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The Weather

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| High 86 | High 88 |
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Photo by Todd Hedgepeth

Gosh, this is interesting. . .

Sophomore Pam Park is testimony to the fact that sometimes even the best made plans go awry. Park's intentions were good . . . she had plans to catch up on her studies, but ends up catching up on her sleep.

U.S.-Soviet grain contract ends; China chosen as replacement

United Press International
WASHINGTON — In a new slap at the Soviets, the United States and China are on the verge of signing a three-year grain contract that could send up to 9 million tons of wheat and corn to the Chinese annually, U.S. officials say.
This pact, in effect, would replace one the United States has had with the Soviet Union for the last five years. The U.S.-Soviet grain contract expires this year and is not expected to be extended.
"The United States has for some time been conducting discussions with the People's Republic of China on the possible sale of U.S. grain," a White House spokesman said Thursday night. "Those discussions are continuing and the prospects for an agreement are encouraging."

An official said the impact on domestic prices would be "minimal" and the issue "has been carefully considered."
The official said the agreement, being negotiated by U.S. and Chinese officials in Peking, could involve between 6 million and 9 million tons a year during the life of the three-year agreement.
Officials said the agreement, which could be signed during the next week, would follow the lines of a five-year contract with the Soviet Union.
The Russian agreement, announced Oct. 20, 1975, and effective Oct. 1, 1976, is now in its fifth and final year. It requires the Kremlin to buy at least 6 million tons of American grain annually, half corn and half

wheat. The Soviets may buy up to 8 million tons without American approval.
Carter embargoed 17 million tons of grain sales last Jan. 4, in retaliation for the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. That grain had been approved by the administration on top of the minimum of 8 million tons.
Despite the partial embargo, Carter abided by minimum terms of the agreement with the Soviets for its fourth and fifth years. Russia bought nearly 8 million tons for the fourth year and so far has bought 7.7 million tons for the fifth year, which began Oct. 1.
Officials say it is unlikely the U.S.-Soviet grain agreement — designed to reduce the impact of erratic Russian purchases on world grain markets — will be extended.

Missing colonel said dead; wife denies decision

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — Col. Charles Shelton was shot down over Laos 15 years ago on his 33rd birthday and the only Air Force casualty of the Vietnam War still unaccounted for — is legally dead in the eyes of a military review board, but his heartbroken wife says her quest will never end.
The three-member board voted 2-1 Thursday to recommend that the Air Force consider Shelton killed in action.
The decision, which came after three

days of hearings at Randolph Air Force Base, will be referred to Air Force Secretary Hans Mark, who need not abide by the board's findings.
Marian Shelton, leaning heavily on her attorney for support and her eyes rimmed from weeping, called the vote "devastating," but said she had made no decision on further legal action.
"It kind of breaks my heart that three men can decide the fate of my husband,"

the San Diego woman said at a news conference.
"I'll have to think about it a while. It's kind of devastating."
She said the latest blow was worse than all the years of watching prisoners of war come home and seeing names of other missing-in-action soldiers released. She lashed out at President Carter for what she said were promises unkept.
"He has consistently lied to us," she said, referring to Carter's 1976 campaign vows

not to resume trade with Vietnam or allow that country a seat in the United Nations until all Vietnam-era military personnel were accounted for.
She insisted the reverse has been true in official government actions concerning Vietnam since Carter took office.
Her attorney, Walter E. Shjeflo of San Diego, said the board declined to tell them what kinds of evidence prompted the decision.
"There is no requirement that they give

us the rationale. They merely have to give us the decision and the vote," Shjeflo said, adding that he believed the split vote resulted because "somebody was not convinced by what someone else was convinced by."
Shelton earlier had indicated she would contest the review board's decision in civil court if it deemed Shelton dead, but Thursday she said: "I don't know; I'll have to think about it a while."

She said no matter what turn her quest takes, it will continue.
"I have been living 15 years without him," she said, "I can go on. I feel like I should find out what happened, whether he's dead or alive."
Shelton, who will receive 55 percent of her husband's retirement pay if he is declared legally dead, said her children have "kept my faith up."

Woman, child killed in Iraq raid

United Press International
BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iranian aircraft screamed across northern Iraq in fierce strikes that killed 13 people, and Iraqi warplanes pounded vital Iranian cities on the southern front banking the Shatt al-Arab waterway, the Baghdad military said today.
Iraq claimed its forces besieged the city of Dizful in an apparent effort to cut the pipelines that carry crude oil, heating oil and gasoline to Iran's capital of Tehran. But Iran claimed it had blunted the Iraqi offensive along the 400-mile Persian Gulf war front.
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both its military and economic installations" across the southern war front between Dizful and Ahvaz, Baghdad said.
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Widow denies plotting Chinese coup

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PEKING — The late Chairman Mao Tse-tung's wife, who led the notorious Gang of Four, turned on a judge in secret pre-trial interrogations, and refused to cooperate or admit she plotted to overthrow the government, Japanese news reports said today.
The long-awaited trial of the Gang of Four, in prison since Mao's death in 1976, is expected to start early next month and conclude by the end of the year, the Kyodo news agency said, quoting Chinese sources.
The Chinese Foreign Ministry refused to comment on the report about the four, led by Mao's widow, Jiang Qing, but last month China established an extraordinary 35-judge court and a special prosecutor's office.
Kyodo reported the prosecutors have been grilling the defendants daily to try to obtain confessions, viewed as politically essential before the trial can start.
But the gang members, and especially Jiang, have refused to cooperate, and Mao's widow even "turned upon the judge" during interrogations and closed-door hearings, Kyodo said.

There have been diplomatic reports the potentially explosive trial has been delayed by Jiang's refusal to admit her guilt and her threat to tell all she knows about the ruling Communist Party and some of its leaders.
Jiang and her colleagues, Zhang Chunqiao, Yao Wenyan and Wang Hongwen, are charged with trying to overthrow the government and establish a fascist dictatorship.
All the charges carry the death penalty and Chinese officials recently indicated the maximum sentence could be passed on some or all of the gang members, who virtually ruled China during Mao's declining years until they were overthrown in a power struggle in 1976.
Legal experts believe if they receive the death sentence, it will be quickly commuted to lengthy imprisonment.
Six followers of the late Defense Minister and Mao's one-time heir apparent, Lin Biao, will also stand trial at the same time. The charges against them are similar, but they face the additional accusation of trying to murder Mao.

Flu season descends once again

Beutel treats colds Flu epidemic predicted

By TERRI COULSON
Battalion Reporter
Sore throat, runny nose, coughing, sneezing. Chances are that if you go to A.P. Beutel Health Center with these symptoms, you will be referred to the cold clinic.
The cold clinic is a service of the health center, operated primarily by nurses, that only treats patients with cold symptoms. Its purpose is to filter out those patients who do not need to see a doctor. This reduces the waiting time for patients, and lightens the daily case loads of the doctors.
"When the students come in to the cold clinic, they are seen by a nurse," Dr. Claude B. Goswick Jr., director of the health center, said. "She evaluates without really diagnosing their problem."
If she sees a problem while examining a student, then she will send the student around to see a doctor, he said.
"If any antibiotics are in order, she sends them around to the front, also," Goswick said.
Goswick said that, as often as they can, they try to operate an express clinic.
"As much as possible, one of the physicians works in the cold clinic area so that those students who would otherwise be referred around to the front can be seen right there," he said.
"We've been so terribly busy lately up front, as compared to the cold clinic, that it really hasn't been feasible to have somebody seeing patients down there. So the ones that need to see a doctor are sent up front and put in the stack," he said.
"We try to go by sign-in times as far as waiting is concerned," Goswick said. "We don't like the waiting times anymore than anybody else. I know how unpopular it is, but it is just physically impossible to see that many students in a day, by that small number of physicians."
Goswick said that if the cold is uncomplicated, the student is given over-the-counter medications at the cold clinic.

The flu season is almost upon us, and this year it is predicted to be a bad one.
A major flu epidemic is forecasted for the Houston area, according to Baylor University College of Medicine expert Dr. Robert Couch.
Since Baylor and Texas A&M University do studies on a collaborative effort, what Couch forecasted for Houston should apply to this area also, said Dr. J.M. Quarles Jr., a Texas A&M microbiologist.
"We've found in the past that our overall results in terms of what's happening are very much like in Houston," Quarles said. "Frequently it shows up in Houston a week or two earlier."
Couch said that the most common types will be the A-Brazil and A-Bangkok flu strains.
Scientists from Texas A&M and Baylor will continue to test anti-flu vaccine on campus next month as part of an on-going research project that two years ago included 2,000 students in the nation's first major human testing of anti-Russian flu vaccines.
Tests on student volunteers will be done with live, attenuated vaccines, which give a person a mild dose of the disease in order to trigger immunity without causing illness, said Quarles.
Volunteers for the flu research program are recruited through an advertisement in The Battalion.
They are asked to sign a consent form before receiving the vaccine.
The vaccine is given in the form of nose drops. After a certain amount of time the students are asked to come back to give blood samples.
Volunteers receive \$10 for each blood sample given.

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