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Iraqi forces withdrawing from Kuwait

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DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saddam Hussein, his armies reeling from a monumental allied air and land assault, said today he had begun withdrawing his forces from Kuwait. But President Bush accused Saddam of "trying to claim victory in the midst of a rout," and pledged the war would not stop.

The Kuwaiti Information Ministry claimed Kuwait City was free, and CBS-TV reported that allied troops had entered the capital to a welcome of honking horns and waving flags. But the U.S. military said while many Iraqis were fleeing, others were still there and offering "stiff resistance," and tanks battled for the city's airport.

"Today we will complete the withdrawal of our forces," God willing," Saddam told his war-wrecked nation in an address on Baghdad radio. He said the emirate he annexed in August was no longer part of Iraq.

But Bush, reading a statement in the White House Rose Garden, said Saddam's statement was "an outrage" — that Saddam had not agreed to U.N. resolutions on Kuwait, had expressed no remorse, and had accepted no responsibility for "the awful consequences" of his nation's aggression.

"Saddam is not interested in peace, but only to regroup and fight another day," he said.

Bush called on all Iraqi soldiers to lay down their arms, and said they would not be fired upon if they did.

The British War Cabinet agreed with Bush's assessment. But the Soviets urged an immediate cease-fire. President Mikhail S. Gorbachev suggested that superpower relations could suffer unless "a great sense of responsibility" guided U.S. efforts to end the war.

Even as Saddam spoke, allied troops in the third day



Saddam Hussein

of a huge ground offensive were surging north into Iraq. U.S. military officials in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, said Iraqi forces in Kuwait were fleeing under fire.

"There are signs of Iraqi retreat as a result of pressure from coalition attacks," said a senior military official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "This is to prevent annihilation."

A senior Pentagon official said coalition forces had engaged key units of the Republican Guard, and were blocking their attempt to retreat toward Baghdad. The

official said allied troops had ranged as far north as the Euphrates River to cut off the Guard's "fighting withdrawal."

"They're not fighting real well by our standards, but they are fighting," the official said of Iraq's best troops.

"We're outflanking them, we're outmaneuvering them and destroying them in place," said Marine Brig. Gen. Richard Neal, at an early evening briefing.

"Let there be no mistake, the war is not over," said the general, the chief of staff for the U.S. Central Command.

The allied forces are attacking the Iraqis in two main thrusts — a task force of 100,000 troops that has pushed into Iraq, outflanking the entrenched Guard; and a second drive through Kuwait to the capital.

Neal said allied forces have destroyed or rendered ineffective 21 Iraqi divisions — some 200,000 men. At the war's start, Iraq had an estimated 545,000 soldiers in Iraq and southern Kuwait.

He said coalition forces had destroyed more than 400 Iraqi tanks — up from the 270 reported Monday. Britain's 1st Armored Division engaged a large Iraqi force early this morning and demolished 40 tanks, he said.

Iraq's Islamic Republic News Agency reported that Iraq had suffered the heaviest bombardment of the war, with allied overnight bombing concentrated along Iraq's southern, southeastern and eastern regions.

Meanwhile, the toll from Monday's Scud missile attack on a makeshift barracks in Saudi Arabia climbed to 28 U.S. troops killed, 100 injured. (See related story, Page 5.)

Otherwise, Neal said, the number of other American casualties in the third day of the ground offensive remained at four dead, 21 wounded.

Saddam's seizure of Kuwait 6 1/2 months ago set in motion months of efforts to get him out — and led final-

ly to the outbreak of the Persian Gulf War nearly six weeks ago with U.S.-led forces first pounding Iraq's army, industry and transportation by air, then launching a ground offensive on Sunday.

Other than agreeing to withdraw, Saddam made no mention of complying with the U.N. resolutions, which include a call for war reparations to be paid by Iraq and for the renunciation of all Iraqi claims on Kuwait.

All Kuwait City government buildings and hotels have been destroyed in the last three days by Iraqi troops using tanks and artillery, Col. Abu Fahad, a member of the Kuwaiti resistance in Kuwait City, told Cable News Network.

"It was unbelievable. No nation in the world saw what we've seen here," he said in the telephone interview. "I have seen, by eyes, a lot of my friends and some of our guys executed in front of their families and their houses for nothing, just being in the country."

He said the Iraqis had taken thousands of prisoners with them, perhaps intending to use them as protection against the advancing allies.

In the speech to his people today, Saddam mentioned no conditions for withdrawal and portrayed Iraq's struggle as a heroic one, against great odds. Air-raid sirens sounded briefly at one point in the speech.

"Applaud your victory, my dear citizens," Saddam said. "We have faced 30 countries and the evil they have brought here. And we have faced the whole world. ... In this mother of battles, we have succeeded in harvesting what we have sowed."

The speech brought wild rejoicing in Baghdad. Celebratory gunfire erupted in the streets.

The capital city of 4 million people had been devastated by air raids that left it without power and drinking water, short on food and threatened by disease because its sewer system was wrecked.

Bush: Gulf War offensive will continue despite withdrawal

By WILLIAM M. WELCH
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush declared today that the Persian Gulf War offensive will be waged "with undiminished intensity." He denounced Saddam Hussein's announced withdrawal from Kuwait as an outrageous attempt to regroup so that Iraq can fight another day.

"He is trying to claim victory in the midst of a rout," said Bush, effectively dismissing calls for a cease fire. He said coalition military forces are ahead of their attack schedule and that the liberation of Kuwait is near.

The president said Saddam retreat is an effort "to save the remnants of power and control in the Middle East by every means possible," and vowed that tactic will fail.

The president said the way for Iraqi forces to end the fighting is "to lay down their arms." He said there will be no attacks on unarmed soldiers in retreat — but "we have no choice but to consider retreating combat units as a threat, and will respond accordingly."

Coalition military officials said some sort of an Iraqi withdrawal is indeed under way. Bush called that insufficient to end the war, and demanded full observance of all United Nations Security Council resolutions on Kuwait, starting with recognition that it is independent, not part of Iraq. He said Saddam has not relinquished his claim to the conquered nation.

"Saddam's most recent speech is an outrage," Bush said. "He is not withdrawing. His defeated forces are retreating. He is trying to claim victory in the midst of a route, and

he is not voluntarily giving up Kuwait."

Bush spoke as a Pentagon official disclosed that massive coalition forces had engaged key units of Iraq's Republican Guard and met "sporadic" fighting. He said the coalition troops were poised to cut off any attempted retreat to Baghdad.

"The liberation of Kuwait is close at hand," Bush said, praising "the magnificent, heroic performance of our armed forces."

Bush said Saddam has not renounced his claim to Kuwait, and has not accepted United Nations Security Council resolutions demanding not only unconditional withdrawal but also the restoration of the Kuwaiti government and reparations for war damage.

"The coalition will therefore continue to prosecute the war with undiminished intensity," Bush said.

With that statement the president personally repeated, and toughened, the position his spokesman already had announced.

An early morning statement from Marlin Fitzwater blasted Saddam's radio address, saying it "contains the same diatribe as his previous comments, with no commitment to comply with the 12 United Nations resolutions."

Said Fitzwater, "His speech changes nothing ... The war goes on."

The White House reacted coolly to the Iraqi withdrawal statements from the beginning, seeing no sign that Saddam was ready to meet coalition conditions. Late Monday night, Bush tightened the terms for a cease-fire, saying "Saddam must personally" announce an unconditional withdrawal and agree that Iraq will pay war reparations and

renounce its annexation of Kuwait.

Fitzwater had laid the ground work for the military's obligations during the uncertain Iraqi withdrawal.

"We will not attack unarmed soldiers in retreat. But we will consider retreating combat units as a movement of war," he said Monday night. Army Lt. Col. Steve Roy, a Pentagon spokesman, elaborated this morning:

"We can pursue the enemy, fight toward the ground objective, engage the enemy at every opportunity, take prisoners, destroy the enemies' personnel, equipment, vehicles, lines of communication, bridges, supply depots and continue to encircle the enemy to obtain his destruction or surrender or both."

The British said today that Saddam's forces must retreat without their weapons. "Before the land war started we just demanded Iraqi troops withdraw. Now it is more difficult," said a senior British source.

Fitzwater had recommended that Iraqis simply "lay down their arms and leave."

Said Roy: "By laying down their weapons we mean all fighting gear from pistols and knives on up to air defenses and tanks. The soldiers can keep their personal survival gear such as gas masks, chemical weapons protection, knapsacks and canteens, but that's it."

Fitzwater said President Bush called the White House Situation Room at 5:20 a.m. and learned of today's radio speech by Saddam. He reviewed a text of the address and then met with key advisers.

"His speech changes nothing," said Fitzwater in a breakfast-hour statement. "It does not annul the annexation of Kuwait or meet any of the coalition's other terms."

Cleaning out Iraqi bunker



(AP Laserphoto)

Iraqi troops emerge from heavily protected bunkers in southeast Kuwait Monday to surrender to gun-toting Saudi troops. Operation Desert Storm officials reported continued advances in this and other areas with thousands of Iraqi soldiers giving up, often with little or no resistance.

City commissioners to tour Recreation Park

Pampa city commissioners were scheduled to meet at 3 p.m. today to tour Recreation Park and hear reports on progress on that facility.

That meeting will be followed by a 6 p.m. City Commission meeting at City Hall.

Recreation Park is being expanded with state matching grants that will lead to the development of a small lake, softball complex and camping facilities at the site.

Pampa's rodeo grounds and Clyde Carruth Pavilion are also located at the site.

During their regular meeting,

commissioners will conduct a public hearing regarding recommendations that the Whitehouse addition, specifically including Wynne and Warren streets, be re-zoned to allow mobile homes.

A condition of the mobile homes being located in those areas would be that they rest on a cement foundation.

Commissioners are also scheduled to consider liability insurance for the city, appoint seven people to a new cable advisory commission, and the proposed sale of tax property at 1100 Campanella.

Other items of business include:

- Consideration of a plat approval for the Graham addition.
- Review and possible acceptance of bids for the annual seal-coating project, two police vehicles and air pack upgrades.
- Consideration of January list of disbursements.

In addition to touring Recreation Park, commissioners are scheduled to use work session time to discuss a no-smoking proposal for city-owned facilities and recent legislation regarding salinity control at Lake Meredith.

Packer testifies stacked boxes had been rearranged at fatal house fire site

By LARRY HOLLIS
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One of the packers at the residence where an April 1989 fire caused the death of a father and his stepson testified Monday that the boxes she and a co-worker left at the house had been rearranged when she saw them again after the blaze.

Tina Beard of Amarillo, an employee of M&L Transfer and Storage Co. of Amarillo, said that the boxes and other packing material she and co-worker Barbara Erwin left in the house on Tuesday, April 11, 1989, had been stacked neatly "out of the way" in the two-story residence at 1200 Charles St.

She said that when she arrived back at the Pampa house on the morning of April 12, 1989, to continue packing materials, she learned of the fire and the resulting deaths of John Bryan Vernon III, 41, and Stuart Jacob "Jake" Long, 16.

When she was accompanied inside the house by fire investigators at the scene, Beard said she noticed that all the boxes were not arranged in the neat, stacked rows in which she and her co-worker had left them the previous day when they departed late in the afternoon. She indicated she noticed other items that had been moved from where she had seen them the day before.

Margaret Vernon filed the lawsuit in February 1990

against M&L Transfer and Storage Co. of Amarillo and Allied Van Lines.

Mrs. Vernon, in the lawsuit, alleges that the moving company on April 11, 1989, had left boxes on or near the furnace grate and, therefore, should be held responsible and pay damages for the deaths of her husband and son.

She is seeking at least \$3 million in each of the deaths.

Mrs. Vernon escaped from the residence in the early morning hours of April 12, 1989, and was hospitalized for injuries she received in the fire.

M&L, represented by attorney Robert Templeton, and Allied Van Lines, represented by attorney Joe Hayes, have implied that the fire may have been intentionally set. Both defendants say their employees did not cause the fire and should not be held responsible in any event.

Beard, who has been employed with M&L since 1988, was first questioned Monday morning in the trial being held in 223rd District Court at the Gray County Courthouse by Vernon's attorney, John Warner of Pampa.

Warner asked Beard if she had received any formal training from M&L or any other moving company she has worked for in such areas as national codes, floor furnace operations, leaving a clear path of safety for

occupants, leaving a fire lane, proper arrangement of boxes for safety or "any safety training at all."

"No, sir," Beard replied to all.

In reply to questions by Warner, Beard said she and co-worker Erwin arrived at the residence on Monday, April 10, 1989, and toured the house before they started packing. They packed most of the downstairs on Monday and on the following day, after completing the downstairs packing, they began work on the upstairs in the guest bedroom.

Warner questioned Beard as to whether Allied represents to its customers that its employees are trained in safety and are professional workers. "I don't know," Beard said.

The attorney also questioned her whether she had been trained to mention to a customer if she saw something in the packing situation that creates a dangerous condition. Beard said no, but added she had been told to be careful in packing and to "pick up the mess."

Beard said she and Erwin had packed approximately 100 boxes, of different sizes, with 20 to 30 stacked in the living room, 30 to 40 on the north wall of the dining room and others in the kitchen and upstairs guest bedroom. Wardrobe boxes had been placed in the master bedroom and son's bedroom upstairs at Vernon's request, Beard said, but Vernon had begun packing those without the workers' help.

Warner asked if any of the stacked boxes had fallen while they were packing the items in the house. Beard said once, while she was trying to reach a picture on a wall, she fell onto one box and another box then fell on her. But she "pushed it back up." Otherwise, she said, she could not recall any other boxes falling.

Warner asked if she had received training in properly stacking boxes in a house where there were children or pets. Beard said, "No." Warner then asked her if she thought it would be dangerous to have boxes stacked in such a way that a child or pet could knock them over. She agreed, saying it would be "common sense" not to do so, adding that she had two children of her own. She also agreed that the boxes should not be stacked where they could be knocked over onto a heat source.

Beard said the Vernon family had two dogs, a cocker spaniel and a chow puppy. In reply to a question by Warner, she said neither knocked a box over while she was in the house, though one "went to the restroom on one of the boxes."

Beard said neither she nor her partner left any wrapping paper, boxes or flat-folded packing boxes on the furnaces in the living room and dining room. She said all the boxes downstairs had been closed, most of them probably sealed, and no folded boxes were left downstairs.

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Divided Supreme Court rules on unequalized local school spending

By PEGGY FIKAC
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AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers scrambling to solve the school finance dilemma today were studying a new Texas Supreme Court ruling that said the state constitution allows rich districts to raise more supplemental education funds than poor ones.

"On first reading, it appears there's some leeway given" on local spending to enrich programs, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said. "Just how much, I can't say at this time."

In a new opinion issued Monday night, the court did not back away from an earlier ruling that the Texas school finance system is unconstitutional.

However, it said in a 5-4 opinion, "The current system remains unconstitutional not because any unequalized local supplementation is employed, but because the state relies so heavily on unequalized local funding" to pay for education.

"Once the Legislature provides an efficient system ... it may, so long as efficiency is maintained, authorize local school districts to supplement their educational resources if local property owners approve an additional

local property tax," it said.

The majority opinion was authored by Chief Justice Tom Phillips. In a footnote, it adds that the Texas Constitution forbids "vast disparities" resulting when rich school districts can tax low, while poor districts that tax high cannot get enough money "to meet even minimum standards."

Dissenting, Justice Lloyd Doggett decried the opinion as overstepping the court's jurisdiction. Doggett also called it a reaction to political pressure. Others dissenting were Justices Oscar Mauzy, Robert Gammage and Raul Gonzalez.

The court issued the latest opinion after poor school districts asked the justices to rule it constitutional to redistribute local school districts' property tax revenue statewide.

Such a "Robin Hood" plan would shift money from rich to poor districts without consolidating their tax bases.

The court refused to do so, then went further in ruling on supplemental education funding. It also said it would not consider any more motions for rehearing in the case.

Al Kauffman, an attorney representing the poor

school districts who originally challenged the school finance system, said Monday's ruling had little effect on the poor districts.

"We don't really see the opinion as any major change from what they've said before," Kauffman said.

"All they've said here is if you have a constitutional efficient system then you can have supplementation based on local tax bases, but they again said that an efficient system can't be based on districts with wildly different tax bases."

The new opinion comes after the court twice, unanimously, ruled unconstitutional the \$14 billion-a-year school finance system that relies on local property taxes, state aid and some federal money.

"Twice this court has labored arduously to speak with one, clear voice concerning this most significant case ... Tragically, today this unity has been abruptly abandoned, shattering the good faith upon which it was founded," said Doggett's dissent.

He accused the majority of "a frantic rush to influence the final stages of current legislative deliberations," saying the opinion would "prolong correction of our inefficient educational system at the expense of the school children of Texas."

The court went too far in addressing supplemental education funding, because the motion for rehearing by the poor school districts did not address the question, Doggett said.

The majority said the question was raised in other arguments it had considered.

Attached to Doggett's opinion was a newspaper article on the issue and a column written by unsuccessful Republican gubernatorial candidate Tom Luce, who advocated allowing local districts to spend more money for enrichment after a sound education program was established.

"The true message sent forth today is 'don't write a legal brief, write a political column,'" Doggett wrote. "This is apparently the first time in its 151-year history that the court has operated in the manner it has today."

A school finance reform plan that has passed the Senate would require virtually every school district in the state to be able to get the same amount of education money by imposing local property taxes at a particular rate.

The House is scheduled to consider school finance reform Wednesday.

Democrats: Domestic crisis neglected

By JAY JORDEN
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DALLAS (AP) — With the nation's attention riveted on the Persian Gulf War, domestic issues often neglected in peacetime are receiving even less concern, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen says.

The nation's recession coupled with problems in health care, education and day care continue to be ignored, Bentsen said Monday at a Democratic forum.

"We have successfully defended Saudi Arabia. We are in the process of liberating Kuwait," said Bentsen, D-Texas. "But here at home — right here in our own back yard — there is no defense, and little apparent concern, for the millions of our own people who are falling prey to joblessness, despair, ignorance and disease."

Bentsen and other Texas Democratic Leadership Council forum participants, including U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Georgia, assailed the administration's record on child and health care.

One million Americans have lost their jobs in the past seven months and a recession threatens more, Bentsen said.

"Parents believe things are worse for their children now than they were a decade ago," said Dr. Barbara Whitehead, a cultural historian. "That's not just nostalgia."

She said her discussions with parents in focus groups showed they were concerned with a degeneration of America's moral fabric through increasing greed, sexuality and violence.

Those are factors in a "cultural squeeze" gripping parents and children today, she said. Parents complain increasing job demands give them no time to spend with their children, who cite rising materialism and other peer pressures.

"We're saying that you cannot substitute government for parents. But we're saying that the 1948 tax break for young children is greatly outmoded, and that we need to update a lot of the governmental policies and make them family-sensitive," said Nunn,

chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Texas Governor Ann Richards attended a private breakfast preceding the forum, which Nunn said will lead to an Ohio convention in May that will assemble what he called an agenda for America.

"We don't have it in the Democratic Party now and I don't think we have it in the nation," he said.

"It really is an effort to get a lot of people thinking along the same lines, so that we'll not only be able to produce some kind of a presidential candidate but also be able to get a foundation of ideas that are important in uniting the party."

Bentsen, a presidential candidate on the last ticket, repeatedly denied he would seek the post again and Nunn said names aren't yet necessary.

"I frankly think it's healthy that we don't have any yet," said Nunn. "I think it'd be better if we could get a set of ideas and principles that we could have some consensus on and then let the candidates emerge after that."

Unanalyzed evidence gives attorneys hope of clearing Wood in desert deaths

By SUZANNE GAMBOA
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EL PASO (AP) — The mother of a woman killed nearly three years ago and buried in a shallow desert grave wants to know why evidence in the case is just now being analyzed.

Fingernail scrapings and stained clothing from some of the six women whose bodies were found buried in a stretch of east El Paso desert were sent by prosecutors to a lab for analysis just last month.

"It's unfortunate that officials take so long and valuable evidence like that is just being neglected," said Annette Williams.

The evidence was discovered by defense attorneys for David Leonard Wood, who was indicted on a serial murder charge accusing him of

killing the six women and young girls. Attorney Norbert Garney said the evidence could be help his client.

"The results could go a long way in clearing David Leonard Wood, or exonerating him," Garney said.

If convicted, Wood could be sentenced to death.

'It's unfortunate that officials take so long and valuable evidence like that is just being neglected.'

The remains of Ms. Williams' daughter, Ivy Susana Williams, were found by aluminum can collectors on March 14, 1988. Police began unearthing the bodies in September 1987.

"I feel very sad," Ms. Williams said. "I do hope it will prove to be

something. I hope it will prove to be David Wood's (skin) because there is no doubt in my mind that he was the one at least that killed my daughter."

Garney said the scrapings were found in fingernail clippings from Angelica Frausto, whose body was discovered Nov. 3, 1987, by police.

"They (the scrapings) have been sitting around and no forensics had been done on them at all," said Garney. "My feeling is they didn't want to do the forensics" fearing they would reveal Wood was not the killer.

District Attorney Steve Simmons said he could not comment on why the evidence was not analyzed because the case has not gone to trial. Police Lt. Paul Saucedo referred questions to Simmons' office.

"Our fear is the scrapings have

deteriorated to the point that we won't be able to determine anything from them," Garney said.

A blood stain on a sun suit believed to have belonged to Dawn Marie Smith also had not been analyzed, Garney said. Miss Smith's body was discovered Oct. 20, 1987, the same day Desiree Wheatley's remains were found.

A DNA analysis also is being done on a stain on a piece of clothing that belonged to Rosa Maria Casio. Two water utility workers stumbled upon Ms. Casio's body and that of Karen Baker on Sept. 4, 1987, starting the string of grim excavations.

DNA testing, often called "genetic fingerprinting" is performed on body materials such as blood, hair, semen or skin cells. DNA is found in the nucleus of

every cell and is unique to each person, except identical twins.

Wood vehemently denies he killed the women and has filed a \$25 million harassment suit against El Paso police. The lawsuit is working its way through the legal process.

Garney said he is aware the evidence could also work against his client.

"What if it comes back a match? It could, but I don't expect that it will. I have to kind of go with what my client says and my client says he didn't do it," Garney said. "Because of the nature of the offense — this is kind of the Ted Bundy case of the '90s — we have to be kind of aggressive in our defense."

Bundy was executed in 1989 for the murder of a 12-year-old girl, but he was blamed for a series of sex slayings.

Authorities searching for Texas businessman

PERRY, Okla. (AP) — Local authorities are continuing their search for a Texas businessman who was reported missing late last week.

Police Chief Mike Devlin said Billy Jack Horner, 36, of Collinsville, Texas, last was seen about 9 p.m. Wednesday at his motel room by another man checking into an adjacent room.

The witness awoke about 2:30 a.m. Thursday and saw two men, neither of whom was Horner, loading items from Horner's room into a white pickup, Devlin said.

Horner's pickup truck and belongings in his room also are missing, Devlin said. The truck seen early Thursday by the witness did not match the description of Horner's truck, he said.

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Packer

Reading from a transcribed tape recorded statement, Warner noted Beard had stated she was aware of the furnace in the living room. "That's why I stopped and moved the boxes away, because they were getting too close to the furnace," she had stated.

In her testimony Monday, Beard said she had moved the boxes "about five feet" away from the furnace. But Warner noted that in an earlier deposition with him, she had said the boxes were "a foot to a foot and a half" away from the furnace. Beard said she was not too good with distances.

In the hallway, near the dining room area, Beard said boxes had been placed "a couple of inches away" from the furnace. She said that was closer than she thought was good, but she did not think they posed any danger at the time.

Beard said she believes most furnaces are guided by thermostats that would shut them off when they reached a certain temperature. But she admitted she did not know how to tell if a furnace was operating properly, except for "if it's on or off."

She said "common sense" would direct that no boxes, wrapping paper or cellophane material would be left atop a furnace. "I wouldn't do that, if that's what you're getting at," she told Warner. She said that even in such a case, leaving such items on a furnace should not start a fire if the furnace was working properly. But she admitted she didn't know whether the furnace in the Vernon residence was operating properly.

But she said it's best not to put anything on top of a floor furnace.

Responding to Warner's questioning, Beard said she did not receive any formal training from the company regarding placement of materials over a furnace, but said she had been taught such things by

her parents, schools and others since she was a small child. "A lifetime of experience" has taught her not to play with matches, stand too close to the heater and so on, she said.

In the afternoon, after Warner had completed his questioning and passed her on to Templeton, Beard said she had received training in safely packing materials and received on-the-job training from co-workers "on how to pack materials ... and not to leave a mess."

She said she knew how to use caution in packing and placement of items and "didn't need formal training in such."

Beard said she did observe an instructional videotape when beginning her employment at M&L, in addition to receiving other instructions.

Templeton displayed diagrams of the upstairs and downstairs areas of the house and asked Beard to draw where she and Erwin had left the boxes stacked. She said the boxes had been stacked in rows against the

walls and not left randomly around any area of the house.

Templeton asked her if Thomas K. Casey, a fire and explosion expert who testified last week, had testified there were boxes on top of the floor furnace in the hallway after the fire, would she agree.

She said, "No." She said no boxes were on top of any furnace when she and Erwin had left that Tuesday. She added that she had noticed when she was in the house after the fire that some of the boxes had been moved, with some blocking half of a doorway downstairs.

Looking at photographs and a videotape taken after the fire, Beard said that outlines left on the floors and walls indicated some boxes had been moved from the rows she and Erwin had stacked the boxes in.

She also noted a brass deer on the floor in the living room was in a different location than it had been the day before, along with a lamp that had been moved. She said chairs seen on top of the dining

room table after the fire had been pushed under the table on that Tuesday when she left.

Responding to a question by Templeton, Beard said the only time she heard any remark about any box being on a furnace was made by Fire Marshal Tom Adams on the morning of Wednesday, April 12, 1989. She said Adams told her one of the boxes had fallen atop a furnace. She said that was the only time she heard that claim.

Later, while on another tour of the burned residence on April 18, 1989, she said Adams looked at her and Erwin and said, "I'm sorry. I didn't mean to make any false accusations."

Beard said no flammable liquids were packed in any of the boxes by the movers, "definitely not in any of those in the living room." She said company policy requires them to tell the customers that flammable liquids, aerosols and such material as cooking oil cannot be packed by the company employees. She said often

a box is provided for the customer to pack such items in, with the customer being responsible for its transportation.

Answering questions by Templeton, Beard said two smoke alarms had been located in the hallway closet. She said she removed them and asked Vernon if she wanted them packed. She said Vernon told her just to leave them on the stair landing since "she was going to throw them away."

Beard said that while she was looking at the house after the fire, she noticed a smoke alarm on an upstairs wall to the left of the stair landing. She said she had not noticed it while she was packing and did not know if it had been there earlier.

Referring to her visits to the house after the fire, Templeton asked her where she thought most of the damage was located.

She said in the kitchen and dining room, where the walls were burnt, "not just smoke damage." The

kitchen area was badly charred, she said.

She said photos indicated only two boxes were found stacked together in the living room after the fire, saying that the boxes had not been kept stacked as she and Erwin had left them.

The trial continued today, with Beard resuming her testimony this morning. The trial is expected to continue through the rest of this week.

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Opinion

Right to express is a tad too high

Opponents of the National Endowment for the Arts were routed last year in efforts to eliminate or curtail the agency's funding. In fact, the NEA budget actually went up — despite the supposedly critical need to battle the deficit, and despite all the controversy over NEA funding for pornographic and sacrilegious "art."

This awesome political victory, however, still isn't enough for much of the arts establishment. Seems they're determined to extract an extra ton of flesh from us taxpayers — and at the same time to rub our faces in more offensive pictures and scribbles for which we're forced to pick up the tab. Recently nine of the 11 members of the literary publishing panel of the National Endowment for the Arts quit to protest the new rule that "general standards of decency" guide the awarding money to grantees.

Now, free expression in the arts is fine — but not on the public dime. People have a right to purchase or look at obscene and pornographic materials, even if they don't go under the name of "art." If they want to spend their money in that manner, then they have that choice, and the purveyors of such material have the right to sell their products. And both the purchaser and the seller can do so of their own free choice.

But when the feds pay the bill, why should it come as a surprise when strings come attached? If this crowd of arts mullahs were motivated by principle, they'd be trying to get the arts community off the federal dole.

Isn't liberty at the heart of the artistic experience? Aren't we all supposed to have the freedom to define what moves us and what doesn't? If so, where do artists get off forcing anybody to fund their works through compulsion — through the tax system — rather than by voluntary support?

Mandated contributions are blind to individual taste. Money is extracted even from those with no interest at all in high culture. The whole practice stands Robin Hood on his head, because it uses the tax dollars of the poor (along with those of everyone else) to pay for pursuits patronized mainly by the middle and upper classes.

In short, the NEA is an institutional assault on fairness, and that's in bad taste by any definition of the term.

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War brings too many orphans

"She wakes up in the middle of the night," says Gretchen Duncan. "She'll wake up crying, 'Mommy! Daddy!' and I'll look at her and say, 'They'll be home.' And she says, 'Someday?' And I say 'Yes, baby, someday.'"

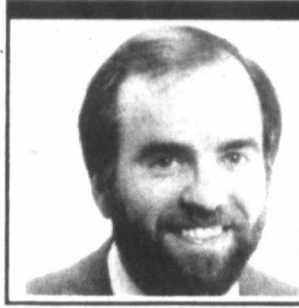
Combat holds plenty of terrors, but perhaps none worse than those suffered every night, far from the Persian Gulf, by 3-year-old Tamatha Duncan. Her parents are members of the Army's 24th Infantry Division, currently deployed in Saudi Arabia. They dropped her off at day care one morning in August, got the call and left immediately, without even getting to say goodbye.

They may not return. Until they do, Tamatha is living with her grandparents, Ed and Gretchen Duncan of Rockville, Md. If she's lucky, she won't become one of the unintended victims this conflict is likely to produce: war orphans.

Past American wars were fought mainly by men who were single or at least childless. As recently as Vietnam, fatherhood was grounds for a draft exemption — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney avoided service that way. Women in the military were rare, mothers unknown. But the all-volunteer army has made a point of accepting recruits regardless of sex or family obligations. Mom-and-Dad teams are now common. So are single parents.

There are some 40,000 military couples on active duty, in addition to 66,000 single parents, most of them men. When the president began deploying troops to Saudi Arabia, soldiers like these had to go just like everyone else, leaving the kids with relatives or friends.

There has been no shortage of horror stories about these parents — like the woman, her husband



Stephen Chapman

already in Saudi Arabia, who was called up two weeks after giving birth; the single father who left three kids (age 9, 12 and 13) alone, with an automatic bank card and instructions on how to use it; and the three boys placed in the foster care of a woman who had been charged with murdering her husband.

But the sickening quality of the extreme cases shouldn't keep us from noticing the sickening quality of the ordinary ones. The military security of the United States doesn't require exposing the children of soldiers to the risk of being orphaned — and in this case, what isn't essential is intolerable. A policy that deprives Tamatha Duncan, perhaps permanently, of both the people who gave her life is a policy that needs changing.

The architects of the status quo defend it for letting soldiers decide for themselves whether a military career can accommodate children. All the parents sent to the gulf are volunteers, who long ago were required by the Pentagon to arrange for their children's care in case of a wartime deployment. Soldiers who get pregnant have the option to resign.

"It's really individual responsibility and decision," says Lawrence Korb of the Brookings Institu-

tion, the Pentagon's chief manpower official under Ronald Reagan. Easing the obligations of military parents, he notes, would limit their opportunities.

One change has been proposed by Rep. Barbara Boxer, a California Democrat, who thinks single parents and one member of a two-parent couple should have the option of declining assignment to a combat zone. She likens her measure to the Pentagon's longstanding policy of excusing soldiers who have lost siblings in combat.

Boxer's Military Orphans Prevention Bill addresses the problem, but its solution fails on two major counts. The first time is that it would apply the new policy to this war, causing intolerable disruption to our military effort. For years the Pentagon — with the blessing of Congress — has accommodated parents on the same terms as everyone else, expecting them to be available in a crisis. The moment the crisis arrives isn't the time to change that assumption.

The second defect is that the bill does too little to achieve its aim: preventing orphans. Like the Pentagon, Boxer gives priority to the preferences of the parent, not the needs of the child. But a child orphaned by her parents' choice is just as alone as a child orphaned by a Pentagon regulation.

A genuine orphans prevention act would consist of a simple rule: As of a specific date, single parents aren't allowed to enlist, and neither are both members of a couple with kids. Those who become parents after joining are subject to discharge to ensure their children don't get a choice about becoming orphans. Every war has plenty of unavoidable victims. Military orphans are the kind of casualties that are avoidable and inexcusable.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 1991. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 26, 1919, Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

On this date:
In 1802, one of the great figures of French literature, Victor Hugo, was born in Besancon.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from the Island of Elba to begin his second conquest of France.

In 1846, "Buffalo Bill" Cody was born near Davenport, Iowa.

In 1848, the Second French Republic was proclaimed.

In 1870, New York City's first pneumatic-powered subway line was opened to the public.

In 1940, the United States Air Defense Command was created.

In 1942, during World War II, Navy flier Donald F. Mason sent a four-word message from the Pacific to the U.S. Navy in Washington: "Sighted sub, sank same."

In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, limiting a president to two terms in office.



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Notes from the home front:

• I was standing at the counter of a convenience store waiting to pay for my coffee. On the counter was a box of condoms.

The picture on the front of the box was a woman holding a baby. The baby had a face of Saddam Hussein.

Underneath the picture it read: "Don't take a chance on bringing another Saddam Hussein into the world."

• My favorite name in the war: CNN's Wolf Blitzer. If only he were a linebacker.

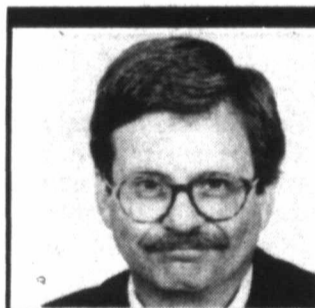
• Has anybody else noticed how much Gen. Swathmore looks like he was separated at birth from Jonathan Winters and Willard Scott?

• Read Lee Montville's piece on sports and war in *Sports Illustrated*. You won't be nearly as concerned about the fact that Isaih Thomas is out for the Detroit Pistons.

• I want to see a headline that reads: "U.S. Bombs Iraq Around the Clock."

• Media complaints about military secrecy are sort of stupid. There are lives at stake.

• Did Eisenhower call a press conference before D-Day and advise the press corps, "Our plans are to hit the beach at Normandy but don't tell Hitler.



Lewis Grizzard

He thinks we're landing at Calais."

Catch your Pulitzer covering another story.

• I heard two older guys talking. One said to the other, "They ought to bring those young boys back from over there so they can produce some babies. They ought to send dried-up folks like us over there. We're going to die soon anyway."

The other guy listened and then replied, "You're crazy."

• Why is it cheaper for Iraq to train its pilots than it is for us to train ours? They don't have to teach theirs to land.

• First verse of a song I'm writing about the war for Hank Williams Jr.:

"Saddam Hussein/You spilt our blood and you spilt the oil/and this here ol' boy is about to boil..."

• A fighter pilot from the Vietnam era was telling me "pilot fatigue in a war comes from hearing too much and thinking too much about statistics and laws of average.

"What's my chances of coming back today? That's what fatigues you, not the actual hours you're in your airplane."

• Is there any chance Dan Quayle's National Guard unit could be called up?

• Worst war song so far: The one that begins, "Bomb, bomb, bomb, bomb, bomb Iraq," sung to the tune of "Bahbah-bah-bah-bah bah berAnn ..."

• I have a friend who made plans last summer to go to Europe for the first time later this month. "There were 28 of us who signed up," she explained. "But because of the war there's just six of us left. Think we should go?"

I wouldn't. There will be lots of times later to see museums and cathedrals and get left by the last train to Milan.

• Read President Bush's lips: "This is no Vietnam." It certainly isn't. Jane Fonda hasn't gone to Baghdad yet.

Winter on ice leaves heartland sore

By SARAH OVERSTREET

When the groundhog poked his little snout out of his hole here in southwest Missouri, it's a darn good thing he didn't see his shadow and forecast six more weeks of winter. If he had, with the mood most of us are in, I don't think we could have guaranteed his safety.

Pardon me if I sound a little testy, but five weeks spent crawling around on all fours tends to bring that out in me.

We just survived the Second Ice Age, a 5-inch thick blanket of ice that descended on us after Christmas and thawed out just enough each midday to re-freeze even more treacherously each night.

This was the only time most of us could remember where the once-faithful ground would not only refuse to let us take one step without flinging us to our knees, but would not even stand still for us standing still on it. We are lying around with broken hips, pulled

ligaments and wounded pride.

Of all our injuries, the last is perhaps the deepest cut. Businessmen in three-piece suits crawled up their driveways like dogs, and women in designer dresses did somersaults on parking lots. Middle-aged people rode down their lawns on pizza pans to get to their cars, then fell underneath them trying to get in.

And this was equal-opportunity ice, with no more mercy for a rubber-soled boot than a slick leather pump. The only people standing were those of us who finally broke down and put gym socks or women's knee-high hose over our boots, making us look sort of like convenience-store robbers who couldn't remember where to put the sock.

I finally got used to spending more time on my back than on my feet, but I do mourn the chocolate torte I was carrying one evening when the feet went and the dessert was launched from its Tupperware carrier onto the hood of my car.

But I got off easy, compared to *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* columnist Bill McClellan, who went outside the morning after the ice came to get his paper. Not knowing the seriousness of the situation, he dashed outside barefooted, wearing only his robe. He made it down his slightly sloped lawn, only to discover it would take a Zamboni to get him back up the lawn to the door:

"Desperation led to an idea," he wrote. "If I were to take my robe off, and use it as a carpet, perhaps I could get up the incline. But if I were to take my robe off, I'd really be cold. Furthermore, I'd be opening myself to a criminal charge. After all, I'd be exposing myself. And what if I were to slip, and knock myself out? Without my robe on, I'd be a goner in minutes."

"Then I'd really be in trouble. I know a lot of prosecutors, and I know how they work. In my mind, I heard the closing argument in the case against me: 'He's charged with exposing himself. And what does the death certificate say he died from?'"

Exposure! I'd be charged with the same thing that killed me, and I wouldn't have a chance."

The ice wouldn't even let Jeanine Horgan out of her car in Webster Groves, Mo. She stopped at her parents' house and tried to get out, but the car slid across the lawn, toppled a tree and came to rest against a bush. Leaving her three kids in the car, Jean crawled to her parents' door and the three adults made a chain to rescue the kids.

"My daughter put on my golf shoes, and my husband came out, and we got a chain going," Horgan's mother told the *Post-Dispatch*. "We handed her a rake, my husband had another yard implement, and I held a broom. Then we got a rope."

All we want right now is a little spring. We don't even order ice in our drinks anymore around here. And all we want next Christmas is our two legs, and we want them underneath us instead of splayed out at right angles from our torsos.

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Deadliest Scud attack kills 28 U.S. soldiers, injures 100

By GEORGE ESPER
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DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The soldiers' belongings were gathered from the debris of death and packed in their duffle bags.

The small American flags they waved when they arrived in Saudi Arabia were tucked into the tops of some of the bags that would accompany 27 of them on their final journey home.

In a moment's flash, a single Iraqi Scud missile inflicted more casualties on American soldiers than its million-man army and thousands of tanks have in two days of ground combat.

Only hours before Iraq announced it was withdrawing from Kuwait, it skyrocketed the ballistic weapon into a metal warehouse converted into an American barracks and mess hall.

Baghdad radio hailed the attack against "the coward traitors who mortgage the sacred places of the nation ... and turn Arab youth into shields of flesh."

The U.S. command said 28 American servicemen were killed and 100 were wounded Monday night in by far the deadliest of nearly 70 Scud attacks. Four Americans were reported killed and 21 wounded in the opening days of the allied ground drive into Iraq and Kuwait.

Most of Scuds, including an attack Monday on the island-nation of Bahrain, have been intercepted by U.S.-supplied Patriot defense missiles.

Iraq early today also fired its first Scud at Qatar, an Arab member of the multinational coalition. It crashed in a deserted area and no damage was reported, according to the official Qatari news agency.

George Manes, the Middle East bureau chief for the military newspaper *Stars & Stripes*, said an air-raid siren gave scant warning of the Scud that hit the barracks. Less



An American soldier walks through the rubble of a U.S. military barracks Tuesday morning after an Iraqi Scud missile destroyed the structure Monday night. (AP Laserphoto)

than a minute after the sirens sounded, the missile broke apart in a shower of fiery orange streaks, he reported.

The Scud broke up in flight and what appeared to be its warhead plunged into the building, which is 3 miles from a major U.S. air base, while many of the soldiers were eating and relaxing.

A singed sign at the entrance marked it as the home of the 475th Quartermaster Group, a reserve unit from Farrell, Pa., north of Pittsburgh. But U.S. officials refused to say what unit was inside because relatives of victims had not been notified.

The explosion crumpled the building's girders. No Patriot missile was fired to intercept the Scud, said sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A convoy of ambulances and medical evacuation helicopters carried away the wounded amid sirens that wailed non-stop through the night. A chaplain moved among the dead to pray for them and among the living to console them. Soldiers cried and embraced each other in anguish.

An Army soldier sat weeping near the skeleton of a building that a short time ago had been her home.

Nearby, a military policeman whispered something into the ear of a female colleague as she strapped her M-16 over her shoulder. She took a deep breath and said to no one in particular, "I have to prepare myself for this."

A bleary-eyed private walked past, his desert camouflage uniform rumpled and dirty, hair matted to his head, tears running down his left cheek.

"Try to take a break, man," a burly MP told him, offering a pat on the back.

Amidst the rubble, four pairs of boots poked out from under blankets. The charred floor was littered with sleeping bags, cots and military uniform belts. Near the body of one soldier was a letter addressed to a woman in Petersburg, Va. She would share his last moments of life.

Man says he released Sarpalius tapes to 'flush out' story

AMARILLO (AP) — A man who described himself as a fledgling journalist says he was just trying to flush out a story when he distributed copies of an audio tape conversation between U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius and a woman to members of the news media.

Linus Baker testified Monday in his own defense at his federal court trial on charges of unlawful disclosure of the contents of an intercepted telephone conversation.

Baker, 36, also is charged with intentionally disclosing to seven people the contents of a wire and electronic telephone conversation, namely a telephone conversation.

Baker cannot be jailed if he is convicted. The maximum penalty he faces is \$35,000 in fines. Baker is not charged with actually performing an illegal intercept, which would be a felony.

The man told U.S. District Judge Magistrate Clinton E. Averette that he was given the tape by a friend, Brad Ferguson, who said the tape was accidentally recorded by an

amateur radio operator. The audiotapes contained a conversation on Sarpalius' cellular telephone with a woman.

Ferguson gave Baker the tape because he knew of Baker's involvement in journalism as a student at Amarillo College, the defendant said.

Ferguson could not be reached for comment late Monday, the *Amarillo Globe-News* reported.

Baker said he did not know that the conversation between Sarpalius and Michelle Martinez was illegally obtained.

He said he didn't know the difference between a cellular phone conversation and a cordless phone conversation traveling through the airwaves.

"I thought it was something the public had ready access to," he told the court.

While eavesdropping on a cellular phone conversation is illegal, listening in on a cordless phone conversation and other radio broadcast communications is not, said defense

lawyer Jeff Blackburn.

Audio tapes of the cellular telephone conversation, which Sarpalius testified took place on Aug. 29, were distributed to members of the Amarillo news media in mid-October.

Sarpalius, who is divorced, testified that he had a 41-minute cellular phone conversation with Martinez as he played golf on Ross Rogers Golf Course. He said he had seen her at Hummer's some months before.

The Amarillo Democrat said he didn't know the conversation was being taped. He said he doesn't have a problem with what he said, only the timing of the tape because it was recorded and released just weeks before he sought re-election.

Sarpalius' staff on Oct. 17 turned a copy of the tape over to the FBI, special agent Scott Hendricks testified. Hendricks said he interviewed Baker on Nov. 8.

Baker, under cross-examination on Howard, denied that he distributed the tape in an effort to destroy Sarpalius. He said the public

needed to know about how Sarpalius, an alumnus of Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch, conducted himself.

Baker said he deemed the tape newsworthy because Sarpalius was "using every trick in the book" to get Martinez to go on a date with him.

If a congressman portrays an image of a "white knight," and he's not, Baker said the public has a right to know.

Baker said he distributed the tape to officials of the Amarillo College *Ranger*, the student newspaper; others at the school's journalism department and to several radio and television stations, as well as to the *Globe-News*.

Phil Fretz, editorial page editor of the *Amarillo Globe-News*, testified that he didn't see the news value of the tape.

KFDA-TV did not accept the tape, but Baker did deliver a copy to KAMR-TV and to KGNC Radio.

Ms. Martinez testified that she was contacted by Baker to discuss the conversation, but said she became suspicious because she had an unlisted telephone number.

Journalist John Daly dies

CHEVY CHASE, Md. (AP) — John Daly, a former war correspondent and game-show host, is dead at age 77.

His long-time assistant said Monday that Daly was found dead at his home Sunday. Although he suffered from emphysema, Lila Bader said, "I believe death was due to cardiac arrest."

In a telephone interview from Daly's office in New York, Ms. Bader said she spoke with Daly by telephone on Sunday, "and he was going to do his taxes" on Monday.

A native of South Africa, Daly moved to the United States as a boy.

He studied at Boston College and was a scheduler for the Washington, D.C., transit company when he joined CBS in 1937.

After covering the White House and World War II in Europe and the Middle East, Daly moved to ABC in 1949. From 1953 to 1960 he was vice president in charge of the network's news operation.

For 17 years — until 1967 — he also was moderator of the television show, *What's My Line*, in which a panel of regulars — often

columnist Dorothy Kilgallen, publisher Bennett Cerf, actress Arlene Francis and comedian Henry Morgan — tried to guess the occupations of guests.

It was the "longest-running game show in the history of prime-time network television. The show ran for a few years after 1967 under another moderator in syndication.

Daly was director of the *Voice of America* in 1967 and 1968.

Mark Goodson, producer of *What's My Line*, said of Daly: "He was the permanent fixture of the show. He was perfect for that day; always wore black tie, very elegant, very courtly."

Actress Arlene Francis, a regular guest on the show, recalled Daly's genuine interest in people and information.

"He was just the most superb moderator of any show. He had so much humor without being a clown. He had infinite charm," said Francis.

Daly is survived by his wife, Virginia, a daughter of former Chief Justice Earl Warren, and six children, three from a previous marriage.

Economists expect shorter recession than post-1945 average

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A substantial majority of the nation's top economic forecasters say the recession will be briefer and less severe than the post-World War II average for downturns, a survey released today showed.

Sixty-one percent of forecasters polled look for the recession to be shorter than the post-1945 average of 11 months, while 36 percent think it will be about average in length, the National Association of Business Economists said.

"As for the recession depth, 78 percent expect to see less than the postwar average 2.5 percent decline in GNP (gross national product), while 15 percent expect about an average decline," the association said.

The survey, conducted during the first two weeks of February, also

showed just over half of the 54 economists believe the recession will end in the second quarter. Two-thirds had predicted last November that it would end in the first three months of this year.

In the new survey, 22 percent put the low point in the current quarter, while 18 percent said the downturn will bottom out in the third quarter of 1991.

The GNP fell at an annual rate of 2.1 percent in the fourth quarter of 1990, and the median expectations of the NABE economists are for a 1.6 percent decline in the current quarter and a 0.3 percent decline in the next.

A recession generally is defined as at least two consecutive declines in the GNP, the nation's total output of goods and services.

But while the forecasters extended the length of the recession, they did not significantly alter their projection of the econo-

my's initial recovery. They foresee a growth rate of 1.9 percent in the third quarter and 2.5 percent in the fourth. The November poll forecast a 2.0 percent growth rate in the third quarter and 2.5 percent in the fourth.

The recovery will continue through 1992, with the economy growing 2.5 percent on a year-over-year basis, up from a decline of 0.2 percent this year, the survey indicated. The previous survey forecast growth of 0.5 percent in 1991.

"Contributing to the recession's end and a recovery beginning in the second half of 1991 are the past easing of monetary policy and the prospects for lower oil prices and a quick resolution to the Gulf War," said the survey summary.

"On the other hand, concern that monetary policy will not ease further, fast enough, and the reluctance of banks to make loans are the two factors most often mentioned that

could make the recession longer and deeper than currently expected," it added.

At the same time, the survey found improved inflation prospects, presumably because of a fall in oil prices that had skyrocketed immediately after Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait disrupted world petroleum markets.

The forecasters projected living costs as measured by the Consumer Price Index to rise by 4.6 percent this year, down from 5.2 percent in last November's survey, and by 4.0 percent in 1992. The CPI rose 6.1 percent during 1990.

And the economists said unemployment would average 6.6 percent this year, dropping to 6.2 percent in 1992. The jobless rate was 5.5 percent in 1990.

NASA says shuttle probably can fly with cracked hinges

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A NASA official says further study is needed before deciding whether the space shuttle *Discovery* can fly safely next month with cracked door hinges.

Tests indicate the doors should operate properly during the flight, Dan Germany, manager of the orbiter projects office at Johnson Space Center, said Monday.

"It looks like we do have a stable system," Germany said.

But NASA officials will wait until later this week to decide whether to launch *Discovery* around March 9 or roll the shuttle back to the hangar for repairs.

Germany said he believes the cracks can be fixed at the launch pad. Moving the shuttle back to the hangar could cause a delay of several weeks or more.

Discovery's eight-day military mission would be the first shuttle flight of the year.

The cracks were caused by wear and tear to the two doors on the belly of *Discovery*, Germany said.

There are two hinges on each of the two flapper doors for fuel lines to the massive external tank. The doors are supposed to shut tightly once the tank drops off after blastoff.

If the doors failed to close properly, the shuttle could be destroyed by the intense heat of atmospheric re-entry.

The mechanism that opens and closes the door is cracked on three of *Discovery's* four hinges, Germany said.

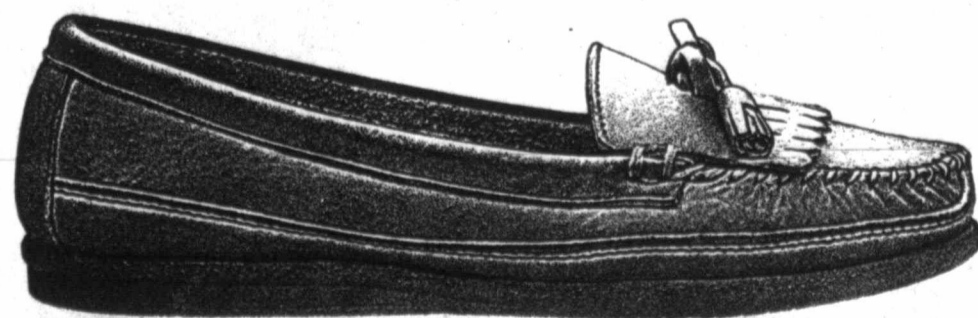
Two hinges on the shuttle *Columbia* have cracks, but hinges on the shuttle *Atlantis* appear fine, he said.

NASA on Sunday tested *Columbia's* doors, duplicating the condition of *Discovery's* doors. Germany called the results a "confidence builder."

Engineers do not know how long the hinges have been damaged or whether *Discovery* flew with the cracks in October, he said. Since that flight, the two flapper doors have been opened and closed 70 to 80 times.

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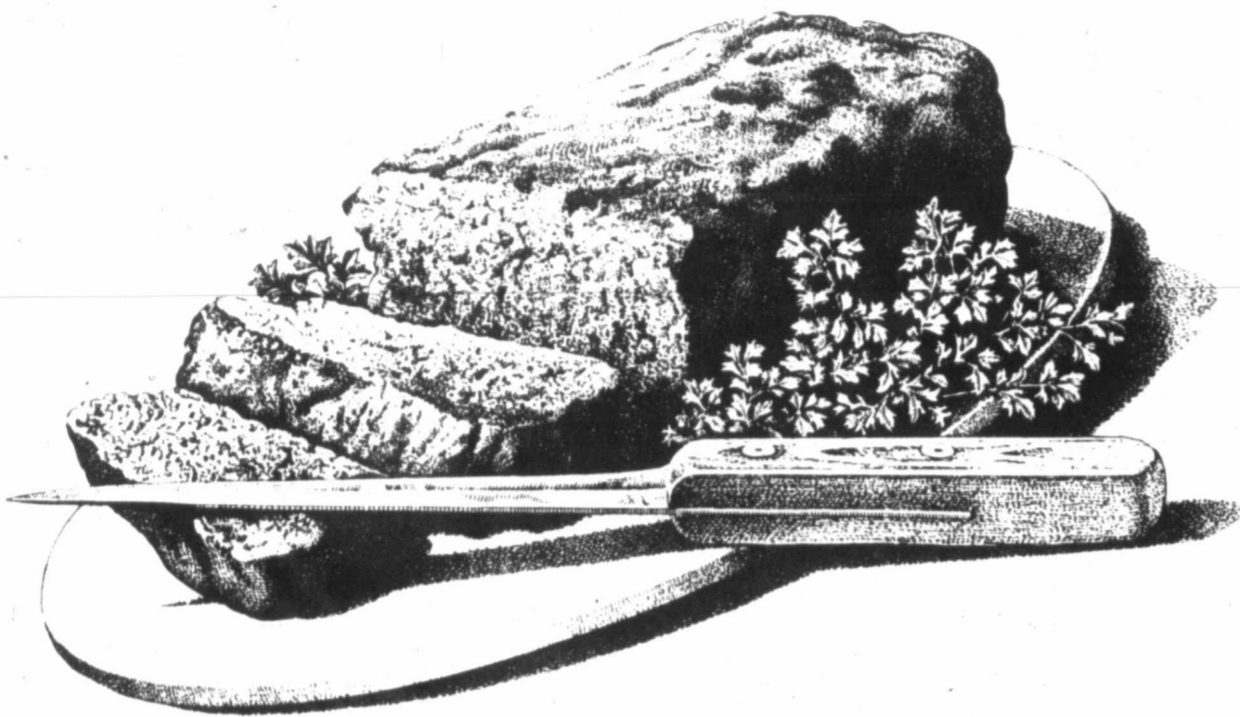
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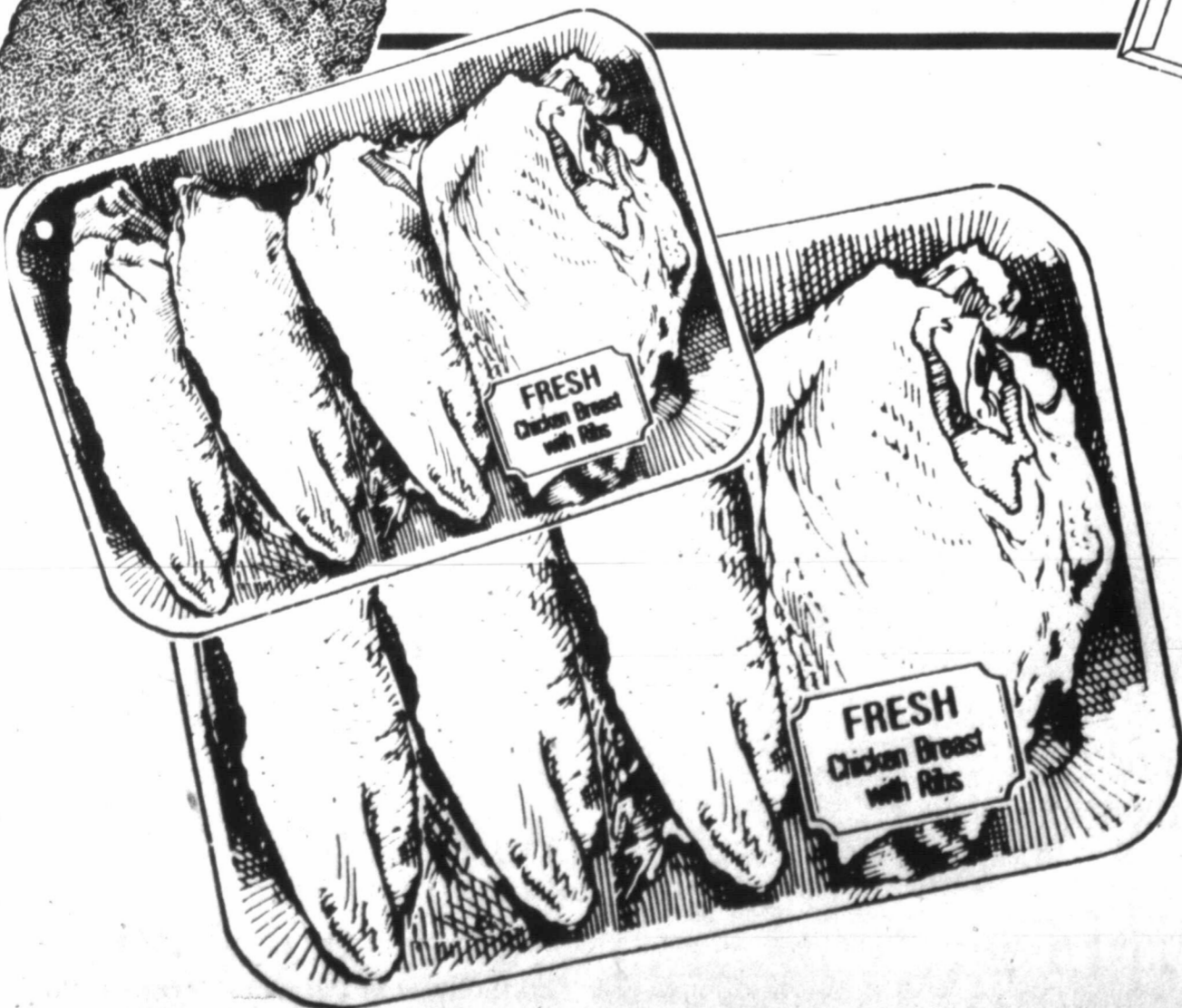
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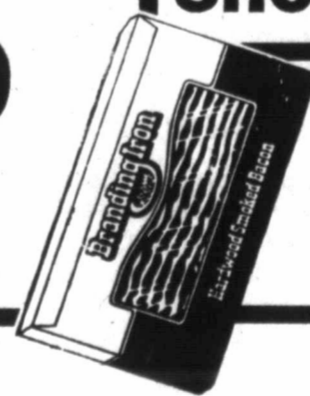
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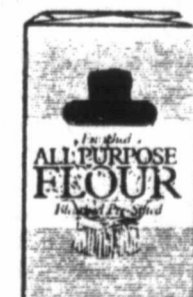
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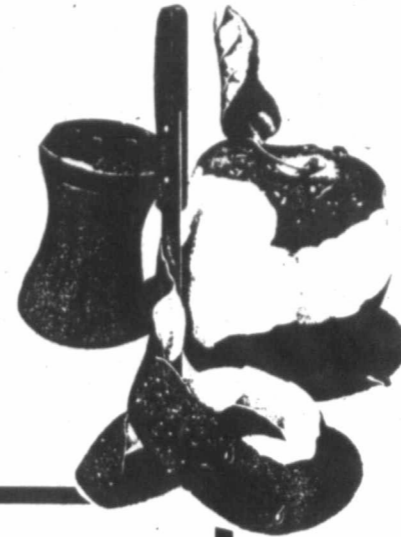
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Lifestyles

Don't keep kids in the dark about family finances

NEW YORK (AP) — Parents may find talking to their children about money problems can be as stressful as the financial woes.

"Our reluctance to discuss money problems may come from a sense of pride, wanting to protect our kids from bad news, or fear of being embarrassed by having that news spread around," says Dr. Lawrence Kutner, author of "Parent & Child: Getting Through to Each Other."

It's hard to decide how much you should tell a child, he says, but a good rule of thumb is to tell him as much about your finances as you would if he asked about sex. Enough to make him feel comfortable, not so much that it overwhelms him.

The important thing is to be specific and use examples he can relate to. Let him know that while you can't buy a new comforter for his bed right now, he won't have to give up his old blanket or his bed. Also, tell him that your hard times are not his fault.

If children become too involved, Kutner says, they may feel a responsibility to "save" the family. Children don't realize how unrealistic and inappropriate these impulses are.

A child who sells her stuffed animals to friends and gives her father a handful of quarters may have good intentions, but the emotional cost can be tremendous. The child feels an overwhelming responsibility that she can't meet, and the father sees the coins as another sign of his inadequacy.

While it may seem easier to pretend nothing is wrong, children are emotional sponges. They can feel the tension in the home.

Evasiveness can also lead children to imagine problems more frightening than the truth, or to assume that they somehow caused the bad situation. "Parents are often surprised years later to find out how much children knew at the time about stressful events," Kutner says. "Sometimes they're also surprised by how much of that information was wrong."

Kutner suggests that when you talk to your children about money troubles, begin by addressing their unspoken fears: "Am I safe? Will I be abandoned?" Telling your kids, for example, that although you've lost your job they're not going to lose you, prevents needless worries and opens the way for air-clearing discussions.

"It's very reassuring to children to hear you talking about the steps the family will take to remedy the situation," Kutner says. "Let them know why you may be canceling a vacation, or that you're trying to stretch the food budget by cooking at home more often."

Ask the children to suggest ways they could help meet the family's goals. Even small children can help by sharing toys rather than asking for new ones. Older kids can limit demands for new clothes or other items.

"Let children know that money is not the only way to help," Kutner says. "Emotional support to help everyone weather the tough times can be more valuable than dollars."

Restored houses look old but act like new

By BARBARA MAYER
AP Newsfeatures

It's easier today to live a 20th-century life in an 18th-century house because you can satisfy your strong allegiance to period design as well as a need for a modern kitchen and bath.

It used to be that nooks and crannies near the kitchen were knocked out to enlarge the space, and small bedrooms were turned into bathrooms. But today, there's an effort to mesh authenticity and convenience.

One way is to add a wing so the original building can be left intact.

Maureen McKasy-Donlin directs the Center for Historic Houses at the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington. She keeps abreast of such trends by reading hundreds of entries in the National Trust's Great American Homes awards competitions.

"Those who restore or renovate an old house now tend to be charmed by the opportunities and idiosyncrasies spaces like broom closets and pantries offer," she says.

Thus they are more likely to build a wing onto the rear for a new kitchen and family room, so that the front retains its traditional look. Upstairs, the new space would accommodate a master bedroom and bath.

As for modern furnishings in a period dwelling, she says there are three schools of thought:

"Hide it, flaunt it, or zone it."

The first method places anachronisms like computers and TVs behind closed doors.

The second finds no clash between an Amish quilt, a rocking chair and a computer in the same room.

But often, the treatment depends on the room. The parlor is period and the kitchen high tech.

A house doesn't have to be old to warrant restoration. Generally, if it's at least 50 years old it has earned the right to be called historic. Interesting houses of more recent vintage also qualify.

"I wish each homeowner would keep a diary and take pictures of the house and its changes and would pass this information on to the new homeowner," McKasy-Donlin says. "If you can't live with it, at least record it."

McKee Patterson, a Southport, Conn., architect specializing in residential restoration, reports greater interest in rescuing an old house from past mistakes.

Being sympathetic to a structure sometimes means restoring detail removed earlier in an effort to update it. Sometimes it means correcting original errors since even

an old building might have architectural flaws.

It is typical for a Victorian to be missing some of its architectural trim. Exterior detail may still be there, but it may be unnoticed because a single paint color covers the original multi-colors that highlighted it. A new paint job for the trim may be all that's needed.

Adding moldings around door or windows or building a porte cochere in front of the door, replacing missing trim around windows and on upper floors can also make a difference, says Patterson, who often uses these methods in his work.

The standard clapboard colonial or Cape Cod often lacks crispness. Paint the shutters a different color, put a brass knocker on the door or an appropriate period outdoor fixture next to the door. More expensive projects might be a new vestibule or entryway, a front or back porch or a covered breezeway that better ties the garage and house.

Sometimes new landscaping is all that's needed.

"Instead of a plain concrete path straight up to the front door, we added a low stone wall with a wooden gate and a stone walkway to a Cape Cod house and made room for a garden," Patterson says. "These literally changed the house."

Just stripping the stone foundation that has been mistakenly painted is like putting a house on a pedestal. Painting the front door a contrasting color also works wonders.

Consider adding interior details the house may never have had but that are in keeping with its style. One that is not too complex or costly is a marquetry design for the vestibule floor. It can be inlaid wood, ceramic or vinyl tile, even carpet inlays or a trompe l'oeil paint job.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

Engagement ring is promise to wed, not a prize to keep

DEAR ABBY: If you ever get tired of writing your advice column, you should consider the legal profession.

You had a letter in your column recently concerning an engagement ring. The question: If a man gives a girl an engagement ring and four hours later they break up, should the woman return the ring?

You said, "The gentleman has every right to expect the lady to return the ring. And if she doesn't, she's no lady."

I recently read an item in the Iowa City Press-Citizen that said, "Engagement rings become real gifts only when the wedding happens, and must otherwise be returned, the Iowa Court of Appeals has ruled."

The judges said it didn't matter who did the jilting. The court rejected as sexist and archaic earlier rulings that let courts award an engagement ring to the person who was jilted.

IOWA ABBY FAN

DEAR FAN: I've had that "who owns the ring" question put to me in a variety of situations. Examples: The couple enjoyed a three-year engagement with "sleeping-over privileges," so the woman felt that she had earned the diamond engagement ring. (Well, if she "earned" it, that makes her a professional.)

In another situation, after a two-year engagement, "Romeo" met another damsel who stole his heart. So, as a consolation prize and to assuage his guilt, he told Damsel No. 1 she could keep the ring.

I'm with the Iowa judge. An engagement ring is more than just a ring — it signifies a promise to wed. And if the wedding does not take place, the ring should be returned to the person who paid for it.

DEAR ABBY: "Shocked," "Educated" and "Disillusioned Teacher" were all addressing the lack of educated high-school graduates in this country. This is not a new issue. Politicians, educators and businessmen have been lamenting this problem for years. I do not pretend to have the solution to this crisis; however, there is something every parent could do to alleviate the problem.

When my son's first-grade teacher told us that "John" was not doing very well in school, my wife and I allocated one to two hours an evening to help him study while we actively coached him. John was not happy about the loss of his free time for play or television. (And we were not happy about our own loss of relaxation time.) We felt that the sacrifice was necessary to make him a good student before he developed bad attitudes or bad habits.

I am happy to report that our study time has made the family closer. John is now doing better in school. He no longer needs a lot of time to complete his studies, and we have not missed the time that we spent with him. Sign me ...

CATCH THEM WHILE THEY'RE YOUNG IN MUNDELEIN, ILL.

DEAR CATCH THEM: You are absolutely right. One cannot expect children with poor study habits to blossom miraculously into scholars without supervision and additional coaching from a caring parent or caretaker. You made an investment in time and patience, and it paid off. Congratulations.



The Pompeii problem team includes in the top photo, back, left, Lindsay Lewis, Suzanne Gattis, Jordan Fruge' and Erik Derr. Front row, Patty Dinges, Arvin Bhatia and Seth Lewis. The transformation problem team includes in the bottom photo, back, left, Dottie Youngblood, Daryl Shook, Kristina Porter and David Dennis. Front row, left, Rachel Laycock, James Thaxton, Candi Terry and Michael Plunk.

Pampa students prepare for Odyssey of the Mind competition in Lubbock, March 2

Fifth grade students involved in the Gifted and Talented program of the Pampa Independent School District, presented their problem solving abilities to the public on Feb. 19 at Austin Elementary School.

These students, which make up two teams from various campuses in the city, are preparing to go to the Odyssey of the Mind competition on the Texas Tech campus, Lubbock, on March 2.

The teams are given a range of problems to choose from. After the problem is chosen, a solution is presented to the judges at the competi-

tion. In preparing the solution, the students must decide how to solve the problem, do research, decide on a solution, and develop a presentation to explain this solution to the judges.

The teams are coached by teacher, Kay Crouch and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Derr and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Plunk.

Acting as judges for the local presentation were Kay Harvey, Fran Kludt, Reba Hanks, Carol Fruge' and Marcella Diller.

One problem chosen involved the ancient city of Pompeii and its

destruction and included information about art and artifacts relating to Pompeii.

The second problem chosen involved creating and presenting a performance that showed the changes or evolutions of something. Four changes must be presented. The team must take photographs or make drawing illustrating each phase of the change.

The top two teams at the regional competition will go on to the state competition in April. First place winner in state will go to the world competition in Nashville, Tenn.

Families less nurturing during recession

NEW YORK (AP) — Families suffer emotional stress during economic hard times such as a recession.

Patricia Voydanoff, director of the Center for the Study of Family Development at the University of Dayton, says a recession can cause depression and anxiety in individuals, and its effects on families are wide-ranging.

"Families need a certain level of income and job security to survive," she says. "Without them, many families separate or even divorce."

Writing in a recent issue of the Journal of Marriage and the Family,

she says economic distress also may create behavior problems among children.

"When stress occurs and parents argue," Voydanoff says, "they become less nurturing and more

inconsistent with their children. Children in economically distressed families are more likely to become ill, develop behavior problems and lower their job expectations."

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26 — College
28 Songlike
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1 Outer covering
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51 Electrical unit
54 External
57 Offer
58 Hawaiian island
60 Heraldic border
61 Wide shoe size
62 Seven deadly —
63 Length unit
64 Dentist's deg.
65 Video-game movie
66 Semi-precious stone

DOWN

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5 Questioning
6 E pluribus —
7 Supporters
8 Flurries of activity
9 By — I
10 Vast expanse
11 Chilly
19 Drivers' org.
23 Cuts
25 Nonsense
26 Pottery item
27 Gravel ridge
29 Adjective ending
30 Beginning
32 Lacy plant
35 Surpass
36 Youth org.
37 Wild sheep
42 Extreme degree
43 Uncle (Sp.)
45 Taunted
46 Vine-covered ending
47 Mosquito genus
49 Politician
Mario —
52 Broadway musical
53 Two words of dismay
55 Singer
Fitzgerald
56 Lively dance
59 Naval abbr.

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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you spend your time and efforts on truly meaningful endeavors today, your feelings of self-worth will be considerably enhanced. If your day isn't productively structured, you'll feel guilty. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to participate in spontaneous, fun diversions today without feeling guilty about it. It's the middle of the work week! Keep in mind, however, moderation in all things is key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your greatest gratification today will come from looking out for the needs of others rather than focusing on your self-interests. A generous mind-set is ennobling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your greatest asset today is your ability to communicate effectively with others. You should do well in writing, selling, promoting or instructing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There are times to be frugal and days when it is OK to splurge within reasonable parameters. You should be able to combine these extremes without detrimental results today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) People with whom you'll be involved today aren't likely to be as effective in leadership situations as you will be. Taking charge of critical developments appears to be inevitable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Much more can be accomplished today by functioning as the power behind the scenes rather than by trying to make your presence felt in the front ranks. Keep a low profile.

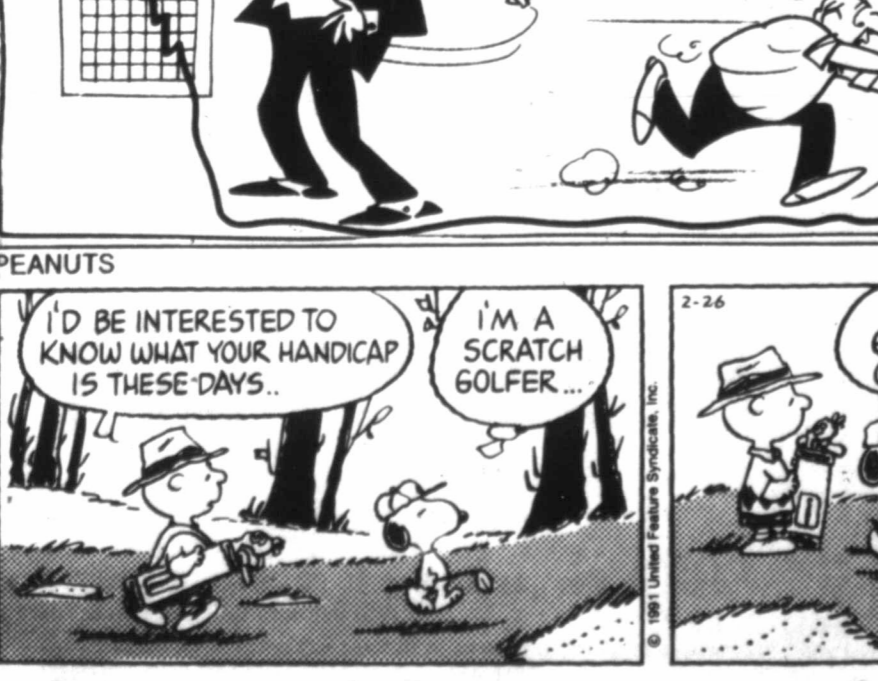
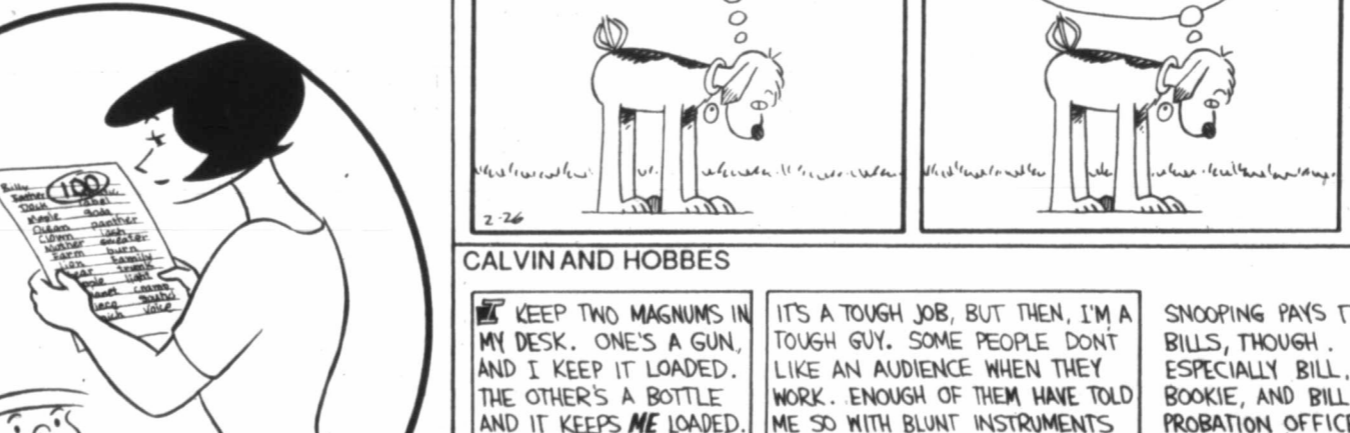
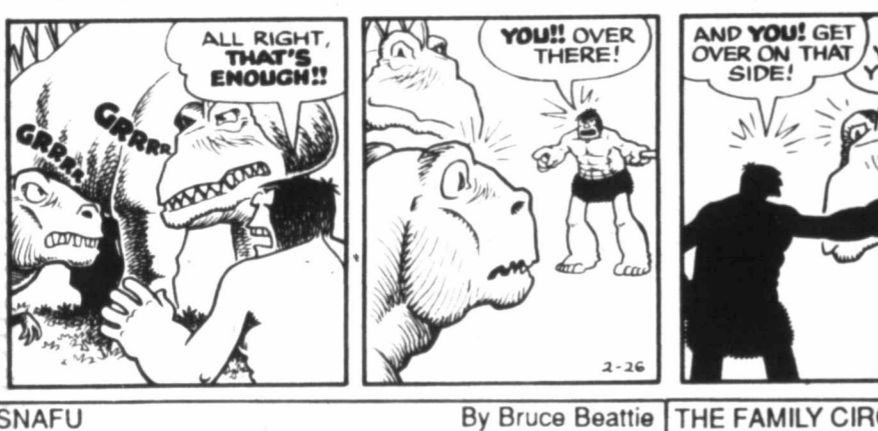
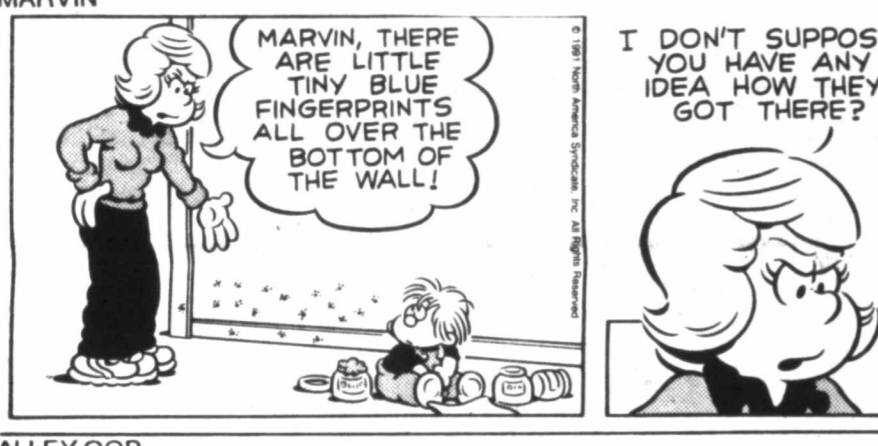
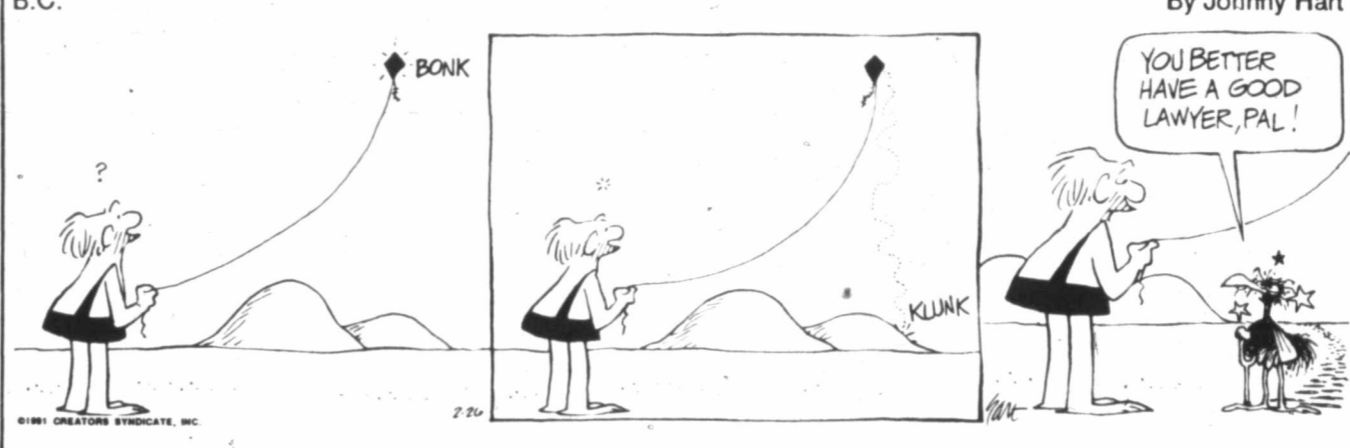
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you realistically strive for objectives, you will remain in a favorable cycle in which hopes and expectations can become realities. Clarify your goals and go after what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) What others perceive you to be is extremely important at this time, especially today. It won't be what you accomplish that counts as much as how you go about doing it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The most important lesson you'll learn today isn't likely to be found in classrooms or books. There are strong indications you might have a personal experience that will prove to be extremely enlightening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your possibilities for reaping material gains from sources other than your usual ones look good today. Listen carefully if a competent associate talks to you about something potentially profitable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Making commitments is something that must be taken seriously today. If you pledge your word to do something, make every effort to follow it through.



Sports

Pep rally skit



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzya)

Pampa residents perform a skit during a community pep rally for the Harvesters' basketball team Monday night in the high school auditorium. The Harvesters play Burk Burnett at 7:45 p.m. tonight at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum in a Class 4A regional semifinal game.

No. 1 UNLV wears down another opponent

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — Larry Johnson's latest deposit to his lottery pick status took just 20 minutes.

The burly and brash UNLV senior scored 18 of his 22 points in the first half Monday night as the No. 1 Runnin Rebels methodically wore down No. 11 New Mexico State 86-74.

The win was the 37th straight for UNLV (26-0, 17-0 in the Big West). The Rebels are one victory away — at Cal State Fullerton next week — from becoming the first team since Indiana State and Alcorn State in 1979 to go undefeated during the regular season.

UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian, who chuckled when asked if there was any way his team could improve, singled out Johnson as a major reason the Runnin Rebels are prohibitive favorites to capture a second straight national title.

"Larry gives us the essence of another guard," said Tarkanian, who used the 6-foot-7, 250-pound Johnson to help break the Aggies' press. But Johnson did his most significant damage underneath. After scoring a layup and turnaround jumper in the opening minute, he intimidated the Aggies with an array of slam dunks that gave UNLV a 46-37 half-time lead.

Anderson Hunt and Stacey Augmon took over from Johnson offensively in the second half as the Rebels repelled every NMSU attempt to rally. Augmon finished with 24 points and 11 rebounds, while Hunt added 19 points, including four 3-pointers.

In other games, No. 17 St. John's beat Georgetown 68-58, No. 19 East Tennessee State defeated VMI 88-76 and No. 25 Virginia downed Towson State 72-49.

New Mexico State (21-4, 13-3) trailed 46-30 with 2:33 left in the first half, but scored the final seven points on a pair of Randy Brown free throws, a 3-pointer by Reggie Jordan and two free throws by William Benjamin.

Brown scored 22 points and Jordan 20 for the Aggies.

A goaltending call on UNLV's George Ackles on Jordan's layup got NMSU within 51-43 with 17:00 left. But the Rebels quickly built it back up to a 13-point advantage (56-43). No. 17 St. John's 68, Georgetown 58

Malik Sealy scored 20 points and St. John's led for the final 30 minutes.

St. John's won despite making only three field goals in the final 14 minutes, including Rob Werdann's 3-point heave at the buzzer. Georgetown's Alonzo Mourning was held to six points and four rebounds.

No. 19 East Tennessee State 88, VMI 76

Keith Jennings scored 19 points as East Tennessee State won at home.

The Buccaneers led 45-35 at halftime and VMI never got closer than six.

No. 25 Virginia 72, Towson State 49

Kenny Turner had 16 points and 10 rebounds as Virginia's Jeff Jones became the second coach in Atlantic Coast Conference history to win 20 games in his first season.

Indians nip Texas Tech

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Arkansas State's Keith Gray made a 3-pointer with 26 seconds left and then hit two free throws with 6 seconds left to secure a 60-59 victory over Texas Tech on Monday night.

Arkansas State, of the American South Conference, improved to 20-7. Texas Tech, a member of the Southwest Conference, fell to 8-21.

Texas Tech attempted to take the final shot trailing 58-56 with 26 seconds left. But Steve Miles could not handle a pass in traffic and the Red Raiders lost the ball out of bounds with 8 seconds to play.

Bryant Moore hit a 3-pointer as time expired to pull Tech within one.

Philip McKeller led Arkansas State with 15 points. Fred Shepherd

had 12 and Tyrone Hall added 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Indians.

Miles' fumble at the end of the game was the only blemish in an outstanding effort as he scored 26 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Miles scored five points in a 7-2 run that gave the Raiders a 56-52 lead with 2:36 left.

But Bobby Gross made a 3-pointer with 1:57 left to draw the Indians within 56-55 and the Raiders went cold, setting up Gray's 3-pointer.

Neither team's offense could get going in the first half as Arkansas State had more turnovers (10) than field goals (6).

The Red Raiders, who turned the ball over seven times in the first half, connected on only 6 of 16 shots from the field or 37 percent and led 22-20 at intermission.



(AP Laserphoto)

Red Raiders' Brad Dale (left) looks to pass around Arkansas State's Dewayne McCray in Monday night's non-conference game.

Meeks hired as Cowboys' assistant coach

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Ron Meeks, 36, who once served as a graduate assistant under Jimmy Johnson at the University of Miami, has been hired as the Dallas Cowboys' defensive assistant special teams coach, it was announced on Monday.

"Ron will be involved in several areas, assisting with the defense and working with the special teams," Johnson said. "He is an outstanding coach, and this move gives him the opportunity to get into professional football."

Meeks was the secondary coach at Fresno State University the last

two seasons.

Meeks, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., played at Arkansas State and spent one season with the New York Giants. He also has playing experience with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, Ottawa Rough Riders, and Toronto Argonauts of the CFL.

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Lady Harvesters win big in year's first track meet

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

The Pampa Lady Harvesters' track team rolled over the opposition in a big-time way in Saturday's Amarillo Invitational.

The Lady Harvesters took command early in the opening meet of the season, collecting 171 points to easily out-distance the rest of the 16-team field.

"It was pretty much determined early in the meet that our girls were going to win. Still, we wanted them to give 110 percent all through the meet," said Pampa girls' coach Mike Lopez.

Tascosa gave Pampa its best competition, but the Rebel girls still finished 59 points behind.

"I felt our girls did an outstanding job considering the windy weather conditions. We had some outstanding times, particularly by some of the freshmen," Lopez said.

Freshman Paige Bass not only won the 3200, but she set a new school record with a 12.29. Elisha Hanks, another freshman, posted a winning time of 16.98 in the 100 low hurdles. Hanks also finished fourth in the 300 intermediate hurdles.

Freshmen Patrice Jackson and Shelly Young competed on the 400,

800 and 1600-meter relay teams. The 400 and 800-meter relay teams came in first while the 1600-meter relay team placed second.

"For the first time out, the freshmen really did a good job. Our upperclassmen did an outstanding job and with their leadership and experience to guide the freshmen, I feel like we're going to win a lot of track meets," Lopez said.

Other members of the relay teams were Christa West, Shanna Molitor, Christie Jones, Michelle Whitson and Bridgett Mathis.

Molitor also won the 100-meter dash (12.85) and Jennifer Bailey high-jumped 5-0 to win that event.

The Lady Harvesters, who placed in 15 events, could possibly have racked up more points had standout hurdler Kelly Winborne not sustained an injury.

Winborne, who placed second in 100 low hurdles, qualified for the finals of the 300 intermediate hurdles, but had to drop out because of a pulled tendon in her stomach area, Lopez said.

The Lady Harvesters compete in the Perryton Invitational Saturday.

"We're going to be working real hard this week so we can perform at our best Saturday. We still have a lot of conditioning to do in order to reach our goals," Lopez said.

Pampa man offers reward for stolen racing pigeons

J.E. Cantrell of Pampa is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the identity of the individual who stole six breeder pigeons from their loft during the weekend.

Cantrell, a longtime member of the Top O' Texas Racing Pigeon Club, said six baby pigeons also froze to death because their mothers weren't there to take care of them.

"I don't think people should be messing with a man's hobby. I'll give birds to people who want to raise them and join our club, but please don't steal them," Cantrell said.

Cantrell said a lot of time and money is invested in raising and training the racing pigeons.

"These type of birds are very valuable and they're very intelligent. They were used as carrier pigeons in the communications area during World War II, and they may still be used by the military,"

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Cantrell said.

Cantrell can be reached at 665-1207 if you have information about the theft.

Football

TORONTO (AP) — The Canada Cup, Hollywood movie projects and rare coins aside, the new owners of the Toronto Argos promise to be heavily involved in promoting their product.

Wayne Gretzky, the NHL's all-time leading scorer; John Candy, on his way to Europe to film a new movie; and Bruce McNall, millionaire coin dealer and owner of the NHL's Los Angeles Kings, promised a packed news conference Monday they will make each Argos game a family oriented event.

"We have to get involved in the community," Candy said. "We have

to get back to when it was exciting to go to a game."

Gretzky, who will make Toronto his temporary home this summer as he prepares for September's Canada Cup hockey tournament, also told the SkyDome gathering he'd do his part in promoting the CFL club.

"When you get involved as financially as I have in this, I'm not just going to leave it be," said Gretzky, who flew in from Winnipeg, Manitoba, after the Kings swept a pair of weekend games from the Jets.

The trio bought the team from Harry Ornest for \$5 million, with McNall taking a 60 percent share and Gretzky and Candy each owning 20 percent.

Ornest purchased the Argos from Carling O'Keefe in 1988, but the brewery retained a 5 percent interest and a 30-day right of first refusal should the club be sold.

NBA standings

By The Associated Press All Times EST				Orlando	17	36	.321	18
EASTERN CONFERENCE				Denver	15	38	.283	20
Atlantic Division				Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	Portland	44	11	.800	—
Boston	40	14	.741	LA Lakers	40	15	.727	4
Philadelphia	30	24	.556	Phoenix	36	18	.667	7 1/2
New York	24	31	.438	Golden State	29	24	.547	14
Washington	22	33	.400	Seattle	25	28	.472	18
New Jersey	17	37	.315	LA Clippers	18	35	.340	25
Miami	16	38	.296	Sacramento	15	38	.283	28
Central Division				Monday's Games				
Chicago	39	14	.736	Atlanta 96, Sacramento 88				
Detroit	37	19	.673	Philadelphia 92, LA Lakers 90				
Milwaukee	34	21	.618	Phoenix 128, Charlotte 108				
Atlanta	31	24	.564	Tuesday's Games				
Indiana	25	28	.472	Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.				
Cleveland	19	36	.345	Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.				
Charlotte	16	38	.296	Indiana at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.				
WESTERN CONFERENCE				Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.				
Midwest Division				Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.				
W	L	Pct.	GB	Boston at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.				
San Antonio	34	17	.667	Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.				
Utah	35	18	.660	Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.				
Houston	31	23	.574	LA Clippers at Seattle, 10 p.m.				
Dallas	20	32	.385	Orlando at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.				
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Doctors stay as busy as players at baseball spring training camps

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

So far, the doctors are just as busy as the players at spring training.

Frank Viola has developed a sore left elbow and an examination has revealed signs of small bone spurs.

"The only thing that concerned me is that I've never had problems at all, especially this early," the New York Mets' 20-game winner said Monday.

Anti-inflammatory medication was prescribed for Viola, and the Mets said he would work out Tuesday at Port St. Lucie, Fla.

"If we felt that a pitcher was seriously hurt,

we wouldn't let him throw," Mets vice president Al Harazin said.

Mark Gubicza, however, has modified his prediction that he'll be set to pitch for Kansas City Royals by opening day.

"I'll be ready, but I don't know what for," said Gubicza, who underwent arthroscopic shoulder surgery last Aug. 2. "If it's going north with the club, that's fine. If it's staying down here for extended spring training, that's fine. But I know I'll be ready to pitch at some level."

Joe Magrane isn't sure when he'll be able to pitch again. He was back in St. Louis on Monday to have his sore left elbow checked.

"You're always concerned when one of your

big people is hurt," Cardinals general manager Dal Maxvill said. "We've had some bad luck in past springs. Joe has been healthy through his career, so hopefully this is nothing serious. But until (the doctor) has a chance to look at him, we'll have our fingers crossed."

The Seattle Mariners are closely watching Mike Schooler, their all-time save leader. He missed the final six weeks last season because of shoulder problems.

"I just started letting it go, that's the main thing," Schooler said after throwing 45 pitches, none of them too hard. "I've been tentative the last couple of weeks, but today it feels like it's supposed to. I can let go and really stretch it."

Cincinnati, though, got an encouraging report about catcher Joe Oliver. He is responding so well to physical therapy for an inflamed shoulder muscle that the Reds could cut his recovery time. Oliver's activity has been limited since the start of camp, when the Reds said his recovery could take two weeks.

The Boston Red Sox got their first look at free agent Danny Darwin, and manager Joe Morgan liked what he saw from the National League ERA champion.

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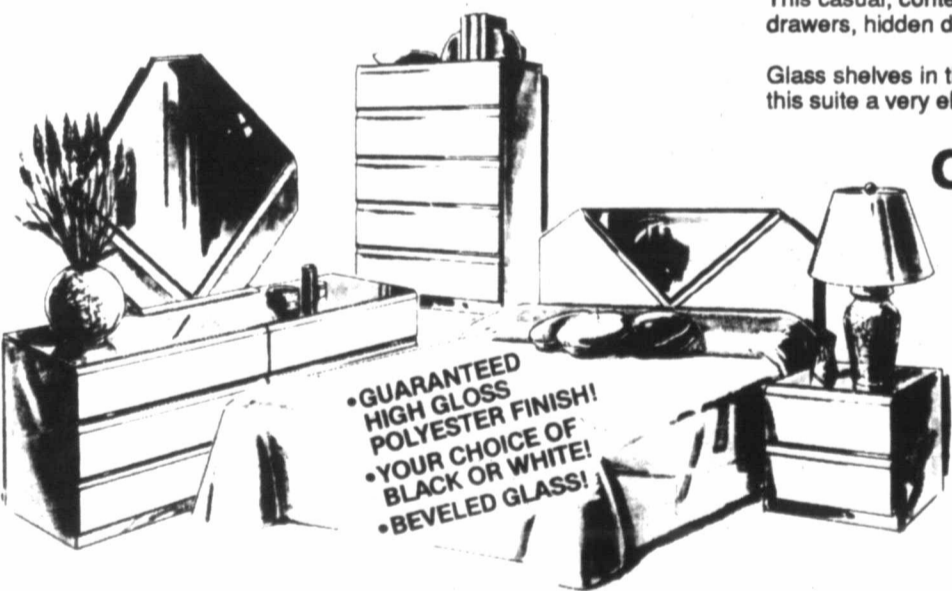


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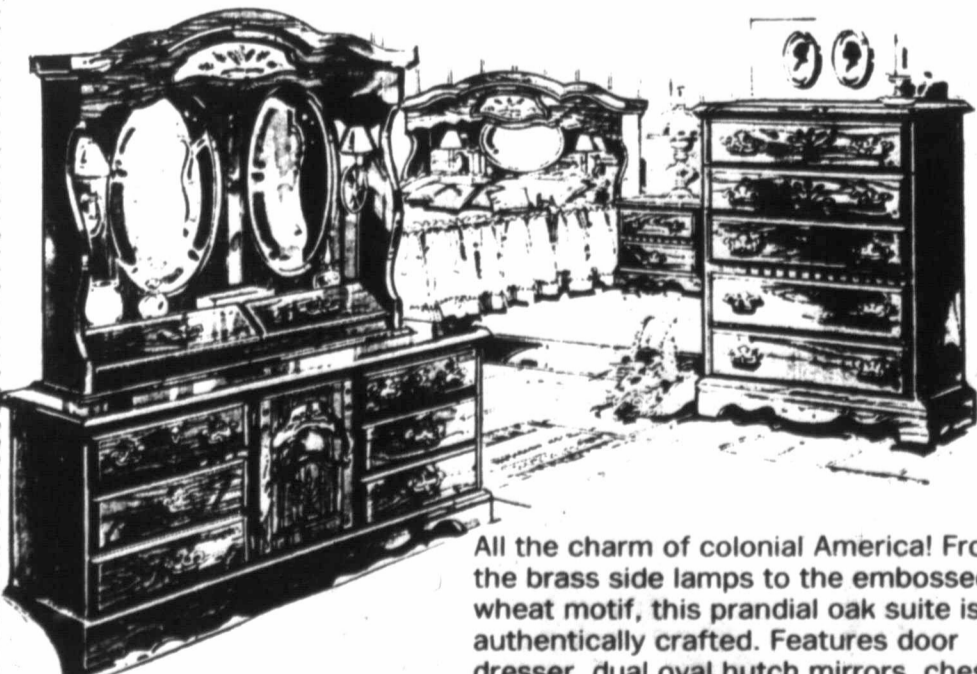


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Softball meetings slated next month

An organizational meeting for the Pampa spring softball leagues is being planned for the first week in March.

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Killgo said area teams will be able to participate in the Open League and a Mixed League will be organized for the spring season.

For more information, contact the Pampa Park and Recreation office.

A slowpitch softball Umpires Association meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 14 in the Gray County Courthouse courtroom.

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Houston schools boast of their own 'kindergarten cop'

By DAVID KAPLAN
Houston Post

HOUSTON (AP) — His colleagues call him "Kindergarten Cop."

Todd Parker may not be a dead ringer for Arnold Schwarzenegger, but he is 6-foot-6, athletic, and, like Schwarzenegger's character in the hit movie, he has begun substituting for small fry.

Parker remembers his first day on the job, about three months ago. The principal at a local elementary school led him to a class of 24 pre-kindergarten students. Parker recalls: "They were all sitting on the carpet. They looked quiet. Sweet." As soon as the principal left, however, "It was like somebody fired off a starter's gun."

Parker has been in rough situations before; he has a second job as a bouncer at a nightclub. This time, he'd met his match. As in Kindergarten Cop, things got hairy. "What happened to him (Schwarzenegger) is pretty much what happened to me. I tried everything, but I could never get control of more than two or three of them. They literally tore the room apart. It was bad, real bad."

Since then, things have gotten easier for Parker. He now enjoys substituting and said he plans to stick with it until something permanent comes along.

Because of the slump in the local economy, more and more Houstonians are considering substitute teaching as a way to make ends meet. Bonnie Collins, Houston Independent School District's director of the substitute teaching office, notes a significant increase in the number of applicants is still rising.

Many new substitutes are between careers, Ms. Collins says: "One has a master's degree from Dartmouth, and another has a master's from Harvard."

Benefits include working when you want, getting off at 3 p.m., and not bringing work home like a regular teacher. Drawbacks: low pay, no benefits and no long-term relationships with students.

Parker, 26, has a banking and finance degree and worked briefly as a stockbroker, but because of bad market conditions, he couldn't find enough clients. Substitute teaching comes in handy while he's looking for a job in the oil business.

"Fifty dollars a day is not a whole lot of money," he says. "I'm giving up some earning potential but gaining flexibility which will pay off for me in the long run."

Since his working day as a substitute ends in midafternoon, Parker has a few hours in the day for interviews, or he can take off an entire day and interview at any time.

Sally Hardy, a Houston mother of four, also enjoys the flexibility. She works three to five days a week, but can make adjustments as needed. "Today I'm painting the bedroom, and I have a sick child."

Ms. Hardy says substitute teaching seems easy when she looks at the workload of regular, full-time teachers: "I don't have the planning and the papers to grade. Instead I come home and do homework with my children, instead of classroom homework."

A regular teacher leaves school at about 4 p.m., whereas a substitute leaves when school lets out, Ms. Hardy says.

HISD's Ms. Collins says she usually has about 600 teacher absences a day; HISD has about 3,000 substi-

tutes in its pool, which is usually enough for its 11,000 full-time teachers. But, Ms. Collins says, "if we get over 700 absences we start running into problems."

HISD hires about 200 new substitutes a month; most substitutes have college degrees, but are not certified to teach. HISD looks for applicants with better than average college grades; some experience with children is preferred, but not required. Most substitutes first attend a 2 1/2-hour orientation program.

The pay scale for substitutes varies: \$60 for retired teachers, \$55 for degreed and certified teachers, \$50 for degreed, but not certified teachers. In most cases, substitutes either teach on the elementary or secondary level, but not both.

Substitute Lynn Law is among the exceptions; he's substituted in elementary, middle and high school, 58 schools in all. Law believes high school substituting is the easiest because students have matured and classes are relatively smaller. Middle school is the hardest, he says.

"It's the most explosive because some students are a bundle of hormones, and the classes are often bigger."

Anyone who's ever had a substitute teacher knows what a student's first response to the news of a substitute might be: Party!

"I grew up believing that myself," Parker says. "I was absolute hell when we had a substitute, if I bothered to show up."

Parker says he's learned how to let the children "know real fast that I don't tolerate a lot of playing around," and he says the day usually turns out productive.

Ms. Hardy says students sometimes become impatient when she doesn't instantly master their routines: "The pledge to the flag comes first, then you call the roll." A substitute is at disadvantage by being in unfamiliar surroundings, Ms. Hardy says: "It's easier to correct a child when you know their name — 'Tommy' as opposed to 'you in the blue shirt.'"

For both schools and substitutes, making connections is sometimes difficult. Parker sometimes wakes up at 5:45 a.m., and by 6 a.m. he's making calls to the HISD office in search of work.

"It's like calling a radio station," Parker says. "It's taken me 40 calls to get through."

To avoid such hassle, many substitutes try to get on the preferred lists of a specific school. If a school has had a positive experience with a substitute, it remains in direct contact. The principal calls the substitute in the evening, and asks if he or she would like to work the following day. Parker is now on the lists of three HISD elementary schools. Many substitutes avoid the HISD office entirely and only work directly with schools close to their homes.

HISD is developing a computerized method of finding substitutes, which is more efficient than the early morning technique. A teacher who is going to be absent calls the HISD computer. The computer then calls up someone from the substitute pool.

If the substitute wants the job, he or she presses a button to signify "yes," and reports to the school. Last spring the computerized system was unveiled for high schools; this fall it was extended to middle schools. Eventually, elementary schools also will get the computer.

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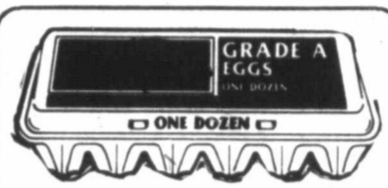
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\$2.49

Mrs. Bairds
Split Top
Whole Wheat
Bread 1 1/2 Lb.
79¢

Shurfine
Margarine
1 Lb. Quarters
3/99¢

Shurfine
Orange Juice
12 Oz. Can
69¢

Shurfine
Pinto Beans
2 Lb. Bag
59¢

Shurfine
Tuna
In Water or Oil
6.5 Oz. Can
2/99¢

Shurfine
Macaroni & Cheese
7.25 Oz. Box
6/99¢

- Shurfine 9 roll Pkg. **BATH TISSUE..... \$1.99**
- Shurfine Jumbo Roll **PAPER TOWELS..... 2/99¢**
- Shurfine 1 Lb. Box **SALTINE CRACKERS..... 59¢**
- Shurfine 3 lb. Can **VEGETABLE SHORTENING..... \$1.79**
- Shurfine Pure 48 Oz. Btl. **VEGETABLE OIL..... \$1.79**
- Shurfine 25 Lb. Bag W/Gravy **DOG FOOD..... \$3.99**
- Shurfine 25 Lb. Bag Chunk **DOG FOOD..... \$3.99**
- Shurfine Gal Jug **LIQUID BLEACH..... 89¢**
- Shurfine 32 Oz. Btl. **KETCHUP..... 89¢**
- Shurfine 5 Lb. Bag **ALL PURPOSE FLOUR..... 69¢**
- Shurfine 20 Oz. Can **APPLE PIE FILLING..... 99¢**
- Shurfine 21 Oz. Can **CHERRY PIE FILLING..... 99¢**
- Shurfine 10.75 Oz. Can **TOMATO SOUP..... 3/99¢**
- Shurfine 250 Ct. Box White **FACIAL TISSUE..... 99¢**
- Shurfine Liquid Green or Lemon **32 OZ. BTL. DISH SOAP..... \$1.29**
- Shurfine 40 Ct. Box. **FABRIC SOFTNER SHEETS..... \$1.59**
- Shurfine 64 Oz. Jug **FABRIC SOFTNER RINSE..... \$1.09**
- Shurfine 4 lb. Bag Dry **CAT FOOD..... \$1.69**
- Shurfine 100 Ct. **COFFEE FILTERS..... 2/99¢**
- Shurfine 12 Oz. Can **EVAPORATED MILK..... 2/99¢**
- Shurfine 100 Ct. Box **TEA BAGS..... \$1.99**
- Shurfine 24 Oz. Squeeze Btl. **CHOCOLATE SYRUP..... \$1.29**
- Shurfine 15 Oz. Can White or Golden **HOMINY..... 3/99¢**
- Shurfine Reg. or Italian 16 Oz. Can **STEWED TOMATOES..... 59¢**

Shurfine
SODA POP
2 Ltr. Btl.
Cola, Root Beer, Grape
Orange & Strawberry
69¢

Shurfine
Crushed, Slices or Chunk
20 Oz. Can
Pineapple..... 79¢
16 Oz. Can Regular
Fruit Cocktail..... 79¢
Sliced or Halves 16 oz. Can
Yellow Cling Peaches..... 79¢
16 Oz. Can Reg.
Bartlett Pears..... 79¢

Shurfine
10.75 Oz. Cans
•Vegetable Soup
•Vegetarian Veg. Soup
•Chicken w/Rice Soup
2/99¢
•Chicken Noodle Soup
2/89¢

Shurfine **DAIRY**
BM or HS 10 Ct. Can
Biscuits..... 6/99¢
12 oz. Package Sliced Cheese
American..... \$1.49
10 Oz. Pkg. 1/2 Moon
Colby or Cheddar Cheese..... \$1.59
9.5 Oz. Can
Cinnamon Rolls..... \$1.39

Shurfine 17 Oz. Can **SWEET PEAS..... 2/99¢**
Shurfine 16 oz. Can Diced **TOMATOES..... 2/99¢**
Shurfine 16 Oz. Can Whole **PEELED TOMATOES..... 2/99¢**
Shurfine 16 oz. Can Fancy **MIXED VEGETABLES..... 2/99¢**

Shurfine
15 oz. Cans
Ration Dog Food
Beef, Liver Or Chicken
5/99¢

Shurfine
7 Oz. Bag
Potato Chips
Reg, Waves or BBQ
79¢

MEAT MARKET SPECIALS

Slab Sliced **BACON Lb..... \$1.49** Lean **BEEF CUTLETS Lb..... \$2.69**
Lean Boneless **CHUCK ROAST Lb..... \$2.29** Country Style Back **BONE & RIBS Lb..... \$1.98**
Market Made **SAUSAGE Lb..... \$1.89** Center Cut **PORK CHOPS Lb..... \$2.29**

FROZEN FOODS

Shurfine 4 Ear Pkg.
Corn On The Cob \$1.39
Shurfine WK 16 oz. Bag
Golden Corn 99¢
Shurfine 16 oz. Bag
Cut Broccoli 99¢

PRODUCE

All Purpose 15 Lb Bag
Russet Potatoes \$1.29
1 lb. Bag Cello
Crisp Carrots 3/\$1.00
Extra Fancy Red
Delicious Apples 69¢ Lb.

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Dr. Buxton is a 1990 graduate of Texas A and M University and a native of Borger. She is especially interested in small animal medicine and surgery.

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