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Water official files objections to PCB dump

GRUVER - An official of the North Plains Water District told Citizens Against Poisonous Pollutants Monday he has written a resolution objecting to any type of waste dumping in Hansford County.

Orval Allen told CAPP executive committee members and concerned residents from Gruver, Spearman and Guymon that he already has written to the Texas Railroad Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas State Water Commission. He said he has been assured by the State Water Commission and the

Railroad Commission that they would go along with his resolution.

ANR Pipeline Co., a subsidiary of American Natural Resources Co. of Detroit, Mich., filed an application last month with the EPA to build a 2.5-acre dump site for polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) wastes near Gruver.

CAPP is an organization formed by concerned citizens over the proposed toxic waste dump.

"We're opposed to the trucking in of toxic waste and a waste dump," said Melyn Johnson, secretary of CAPP. "For one thing it's

such a prime agricultural area. It'll hurt our surface water and the Ogallala Aquifer."

Texas County of the Oklahoma Panhandle and Hansford County are prime agricultural areas, CAPP officials said.

Texas County, one-half mile north of the proposed dump site, is ranked first in Oklahoma for production in grain sorghum, corn and cattle numbers, and Hansford County had \$111,285,000 estimated cash receipts for agriculture in 1985, CAPP officials said, adding that the county is ranked second in Tex-

as in wheat production.

"Something brought up (at the meeting) by Mr. Allen is that ANR has never had one of these dumps before," Johnson said. "It will leak into our surface water, which will go into Coldwater Creek and Optima Lake."

The above-ground facility would be licensed to hold 20,000 cubic yards of PCB-contaminated soil and other solids, which would have a PCB concentration of less than 500 parts per million, according to the ANR application.

If approved, the facility could

begin to take wastes sometime next spring. Wastes would be transported to the Panhandle by trucks.

PCBs are toxic chemicals known to cause cancer, liver disease, skin lesions, reproductive failures and gastric disorders.

The manufacture of PCBs has been prohibited since 1979, said Karen Brown of the regional EPA office in Dallas. But the chemical is still prevalent because of its use in lubricants and insulating fluids.

ANR spokesman Mike Brogan said that until 1973 the company used a fire-retardant lubricant that

contained PCBs at its compressor stations along the ANR natural gas pipeline.

Some of the compressor lubricant leaked into retention ponds at the compressor station, contaminating the soil underneath, he said.

The chemical apparently did not move from those ponds, he said. But ANR began moving the contaminated soil to a commercial disposal facility in the Midwest until it was shut down. The company has been looking for a permanent place

to dispose of the PCBs since then.

A consulting firm recommended Hansford County as a proper site because the water table is nearly 300 feet deep, and the soil lacks moisture and permeability.

The proposed facility would have diked walls 11 feet high and 23 feet thick, Brogan said. The inside would be lined with clay and plastic.

Another ANR spokesman, Joe Martucci, said the project would cost about \$300,000 and that ANR likely would hire a local contractor for the construction.

The wastes would come from 10 to 16 sites in Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kansas and Texas.

CAPP is planning another meeting, as yet unscheduled, for Guymon, to which the ANR will be invited, Johnson said. The proposal for the site will go before the EPA in Dallas sometime in February.

WEATHER

DATE	HI	LO
Dec. 23	60	30
Dec. 24	47	29
Dec. 25	46	19
Dec. 26	58	29

There wasn't any prec. during this period.

HOSPITAL

Patients in Hansford Hospital are Howard Hartsell, Mary Latham, Elvia Huerta, Nova Lee Walker, Margarito Jenkins, Bruce Bailey and Vera James.

Dismissed were Aubie Sparks, Pam Stumpf, Verna Shirley, Charles Davis, Teresa Hartman & son, Cathy Hamilton, Anthony Peters, Martin Lopez, Jody Robinson, Mattie Dyer and Willie Vera.

GUYMON DAILY HERALD

ANR reaches no decision on meetings or resolution

A.N.R. Pipeline Co., a subsidiary of Coastal Corp., has made no decision as yet about further meetings to discuss a hazardous waste disposal site or whether to withdraw its proposal for the facility.

Dale Malzahn, head of environmental health and safety for A.N.R., said Monday he did not expect a decision about further meetings or a reaction on the Hansford County Commissioners' resolution until after the holidays.

"I think there was a positive aspect gained from the meeting," said Malzahn. "Both sides benefited from the exchange of information. We know each other better and have set up a line of communication."

Malzahn explained the proposed disposal facility more fully. He said A.N.R. planned the project in four phases. One phase would be completed each year for four years. The entire project involves the cleanup of 16 sites.

During a period of about three months each year, four sites would be scheduled for removal of PCB-contaminated soil. Each site would be completed before another clean-up operation would begin.

After each site is cleaned, the PCB soil will be transported to the Edgar G. Hill station in Hansford County and deposited in a three sided disposal pit. In between deposits from A.N.R. stations

a layer of top soil, three or four inches thick, would be spread over the waste.

Malzahn affirmed there would be no danger of the soil blowing. "It will be like a rock," he stated.

When the waste is removed from all four sites, a plastic top would seal the disposal pit.

"It wouldn't be feasible for each site to dispose of its own PCB waste," he explained. "Some sites have ground water only three or four inches deep and we would be unable to make certain there would be no leakage."

The waste disposal area in Hansford County will have a clay liner made up of soil from the dike area. Then a 1/2-inch plastic liner will be put on top of the clay to make it doubly safe.

"We can't be too technical as yet since the EPA has not even rendered a tentative decision," explained Malzahn. "They have to agree on specifications. According to EPA requirements, the clay liner might have been enough protection. The company wanted to make certain of protection and added the plastic liner."

Malzahn feels as if the company shouldn't be considered the heavy in this case. "We feel as if A.N.R. is a victim," he said.

In 1973, A.N.R. discovered the fire retardant lubrication used in the company's air compressors contained PCBs and discontinued its use.

In 1983 Malzahn said the company discovered there was PCB residue in the water run-off when the air coolers were drained. The residue drained into a retention pond at each site.

The company began a clean-up operation and continued it through 1985. The PCB residue from the clean-up operation was deposited in a commercial hazardous waste site.

"The company decided to be a leader by cleaning up all the sites," said Malzahn. "It could have become an issue and the company decided to eliminate it before it became a problem."

PCB waste needed to be eliminated from 30 sites. The company has cleaned 14, depositing the waste at commercial landfills. Last year the company ran into a problem. More and more of the landfills were closed and there was no place to deposit the waste.

The solution was to build A.N.R.'s own monofill waste site.

"We looked at every other solution. We evaluated everything

We are very sorry for having allowed Don Shreader Jr.'s name along instead of Don it is an error and we are four granddads here instead of three.

and took into consideration chemical treatment and incineration. However, neither solution seemed to meet our needs," explained Malzahn.

Company officials met with the EPA in June and the EPA asked for field testing. The proposal was submitted to the regional EPA office in Dallas in November. Now the company awaits the tentative decision.

"It is the law that the EPA hold a 30 day comment period after the tentative affirmation of the proposal," Malzahn said. "Then it will make a final decision about the waste site."

"The PCB issue has been blown all out of proportion," he added. "Environmental groups are backing off of it. The risk involved is not that great according to EPA standards."

CAPP (Citizens Against Poisonous Pollutants), an organization formed by residents of the Panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma, is asking concerned citizens to write to the USEPA, Jim Sales, 1201 Elm St., 28th Floor, Dallas, Tex. 75270.

The committee's prime concerns are high winds in the Panhandle, which could transport the PCBs to grazing or farm land, and unsafe road conditions that could cause problems with the transportation of toxic wastes.

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Come to a New Year's Eve party to at the County Barn from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Their will be door prizes to be given away and anyone wanting to contribute or give a donation, please contact Judith Schaefer at 2808 or 2468.
Admission is \$5.00 for single and \$8.00 a couple. All are welcome and especially all High School and College age.

Citizens Against Poisonous Pollutants!

To our Senators and Representatives:
Hansford County, Texas residents and Texas County, Oklahoma residents are very concerned about the proposed E.G. Hill toxic waste dump.
The citizens are rallying together and we have formed an organization we call CAPP (Citizens against Poisonous Pollutants). The people have many questions. Among them are:
1. How well were the plastic

liners of the proposed dump tested? We have very little faith in a plastic. The weather we believe, will dry it out and crack it, the prairie dogs will use it for dessert, and many other considerations have come to our minds.
2. When this hazardous material leaks into the surface sand and water, 20-80 feet down, how long until many windmills and then cattle are contaminated? Also, how long until it flows to Coldwater Creek and then on to Optima

Lake, only to ruin many peoples drinking water, not only local water, recreation, and the wildlife. Water is so precious here.
3. We are worried about our Ogallala Aquifer. That is something that should not be trifled with, it would affect so many people so many dangerous ways.
4. It is planned to haul dry dirt in by truck. The dirt will then be dumped and using a front end loader moved into the toxic dome. Of course, driv-

ing on the bottom plastic layers as they put this in the dome. With our constant winds, the unloading and loading plus any spills these 800 truck loads of toxic waste will have, we are troubled about all the material that will be in our air. Were one of our 70 mile an hour winds come up at an unopportune time some would be very scared of possible consequences.
5. Texas and Hansford County are prime agriculture areas.

Texas County, Oklahoma is situated half a mile north of the proposed dump site. Texas County is ranked first in the State of Oklahoma for production in grain sorghum, corn, and cattle number, their wheat production is ranked in the top 5. In fact, Texas County produces more corn than the rest of the state combined.
Hansford County, Texas had \$111,285,000 estimate cash receipts for 1985 in agriculture. They are ranked 1st in

state of Texas in wheat production.
6. Since ANR, those who have filed for the permit for this toxic waste dump, with the EPA has never owned or operated a facility of this kind we are distressed. Are they the ones who monitor and test all this PCB (polychlorinated biphenyls) that is coming into our community and later years also.
Sincerely,
Melyn Johnson
CAPP Secretary

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The Gruver PTA would like to thank Mr. Burgoon and the Elementary staff for opening their doors for "A Christmas Walk-Thru" last Thursday evening. It was a real "Christmas Spirit boost to get to see all that the elementary students had been working on for the holiday season.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Guymon Elks Supper Club is open to the public. Our hours are Wednesday-Thursday 3-0 p.m., Friday-Saturday 6-10:30 p.m. We have a prime rib special every Friday. 51-rtn

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ON THE GO WITH JOY

Well, I just spent an hour searching my files for some articles about New Year's resolutions and as I laid them aside so I could do another chore, A.T. said "Did you write them yet?" Keen observation that kid has. Anyhow, this year I'm breeding tradition and making resolutions but I'm disguising them with a different word "GOALS".

Have you noticed that the "new" techniques for making goals and resolutions state "Write them down." Now just in case that method words out, I'm going to write them down. You can ask me a year from now if it worked and if I accomplished anything or not.

Here are some resolutions that most of us can benefit from:

- 1 Never tell funny stories about your children unless you are certain you would be amused if everyone else told you bunny stories about their children. (That pertains to grandparents also).
- 2 Never try to start a long conversation with somebody who obviously is busy or in a hurry.
- 3 Never talk to yourself in the middle of talking to others (lets see: was it really last August? Maybe it was the first week...er...that was when Aunt M...visiting.
- 4 Never describe the plot of a film or book hasn't seen or read.
- 5 Never apologize for something you're really proud of (I don't know anything about...but...)

6 Above all, never forget that other people also prefer talking to listening. Give them a turn.

Speaking of New Years, here is some good advice for 1986. "Wash what is dirty. Water what is dry. Heal what is wounded. Warm what is cold. Guide what goes off the road. Love people who are least lovable because they need it most."

I'll close with one last "Holiday Recipe"

- 4 cups of Love
- 5 spoons of Hope
- 2 Cups of Charity
- 4 quarts of Faith
- 3 Cups of Kindness
- 1 Cup of Patience
- 2 Spoons of Tenderness
- 1 Barrel of Joy

Mix Love and Loyalty. Mix it thoroughly with Faith. Blend it with Tenderness, Kindness and Understanding. Sprinkle abundantly with Laughter. Bake it with Sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings. Combine with these wise words for icing on the cake. "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us. That it's hard to tell which of us, ought to reform the rest of us."

Try this holiday recipe and see for yourself what a difference it makes in your life. There are so many in our community and world that need our prayers and friendship. Let's make 1986 a year for extending ourselves to those who need a helping hand.

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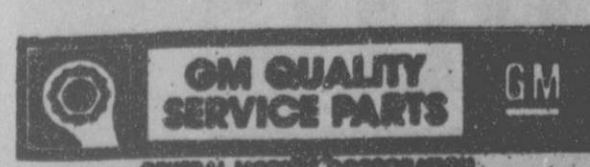
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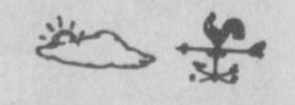
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THE Know Weather



What are the official flag and pennant warnings for threatening weather used by the Weather Bureau?

A red pennant means moderately strong winds expected. A red pennant above a square red flag with black center means storm expected from the northeast. A red pennant below the same square flag means southeast storm expected.

A white pennant below the same square flag indicates imminence of a storm with initial winds from the southwest. The white pennant above the same flag means northwest storm is expected.

The most ominous of all the warnings is the two square flags, red with black centers, which indicate the approach of a hurricane. At night the warning is two red lanterns with a white lantern in between.

MORE OF SAME

MOSCOW -- Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev used his first domestic speech since his summit meeting in Geneva with President Reagan to renew a sharp attack on Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, which Gorbachev described as "the main obstacle to agreement on arms control."

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THURSDAY
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Tossed Salad
Applesauce, Homemade Bread
Milk

FRIDAY
Chili Dogs w/ Cheese
French Fries
Fruit Cookies
Milk

NIGHT LIFT OFF

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. -- Shuttle Atlantis put on a dazzling light show and streaked like an orange comet into orbit recently to launch three satellites and test techniques to build the skeletal frames of a permanent base in space.

NO WAY!

VATICAN CITY -- Four leading U.S. churchmen dismissed as unrealistic suggestions by Austrian, Japanese and Canadian prelates that a way be found to allow divorced and remarried Roman Catholics to receive communion.

MORE TRAINING

The Transportation Department has awarded a \$1.8 million contract for a training program to help pilots detect and cope with wind shear, the sudden wind change believed to have caused several recent airplane crashes.

WORD of GOD

Seek the Lord

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Isaiah 55:6

Alpha Mu Psi meets

The country home of Kelly Armes was the scene for Alpha Mu Psi's Christmas party on December 17th. Glenna Hunt, president, conducted the business meeting. Kelly Armes, ways-and-means chairman, gave a report about the Pheasant Hunter's breakfast and gun raffle which was held on Saturday, December 14th.

Thank you to all the members of the community who made this annual event a success. Without the cooperation of the citizens of Gruver, we would not be able to raise money to help with community projects. Kelly also handed out tickets for two beautiful brass trunks which Jim

visit would be December 19th at the bank from 3-4:30. Members plan to travel to the Hansford Manor in Spearman later that evening to visit the residents and sing carols.

The proposed PCB dump in Hansford County was discussed. After the business meeting members opened Christmas presents

from their secret sisters, played games, sang carols, and ate delicious refreshments.

Angela Grotegut won the hostess gift. Members present were the hostess, Kelly Armes, Nancy Koons, Pam Harns, Tracy Beville, Marsha Lowe, Ginny Grotegut, Jody Irwin,

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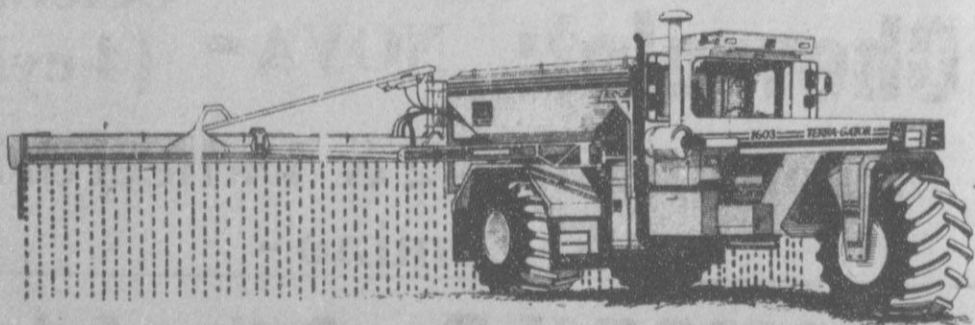


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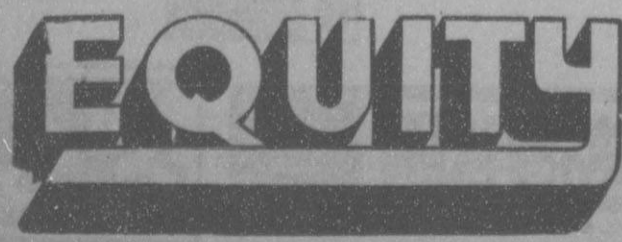


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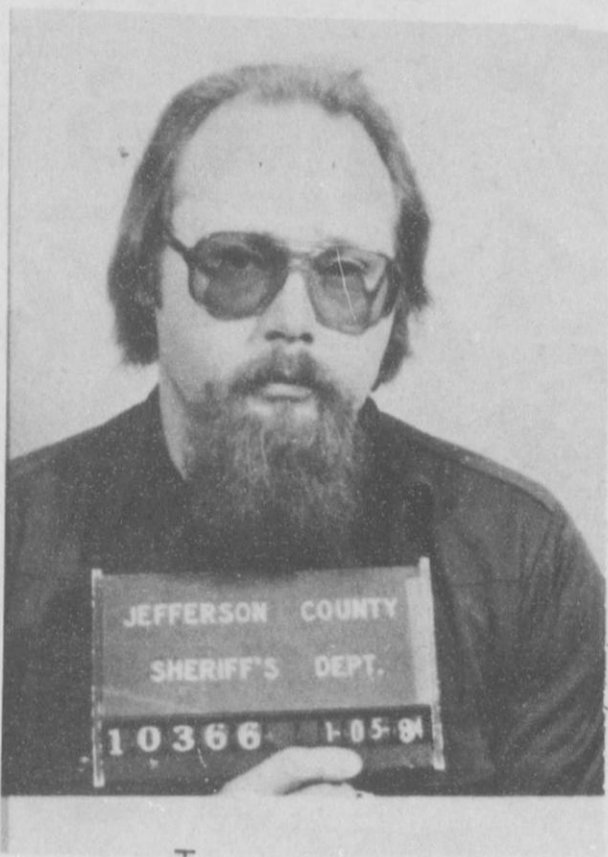


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CRIME STOPPERS



PORT ARTHUR, Texas -- Russell Edward Turner has a tattoo of the "Grim Reaper" on his right shoulder.

The tattoo was a grisly portent of the violent twist that Turner's life has taken in the past year and a half.

Jefferson County law enforcement authorities say Turner, 33, is wanted on warrants charging him with the September 21, 1984, murder of Jewel Savoy, Jr., of Port Arthur.

Investigators say Turner apparently discovered Savoy with Turner's wife inside their Port Arthur residence and allegedly chased the victim down the street, repeatedly stabbing him. Savoy eventually died from more than two dozen stab wounds.

Turner was arrested the same night and posted bond and was released from jail. But on April 29, 1985, a warrant was issued for Turner's arrest when he failed to appear for a court hearing.

Then on July 4, 1985, the fugitive's eight-year-old daughter Angie Marie Turner disappeared. Investigators believe the youngster is with her father.

A spokesman for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department said Turner is a known associate of the Bandido Motorcycle Gang and might be in the company of some of the gang members.

Officers have checked out a number of possible sightings of their elusive fugitive, including locations in Houston, Vidor, Port Arthur, Lafayette, Louisiana and Randalett, Oklahoma, but have come up repeatedly empty-handed.

Turner, who was born in Dotesdale, England, to American parents, is described as a white male, 6-1, 235 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. He has a number of tattoos in addition to the "Grim Reaper" on his right shoulder -- a one-inch long cross on his left shoulder and a dollar sign about an inch long on the right palm near the meaty area below the thumb.

Acquaintances have told investigators that Turner is addicted to Mandrax, a synthetic sedative similar to Quaalude, and needs about one to two dozen tablets a day.

Turner is believed to be accompanied by his daughter, Angie Marie, a white female, with dark brown hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion.

Officials say Turner is known to carry weapons and should be considered armed and dangerous. He has worked in the past as a welder and mechanic.

This week Turner has been added to the Texas Most Wanted list. A \$1,000 reward is being offered by the Governor's Office for information leading to the fugitive's capture.

Anyone who might have information concerning Turner's whereabouts is asked to call the Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council toll-free at 1-800-252-8477 or their local Crime Stoppers program.

In all cases, callers do not have to reveal their identities.

Texas Most Wanted is a cooperative program between the Department of Public Safety and the 130 Crime Stoppers programs in the state.

As of December 23, 1985, the Department of Public Safety reported that Russell Edward Turner is wanted on the following warrant:

Murder -- Jefferson County



TO PLUG LEAKS
A high-level Pentagon commission, seeking to plug leaks in the government's security system, has recommended rewards for informants who report spies and an expanded use of lie-detector examinations, briefcase searches and background investigations at both military and civilian defense installations.

NEW ATLAS
The National Geographic Society's Atlas of North America, unveiled its new book containing looks at the continent from space and presents a stunning portrait. The books are being sold for \$29.95 or \$39.95 for the deluxe issue, which comes with a magnifier.



CONSUMER ALERT

by **Jim Mattox**
Attorney General

Looking for a job is hard work. Sometimes it's very discouraging when you can't find the position you want or the amount of income you need to make ends meet. Job hunters sometimes turn to employment agencies to help them find that elusive golden opportunity. If you are a job seeker thinking about going to an employment agency, you should first check out that agency with your local Better Business Bureau and the nearest branch of the Attorney General's Office.

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Employment services are not allowed to charge the prospective employee a fee "up-front," that is, before finding the person a job. It is also illegal for a personnel service to make any false statements or misrepresentations to job applicants or to refer applicants for employment where no job vacancy exists.

HOW THE SCAM WORKS

My Consumer Protection attorneys tell me that there are businesses that prey on the unemployed, taking money from those who are already pinched for cash with the promise of a "guaranteed" job in a short period of time. After the company has the job seeker's money, it turns out that the only jobs available are those anyone could find through the classified ads in their local newspaper. This kind of job referral service is a disservice to both the prospective employee and to businesses looking for employees. We have filed suit and recovered money for some consumers who have been taken in by phony employment agencies.

FOR MORE HELP

If you or your business needs more help or information on this or other consumer problems, contact your nearest Attorney General Consumer Protection Office (in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen and San Antonio). The Attorney General's Office is the people's law firm. We're here to help you.

ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was named Notre Dame's new football coach?
2. What was the score of the first Chicago Bears defeat this season?
3. Fuzzy Zoeller is known in what sport?
4. Alex English plays pro basketball for what team?
5. Who led the NL in scoring in 1977?

Answers to Sports Quiz

1. Lou Holtz.
2. Miami Dolphins 38, Chicago Bears 24.
3. Golf.
4. Denver Nuggets.
5. Walter Payton, Chicago.

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WHOOPING CRANES ARE WONDERFUL WINTER SIGHTS

It is a miracle there are whooping cranes still alive. In 1941, only fifteen whooping cranes remained in the wild. From the brink of extinction, the birds began to make a comeback.

Although the number of "whoopers" has multiplied more than six times since 1941, there are only 94 whooping cranes in the wild. All 94 have migrated to the Port Aransas Wildlife Refuge, just north of Rockport, Texas, for the 1986 winter season.

One of the contributing reasons for the decline of the cranes is their migratory flight. Whooping cranes summer in Wood Buffalo National Park in Alberta, Canada. In early November, when heavy northwest winds rake that section of the northlands, the whoopers with brand new chicks, take to the air. Their flyway through midwestern America takes them 2,500 miles before they reach their asylum at the Port Aransas Wildlife Refuge. Enroute they must locate lake beds and irrigated grain fields for food, and dodge power lines, fences and aircraft.

One look at the Port Aransas Wildlife Refuge and you know this is prime animal land. The refuge harbors coyotes, javelina, wild turkeys, raccoons, alligators and lots of deer. But it is the birdlife that makes the sanctuary unique. Over 300 types of birds call the refuge home including herons, cranes, gulls, white and brown pelicans,

geese, ducks, hawks, Roseate Spoonbills, and American Oystercatchers.

While the refuge itself provides good opportunities to view much of the wildlife, the best way to view the birdlife, and the whoopers, is aboard the *M.V. Whooping Crane*. The 65-foot boat follows the Intercoastal Waterway that borders that refuge and offers spectacular close-ups of the whooping cranes for "birders," photographers and nature lovers. There is an open observation deck on top and, if things get a bit too cold, a heated cabin below. The large cabin has a good galley, complete with coffee, hot chocolate, sodas, sandwiches, and snacks.

The trip is interesting and memorable. The skipper is Captain "Ted" Appel, an understudy to Captain "Brownie" Browne who began the tour operation. Like his mentor, Captain Ted's dedication to the whooping cranes is evident from the start. He is very knowledgeable about all the birds along the coast, spotting and identifying them very quickly, and is an expert on the whooping cranes. His commentary along the way is humorous, yet educational.

It is amazing how close Captain Ted can get the *Whooping Crane* to the endangered birds. With each pair of birds claiming a very specific territory and the boat passing them everyday, the birds get very predictable.

"A family of four usually shows up about now so I'll just put her

ashore here and we'll see if they'll come," Captain Ted announces over the loud speaker. Within five minutes two adults and two immature whooping cranes are wading right next to the boat.

Whooping cranes, reaching heights of five feet, are the tallest North American bird. Their red face, white body and black wing tips easily differentiate them from other cranes. It is not only fitting that such a stately bird is making a valiant comeback from near extinction, but also that they are so easily seen from the *M.V. Whooping Crane*.

The whooping crane flock has gained eight new chicks since last year. Although their future is not yet guaranteed, their increase in numbers can be taken as a good omen. Naturalist William Bebe perhaps said it best: "When the last being of a race of living things breathes no more, another heaven and earth must pass before such a one can live again."

The *M.V. Whooping Crane* leaves the Sea Gun Sports Inn, nine miles north of Rockport on Hwy. 35, every morning Tuesday through Sunday. Boarding time is 7:30 a.m. for the 8:00 a.m. trip. The trip lasts four hours. The Sea Gun Sports Inn has hotel rooms, a good restaurant and a souvenir shop. Reservations are recommended. Write Sea Gun Marina, Star Route 1, Box 85, Rockport, TX 78382 or call 512/729-2341.

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SBA has openings

The Small Business Center at West Texas State University has openings for ten to fifteen consultation projects to be conducted during the Spring semester. The majority of the Center's management consultation is funded by the SBA through its Small Business Institute. The Center conducts feasibility studies, marketing studies, and industry analyses; it develops recordkeeping systems and designs or refines office management techniques. The consulting projects that are generated in the Center also cover many variations of these general topics. SPB consultation projects run the length of a regular semester and are provided at no cost to the business owner or manager requesting the project.

If you are interested in starting a

new business or improving your current business operations, contact Bob Worthington or Glenna Martinez at 659-3897 or 659-2431.

FIRST LADIES

GENEVA -- Nancy Reagan and Raisa Gorbachev lingered over a pot of tea, swapped invitations to visit each other's homelands and voiced hopes their husbands will discover "a better understanding" in their summit talks.

JOHN PAUL'S AUTHORITY

VATICAN CITY -- Pope John Paul II recently convened a meeting of cardinals on reforming the Catholic Church government with a warning against any "aberrant" challenge to his papal powers.



The first licensed woman pilot was Baroness Raymonde de la Roche of France. She received her pilot's license in 1910.

Volunteer conference

The Governor's Office of Community Leadership will sponsor the 1986 Texas Volunteer Conference on April 7-8 at the Hyatt Hotel in Austin.

Gay Erwin, director of the Office of Community Leadership, said the program is designed to assist both volunteers and professional administrators of volunteer programs from both the public and private sectors.

Texas First Lady Linda Gale White will present awards to outstanding volunteers selected from nominees from across Texas representing varied field of interest.

Workshop topics will include Creative Fundraising, Community Service Restitution Volunteers, Professional Certification for Paid Administrators, Corporate Volunteers, Legal Liabilities, Burnout/Stress Management, Evaluation of Volunteer Programs, Working with Boards, Marketing Your Pro-

gram, and Special Needs of Rural Volunteer Programs.

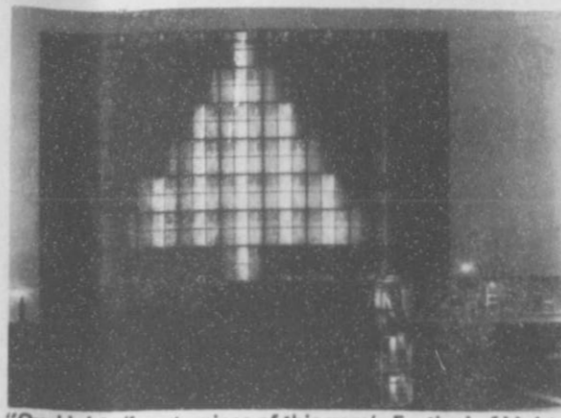
Several new, innovative volunteer programs will also be presented.

Official forms to nominate volunteers for awards will be available January 15 through the

Governor's Office of Community Leadership with a return deadline of March 1, 1986. Registration forms for the conference will be available in February with a March 24, 1986, registration deadline.

Several state agencies and many private organizations will co-sponsor the conference. For more information, contact Gay Erwin, Governor's Office of Community Leadership, (512) 463-1782.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



"OxyLights," centerpiece of this year's Festival of Lights in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

During all of 1986, people may be remembering a dazzling light display that's proving to be a popular addition to the spectacular views of the Niagara Falls, N.Y., area.

"OxyLights," the centerpiece of the 1985-86 Festival of Lights in Niagara Falls, is a computerized color palette of nearly 1600 multi-colored bulbs forming a dynamic, eye-catching display. This dazzling display of artistic sounds and images on the south side of the nine-story Occidental Chemical Center office building is a unique art form combining music—classical to contemporary—with the world's largest computerized light synthesizer, and is a gift from Occidental Chemical Corporation to the people of the Niagara Falls, N.Y., area.

track of the various musical compositions and stores them. It's possible for the system to contain musical pieces ranging from ten minutes to several hours.

Aside from the music, "OxyLights," features intriguing patterns, animation and pictograms, and multi-colored designs. A highly flexible system, the computer-generated light patterns have the capacity to shape everything from colorful cloud bursts to fireworks-in-the-sky images. An estimated 875 images—ranging the gamut from a Christ-



This sparkling attraction may best be seen from the Rainbow Mall west, between the Wintergarden, the area's horticultural showpiece and the Prospect Park entrance close to the American Falls.

mas tree and the "I Love New York" symbol to abstract patterns—will be adding an impressive dimension to the downtown Niagara Falls scene.



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TV COMMENTARY

By Bente Christensen

NBC is producing a film that could be the pilot for a new series and it seems to be an effort to portray the spirit of former Senator Sam Erwin (N.C.).

ANDY Griffith, himself a Carolinian, plays the lead role as a down-home country attorney (which Senator Sam always said he was), defending clients.

THE name of the film and maybe a series is "Matlock" and Griffith will be the sly fox often underestimated. Senator Erwin, of course, was the chairman of the Senate committee which investigated former President Nixon.

USA network is bringing back Dick Cavett, as a talk show host; formerly seen on ABC. Cavett is known for a quick wit and good sense of humor—if not exactly the personification of a he-man.

CBS continues cutting costs while ABC, which just a few years ago led the three commercial networks in the ratings, is trying hard to catch up. There is a new programming chief at ABC (Brandon Stoddard). Salary cuts and early retirements are the news at CBS.

AN upcoming CBS film, incidentally, will star a transsexual tennis star. (This may shed a little needed light on the peculiar sex habits of several top female tennis stars—and this doesn't include Chris Evert.)

NBC's recent "Mussolini" inevitably produced some sympathy for the former dictator, despite the fact that George Scott isn't the dynamic personality Mussolini was. That's one reason the network noted at the end of the film that Mussolini caused the death of two million people.

NEWS VIEWS

George P. Shultz, Secretary of State:

Diplomacy is unlikely to work unless there is effective resistance to the Soviets and the radical movements they support.

Passion and defiance seldom solve a problem.

Be as anxious to help others as you are to accept favors.

Israel apologizes for spying on U.S.

Another car bombing in Germany injures 36.

Record cold and snow covers much of U.S.

1985 Atlantic Hurricane season one of the worst.

Texas Safety Belt Day

Governor Mark White today signed an Official Memorandum designating January 1, 1986, as "Safety Belt Day in Texas" to encourage all Texans who have not gotten into the habit of buckling their seat belts to make it their New Year's resolution.

"The average person make about 45,000 automobile trips in lifetime. Statistically, the chance are one in three that each person will be involved in a serious or fatal crash," Governor White said. "The best preventive action that anyone can take to protect himself from death or serious injury in an automobile crash is to buckle up."

Approximately 46,000 highway fatalities occur per year across the nation. Statistics show that a person, has a 50 percent greater chance of being killed in a car crash and a much greater chance of serious injury if he is not wearing a safety belt.

The 69th Legislature passed the seat belt law which mandates that all drivers and front-seat passengers wear safety belts. The law went into effect September 1, and a grace period was allowed until December 1.

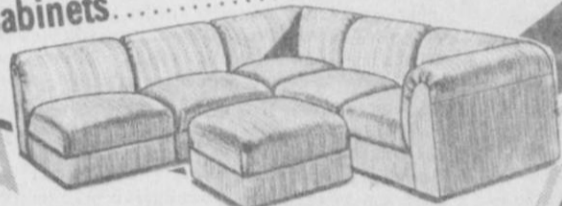
"We are already seeing a dramatic decrease in automobile fatalities and serious injuries since the seat belt law went into effect," the governor said. "I encourage all citizens to obey this law for their sake and the sake of their loved ones."

Representatives of the Tarrant County Red Cross were present as Governor White signed the memorandum.



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Blue, Rose & Beige Print Sofa.....	775.00	542.50
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