who was that masked man?, and they shrug, and hypothesize. James Baker said he is the kindest and most impersonal man I ever knew."

Noonan says when Reagan "fell in love" with Gorbachev, it "infuriated" young conservatives, but Reagan turned out to be right. She says that Reagan was a giant, instrumental in changing America's mind about

salient issues.

Furthermore, Noonan's book is unlike the *Then I Wrote The Fifth Symphony* genre, not because that theme isn't present, but because the best stuff is about other things, mostly young conservatives with ideas. A few years ago "young conservatives with ideas" would have been a trioxymoron. No longer.

The Reagan Revolution brought "The Movement" — young smart conservatives like Norman — into our politics. Right behind them came the army of baby-cons, some of whom are so bright it's scary.

When the leftists of the '60s matured, they came to play a powerful role in our public life, even as their views evolved. The day of the once young conservative is almost here.

And finally, although it gets zany, maybe because of that, Noonan's book flies, even with its epidemic of full colons. You can put it down, but only because: It's time for dinner, it's February, the sun is setting behind the apartment house, or whatever.

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U.S., Soviet Union moving toward increase in air carrier service

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and the Soviet Union are moving toward a major increase in scheduled and charter air service, opening for the first time a wide array of destinations in each nation.

The development represents one more signal of closer relations between the two superpowers and opens a potential opportunity for U.S. commercial air carriers.

"Clearly it would appear that the market is going to increase more rapidly in the future," said Pamela Hanlon, a spokeswoman for Pan American World Airways, now the only U.S. carrier that flies into the Soviet Union.

"Potentially it's an excellent market," she said. If the tentative agreement reached in London last week bears fruit, it would normalize and greatly expand

air service disrupted a decade ago as the United States imposed sanctions to retaliate against the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the 1981 Soviet-encouraged crackdown against dissidents in Poland.

Under the preliminary agreement, U.S. airlines would increase scheduled service to Moscow and Leningrad and gain new rights to serve six additional Soviet cities, including two in the Soviet Far East, according to the State Department.

A department official said Wednesday these cities include Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine; Riga, the capital of Latvia; Minsk, the capital of Byelorussia; Tbilisi, the capital of Soviet Georgia; and Khabarovsk and Magadan in the Soviet Far East. Khabarovsk is a station on the Trans Siberian Railroad north of Vladivostok. Magadan is a port on the Sea of Okhotsk, which opens to the Pacific.

In return, the Soviet airline Aeroflot would be per-

mitted to increase its trans-Atlantic service to New York and Washington and would gain new rights to serve Chicago and Miami with onward service to two undisclosed points in South America.

Aeroflot service over the Pacific also could begin to Anchorage, Alaska, and to San Francisco with a stop in Anchorage, the State Department said.

Airlines of both nations also could increase the number of weekly flights and increase the number of airlines designated to serve the expanded routes, the department said.

Ms. Hanlon said Pan Am sees the new development as an opportunity to expand more rapidly in a modest but steadily increasing market.

Pan Am, which began non-stop service to Moscow two years ago with three flights a week, added a flight last year and will operate five flights a week this summer, Hanlon said.

"We are currently looking to increase that to seven non-stops next year," she said.

The spokeswoman said Pan Am and other U.S. carriers would not necessarily open air service to each of the new possible destinations inside the Soviet Union but would look at each city "to see if the market is there."

The tentative agreement also would allow the United States and the Soviet Union Soviet up to 100 charter flights a year over the Atlantic.

The State Department said "positive consideration" also would be given to trans-Pacific charter flights between the two countries.

The preliminary agreement was reached by U.S. and Soviet negotiators at a second round of the London talks. A third round will be convened in London in late April to discuss financial provisions and other outstanding issues.

Thousands spent on House trip that is canceled

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of House staffers spent more than \$28,000 traveling to London, Paris, Rome and other European cities, planning a trip for lawmakers who then decided to stay home.

Rep. Frank Annunzio, D-Ill., who planned and then scrapped the congressional trip, says he didn't want to use a military plane during the U.S. invasion of Panama, which began while the advance team was in Europe.

But Rep. Doug Barnard Jr., D-Ga., says he suspects "cold feet" among House members worried about cold winter weather in Europe and bad publicity back home.

According to House records, the six-member advance party for the trip spent more than \$28,000 for lodging, meals, commercial air transportation and other expenses between Dec. 13-20.

The lawmakers were to have followed in January, traveling by military jet to gather information on Europe's move toward a unified financial system.

Aides to Annunzio and Barnard disagree over whether the January itinerary was set, since their respective advance men scouted different cities. They do, however, insist that the advance trip provided valuable insights that will be useful to House members despite the cancellation.

Curtis Prins, staff director of the Annunzio-led House Banking subcommittee on financial institutions, said the military jet would have taken members only to Strasbourg in France, London, Brussels and Rome. Those were the cities visited by Annunzio's staffer on the advance mission, subcommittee economist Gregory Hallisey.

Five House Government Operations subcommittee staffers made the advance trip for Barnard, holding meetings in Paris, Brussels and Madrid. One of those staffers, Peter Barash, said the stops had "not been fixed" by the members.

Barash is staff director of the Government Operations subcommittee on commerce, consumer and monetary affairs. Barnard is chairman of that panel and also serves on Annunzio's subcommittee. A sixth congressional staffer on the trip was assigned to Barnard's committee by Congress' investigative arm, the General Accounting Office.

Barnard bristled over Annunzio's decision to cancel the trip, maintaining it is vital that lawmakers planning to restructure the U.S. banking system learn firsthand about Europe's movement toward unified financial services by 1992.

Annunzio said in an interview that he canceled the trip because "I could not in good conscience justify using military personnel" and equipment when the U.S. forces "were fighting and dying" in Panama.

He said the military jet transport, a version of the commercial Boeing 707, "might have been needed in Panama and I wanted to make sure it would be available for that purpose."

Barnard, in a separate interview, said, "I doubt if we're that limited" in military equipment.

He said several members who originally signed up had dropped out before the invasion, leaving so few lawmakers that use of a military plane couldn't have been justified anyway.



(AP Laserphoto)

A barricade is set up Thursday in an ongoing protest calling for the resignation of the president of the independent South African homeland, Bophitswana.

By BARRY RENFREW
Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Troops fired on protesters today and dispersed crowds with whips and tear gas in Bophuthatswana as unrest spread in black homelands, where people are demanding reintegration into South Africa.

A Johannesburg newspaper, *Business Day*, reported today that more than 200 people have been killed in riots in the 10 homelands in the past month.

Anti-apartheid activists contend the white minority government established the "tribal" homelands to restrict blacks to the most isolated and underdeveloped parts of the country and to deny them citizenship.

In Bophuthatswana today, soldiers and police in armored personnel carriers and trucks randomly

opened fire with assault rifles to stop crowds forming in the Garankuwa area, witnesses said. Police dispersed groups of people with whips to stop demonstrations, they said.

Some residents attempted to organize protests, but were quickly chased away by soldiers and police, the witnesses said.

In a separate development, two people were killed and up to 70 injured, many by gunshots, in factional fighting early today in the South African black township of Kathleong near Johannesburg, the independent South African Press Association reported.

At least seven people were killed Wednesday in Bophuthatswana when police opened fire on a protest by about 50,000 marchers demanding the reintegration of the nominally independent territory and the resignation of territory President Lucas Mangope.

South Africa pu troops on alert in case Bophuthatswana asked for help, but South African officials said their forces had not intervened. The South African forces were in contact with Bophuthatswana forces and were ready for intervention if requested, the officials said.

In the northeastern homeland of Gazankulu, government offices, schools, businesses and shops remained closed today as part of a 3-week-old boycott led by activists demanding the ouster of Chief Minister Hudson Ntsanwisi.

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Twenty-seven people were killed and hundreds injured in widespread riots and looting that followed a military coup Sunday in the southeastern homeland of Ciskei that ousted the territory's authoritarian president.

South African troops fire on protesters

Report: Career mothers can have healthy babies

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Science Writer

BOSTON (AP) — A study seen as "very good news for women in their 30s" concludes today that those who delay motherhood until they establish their careers face little unusual risk of delivering premature or stillborn babies.

The researchers did not check for Down's syndrome and other genetic disorders — which are more common among older women's babies — because virtually all the mothers underwent testing for such problems during pregnancy.

The study in today's *New England Journal of Medicine* shows that if those in their late 30s and 40s successfully get pregnant for the first time and avoid miscarriages, chances are good they will have healthy children.

The number of women delaying their first pregnancies until late in their reproductive lives has increased dramatically. According to federal statistics, the rate of first births among those in their 30s has

more than doubled since 1970, and among those in their early 40s, it has increased 50 percent.

"Most, although not all, previous studies suggest they might be at an increased risk of low birth weight infants and stillbirths as well as certain other complications," said Dr. Gertrud S. Berkowitz, who directed the latest study.

"That's why women over the age of 35 have generally been considered to be at high risk."

But her study, based on 3,917 pregnancies, shows that older women have only a slightly increased risk of producing unusually small babies, and they are no more likely than younger first-time mothers to deliver prematurely or have stillbirths.

"Overall, their data represent very good news for women in their 30s who are contemplating their first pregnancy," Dr. Robert Resnik of the University of California, San Diego, said in an accompanying editorial.

Berkowitz, an epidemiologist at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in

New York, said her findings should reassure women who were like those who took part in the study — largely white, well-educated non-smokers who had private insurance, received prenatal care and delivered in sophisticated medical centers.

"Even though this is a very unique group, it typifies women who are delaying childbearing," said Berkowitz. "By and large, it is women who are doing it for career reasons."

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Kabul calm as coup attempt by army troops seems to fail

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Government forces and mutineers today battled on the outskirts of Afghanistan's capital, near Kabul airport and at the country's largest air base, Moslem guerrillas and Western diplomats said.

But Kabul itself was calm again, two days after a renegade defense minister mobilized dissident army troops in an attempt to topple the Soviet-backed government. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said dozens of people died and hundreds were wounded in the fighting, which he said was over.

The mutiny leader, Maj. Gen. Shah Nawaz Tanai, sent a taped message to rebellious troops today.

Tanai, a battle-hardened soldier popular among rank-and-file Afghan soldiers, fled to the Pakistan border on Wednesday, met with guerrilla leaders and returned to Afghanistan, guerrilla and Pakistan government sources said.

On Tuesday, mutineers bombed the presidential palace in Kabul, the Afghan capital, and reportedly took control of the country's largest air base in Bagram before President Najib ordered the Afghan air force to bomb it.

Western diplomats, guerrilla leaders and U.N. officials said the base had been destroyed by the bombing.

The diplomats and guerrillas today said fighting continued on the edges of Kabul, near the Kabul airport and around Bagram, about 30 miles north of the capital.

One Western diplomat said he heard reports of heavy fighting in the southern cities of Kandahar and Khost and the eastern city of Jalalabad and western Shindand, where the country's second largest air base is located.

The reports could not be independently confirmed, and Foreign Ministry spokesman Naqib Sameer said by telephone "at all the provinces "were under control."

"Kabul is back to normal," said a Pakistan-based U.N. official, who was receiving hourly reports from U.N. staff in the Afghan capital.

Naqib said most of the military rebels who backed the coup attempt had been arrested. Asked about casualties in the fighting, he said, "We can roughly say that hundreds of people may be wounded and tens of people died."

Rebel and diplomatic sources are claiming hundreds of people were slain in the fierce battle for power between rival factions of the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, which seized power in a 1978 coup and installed a Communist government.

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One of state's largest insurers placed under supervision

By SCOTT ROTHSCILD
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Insurance industry officials said a reform of the state's workers compensation system came too late to help the Texas Employers' Insurance Association — the state's second largest commercial underwriter of workers compensation insurance.

Dallas-based TEIA was placed under state supervision this week after reporting an operating loss of \$23.3 million last year, officials said.

TEIA was at the center of last year's battle over reforming the workers compensation system when it announced it would stop writing new policies.

Lawmakers battled for 11 months over workers' comp reforms, but TEIA vice president Bill Huff said the business-supported legislation signed into law by Gov. Bill Clements, "came too late for us."

The action means the TEIA cannot engage in a variety of financial transactions without the supervisor's approval. Insurance Commissioner A.W. "Woody" Pogue named

Deputy Commissioner R.B. Ashworth, conservator of the State Board of Insurance, to act as supervisor of TEIA.

Huff and Insurance Board spokesman Lee Jones said the supervision should have no effect on the ability of the company to process and pay outstanding claims.

Pogue said that TEIA was solvent with a \$7.7 million surplus at the close of 1989. That was, however, a drop from a 1988 surplus of \$36.1 million.

"The drastic drop in policyholder

surplus since 1988, coupled with future liabilities of the association, made it necessary to place TEIA under supervision," Pogue said.

Huff said the company eventually will bow out of the workers' compensation business. "Right now, it is not possible to operate as a viable company," Huff said.

Rick Gentry, an insurance industry spokesman, said TEIA was "the perfect example of the insurance companies that were being victimized by a system that was broken."

He said the company had to pay a \$60 million to \$70 million assess-

ment to help cover the deficit in the state pool that covers businesses that cannot get workers compensation insurance in the open market.

TEIA stopped writing new workers' comp policies Oct. 1, 1989 and announced it would not renew existing policies as they expired.

The company is privately held but mandated by state law to sell only workers' comp policies in Texas.

Pogue stated: "We are going to look at several aspects of the associ-

ation's financial situation over the next 30 days before deciding on our next course of action."

TEIA's workers' comp premium volume during 1989 ranked second among commercial writers, behind Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

In 1988, TEIA ranked No. 1 in direct earned premium for workers' comp insurance with \$291.9 million.

Huff said the company projects having 900 policies worth \$40 million by the end of the year.

Oregon family battles Lyme disease

By CAROL ANN RIHA
Associated Press Writer

RAINIER, Ore. (AP) — Diane Tack and eight members of her family spent years traipsing from doctor to doctor, complaining of problems from memory loss to joint pain.

Finally, last summer, the Tacks left their hilltop house near the Columbia River for a four-month trip to specialists in the East for treatment of Lyme disease.

The family still struggles with symptoms and ignorance about the disease, which only was identified in the United States in 1975.

"We'd been going to doctors for years and years over little things, but they'd take examinations and say we were basically fine," Mrs. Tack said.

Lyme disease is caused by spiral-shaped bacteria called Borrelia burgdorferi and carried by ticks.

Since the bacteria were identified, Lyme disease has been reported in 45 states, according to the Lyme Borreliosis Foundation in Tolland, Conn. Figures for 1989 are not yet available, but in 1988, the federal Centers for Disease Control said 4,572 cases were reported. A preliminary count by the foundation found 7,600 cases reported last year, a tally the foundation estimates is 10 percent of the total.

Fortunately, the experience of the Tack family is uncommon. Lyme disease when caught early usually is relatively mild and curable with antibiotics.

It's also relatively easy to prevent. Simple measures — such as checking for the presence of ticks after a walk in the woods — can sharply reduce the incidence of the disease.

And according to the CDC, Lyme disease is uncommon outside of eight hot spots: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Outside those areas, it can be



(AP Laserphoto)

The Tack family sits in their Rainier, Ore., home after starting the third round of antibiotics for treatment of Lyme disease. Pictured are, from left, Diane, Mary Beth, 2; Stephen, 8, with family cat Mama Kitty; Berkley; and Ryan, 4.

especially difficult to diagnose, said Karen Forschner, president of the Lyme Borreliosis Foundation.

About 65 percent of Lyme victims develop a lesion at the site of the tick bite. Later symptoms include fever, aches, paralysis of facial muscles, memory loss, chest pain, joint pains, diarrhea and light sensitivity.

"Someone could be running to a heart specialist, a gastroenterologist and the eye doctor, not realizing that they're all related," Forschner said. "That's where the hardest part of diagnosis comes in. They're sick, but each doctor tries a new therapy and the patient continues to get worse."

Mrs. Tack, 42; her husband, Berkley, 36; and their children, Stephen, 8; Ryan, 4; and Mary Beth, 2 1/2, had many of the symptoms. So had her son by a previous marriage, Terry Will, 24; his wife, Cora, 18; and their children, Chad, 3, and Sheena, 1 1/2.

"Like a detective, I began putting clues together and slowly it started dawning on me that maybe there's something here," she said.

Tack believes he was bitten by a tick as a child. His wife thinks she contracted the disease from her mother and in turn passed it to her children.

Cora Will was bitten by ticks twice as a child in Nevada. Only she tested positive for Lyme disease.

The family's list of symptoms was considerable. Mrs. Tack's arthritis had become so aggravated two years ago that she was referred to a rheumatologist in Portland, who suspected Lyme disease but ruled it out after her blood test.

She has had six miscarriages with Tack, and the couple's three children all have had health problems since infancy.

Tack, a blacksmith, began noticing neurological symptoms.

"I couldn't remember out in the shop," he said. "I was having trouble keeping track of where my tape measure was or remembering how to do something. I had to become more and more deliberate about everything I did."

The Tacks were being treated for a staphylococcus infection when it finally became clear they had Lyme disease. A doctor prescribed a cephalosporin drug, and after several days, they developed violent rashes.

Mrs. Tack dug out a magazine article on Lyme disease, and read that it also was treated with cephalosporins. She called the Lyme Foundation, and was referred to a doctor.

He told her that as the bacteria were killed by the antibiotic, "they put off a toxic chemical that causes you to get really, really sick."

The doctor said the family apparently had late Lyme disease "and that we'd need to have IV therapy."

So in August, Mrs. Tack packed up her family and drove to her parents' home in Erie, Pa. In September, doctors put the family on daily intravenous treatment that cost \$10,000 per person.

Their savings were decimated. Treatment was concluded Nov. 14, and the family came home Dec. 6.

Since returning to Oregon, the family has taken four types of antibiotics, but symptoms linger, and the family faces a months-long road to recovery. This summer, Mrs. Tack said, they plan to wear ultrasonic devices to keep insects away.

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Facts about Lyme disease

By The Associated Press

Here are some facts and figures about Lyme disease:

Cases:
The federal Centers for Disease Control said 4,572 cases were reported in 1988, and 2,368 were reported in 1987. In 1982, just 492 cases were reported. 1989 figures are not yet available.
New York accounted for 56 percent of the 1988 cases, and 90 percent of the cases have occurred in the Northeast.

Prevention:
Wear protective clothing, such as long pants, and use insect repellent to guard against the ticks that carry Lyme disease.

In areas with a high concentration of the disease, clear yards of leaves and debris that can harbor ticks or rodents that also carry the disease. Avoid brush when possible; stay on trails.

After being outdoors, inspect your body for ticks. If you find one, remove it with the fingers or tweezers and apply antiseptic. The sooner a tick is removed the better; they must feed 24 to 48 hours to transmit Lyme disease.

Symptoms:
In two-thirds of cases, the first sign is a red rash — often in the shape of a bull's eye — that develops days or weeks after a tick bite. Alternatively, early symptoms may be vague aches and a low-grade fever.

Next comes arthritis-like pain in the joints or nerve damage causing pain or numbness.

Lyme disease also can mimic many other diseases.

Blood tests for the disease will not show results for four to six weeks after a bite.

Treatment:
Antibiotics. If not caught early, treatment can be difficult, requiring even intravenous antibiotics.

History:
Lyme disease was identified in 1975 by Dr. Allen Steere, then of Yale University. The first cases were picked up near Old Lyme, Conn., hence the name.

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School nurse — first line of health care for impoverished community

By LEON LYNN
El Paso Herald-Post

SAN ELIZARIO (AP) — The little girl was running a temperature of 103, and nurse Lydia Taylor had decided to send her home from school.

But like many of the children in the San Elizario school district in El Paso County, one of the poorest in Texas, the little girl didn't have a phone at home. There was no way to call her mother to come pick her up.

She was perhaps 9 years old, dressed in a spotless sweater and slacks. She lay on a narrow cot in the tiny whitewashed three-room hut that serves as the school district's health center.

Mrs. Taylor sat near her in the hut's main room, behind a worn but sturdy desk. A gas heater in one corner whirred softly, trying to chase away the winter chill that clung to the walls and seeped through the boarded-up windows.

"Mija, is your mother at home?" Mrs. Taylor asked. The girl nodded. There were tears in the corners of her eyes. She was not well.

"This happens all the time," Mrs. Taylor told a visitor. "They're supposed to have a contact person, but I need to I'll take her home myself. I can usually get there and back in 10 or 15 minutes."

Mrs. Taylor has lived in El Paso for all of her 42 years, but she knows the roads of San Elizario well. In addition to driving countless children home during her 10 years with the school district, she's also helped organize free community health screenings and "town meetings" to help residents decide what else the impoverished can do to improve conditions.

Mrs. Taylor was voted School Nurse of the Year for 1989 by the Texas School Nurses Association. But when asked how she earned the honor, she just smiled and shook her head.

"All I'm doing is what I'm supposed to do," she said. "I'm not doing anything extra. You just see what people need and do it."

Perhaps. But the people of San Elizario need more than most from a school nurse. Some of the 1,500 children Mrs. Taylor cares for come from homes without running water, much less a telephone.

And aside from a pediatrician who comes to town for half a day each week, there is no doctor. People must travel several miles to get medical help at clinics in other small towns. The hospitals and clinics of El Paso are 20 miles away.

"That may not seem like a lot," Mrs. Taylor said, "until you remember there's no public transportation here. In a lot of families the person with the car goes to work and that's it ... I've seen a lot of people who need a doctor just start walking down the road."

Sometimes parents who can't take time off from work will send their children to school even though they are sick, Mrs. Taylor said. "Often that's all they can do for them. In San Eli, I am the health person."

Mrs. Taylor glanced over at the little girl with the fever every minute or so. She was resting quietly now. People in the main school building, across the street from the humble health center, were still trying to locate someone to drive her home. But there was no word yet.

"The majority of the parents here really try," she said. "When you tell them to get the child seen by a physician, it's so hard. This is a good community, but it's a poor community."

Other patients came and went that morning: a fourth-grade girl with a skinned knee, a maintenance worker who cut his cheek with a crowbar while taking apart a portable classroom, a little boy with tears in his eyes and his hands cupped over both ears.

"Mauro, did your ears hurt before you came to school this morning?" Mrs. Taylor asked.

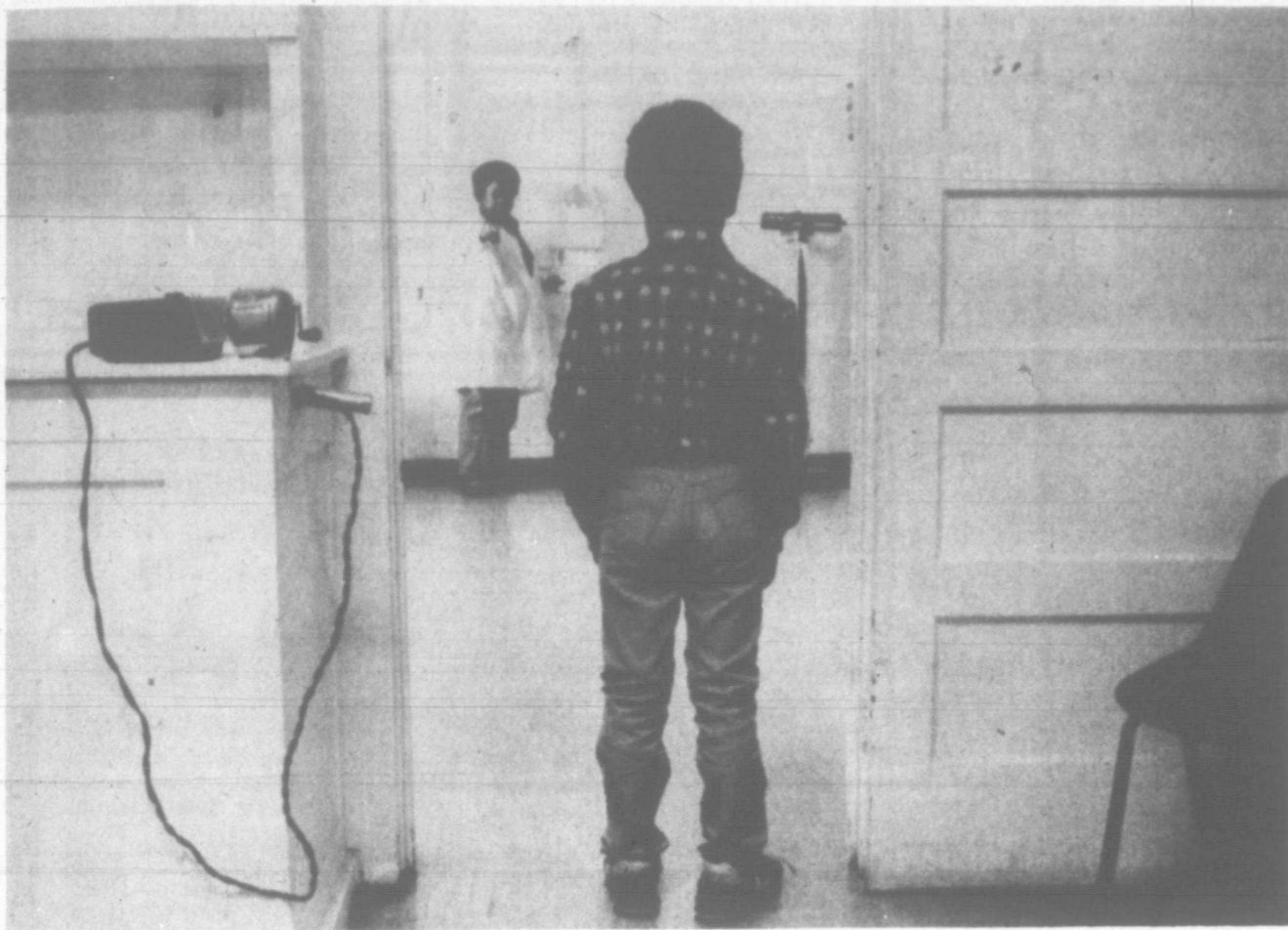
"Last night," he answered, his voice a little shaky.

"Did your mom give you anything for them?"

"She gave me a medicine," he replied. "I don't know what kind. She bought it in Mexico."

That, Mrs. Taylor said later, could mean anything. She led the boy to a cot and let him rest for half an hour or so. Then he left, saying he felt better.

Mrs. Taylor sees more than 50 patients a day. When a student is seriously hurt — one high school boy severed a finger recently, for example — her job is to provide first aid and see that the patient gets to a doctor as quickly as possible.



(AP Laserphoto)

San Elizario school nurse Lydia Taylor was voted School Nurse of the Year for 1989 by the Texas School Nurses Association. Many of the 1,500 students, who live in one of the poorest districts in the state, come from homes without running water.

But she is thankful most of the maladies are minor: coughs, fevers, earaches and the like.

And of course, students sometimes come to see her despite a suspicious lack of symptoms. "I call them my frequent fliers," Mrs. Tay-

lor said, smiling. "They just need to have me fuss at them."

A fifth-grade girl, accompanied from the school building across the street by a teacher's aide, came in for her asthma medication.

"Lorena, where's your coat?"

Mrs. Taylor asked sharply. The girl, who wore only a sweatshirt and sweatpants, despite the near-freezing outside temperature, just smiled.

"Lorena, that's not going to help your asthma," Mrs. Taylor said.

"You'd better have that coat on the

next time I see you."

The girl fetched her medicine, took her pills, and then walked to where Mrs. Taylor sat. The routine was obviously familiar. The girl put the nozzle of an inhaler in her mouth and Mrs. Taylor squeezed it, studying her closely.

Mrs. Taylor sighed, closed her eyes and sat still for a moment, as if struggling to contain the temptation to scold the girl. Then she opened her eyes and tapped the child gently on the chest with a finger. "Take it down her, mija," she said.

Another spray drew about the same reaction. But Mrs. Taylor smiled after the third. "Good!" she said. "That's the only one you did good, Lorena."

There are only two cots in the tiny health center. "Sometimes we'll have 10 children in here at one time," she said. "When that happens we do what we can. We spread out chairs, let them rest their heads on the desk."

Mrs. Taylor also ministers to people from the community who have

health questions or who need first aid. "The door to this building is closed to no one," she said.

The holder of a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Texas at El Paso, Mrs. Taylor has earned some credits toward a master's degree. But earlier this year, she decided, for now to drop out of school.

"It got to be too much," she said. "I had to take a step back and prioritize things. I have a job and a family that have to come first."

Mrs. Taylor and her husband, Charles, who works for El Paso's Parks and Recreation Department, have four children. All of them are adopted. "I just can't stand hearing that there are children who need love, parents and a family, when we can do that," she said.

Mrs. Taylor said she has no concrete plans for the future, "but after working here, I don't think I could ever go back to a hospital. I would have to be in a community, someplace like San Eli, or worse. I need to be out here fighting."

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The World Almanac Crossword Puzzle

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 - Simpleton
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 - Dancer
 - Jeanmire
 - Dollar bill
 - Musical instrument (2 wds.)
 - Actress — Caldwell
 - Sliding vehicles
 - 13 to 19
 - American soldiers — Miss
 - Honeycomb cell
 - Request for reply
 - 32 Snoozes
 - 34 Margarine
 - 35 Near
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 - 39 Western

- hemisphere**
- Jacob's twin
 - 41 Weaken
 - 43 Dawn
 - 45 Beast of burden
 - 46 Television awards
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 - 60 Actress Ruby

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- DOWN**
- Fumbler's exclamation
 - Blue dye
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 - Grazing land
 - Barbra Streisand movie
 - Seep
 - Shortly
 - 11 Charges
 - 20 Advantage
 - 26 Architect — Saarin
 - 22 Delegations
 - 23 Change into bone
 - 24 First-rate (2 wds.)
 - 25 Film director — Bunuel
 - 26 Southwestern ceiling beam
 - 27 Once — a time
 - 29 Sloppy person
 - 30 Kind of meat
 - 31 Affection
 - 36 Former politician — P. Long
 - 38 Organizations
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WHY?

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VERY UNSATISFYING.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A TRIAL SEPARATION?

ARE YOU KIDDING? THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE...

WHAT WE NEED IS A TRIAL RELATIONSHIP.

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OH MY GOODNESS!

WHAT HAPPENED, EARL?

I FELL ASLEEP IN AN ICE HOUSE.

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BOY, IF YOU THINK WEARING DIAPER PINS IS SCARY...

JUST WAIT'LL YOU MEET MY COUSIN EDDIE.

HE'S THE HIDDEN STRAIGHT PIN THAT ALWAYS STICKS YOU IN THE NECK WHEN YOU'RE TRYING ON A NEW SHIRT.

GULP.

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

LOOK! STEPS!

YEAH, AN' THERE'S A DOOR AT THE TOP!

I HOPE IT'S NOT LOCKED!

IT ISN'T!

OH! OH! AND THERE'S LIGHT BEHIND IT! WE MUST BE GETTING SOMEWHERE, ALLEY...

SHHH! LISTEN! D'YOU HEAR THAT?

SNAFU

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"When you wake up, you will have forgotten how much money you had in your wallet."

The Family Circus

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"Yeah, but it's the only trick he knows!"

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HEY, IT'S ONLY FAIR! YOU'RE ALWAYS WAKING ME UP SO YOU CAN SIT IN YOUR FAVORITE CHAIR!

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

I WONDER WHATEVER BECAME OF JOE GARAGIOLA.

I ALWAYS THOUGHT GARAGIOLA WAS AN ITALIAN CHEESE THAT SMELLED FLINNY.

JOE GARAGIOLA'S NOT GOING TO LIKE THAT ONE BIT!

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

HEWNO! IS HOBBSIE-WOBBSIE SNEEPEY? OOH, HE'S JUST A BIG SNOOGIE-WOOGIE, ISN'T HE? YES HE IS! HEWNO! SNOOGIE-WOOGIE!

GLOMP! HEY HEY!

OH! LEGGO, YOU BLOODTHIRSTY CARNIVORE! OH!

I CAN SEE WHY LITTLE TABBY CATS ARE SO MUCH MORE POPULAR.

THE BORN LOSER

By Art Sansom

AND WHAT IS YOUR REASON FOR APPLYING FOR A LOAN?

LOANS

LOAN

WELL, FOR STARTERS, I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY!

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THERE'S ONLY TEN OF THEM... I'VE CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT THE OAT BRAN ONE.

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schultz

WHERE'S EVERYBODY GOING? THIS IS ONLY A SHOWER!

C'MON! WE NEED THE PRACTICE! ARE YOU AFRAID OF A LITTLE RAIN?!!

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

I'M BORED.

WANNA LOOK AT MY TONGUE AND GUESS WHAT I'VE BEEN EATING?

GO AWAY.

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

Greater harmony and balance will be established in your life in the year ahead than you've experienced for the past couple of years. This will enable you to be more effective and successful.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Benefits of a social or business nature can be derived at this time through people you're presently dealing with on a close personal basis. Be friendly to everyone. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do your duty on the homefront today, because any services or assistance you render to your loved ones will be greatly appreciated and bring you personal fulfillment as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even though a valued friend of yours is out of sight, you are not to be forgotten today. This person has some happy tidings to share with you and will be contacting you soon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be more fortunate than usual today in situations that can contribute to your material well being. Lady Luck is presently busy working on your behalf.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your ideas will be readily accepted by others today, so if you have a pet cause you're trying to promote, this is a good time to make your presentation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's to your advantage today not to rock the boat and to let events move along their present courses. Fortunate breaks might develop for you if they aren't deterred.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not discount the attributes or abilities of any of your friends, because pals you least suspect may turn out to be your greatest sources of help today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In critical career developments today you can function more effectively as a power behind the scenes rather than being the guy/gal under the spotlight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If things haven't been running too smoothly for you recently, don't use this as an excuse to lower your expectations. Your luck is about to take an exciting turn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A favor of exceptional worth could be instrumental in helping you achieve an important objective today. Be sure to remember your benefactor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a good day to try to solidify arrangements in a matter that requires another's cooperation. This particular partnership could be very special.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Tasks or assignments you've been unable to complete earlier in the week could be managed with relative ease today if you'll give them another try.

Lifestyles



(Staff photo by Kayla Pursley)

Over the office door at Woodrow Wilson, is a computer printout banner proclaiming this week as Texas Public School Week. Matthew Driscoll, center, is going to demonstrate to his mom and brother Chris, left, and grandfather, Robert Dixon how to work the computers in Kathy Sims' computer class during one of the many activities planned at Wilson this week. Kindergarten students of Barbara Loomis and parents first met in their regular classrooms to play some educational games then proceeded to the computer room where students instructed parents on how to operate the computers. Also scheduled for this week is a play by the fourth graders for their parents.

Horace Mann Science Fair



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Horace Mann Elementary students, from left, Casey Brookshire, first grade, Erick Bennett, third grade, and Sarah Landry, fourth grade, look at a display on making crystals at this week's Science Fair at the campus, sponsored by the Mann Booster Club. Officials said 107 Mann students entered the fair and that four classrooms had at least 50 percent of their students participate. In addition to the Science Fair, the school has recently had 13 speakers from around the community share with students the practical applications of science in the work place, including weather forecasting, textiles and chemistry. Blue and red ribbon winners will be listed in Friday's Pampa News.

Calls about son's crime add insult to mom's injured feelings

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of 10 lovely (all wanted) children, all by one father, and we've been married almost 24 years. We have never been on welfare. My husband works, and I work in home day-care. Our 20-year-old moved out, fell in with an immature crowd and stole some beer. (He was waiting in the car — he didn't go in.) He was charged with theft, but because this was his first offense, he had to pay a fine and do 100 hours of community service.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

interest and concern, but be assured, his family is behind him 200 percent."

His "crime" was reported in the newspaper. As soon as the newspapers were out, I had half a dozen calls from people I hardly knew saying they had seen my son's name in the paper. How terrible!

DEAR ABBY: I have never said any kind of blessing at mealtime. Two questions: Is it proper for a host to ask his dinner guests to join him in saying the blessing? Is it proper for a guest to decline?

DEAR D.B.: Yes, the host may invite his guests to join him in saying the blessing, and those who wish to join in will do so. Those who prefer not to, need not make an issue of it — they should bow their heads and remain silent.

DEAR ABBY: I quote a paragraph from your column: "The heart of education is in our

literature, so read for knowledge and read for pleasure. The person who does not read is no better off than the person who cannot read."

The importance of reading has never been more succinctly expressed. I am inclined to think it's an Abby original. In all my 82 years, I have never seen it. Abby, those words should be posted in large type in every classroom, library and recreation center where people of all ages gather.

It would also make a fine slogan for our nation's effort to combat illiteracy.

MRS. MILLICENT ANDERSON, MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR MRS. ANDERSON: It's original, and I am complimented. And to anyone who wants to use it — help yourself.

DEAR ABBY: In reference to the letter from "Happy But Distressed Bride," you advised, "... it's your wedding, and if you and your fiancé choose to exclude certain members of your family, it's your right." I agree, but what do you think of an uninvited family member who comes to the wedding anyway? BEEN THERE

DEAR BEEN THERE: A wedding is no place to create a scene, so unless the presence of an uninvited family member is a threat to the peace and quiet of the occasion, better suffer his or her presence in silence.

Nutrition quiz to test consumer's savvy

NEW YORK (AP) — The American Dietetic Association in Chicago has devised the following nutrition quiz to test consumers' nutrition savvy.

Q: Peanut butter should be avoided. True or false.

A: False. Although 1 tablespoon of peanut butter has 8.2 grams of fat and 95 calories, it is free of cholesterol and low in saturated fat, and therefore can be used in moderation.

Q: Exercise is one of the best ways to increase your HDL (good cholesterol) level. True or false.

A: True. Higher levels of HDL usually are found in people who exercise regularly. People who exercise, don't smoke, and stay at a desirable weight also have higher HDL levels. Therefore, quitting smoking, exercising regularly, and losing weight (if overweight) are ways to raise HDL levels.

Q: Which oil is higher in monounsaturates? (a) canola oil (b) olive oil (c) sunflower oil.

A: (b) Olive oil has the highest percentage of monounsaturates at 77 percent. Canola oil is close at 62 percent monounsaturates, while sunflower oil has only 20 percent monounsaturates. It is currently recommended that 10 to 15 percent of your total daily calories come from monounsaturated fat.

Q: Ounce for ounce, meat, poultry and most cheeses have about the same amount of cholesterol. True or false.

A: True. But, cheeses, for the most part, have much more saturated fat. Therefore, substitute low-fat and imitation cheeses whenever possible for natural, processed and hard cheeses. Choose low-fat cheeses that have between 2 and 6 grams of fat per ounce.

Q: All fruits and vegetables are low in fat and calories. True or false.

A: False. Avocados and olives are high in fat and calories.

Q: Which has more fat? (a) 1 ounce of turkey breast (b) 1 ounce of lean ham (c) 1 ounce of turkey frank.

A: (c) The turkey frank has more fat. Turkey breast has 12 percent fat calories, lean ham has 34 percent fat calories and turkey franks have 74 percent fat calories.

Q: Most high fiber foods are also high in calories. True or false.

A: False. Most fiber-rich foods are low in calories, take longer to chew and make you feel full longer.

Q: Oat bran is the only food that will lower blood cholesterol. True or false.

A: False. Although studies show that oat bran can lower blood cholesterol in some people, it is the soluble fiber in the oat bran that lowers blood cholesterol levels. Other sources of soluble fiber include barley, kidney beans and other dried beans and some fruits and vegetables.

Q: 2 percent milk contains

how much fat? (a) 2 percent fat calories (b) 17 percent fat calories (c) 37 percent fat calories.

A: (c) 37 percent fat calories.

Q: It is better to eat butter than hydrogenated margarine. True or false.

A: False. Although the hydrogenation process does increase the degree of saturation of margarine, hydrogenated margarine is still less saturated than butter.

One tablespoon of butter has 7.1 grams of saturated fatty acids and 1 tablespoon of stick margarine (hydrogenated soybean oil) has 2.1 grams of saturated fatty acids. In other words, butter is more than 3 times more saturated than stick (hydrogenated) margarine.

Q: "Light" on a food label means: (a) less fat (b) low calories (c) less salt (d) any of the above.

A: (d) "Light" on a food label can mean anything.

Q: Which is the healthiest fast-food lunch? (a) 6 chicken nuggets with hot mustard sauce (b) chef salad with 1 ounce of vinaigrette dressing (c) small plain hamburger.

A: (c) The small hamburger is the best choice with 263 calories, 37 milligrams cholesterol and 38 percent fat calories.

Next is the chicken nuggets with 389 calories, 70 milligrams cholesterol and 46 percent fat calories. Last is the chef salad with 325 calories, 107 milligrams cholesterol and 49 percent fat calories.

Veteran pilot hopes women will be allowed combat roles



(AP LaserPhoto)

In this 1989 photo, Rockport's Micky Axton poses with a B-17 Flying fortress from Houston in a Wichita, Kan., airshow. Axton was one of the few female pilots during World War II.

By JOHN BRUCE
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

ROCKPORT, Texas (AP) — Micky Axton of Rockport predicts someday — in her lifetime, she hopes — American women will serve as military combat pilots, flying all types of aircraft in all types of combat situations.

For 71-year-old Axton, who was a member of an elite and generally unrecognized women's flying corps in World War II, the change would signal an acknowledgment of something she's known all along: women are as capable as men in combat flying situations.

As one of the first members of Women's Air Force Service Pilots, or WASPs, Axton should know. She still pilots airplanes whenever she gets a chance, marking more than 50 years she has spent in one cockpit or another.

Her flying career began in 1940, when at age 21 she was the first woman admitted to the Civilian Pilot Training Program.

After the outbreak of World War II, Axton spent 10 months as an engineering test pilot with the WASPs and then worked at Boeing Co. on the flight-testing crew.

Working at the Boeing plant in Wichita, Kan., Axton became the first woman to fly a B-29 Superfortress. She now divides her time between Rockport and Wichita.

But as with the other 1,000 women who served as instructor pilots, tow-target pilots and ferry pilots, Axton never earned flight pay.

She and the others never were issued uniforms and were not recognized until 1979 for military service — only civil service.

WASPs were not even given adequate insurance benefits, Axton said. "If a girl got killed, (and several did), we had to take up money to send her home," she said.

In various speaking engagements and interviews with magazines and newspapers, Axton said she tries to win support for the cause of women

military aviators. "Navy and Army women can fly combat aircraft, but not in combat," Axton said at a recent gathering in Corpus Christi of about 20 WASPs from South Texas.

Women pilots in the Air Force now are barred from flying combat aircraft, Axton said, but added that rule soon may change.

Axton pointed out that women piloted refueling aircraft during the U.S. invasion of Libya in 1986 and flew helicopters in the invasion of Panama last December.

Given these circumstances, and a continually high demand for qualified military pilots, Axton said it is only a matter of time before women will be involved in direct combat flying.

"I think the women pilots are doing a terrific job now," Ms. Axton said. "I've become aware that women now are willing to fly combat airplanes as I was and I think they would do anything asked of them — just as I did."

Baby foods go organic

Simply Pure
NEW YORK (AP) — Simply Pure Foods of Bangor, Maine, is a line of baby foods made from organically grown fruits and vegetables and packed in convenient wide-mouth jars.

The produce used for Simple Pure Foods is grown under strict certification standards of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association on farms where no pesticides have been used for a minimum of 3 years, according to the company.

Strained foods that are available in 4-ounce jars: applesauce, beets, carrots, pear applesauce, winter squash and green beans. Diced for finger food, in 4-ounce containers: carrots, green beans, and carrots and potatoes. Applesauce is available in a 7-ounce jar. (For information, call toll-free, 1-800-426-7873.)

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Sports

Fifteen Pampa High School swimmers headed for regional meet

By **SONNY BOHANAN**
Sports Editor

Fifteen members of the Pampa High School swim team have qualified for the regional swim meet, scheduled for Friday and Saturday at the Texas Tech Activity Center in Lubbock.

To advance to regionals, an athlete must finish in the top six in his or her event at the district meet.

"I look for them to do well," said Pampa coach Norma Young, who took 12 swimmers to the regional meet last March.

This year's squad is led by seniors Jennifer Hinkle, Michelle Scott, Pam Morrow and Neil Turner and junior Logan Hudson.

Hinkle won the district championship in the 50 and 100 freestyle events and swam the anchor leg in Pampa's winning 400 freestyle relay. In the prelims of the 50 free, she set the Pampa High School record with a time of 26.71, surpassing the old mark (26.92) set by Michelle Scott in 1988.

Turner established a new school record in the same event in the boys' division. He finished third in the 50 freestyle with a time of 23.49, edging out previous record-holder Cody Moore, who clocked 23.6 in 1983.

Turner also took third in the 100

breaststroke and was a member of Pampa's second-place 200 medley relay.

Scott, a member of the girls' gold-medal 400 free relay, was the district runner-up in the 50 and 100 freestyle events. Morrow captured the silver in two events, the 100 butterfly and the 200 individual medley, and provided the third leg of the 400 free relay.

Rhea Hill rounds out the members of the girls 400 relay, which set a meet record at the Lubbock Relays earlier in the season. Hill also grabbed third in the 100 backstroke and fifth in 200 free at district.

Hudson qualified for regionals in three events. He was second in the 100 backstroke, swam the second leg of Pampa's silver-medal 200 medley relay and was a member of the fifth-place 400 freestyle relay.

At the regional meet, the top six finishers in each event in the prelims will advance to Saturday's finals.

"Getting into the finals in regionals is a big accomplishment in itself," Young said. "There are 54 teams you have to compete against to make the top six."

The state is divided into eight regions, and each one conducts its own regional meet. The winners of each event and the eight next-fastest times from throughout the state will qualify for the state meet two weeks

later.

All together, 16 athletes will compete in each event at state.

"No more than four can come from any one region," Young said. "That makes it very competitive. You can get fourth in regionals and still go to state if the times in your region are fast enough."

"At the same time, you can get second in regionals and still not go if you're in a slower region."

Below is a list of Pampa's regional qualifiers, followed by the events they qualified in:

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| • Jennifer Hinkle (Sr.) | 400 Freestyle Relay |
| • Michelle Scott (Sr.) | 400 Freestyle Relay |
| • Pam Morrow (Sr.) | 400 Freestyle Relay |
| • Rhea Hill (Soph.) | 400 Freestyle Relay |
| • Neil Turner (Sr.) | 200 Medley Relay |
| • Logan Hudson (Jr.) | 100 Backstroke |
| • Chad Wilkinson (Jr.) | 400 Freestyle Relay |
| • Katrina Thompson (Jr.) | 200 Medley Relay |
| • Keri Barr (Soph.) | 200 Medley Relay |
| • Windy Winkleblack (Jr.) | 200 Medley Relay |
| • Janet Craig (Sr.) | 200 Medley Relay |
| • Sandra Arreola (Soph.) | 500 Freestyle |
| • Brian Thomas (Soph.) | 200 Medley Relay |
| • Greg Wilson (Sr.) | 400 Freestyle Relay |
| • Cade Logue (Soph.) | 400 Freestyle Relay |



(Staff photo by Sonny Bohanan)

Pampa's regional qualifiers include (front row, l-r) Janet Craig, Jennifer Hinkle, Rhea Hill, Pam Morrow, Michelle Scott, (middle row, l-r) Katrina Thompson, Cade Logue, Brian Thomas, Sandra Arreola, Wendy Winkleblack, (back row, l-r) Keri Barr, Greg Wilson, Neil Turner, Logan Hudson and Chad Wilkinson.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Cagle garners weekly award

Editor's Note: In a new weekly feature of *The Pampa News*, a *Player of the Week* will be chosen each Thursday from the Pampa High School baseball team. The award will herald the accomplishments of a player who made an outstanding contribution to the team during the previous seven-day period.

In his third varsity season for the Pampa Harvesters baseball team, Mike Cagle wasted no time in making his presence felt. The senior first baseman pounded three homers during a doubleheader last Saturday as Pampa swept its home opener against Dalhart at Harvester Field.

Cagle, a three-year letterman and three-year starter, batted .339 last season, despite carrying only a .190 average into the month of April. The numbers could be higher — much higher — this season.

"Not only does he have three home runs, but he's batting .750 in eight at-bats," said Pampa coach Rod Porter, whose team is still undefeated at 4-0. "He's 6-for-8 with 12 RBI and he's been walked four times."

"He's off to a good start."



Mike Cagle

Briefs

Track

The Lady Harvesters track team will compete in the Randall Relays on Saturday at Randall High School in Amarillo.

The Lady Harvesters won the Hawk Relays at Iowa Park last Saturday, defeating the Caprock girls in the 1600 relay to clinch the team title. Pampa scored 157 points, only one more than the Lady Longhorns.

Pampa took third at the Amarillo Invitational to open the season two weeks ago.

The Harvesters track team will travel to Hereford Saturday for the Deaf Smith County Relays. The boys team took fifth at Iowa Park and fourth at the Amarillo Invitational.

Miami competes in a six-man track meet Saturday at Loop, but don't look for the Warriors to bring home any team trophies.

Neither the boys' or girls' teams have the numbers this season. Allen Dinsmore will run the mile

and two-mile events, but he's the Warriors' only entry.

Distance runner Ashley Flowers and hurdler Dee Ann Locke are the only girls entered for Miami.

"I'm disappointed that there's not more people out. Track is a good conditioner for other sports, but you can't force people to run," said Miami coach Robert Loy.

Loy is hoping to pick up three more tracksters for the boys' team as soon as weekend stock shows are over.

"We're just real down on our numbers. We had 17 out last year," Loy said. "It makes it hard to work out because you don't have anyone pushing you."

Flowers will be competing in the 800 and mile events while Locke is entered in the 100-meter hurdles.

Eight teams are entered in the Wildcat Relays this weekend in Canadian.

Field events are scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Friday while prelim-

inaries in the running events get started at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

The finals in the running events get underway at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Teams entered are Canadian, Wheeler, Spearman, Wellington, Fritch, West Texas, Gruver and Shamrock.

Tennis

The Pampa High School tennis teams will compete in their second tournament of the season, the Leveland Tournament, on Friday and Saturday.

See Sunday's edition of *The Pampa News* for results.

Golf

The boys and girls golf teams of Pampa High School dive back into competition this weekend after a week-long break from action.

The girls team will travel to the Hereford Invitational Friday and Saturday, while the boys compete at the San Angelo Tournament today and Friday.

Basketball

DALLAS (AP) — Four seniors, including two from Texas Christian, are on the 1990 Southwest Conference men's All-Defensive basketball team.

The team, selected by the SWC's nine head basketball coaches, included TCU's senior forward Craig Sibley and senior point guard Tony Edmond.

Rice's D'Wayne Tanner earned a spot on six of the nine ballots and makes his second straight appearance on the team. Tanner set SWC records of career steals this season for both full career and SWC career, and ranks among the nation's top six in steals this season.

The other two selections were first time honorees. They are Baylor senior Ivan Jones and Texas A&M junior David Harris.

Harris became only the second player in SWC history to block 100 shots in a season, and his 59 in A&M's 16 SWC games ranks third on the SWC's all-time single-season list.

Lakers overrun Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) — There are those who still contend that Los Angeles Lakers' coach Pat Riley only has to roll out the basketballs to motivate his team.

But Riley occasionally cracks the whip as he did in Wednesday night's 103-91 NBA victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

With 17 seconds gone in the second quarter, Lakers reserve forward Orlando Woolridge allowed journeyman Bill Wennington a clear path for a slam-dunk follow-shot.

That gave Dallas a 31-21 lead and raised Riley's blood pressure.

After Riley called a 20-second time out to admonish his players, the Lakers responded, going on 28-13 run over the final 9:21 of the period.

"Sometimes you have to remind the players of things," Riley said. "To win, we had to run, but first we had to rebound."

"He said a few things that you couldn't print in a newspaper," said Woolridge, who finished with 22 points. "That's his role, to get us focused."

The Lakers were without starting guard Byron Scott, but they responded with a variety of weapons.

James Worthy scored 24 points, including seven consecutive Los Angeles points down the stretch, as the Lakers bounced back from a 112-95 road defeat to the Houston Rockets Tuesday night.

"We came back strong from that awful performance," said the Lakers' Magic Johnson, who helped make up for the lack of Scott's outside shooting by hitting four-of-six from three-point range, finishing with 21 points and 11 assists.

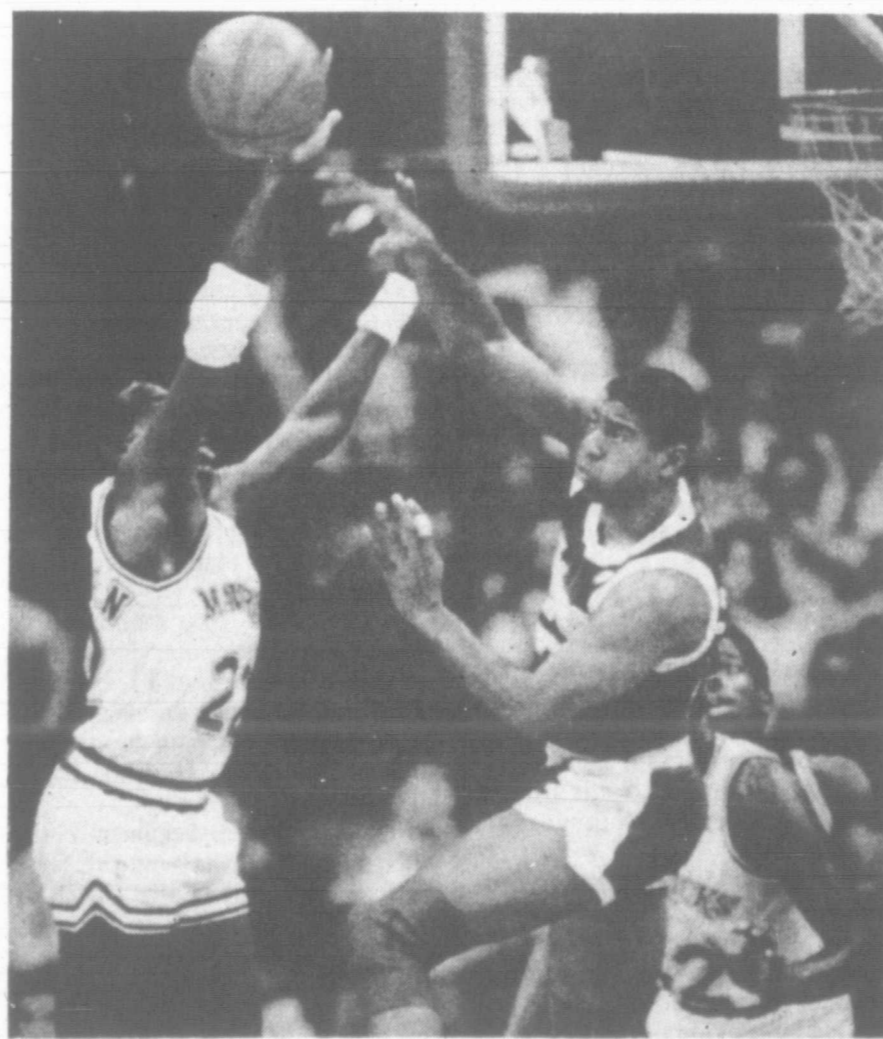
"We got the outside game going, then we were able to get Orlando and James going on the inside."

Worthy took control in the fourth quarter. Worthy nailed a three-pointer with 4:27 left and :01 remaining on the shot clock to stretch the Los Angeles lead to 89-82 with 4:26 to play. Worthy then hit a 14-footer on the next possession to push the lead to 91-82 and added a tip-in on the following trip down the court to close out the Mavericks.

"That was the thing that helped us win," Johnson said of Worthy's three-pointer. "That turned the tide back in our favor."

Scott missed the game with a strained hamstring.

Dallas' homecourt winning streak ended at 10 in a row, one short of tying the team record.



(AP Lane photo)

Lakers' guard Magic Johnson (right) gets the ball past Rolando Blackman of Dallas Wednesday night.

Brown dissatisfied with treatment received from Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Pitcher Kevin Brown has blasted the Texas Rangers for not paying him what he feels he's worth.

The team completed its contract negotiating season Wednesday, but in the process irritated Brown, the team's rookie of the year last season.

Brown and his agent, Scott Boras, couldn't reach an agreement with the team, so the club exercised its option to renew his contract. The \$200,000 the Rangers reportedly settled upon is not in line with the market for promising second-year pitchers, Brown and Boras said.

"I don't know if they're just being plain pigheaded or if they're just care so little about their players that they don't want to pay them fairly," Brown told the *Dallas Times*

Herald. "If anybody is provided with the information and stats of the people you could be comparing me to, I think they would reach the same conclusion."

Boras said he sought a deal that would have compared more favorably with those given to John Smoltz by the Atlanta Braves and Bob Milacki by the Baltimore Orioles. Smoltz reportedly received \$210,000 with \$55,000 in potential incentive bonuses. Milacki reportedly will be paid \$235,000 with \$40,000 in incentive bonuses.

Brown, a rookie last season, reportedly sought a base salary of \$225,000 with incentives after he went 12-9 with a 3.35 ERA and 104 strikeouts in 191 innings.

Smoltz went 12-11 last year with

a 2.94 ERA in 208 innings to bring his career totals to 14-8 with a 3.54 ERA. Milacki was 14-12 with a 3.74 ERA in 243 innings.

"I guess the Rangers just felt Atlanta and Boston paid too much for their pitchers," Boras said. "I don't think what he received was in line with the market."

The Rangers disagreed, but Brown said there are at least two things that are not negotiable. He will remember this contract in future dealings, and he will remain hopeful that the players' association stays adamant about gaining an extra year of arbitration eligibility.

Brown would be eligible for arbitration after this season if the players receive their demand that the three-year qualification is dimin-

ished to two years, as it was in 1985 before the players gave up that concession in labor negotiations.

"I think this is a huge example of why arbitration should be available to as many players as possible," Brown said. "It's just one less year teams can treat players more or less however they want."

Brown said he wasn't sure whether the bitterness would last long and cause him to seek free agency at the earliest possible moment.

"All I've heard in the past from management is how important I am to the organization and to the future," Brown said. "This is pretty contradictory. Let's just say I hope I get the chance to treat them as nice as they've treated me in this deal."

Friend maintains Gathers would have accepted risk

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A longtime teammate and friend of Hank Gathers believes the late Loyola Marymount basketball star followed doctors' orders for treatment of a heart condition. But Bo Kimble also thinks Gathers would have continued playing even if he knew his life was at risk.

A newspaper reported Wednesday that, even after doctors warned him not to play, Gathers continued to do so and probably quit taking his heart medicine before his death last Sunday.

Gathers, who had been diagnosed as having an irregular heartbeat, also didn't appear for his weekly treadmill test in the days before he died, the *Los Angeles Times* reported, quoting a cardiologist who wasn't identified.

Kimble, however, insisted that Gathers was taking his medication and "would have done whatever he was told to do" to ensure his health.

"I know he was cleared to play," Kimble said. However, Kimble added, "If you told me that every time I stepped on the court I had a 50-50 chance to survive, I wouldn't play. Hank would."

A statement released Wednesday afternoon by two doctors who examined Gathers after he fainted during a Dec. 9 game said his treatment was "closely monitored on a regular basis and we were in communication with Hank, his trainer and his coach at all times."

The *Times* quoted the heart specialist as saying of Gathers: "He was told not to play, you're through as an athlete."

"We told Hank that if he wanted to live the best he shouldn't exercise. Hank Gathers was going to play basketball. It didn't matter what some doctor told him."

"He was known to have cardiac arrhythmia, no question about it," the doctor said. "But it was well treated and well controlled and it had been well tested every time. We don't know if Hank took his medicine the last week; in fact,

we're pretty sure that he didn't."

"And we know that he didn't show up for his testing, which is supposed to be done on a weekly basis. And we know this was the week he was out to show the NBA scouts that he was big stuff."

Gathers, a 6-foot-7 senior center from Philadelphia, died Sunday night after collapsing in a West Coast Conference tournament game against Portland.

Results of an autopsy aren't expected before next week. Arrhythmia is a condition involving an irregular heartbeat and is often a symptom resulting from cardiomyopathy.

Brian Quinn, Loyola Marymount's athletic director, said Gathers was cleared to play by Dr. Michael Mellman, an internist at Centinela Hospital in Inglewood.

Quinn also denied any knowledge of details which appeared in the *Times* story.

Mellman and Dr. Vernon Hattori, a cardiologist, released a statement through Inglewood's Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital:

"The rumors and speculations surrounding Hank Gathers' death are as disturbing to us as they must be to his family, his friends, and the general public. Although full disclosure of the details surrounding his medical evaluation and therapy would serve to end this ongoing speculation, we are inescapably bound by the strict confidentiality of his medical records.

His family has not given us permission to release any information, and until such permission is provided, further details cannot be released."

Kimble was interviewed on campus, where he and other teammates voted unanimously Wednesday to accept a bid to the NCAA tournament. The team at first wasn't sure it wanted to continue playing after Gathers died, but decided to go ahead because "Hank would want us to play."

Sixers take half-game lead over N.Y. Knicks

By BILL BARNARD
AP Basketball Writer

It took nearly two months for Philadelphia to make up a six-game deficit against the New York Knicks. Swingman Derek Smith says the 76ers have been stalking their Atlantic Division rivals even longer than that.

"We were playing against the team we've been chasing for two years," Smith said after Philadelphia took a half-game lead over the Knicks by beating New York 110-93 Wednesday night. "We deserve to be in first place."

Charles Barkley had 15 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists and Hersey Hawkins scored 26 points for the 76ers, who trailed New York by six games before starting a 12-game winning streak on Jan. 13.

The victory also marked the first time the 76ers have led their division after 60 games since their 1982-83 championship season.

Philadelphia scored the last 15 points of the first period to take a 31-14 lead, holding the Knicks scoreless for the last four minutes of the quarter. Hawkins led the surge with 12 points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

Johnny Newman scored 26 points, Gerald Wilkins 23 and Patrick Ewing had 20 points and 14 rebounds for the Knicks.

Trail Blazers130
Celtics117

A night after scoring a season-low three points, Clyde Drexler scored a season-high 39.

Drexler also had 11 rebounds and 12 assists. The Trail Blazers led all the way against the slower Celtics. Boston was led by Larry Bird with 22 points.

Nuggets86
Timberwolves73

Danny Schayes scored 24 points and Denver tied a franchise record for fewest points allowed.

The Nuggets, whose average yield of 112.7 points is the third-worst in the league, held Minnesota — the league's lowest-scoring team with a 95.3 average — to 30 percent shooting.

Pooh Richardson had 19 points for Minnesota.

Suns113
Bullets111

Kevin Johnson rebounded his own miss and scored with 2.7 seconds left.

Tom Chambers scored 44 points, 32 in the second half, to lead the Suns. Johnson scored 25 points and had 14 assists.

Bernard King led the Bullets with 34 points.

Clippers119
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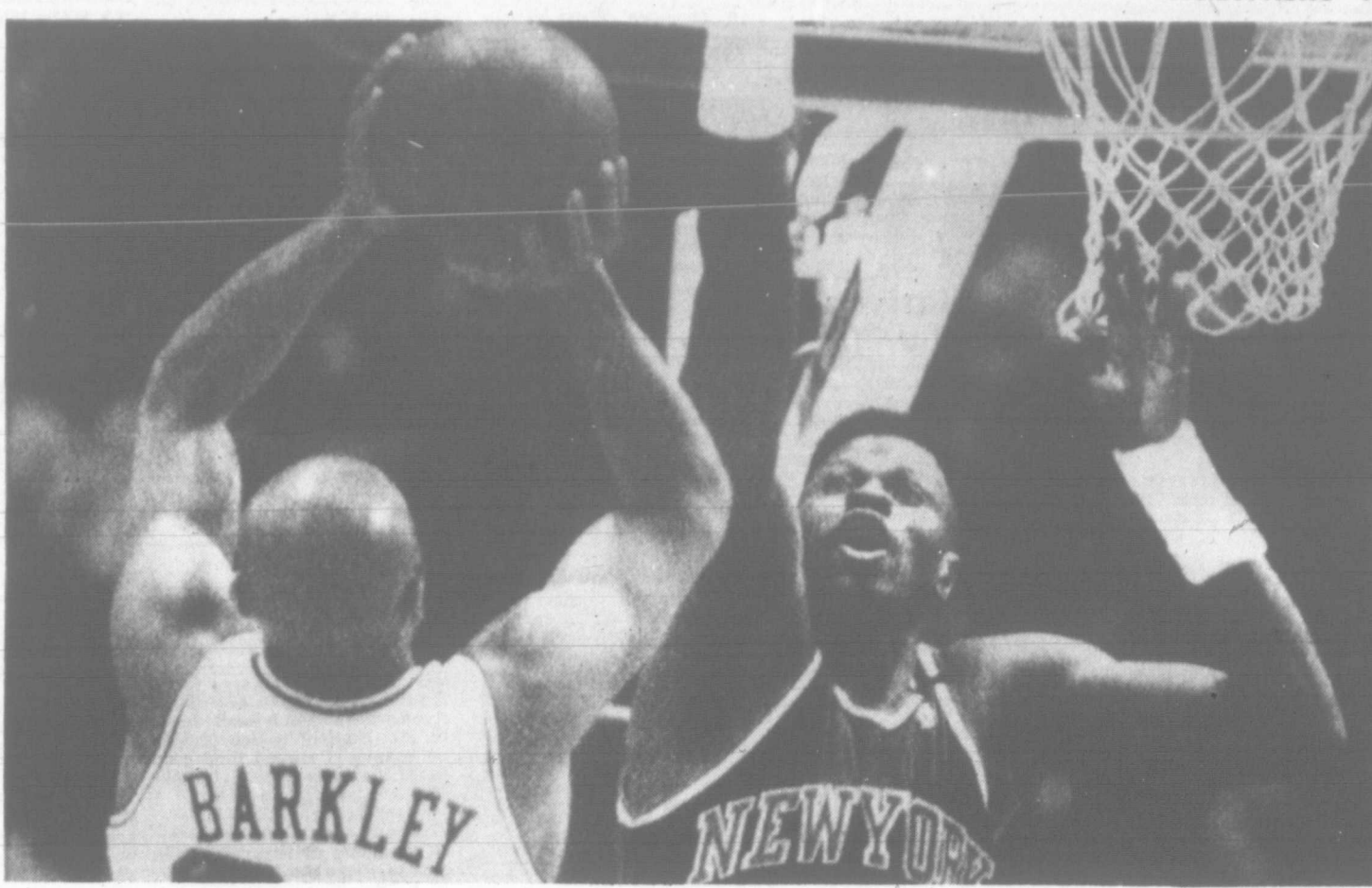
Charles Smith scored 22 points and Tom Garrick had 14 of his 15 in the second half as Los Angeles rallied from 15-point third-quarter deficit.

Purvis Short led New Jersey with 25 points.

Heat122
Magic105

Scott Haffner scored 10 points with five long-range jumpers in the first 5:08 of the fourth quarter to defuse an Orlando rally. Haffner finished with 14 points, matching his career high.

Rony Seikaly led Miami with 31 points and 21 rebounds as the Heat controlled the boards 57-34.



Charles Barkley (left) of the 76ers shoots over New York's Patrick Ewing Wednesday.

Stewart shaping up as Honda Classic favorite

By BOB GREEN
AP Golf Writer

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. — Predictably enough, it is all beginning to come together for Payne Stewart.

Timing, rhythm, putting, confidence — all are on the upswing for the PGA champion.

But then that's to be expected. After all, he's playing in the Honda Classic.

The tournament that got underway today is held on the TPC at Eagle Trace, one of Stewart's favorite hunting grounds. He has yet to win here, but he has finished second in this event each of the last three years.

"It's one of those courses I feel

comfortable on," Stewart said. "It's hard to explain sometimes, but I get here and I just have confidence. I feel like every hole out there I've birdied at one time or another."

His role as a probable contender again was enhanced by the withdrawal of Paul Azinger and the illness of defending champion Blaine McCallister.

Azinger, the year's leading money-winner and a playoff loser at Doral last weekend, pulled out of the 144-man field late Wednesday. Tournament officials said Azinger had cut a finger while fishing.

McCallister, bedridden last week because of a virus, was uncertain

whether he would be able to play. Stewart, who counts a third-place finish at Pebble Beach as his best result in five starts this season, said his game is rounding into shape.

"I'm starting to play a lot better. I haven't played enough this year to get into a rhythm. It's been a spotty kind of thing, but I'm feeling a lot more comfortable now."

"I had a 68 in the last round at Doral last week and I really putted well, so I feel good about that part of the game," he said. "I feel like I can play well here this week."

Mark Calcavecchia, Curtis Strange and Tim Simpson also rank among the leading contenders.

Perkins not opposed to trade in light of Mavericks' hard-line stance

DALLAS (AP) — Mavericks forward Sam Perkins isn't forgiving or forgetting the team's hard-line stance on contract negotiations last summer.

The six-year veteran becomes an unrestricted free agent at the end of the season, and could stay with the Mavericks, for the right price.



Sam Perkins (44)

But Perkins said he also wouldn't mind going to another team, especially in light of the bitter negotiations with Dallas.

Perkins had sought a five-year deal, but the Mavericks offered no more than three. He grudgingly signed a one-year contract.

"I have some favorites like the Lakers, Chicago, and maybe New York and Charlotte," Perkins said. "But I just want to see what happens, and I don't want to limit my options. I'm going to play it by ear."

"It would be fun to play with Jordan again, or Worthy," he said. "New York is appealing because it is home, and I heard that Charlotte was really interested before this season. That wouldn't be too bad since I played college ball there."

Perkins told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram he still harbors bitter feelings toward management over the contract negotiations last year. Former coach John MacLeod's decision to sit him on the bench as the sixth man for the team's first six games didn't help matters.

"There definitely are some hard feelings about them not signing me before the season," Perkins said. "There definitely is some static, and I felt more hurt last summer than ever before."

"They talked about my value to the team until it was time for them put up the money. All of those things come to mind, and that will have a lot to do with my final decision. There are a lot of little things that went unsaid that people don't know about. And I have to take all of that to heart."

Perkins is having his best year, and increasing his value on the free agent market.

He said the Mavericks' retaining Richie Adubato as coach would increase his chances of staying with Dallas.

"He has really helped me to improve my game," Perkins said. "I've become one of the focal points of

the offense."

With first Roy Tarpley suspended and now Adrian Dantley sidelined with a broken leg, Perkins has responded by averaging 15.2 points and 7.7 rebounds.

He has been troubled recently with tendinitis in his knees and a slight muscle pull in his right leg, but he remembers last summer's negotiations too well to do much complaining.

"They kept bringing up my knees during the negotiations last summer," Perkins said, "but everybody in this league is bothered by tendinitis. I thought that was a low blow. So that is a big part of the hard feelings..."

Perkins said he was anxious before the NBA trading deadline, but when the deadline passed, he regained faith that a deal might be struck to keep him in Dallas.

"I feel very comfortable that the Mavericks and Sam Perkins will be able to work something out ... at least I hope so," Mavericks vice president Rick Sund said. "We've talked to him on several occasions, and market value will determine if he stays around."

Schedules

Area Schedules
Here is a glance at the sports calendar for the next seven days involving high school varsity teams from Pampa and the surrounding area:

Today
Lady Harvesters at Hereford Invitational

Friday, March 9
Swimming: Pampa at Regional Meet, Lubbock At Texas Tech Activity Center
Tennis: Pampa at Levelland Tournament
Golf: Lady Harvesters at Hereford Invitational Harvesters at San Angelo Tournament

Saturday, March 10
Swimming: Pampa at Regional Meet, Lubbock At Texas Tech Activity Center
Track: Harvesters at Hereford Meet Lady Harvesters at Randall Relays Wildcat Relay in Canadian Wheeler at Wildcat Relays White Deer, Lefors at Panhandle

Sunday, March 11
Golf: Harvesters at San Angelo Tournament
Tennis: Pampa at Levelland Tournament

Tuesday, March 13
Baseball: Pampa vs. Caprock At Amarillo's Memorial Stadium

Basketball

All-District 2-2A Teams
BOYS
Larry Dunnam, 6-0, sr., Canadian; Shane Lloyd, 6-0, sr., Canadian; James McIntosh, 5-10, jr., Wellington; Reggie Jones, 6-1, sr., Wellington; Anthony Williams, 6-0, sr., Quanah; Jason Swindell, 6-3, jr.,

Scoreboard

Quannah: Ruben Garza, 5-6, sr., Shamrock; Larry Johnson, 6-2, freshman, Memphis; Michael Adams, 6-0, sr., Clarendon; Allan McCutchen, 6-0, sr., Memphis; Craig Brinkerhoff, 6-4, jr., Quanah.

Most Valuable Player: Reggie Jones, Wellington.
Coach of the Year: Jim Pope, Quanah.

GIRLS
Kim Blvins, 5-6, sr., Canadian; Karl Burns, 5-5, sr., Canadian; Cassie McNeese, 5-5, sr., Canadian; Michelle Malone, 5-10, sr., Quanah; Reshonda Lamb, 5-5, sr., Memphis; Carla Henderson, 5-10, soph., Memphis; Jennifer Gambill, 5-4, jr., Shamrock; Desha Russell, 5-5, jr., Shamrock; JoAnn Outley, 5-7, sr., Wellington; Charlotte McIntosh, 5-7, soph., Wellington; Juda Nash, 5-5, sr., Wellington.

Most Valuable Player: JoAnn Outley, Wellington.

Etc.

SWC Roundup
DALLAS (AP) — Here is a roundup of this week's sports activities in the Southwest Conference:

ARKANSAS — Seeking a SWC-record, seventh straight NCAA team title, the Razorbacks' men's indoor track team under coach John McDonnell competes for all the marbles Friday and Saturday in Indianapolis, Ind. Defending NCAA indoor triple jump champ Erick Forestal of Montreal, Canada, seeks to improve upon his all-time best of 56-6 1/4 (outdoors) as he leads the six-time defending NCAA indoor championship squad.

BAYLOR — The Bears' women's basketball team closed the 1990 campaign with a 83-73 triumph over SMU behind 17 points from SWC Co-Player (with Texas Tech's Reena Lynch) of the Week LaNita Luckey. The 5-11 soph forward from Tulsa, Okla., was coming off a career-high 33 points in a 83-76 loss at TCU by the Bears and paced the team with a 19.3 points per game scoring average for 1989-90.

HOUSTON — After winning two of three contests from Sun Belt Conference contender Western Kentucky Saturday through Monday, the Cougars' baseball team has several, key non-SWC battles ahead before opening conference play on Friday, March 16, at Texas Tech. Coach Bragg Stockton's crew, which started the week at 10-7, is paced by soph pitcher Ben Weber of Port Neches with a 3-2

mark and 1.45 ERA, third-lowest in the SWC.

RICE — Rice and Texas are tied atop SWC men's golf standings with 150 points apiece after activity in last week's Border Olympics in Laredo. The Owls topped all SWC teams in the 54-hole event with a team total of 894 while junior Alen Rosen of Springfield, Mo., finished seventh overall with a six-over-par 222. The Owls and Longhorns will seek to break the team tie in the April All-American Intercollegiate.

SMU — The Mustangs put on a very respectable showing in last week's SWC Men's Swimming and Diving Championships, won for the 11th straight time by the Texas Longhorns. Senior diver Scott Donie of Houston defended his SWC individual point championship by capturing all three diving events to score a meet-high 60 points. As a team, coach Eddie Sinnott's Mustangs garnered 779.5 points in the three-day meet.

TEXAS — Entering the SWC tournament as the No. 1 seed as determined by a coin flip last Sunday, the Lady Longhorns' basketball team puts a 15-0 mark and seven straight SWC journey titles on the line when UT opens tourney action Thursday, Texas, 23-4 overall, faces the winner of Wednesday night's Houston-Texas A&M clash at 8:00 p.m. Thursday. Soph forward Vicki Hall of Indianapolis, Ind., leads Texas with 16.2 ppg.

TEXAS A&M — Moving up to 18th place in the Collegiate Baseball-ESPN national poll and 23rd in the Baseball America survey, the Aggie baseball team is enjoying some of its finest team pitching since 1987. Junior left-hander Rich Robertson of Waller is second in SWC ERA with a 1.23 rating while senior lefty Pat Sweet of South Gate, Calif., is tied for fourth in pitching victories with a 3-2 mark.

TCU — Coach Bill Montigel finds his Horned Frogs' men's golf team in its best position since the 1987-88 team championship rule went into effect after two of the three tournaments to decide the conference winner. The Frogs are in third place with 145 points after placing second in the Harvey Penick Intercollegiate at Austin and then tying for third place with Houston in last week's Border Olympics at Laredo.

TEXAS TECH — Senior Amanda Banks of El Paso carries the Lady Red Raiders' hopes for team scoring in the eighth annual NCAA Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis Friday and Saturday. Banks has the conference's third-longest triple jump effort of the year in women's indoor ratings with a distance of 41 feet, 5-1/2 inches at the Texas Tech Indoor Invitational in January.

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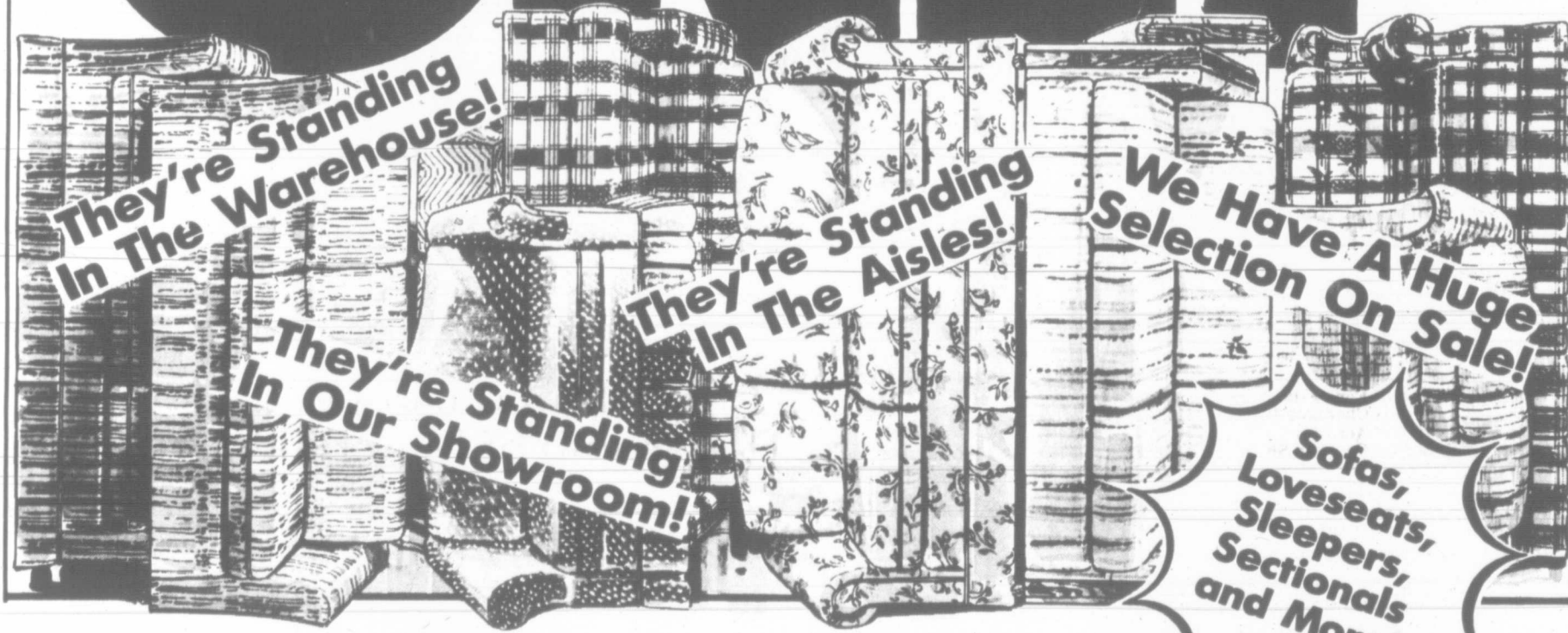
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President Bush holds rare meeting with Cabinet members

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, who fills his days meeting with dignitaries, lawmakers, athletes, poster children and other visitors, held a rare gathering this week. He met with his Cabinet.

In the Bush presidency, the full Cabinet gets together only about once a month, sometimes even less frequently, for sessions that seldom last more than an hour. And the meetings usually are prompted by a special event.

For instance, Bush convened his Cabinet on Monday to report on his California summit with Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu and to discuss last week's Nicaraguan election.

Even so, Bush's 14-member Cabinet may wield more power than any since President Eisenhower's in the 1950s. The flip side of that is that Bush's White House staff, some insiders and analysts contend, may be one of the politically weakest.

One reason why the president gathers his Cabinet together so infrequently is that he knows the members so well. Some of them — Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III, Commerce Secretary Robert A. Mosbacher and Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady — are among his oldest friends.

"He doesn't use the full Cabinet as a decision-making body," said David Q. Bates, who as Cabinet secretary schedules Cabinet sessions, prepares the agenda and keeps the president informed of agency developments.

"He has a very good sense of what's going on in the departments. He makes sure his priorities, his major goals, are relayed to the (Cabinet) secretaries. He's got a great deal of confidence in the secretaries and he's not a micro-manager," Bates said.

The secretaries can call matters to the president's attention by slipping a note into Bates' weekly report to Bush on what each Cabinet agency is doing, Bates said.

Bush constantly telephones Cabinet secretaries. And, Bates said, he often meets individually with them — such as a lunch he planned today with Mosbacher — reducing the need for more frequent full-Cabinet meetings.

Also, Bush has retained a Cabinet structure set up in the Reagan presidency in which two sub-Cabinet groups — the Domestic Policy Council and the Economic Policy Council — meet frequently on major policy issues.

The economic group includes the secretaries of treasury, commerce, agriculture, labor, transportation, state and the trade representative. The domestic group includes the attorney general and secretaries of interior, energy, health and human services, education and veterans affairs. The budget director sits on both councils.

This is where the bulk of the administration's top policy decisions are forged — and not within the White House staff.

With the exception of chief of staff John Sununu and budget director Richard Darman, few on the White House staff wield much real

power, senior White House officials say privately.

Stuart Eizenstat, a Washington lawyer who was President Carter's

domestic policy adviser, said Bush's Cabinet "is stronger relative to the White House staff than any recent Cabinet."



(AP Laserphoto)

Students from the Boston public school system take part in a musical number during a presentation for the promotion of the arts in the Boston schools in this 1988 file photo.

Boston, home of elite universities, seeks superintendent to upgrade public schools

By STEPHANIE SCHOROW
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The city that welcomes the elite of the nation's college students is having a woeful time trying to educate its own young people.

Boston schools have been called among the worst in the nation — even by the people who run them. The city must now find someone willing to tackle the job since the bitter ouster of the district's first black superintendent.

Whoever slips into the superintendent's seat will be asked to halt a high dropout rate, reform discredited school policies, settle simmering labor disputes and ensure schools are safe for both students and teachers.

He or she must bring together a racially divided School Committee, recruit dedicated teachers and balance a budget in tight economic times.

Meanwhile, the kids need to be educated.

Four years ago Laval Wilson was going to do all that. But the School Committee is now buying out the last 18 months of his contract and members charge Wilson made little headway in school improvement. Wilson contends he met the committee's goals. Recriminations — including charges of racism — have been traded among committee mem-

bers like taunts from opposing sides at a football game.

High dropout rates, poor basic skills and disruptive home environments are not unique to Boston. But many education experts say the relatively small Boston system — 55,000 students in a city of nearly 600,000 — does not face the overwhelming problems of mega-systems in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

In fact, said Anne Wheelock of the Massachusetts Advocacy Center, which has made numerous studies of Boston schools, Boston has the conditions for success.

"We have an extremely active business and university community that provide resources. We have a relatively small number of schools," she said. "We have an excellent staff-to-student ratio in the middle schools."

Even State Education Commissioner Harold Reynolds Jr., who has called the Boston schools among the worst managed in the country, contends the system is "inherently manageable."

Why is success so elusive for Boston city schools? State and city education officials and national experts point to a combination of factors, including Boston's political history, recent immigration and an insular Yankee mentality.

Boston's dropout rate is often cited in assessing the school system, which is about one-quarter white,

with the rest mostly black and Hispanic.

Figures from 1987-88 indicate that 43 percent of all ninth graders drop out in the next four years. More than half of all Hispanics entering ninth grade drop out.

Dropout rates in Pittsburgh and San Diego, two cities of similar population and school size, have lower rates; Pittsburgh has a four-year rate of 22 percent, San Diego a three-year rate of 21.2 percent.

Only 37 percent of Boston seniors go on to college, compared with 54 percent in Pittsburgh. More than 10 percent of Boston's students are held back every year. Students are suspended at a rate one and a half times the national rate.

Boston's problems may not be for lack of dollars. Expenditures per pupil in 1986-87 total \$4,982; in San Diego, the amount is \$3,950.

Harvard education professor Vito Perrone said the system's problems date to the 19th century and the city's political structure. Traditionally a high proportion of Boston students have gone to private, not public schools, thus decreasing the political stakes in improving public education, he said.

In 1974, federal orders to desegregate Boston schools through busing contributed to white flight to the suburbs. Busing created a climate of distrust and racial tension that has lingered, said Perrone.

'Bunny Hop' banned on boat - too bouncy

GRANBURY (AP) — "The Bunny Hop" has been banned on the Granbury Queen Riverboat for fear the bouncy swing number will capsize the dinner-cruise ship.

The 74-foot paddlewheeler began bouncing around wildly

on Lake Granbury, near Fort Worth, one night last year. Owner Gary Miller left the pilot house and rushed toward the main deck.

"I couldn't figure it out until I looked downstairs and saw these people doing 'The Bunny Hop,'"

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The boat band still takes requests, but "The Bunny Hop" is verboten, Miller said this week.

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