

Iran-Contra affair following the

indictment of Lt. Col. Oliver

North and three others on

charges of "deceitfully exploit-

ing" U.S. weapons sales to Iran.

ing that North, former national

security adviser John Poindexter

and two weapons dealers en-

gaged in a criminal conspiracy

'is simply an interim report' of

the grand jury's 14-month inves-

finished," Walsh said Wednesday

after the panel returned the 101-

page indictment against North,

North, who was fired from the

NSC staff in November 1986, told

reporters: "I did not commit any

crime. I intend to fight the allega-

tions of wrongdoing for as long as

Secord said on ABC-TV's

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Republicans have

given up on fielding a November candidate

for the state Senate seat now held by Demo-

crat Grant Jones, an upset loser in the

George Strake, Republican Party of Texas

chairman, said Wednesday the secretary of

state's office had said Rex Andrew, who had

withdrawn after filing as the only GOP prim-

ary candidate for the seat, was not eligible

paid the \$4,000 fee, but later cancelled pay-

ment on the check when he decided not to run,

After Jones, D-Temple, lost to Sweetwater

lawyer Temple Dickson in the March 8 prim-

ary, the Republicans tried to find a way to get

Andrew on the ballot. But Strake said the

Andrew, an Abilene television reporter,

because he did not pay his filing fee.

Secord.

necessary.

primary.

Strake said.

Contra rebels

Calif.

spokesman.

'This exercise is a measured response designed to show our

staunch support to the democra-

tic government of Honduras at a

time when its territorial integrity

is being violated by the Cuban-

and Soviet-supported Sandinista

army," Fitzwater said in a late-

the governments and peoples of

Central America of the serious-

ness with which the United States

government views the current

Some congressional Demo-

"It's an overreaction," said

He said it also was "a signal to

night announcement.

situation in the region.

nistration's rationale.

The grand jury is not

tigation, Walsh told reporters.

The 23-count indictment charg-

# Latest snow storm causes one fatality

**By DEE DEE LARAMORE** and PAUL PINKHAM **Staff Writers** 

Wednesday's eight inches of snow brought the seasonal snowfall total to 48.7 inches. making the winter of 1987-88 one of the "snowiest years on record," said Darrell Sehorn, meteorologist

The storm claimed the life of a Nebraska truck driver and injured another, who were hauling a trailer loaded with horses when their vehicle left Interstate Highway 40 about a mile east of Groom.

Edward Stanely Harm, 27, of Yutan, Neb., was killed when the 1986 Freightliner rig and 1972 American trailer slid off the icy interstate at about 6:20 p.m. Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Gary Davis of Groom reported that Harm was westbound when the rig left the highway, slid down an embankment and rolled onto its left side.

Gray County Justice of the Peace R.C. Parker pronounced Harm dead at the scene at about 7:20 p.m.

Injured in the one-vehicle accident was Mike Juedes, 36, also of Yutan, who suffered a broken shoulder and collarbone. Juedes, a passenger in the vehicle, was in stable condition at Coronado Hospital this morning, hospital spokeswoman Linda Haynes said.

The six horses sustained only minor injuries, according to Davis' report.

Funeral services for Harm are pending at Lamb Funeral Home in McLean

**Troopers worked several** more wrecks along Interstate 40 this morning but details weren't immediately available.

December's total of 19.7 inches, seven inches in January and 22 inches by mid-March combine to more than four feet of snow that has fallen on Pampa since the beginning of this winter.

"We normally get about 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches for the season, so that would make this one of the snowiest years on record," Sehorn explained.

This most recent snow brought .82 of an inch of moisture to the area, upping March's moisture level to 2.77 inches, well above the 1.65 inch average for the month. Moisture for the year at 3.49 inches, however, is only slightly above the yearly average of 2.91 inches.

February's dry spell with only .03 of an inch of rain brought the moisture levels down to within the normal range. All the snow and rain should contribute to a lush spring, though. "One of these days we're going to see a beautiful green spring," he said.

What began as rain Wednesday afternoon soon turned to sleet, ice pellets, snow pellets and finally snow by late that night, punctuated with lightning and thunder. By morning, Pampans attempting to get to work were hampered early by eight inches of heavy, wet snow over an underlying layer of ice.

Pampa police officers were kept busy early today, helping stranded motorists free their vehicles from snow drifts. A tractor-trailer rig that had jackknifed on Hobart Street near Brahm's and Culberson-Stowers Inc. blocked heavy morning traffic for some time, Lt. Ken Hall of the Pampa Police Department said.

"He was turned rather awkwardly on Hobart. We just had to get him straightened up and on his way," Lt. Hall said. See SNOW, Page 2

committed WASHINGTON (AP) - Inde-Nightline that the charges were pendent Counsel Lawrence E. "crazy. Walsh is leaving the door open for 'We're going to defend this further criminal charges in the case successfully," he said.

The indictment charges that the defendants circumvented a statutory ban on U:S. military aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels "by deceitfully and without legal authorization" setting up a clandestine private arms supply network.

It also says the four conspired to defraud the government "by deceitfully exploiting for their own purposes and corrupting" the U.S. arms sales to Iran that were approved by President Reagan in an attempt to win release of American hostages in Lebanon

The U.S. government was cheated out of its rightful proceeds of weaponry to Iran, the indict-

All four defendants were charged with conspiracy, theft of government property and wire fraud, stemming from the diversion of arms-sale profits to the Contras to Swiss bank accounts controlled by Hakim and Secord. Together, these charges carry

a maximum 25-year sentence and each of the three counts has a

to pay North illegal gratuities by agreeing to set up a \$200,000 Swiss bank account for the Marine officer's family and to pay for the installation of a security system at North's home in Great Falls, Va.

North was accused of accepting the security system and pocketing \$4,500 of \$90,000 in travelers checks he received from a Contra leader to cover expenses of helping the rebels

The gratuities were offered to "encourage North to continue in his position" at the White House so Secord and Hakim "would continue to receive opportunities for substantial revenues and profits" from the arms sales, the indictment said.

Secord and North agreed the 'Enterprise'' would keep most of the proceeds from the sale of TOW missiles to Iran in February 1986, the indictment said.

North also was charged with illegally using a tax-exempt foundation, the National Endowment for the Preservation of Liberty, to raise \$3.2 million for the Contras.

The indictment raises the question of whether Reagan will issue pardons to those charged or convicted as a result of the Iran-Contra affair

secretary of state's office said the GOP did not "have a leg to stand on" because Andrew's filing fee had not been paid

The decision came Wednesday as both parties certified results from their March 8 primaries

The GOP canvass confirmed Vice President George Bush's big win in Texas, a victory that gave him all 111 of the state's delegates to the national convention. Bush got 648.178 votes. Pat Robertson got 155,449 and Kansas Sen. Robert Dole was third with 140,795.

The State Democratic Executive Committee canvass showed Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, with 579,533 votes, picked up 43 Texas delegates to the national convention. Jesse Jackson, with 433,259 votes, got 42: Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore Jr., with

356,772 votes, won 25; and Missouri Rep. Richard Gephardt, with 239,939 votes, got nine

Sixty-four more Democratic delegates will be selected at the state convention in June.

State Democratic Chairman Robert Slagle warned his executive committee that bitter brawling within the party could cost Democrats the chance to carry the state in November

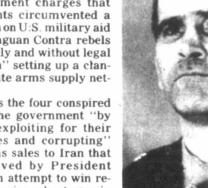
Also Wednesday, the SDEC unanimously approved a resolution supporting the Harris County Democratic Executive Committee's effort to write rules to restrict the power of Claude Jones, a Lyndon LaRouche supporter who surprised party officials by winning the Harris County chairmanship on March 8. Jones takes office May 2.

North

potential fine of \$250,000.

ments

tionally charged with conspiring



North, who was fired from his White House post in November 1986 was named in 16 counts. He also was charged with obstructing Attorney General Edwin Meese III's Nov. 21-23, 1986, investigation by making false statements and destroying National Security Council docu-

Secord and Hakim were addi-

one state senator race

Poindexter and arms dealers Albert Hakim and retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard V. from the sale of \$30 million worth Grand jurors will continue to ment said. The government remeet because "they have uncomceived only \$12.2 million. pleted investigations," Walsh said, refusing to say if more criminal charges would be brought.

#### **.S**. troops to Honduras Reagan sends U.

WASHINGTON (AP) - About 3,200 American infantry and airborne troops are flying to Honduras today in the most dramatic show of U.S. force in the six-year Nicaraguan war, causing the Senate's top Democrat to accuse

President Reagan of "overreac tion.'

The White House described the movement as "an emergency deployment readiness exercise' triggered by what it called the invasion of Honduras by 1,500 to



(AP Laserphoto) crats weren't buying the admi-

Fort Bragg MPs stop car at checkpoint near 82nd Airborne Division.

2,000 Nicaraguan forces pursuing Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd, D-W.Va. "The Sandinistas The exercise involves two have crossed over the border be-

battalions of the 82nd Airborne fore and gone back. "I just hope it's merited," Sen. Division from Fort Bragg, N.C., John Kerry, D-Mass., said, reand two battalions from the 7th Infantry Division at Fort Ord. calling a similar incident two years ago when the United States The troops will be posted out of jumped to the aid of Honduras harm's way for an indefinite under circumstances many saw period near the Palmerola Air as exaggerated by the White House. Then, as now, the develop-Force Base in Honduras, about 125 miles from the area of rement came as the administration ported hostilities, said Marlin was pushing a reluctant Congress Fitzwater, the president's to approve military aid to the Contras.

> However, a number of Republicans were supportive.

**House Minority Leader Robert** Michel, R-Ill., said the deployment was intended "psychologically to give an indication that we are not just going to stand by and have Nicaragua ... make incursions into neighboring countries.

Rep. Jack Fields, R-Texas, said, "I don't think the president really had an alternative. Congressional leaders were

briefed by telephone late Wednesday Elliott Abrams, assistant

secretary of state for inter-See TROOPS, Page 2

### **Volunteers** perform Sav

More than 50 Pampans worked together to produce the skit, "Pampa Says kNOw to Drugs," presented to local schools this week as part of a month-long drug awareness campaign.

Taking off two days from work Monday and Tuesday, 22 volunteers joined their talents to present the program, written by Janice Miller, to nine local schools.

Monday they brought the program to Travis, Lamar and St. Vincent's elementary schools, Pampa High School and two presentations at Pampa Middle School. Tuesday's agenda included presentations at Horace Mann, Wilson, Baker and Austin elementaries.

"Pampa Says kNOw to Drugs" centers around quatrains on drug abuse uttered by a succession of characters that range from a cavewoman to a bunny to a jailbird.

Here is one of the homilies regited in the play:

ANGEL: I was having lots of fun, when someone in disguise

Led me to a life of drugs, and then to my demise.

It was a clever scheme but I should have seen

right through it.

It wasn't really all my fault: the devil made me do it. JUST SAY NO! At this point, the students were invited to

join in by shouting, "No!" After the conclusion of the play, the characters would go out into the audience, shaking

hands and encouraging students to say 'No!" to drugs.

Characters portrayed by local volunteers included Melinda Stowers as the cavewoman; Ray White, sheriff; Mary Martindale, angel; David Miller, gangster; Stan Hudson, nerd; Katrina Bigham, bunny; Joe Watkins, Elvis; Jack Gindorf, basketball player; and Shelly Watkins, Diane Bowden and Kathy Massick, raisins.

Also performing were April Hudson, Garbage Pail Kid; Scott White, Michael Jackson; Doug White, Reagan; Bryan Hedrick, McGruff the Crime Dog; Sarah Alexander, Miss Piggy; Sam White, jailbird; Keith Stowers, motorcycle guy; Jane Cree, movie star; Barry Terrell, bum, and Cynthia Hawkins, spacegirl.

Two roles were played by school teachers

and/or administrators at each of the different schools.

At Pampa High School, Dennis Cavalier played the referee and Pat Farmer portrayed the teacher. At Pampa Middle School, Herman Vinson and Sam Haynes played referees and Mary Helen Ellis and Carol Dunham were the teachers

Actors from the elementary schools in the role of teacher included Sandra Prater, Austin; Judy White, Baker; Pam Zemanek, Travis; Pam Bagley, Wilson; Jana Vinson, Horace Mann; Donna Caldwell, Lamar, and Amy Avendanio, St. Vincent's.

**Referees for their respective schools were** Bill Jones, Austin; Sharon McQueen, Baker; Jack Bailey, Travis; Todd Carnagey. Wilson; Tom Lindsey, Horace Mann; Tim Powers, Lamar; and Cheryl Walters, St. Vincent's.

A tape recording to accompany the play was produced in Amarillo by Steve and Gina Saied. Voices on the tape were provided by Doug and Georgia Coon, Jeff and Chris Miller, Charity Lyles, David and Janice Miller. all of Pampa.



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**Students to launch balloons** for 'Say kNOw to Drugs'

Activities continue this week as Pampa Says kNOw to Drugs organizers get ready for their Hands Around Pampa project Saturday.

Pampa elementary students will be releasing some 2,500 balloons, distributed among the schools, at 10:30 a.m. Friday. The balloons will contain slips of paper encouraging people to say no to drugs

Also, in conjunction with the release of the balloons, each school will be raising its own "Say kNOw to Drugs" flag, made by local 4-H members.

Organizers are hoping to attract at least 3,000 local residents to participate in the **Hands Around Pampa activity** early Saturday afternoon.

Some 36 blocks will be lined with people, with various churches, businesses, civic organizations and individuals encircling Pampa High School and Pampa Middle School. The route will form along Harvester east to Duncan,

north on Duncan to 25th, then west on 25th to Perryton Parkway, then south on Perryton Parkway and Hobart down to Harvester.

People are asked to gather early, since the joining of hands will occur at 1:30 p.m. A live broadcast of the event will be made on local Radio Station KOMX-FM 100. The station will broadcast "God Bless America" at 1:30 as the people join hands and join in singing the song.

In conjunction with the event, the city will be delaying its weekly Saturday noon warning sirens test. Instead. the warning sirens will be sounded at 1:30 p.m.

Just before the joining of hands, runners from high school and middle school will run from the middle school to the band director's tower at the high school band practice field, where they will raise both the United States flag and the "Pampa Says kNOw to Drugs" flag.

# Daily Record

### Services tomorrow

BROWN, Grace E. - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, White Deer. HENRY, Ran - 2 p.m., First Baptist

Church, Shamrock GORDZELIK, William John - 3 p.m., Graveside, Sacred Heart Cemetery, White Deer

### Obituaries

#### NORA MAY FORD

Funeral services for Nora May Ford, 93, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Hiram Reyes, pastor of First Baptist Church of Canadian, officiating. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery

Mrs. Ford died Wednesday at Abraham Nursing Home in Canadian.

She moved to Pampa in 1928 from Phillips and was a member of Hobart Baptist Church and the Home Extension Club. She married Joe Ford on May 3, 1911, in Clayton, N.M. He died in 1974. A son and daughter also preceded her in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Beulah Barnett of Pampa; a sister, Millie Sweeden of McMinnville, Ore.; nine grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren.

WILLIAM JOHN GORDZELIK

WHITE DEER - Graveside services for William John Gordzelik, 65, are scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Cemetery with Father Kevin Hand, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Gordzelik died Wednesday night.

He was a lifelong White Deer resident and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Survivors include his mother, Regina of White

Deer; and a brother. Jerry of White Deer. KAN HENRY

SHAMROCK — Funeral services for Ran Henry, 66, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church of Shamrock with the Rev. Dennis Surber, pastor of Buffalo Baptist Church of Sayre, Okla., and the Rev. Mike Chancellor, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery by Richerson Funeral Home.

Mr. Henry died Wednesday.

He had lived in Wheeler County all his life and was retired from the Texas Highway and Public Transportation Department, where he was a clerk. He married Patsy Carr on June 20, 1953, in Wellington

Survivors include his wife, Patsy; two daughters, Randa Coffey of Sweetwater, Okla., and Renee Warren of Shamrock; two brothers, Woodrow of Kingsland and Glenn of Colorado City; a sister, Leona Barrett of Panoma, Okla.; and two grandchildren.

### Police report

None

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

WEDNESDAY, March 16 Public intoxication was reported in the 700 block of North Frost and the 1100 block of Darby Arrests

HOSPITAL Vernon Dickinson, Admissions Pampa Easter Gentry Sherri Ammons, Beaver, Okla. Pampa Thomas Genung Glenn Andrews, Pampa Barbara Bruce, Billie Jordan, Pampa Anna Lytle, Pampa James Conley, Pampa D.L. Nicholson Elmer Garrison, Pampa Canadian Michael Pergeson, Tom Harlan, McLean Pampa Mike Juedes, Yutan, Billie Stephenson, Skellytown Margaret Shelden, EXTENDED Canadian CARE UNIT Ida Shubring, Pampa Admissions Scott Vanderburg, None Winegeart, Dismissals

Pampa

Pearl Lewis, Pampa Lena Woods, Pampa **Births** SHAMROCK Mr. and Mrs. Kerry HOSPITAL Ammons, Beaver, Admissions None

Dismissals Dismissals Willie Chamberlain, None

### Fire report

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CORONADO

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### WEDNESDAY, March 16

11:38 a.m. - Pampa Fire Department personnel were called to investigate a possible natural gas leak at the home of Nellie Thomas, 1185 Varnon. Measuring instruments showed there was no explosion hazard and did not indicate any natural gas was leaking in the home. The problem was referred to Energas Co. officials.

### Calendar of events

**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR** Pampa Chapter #65, Order of the Eastern Star, will have their friendship night at 7 p.m. Friday, March 18.

## Stock market

The following grain quotations are	Amoco	
provided by Wheeler-Evans of	Arco	s upls
Pampa.	Cabot	* dn1/*
Wheat	Chevron	2 dn1/4
Milo	Enron	8 upls
Corn	Halliburton	4 NC
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prices for which these securities	Ingersoll-Rand 401	2 dn1/4
could have been traded at the time of	Kerr-McGee	
compilation.	KNE	8 up1/8
Damson Oil	Mapco 513	4 dn1/2
Ky. Cent. Life	Mapco	2 up1/4
Seríco 548	Mesa Ltd	8 NC
Serico	Mobil 441	
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which these mutual funds were bid at	Phillips	4 up1/2
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Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.	Silver	6.38
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### Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported no traffic accidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

# Snow hits northern part of state

### **By The Associated Press**

A winter storm warning was in effect for the Texas Panhandle. where snow, ranging in depth from four to 12 inches, covered the area, and a heavy snow warning was issued for northern sections of the South Plains.

A winter storm system located over New Mexico was moving eastward today, a cold front was moving southeastward across the Panhandle and South Plains and a high pressure system located over the southeastern states was pumping moist air from the Gulf of Mexico into Texas.

At dawn today, the cold front was located along a line from Wichita Falls to Midland.

There was four inches of snew on the ground at Amarillo and 12 inches at Perryton early today. The snow covered most of central and northern sections of the

Panhandle and was causing traf-

### Snow

Another tractor-trailer rig had jackknifed east of Pampa early today and was being assisted by Department of Public Safety troopers, Lt. Hall said.

any of these," he said. "Mostly, people had slid and gotten stuck and needed help getting

Most area schools opened an hour later than usual, with some cancellations reported. City streets were generally spreading sand at intersections. Abandoned cars and trucks could be seen throughout the city

snow storm was caused by a surface low that had settled over northern New Mexico, then moved to the east, picking up moisture from the Gulf as it. moved out of the mountains. "It mixed it all up and spit it out, right on us," he quipped.

Dust storms striking West Texas

respiratory illnesses.

**Texas' South Plains**.

agua's leftist regime.

sympathy in Congress.

EL PASO (AP) - Dust was in the air as West Texans coped with the annual onslaught of earth, wind and fiery sandstorms.

The season usually begins in mid-March and ends in May. April is the windiest month, and the driven dust can sand-blast car finishes, damage skin and hair and make life miserable for allergy sufferers and people with

### **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

## Troops

American affairs, said Congress would receive information today documenting the Nicaraguan incursion.

"We will present evidence ... officials denied Wednesday there which proves conclusively that was any border crossing but later there was a very large Sandinista President Daniel Ortega incursion into Honduras, that will appeared to leave open that posshow, I think, what to make of sibility. President Ortega's claim that In a radio address, he said Santhere isn't one single Nicaraguan dinista forces had pushed back soldier in Honduras. It's a lie," the Contras into Honduras and Abrams said on ABC's Nightline. Fitzwater said upwards of 2,000 Sandinistas are in Honduras. "They are there and we have seen no evidence that they are reclaims treating to their own country." The developments came as Secretary of State George P. Shultz and White House officials conferred with congressional leaders about the possibility of a new aid package for the Contra rebels trying to topple Nicar-Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

lows in mid-teens. Northerly

winds 10-20 mph. Friday, sun-

ny skies and warmer, with

highs in upper 30s. Northerly

**REGIONAL FORECAST** 

cold through tonight. Partly

cloudy Friday. Warmer

Panhandle Friday. Snow north

through tonight and scattered

rain through tonight and isolated showers Friday south.

Lows tonight 18 Panhandle to

near 40 valleys of southwest.

Highs Friday 34 Panhandle to

low 70s along the Rio Grande.

few thunderstorms with heavy

rainfall at times through

tonight. Rain may briefly

change to snow extreme north-

west before ending tonight.

Rain ending west and central

tonight and east Friday fol-

lowed by partial clearing, win-

dy and cold. Lows tonight up-

per 20s northwest to mid 40s

southeast. Highs Friday most-

South Texas - Scattered to

numerous showers and thun-

derstorms tonight, mainly

south central and Southeast

Texas. Brief heavy rainfall is

possible over Southeast Texas.

Scattered showers east and

south Friday morning. Other-

wise decreasing clouds. Col-

der west and central tonight

and over remaining sections

on Friday. Lows tonight from

the 40s north to the 50s south,

North Texas - Rain and a

West Texas - Cloudy and

winds 10-20 mph

Clearing skies tonight, with

fic problems with some roads in through tonight. northern sections of the Panhanin the Panhandle and in the 30s dle closed.

Forcasters said conditions were favorable for continued snowfall over the area with an additional 1 to 3 inches possible today and an additional 1 to 2 inches tonight as the storm passes eastward across the Panhandle.

Snowfall across the northern south plains should be about 1 inch today and less than an inch tonight.

The snow will taper off late tonight as the storm moves into the central plains.

Freezing drizzle was falling at dawn in Lubbock.

Forecasts elsewhere called for cloudy with occasional showers and thunderstorms across North **Texas and South Texas through** tonight with some snow possible over western sections of North Texas tonight.

Forecasters say rainfall may be locally heavy across part of North Texas and South Texas

Extremes ranged from 20 at Amarillo to 67 at Brownsville. Other early morning tempera-

at Wichita Falls, 52 at Fort Worth and Waco, 55 at Austin, 64 at Corpus Christi, 54 at San Angelo, 27 at Lubbock, 40 at Midland and 43 at El Paso.

#### **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1** into two layers of cold air snow-packed early today with

caused an unstable air mass, snow plows busily clearing the Sehorn said, resulting in the streets and city dump trucks lightning and thunder that characterized the storm. Pampa's report of eight inches of snow was topped by a

12-inch report from Perryton Sehorn said Wednesday's and 14-inch report from Lipscomb. The southwest Panhandle area received lighter snowfall with reports ranging from one to three inches. pected, Sehorn said, adding that temperatures should begin to warm up as the weekend

The warm Gulf air pulling

week ago, once again meeting a

timetable as old as the desert and

The season's high winds and

dry weather, combined with

plowed-under fields, make Lub-

bock particularly dusty this time

of year, said Andy Anderson,

U.S. aid to the rebels ran out

two weeks ago, and the adminis-

tration is hoping the new situa-

tion will earn the Contras greater

Nicaraguan Defense Ministry

meteorologist in charge at the El Paso suffered through its National Weather Service in Lubfirst dust storm of the year a bock.

nears.

"Everything unfortunately seems to work in harmony," he said.

No additional snowfall is ex-

Lows tonight will be around 18

and 40s over the rest of West

Texas, in the 20s and 30s over

most of North Texas and in the

Highs Friday will be in the 30s

in the Panhandle and in the 50s

and 60s over most of the rest of

West Texas, in the 40s across

North Texas and in the 50s and 60s

Early morning temperatures

were mostly in the 40s and 50s,

ranging from the 30s in the moun-

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40s and 50s in South Texas.

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Conditions are similar in the desert of the Trans-Pecos, where moisture is scarce and the dust easily swirls in the warm winds. -It's so windy in the Panhandle that Amarillo High's mascot is the sandstorm. The school's sports teams are known as the Amarillo High Sandies.

Wind picks up in spring because of uneven heating of the earth, causing fronts and upperlevel disturbances,

### **City Briefs**

**CASH FOR** your Pawn Tickets. 669-6663. Adv.

**MOOSE LODGE** Family Night, Thursday 17th, 7 p.m. Adv. DANCE TO Wild Country, Saturday 19th, Moose Lodge. Members and guests. Adv.

**COME PLAY** the Chicken

'There were no injuries in

out."

# FDIC advancing \$1 billion to 1st RepublicBank Corp.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. today advanced \$1 billion to banks owned by First Republic-Bank Corp., a Dallas holding company, in a rescue package that could ultimately rival the government's largest bank bailout.

FDIC Chairman L. William Seidman called the assistance "an interim step" to provide needed stability to First Republic's subsidiaries and depositors.

Seidman said his agency, which insures deposits at commercial banks, would guarantee all of the subsidiary banks' deposits as well as money owed to general creditors of the banks. Creditors of the holding com-

pany are not protected by this arrangement, he said

The action goes beyond the minimum the agency would normally be expected to back up, which is deposits of \$100,000 and less

First RepublicBank is the 13th largest in the nation, with \$33.2 billion in assets and 73 subsidiary banks

The holding company reported a loss of \$656 million last year.

First RepublicBank acknowledged Tuesday it had been forced to seek federal aid because of a deteriorating loan portfolio and difficulty in raising deposits.

A First RepublicBank spokesman said Wednesday the bank had experienced a runoff of deposits the day before, but that the situation apparently had stabilized.

An earlier drain of deposits and customer defections had forced it to begin preliminary discussions with the FDIC, the spokesman said

Seidman said the FDIC was seeking a long-term solution to the holding company's problems and was talking to private investors who may want to participate in a restructuring of the company

He declined to be more specific, but in past transactions the agency has provided insurance money in conjunction with an infusion of funds from private investment groups

The largest-ever bank rescue was the \$4.5 billion rescue in 1984 of Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust of Chicago.

The FDIC expects to recoup much of its initial outlay in that bailout, and expects its ultimate cost to be about \$1.7 billion

Seidman said he could not say what the eventual cost of the First Republic rescue would be. However, he noted that First

Republic and Continental are about the same size.

He said that unlike the case with First Continental — a failure "it's very clear the primary reason for this problem is the economy of Texas.

Seidman said the FDIC will assume some control of the sub-

## Israel raids guerrilla bases

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) -Israeli warplanes today bombed Palestinian guerrilla bases in the Druse-controlled Chouf mountains southeast of Beirut, police said.

They said there was no immediate report on casualties from Israel's third air raid in Lebanon this year. The planes hit targets in the villages of Aramoun and Chemlan, 10 miles from Beirut.

Police said guerrillas fired anti-aircraft guns at the raiding jets, but none was hit.

The attack came a day after a volley of Katyusha rockets were fired from south Lebanon into northern Israel

An Israeli army spokesman said the rockets shattered windows and damaged citrus trees. but caused no casualties

Israeli planes raided targets near Sidon, 25 miles south of Beirut, on Jan. 2 and on March 12. Twenty-one people were killed and 30 wounded in the first attack, and four were killed and 10 wounded in the second, by Lebanese police count.

sidiary bank's operations, although not day to day.

He said the current bank's management will remain in place for now, but said changes could be discussed later

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, who appeared at a news conference with Seidman, said that despite a record number of bank failures, the Texas economy is on the mend.

We feel we're in the backwash of a tidal wave that hit the Texas economy about two years ago (with the collapse of oil prices). The basic economic future looks bright when compared to the recent past," Gramm said.

The \$1 billion advance is in the form of a six-month note from the FDIC

The subsidiary banks are pledging their stock as collateral for the infusion, and the parent company is guaranteeing it.

The collateral is being pledged by 29 of the subsidiary banks, representing about 80 percent of the holding company's assets.

The largest subsidiary is First RepublicBank-Dallas, with \$19.5 billion in assets

Federal Reserve Board member Manuel Johnson, who also appeared at the news conference. said First Republic has been borrowing at the Federal Reserve's discount window for the past several days.

He refused to say how much the bank had borrowed, but did say the bank had pledged its loans and other assets to back up its borrowings.

The FDIC reported a post-Depression record of 184 bank failures last year, more than half in the oil-rich states of Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

So far this year, 38 commercial banks have failed nationally.

The First Republic aid would not have a significant impact on the fund, Seidman said.

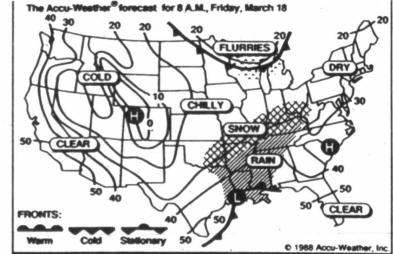
The FDIC's insurance fund finished 1987 with \$18.3 billion, up slightly from the end of 1986 despite the failures.

that there was "cross-fire from Honduran territory against our forces." His remarks did not confirm or deny the administration

Fitzwater said the U.S. deployment came in response to a request from Honduran President Jose Azcona. He said Reagan was briefed on the request about 7 p.m. CST in his residence and decided to send in U.S. forces.

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North Texas - Mostly fair Saturday through Monday. Cold nights and cool days Saturday and Sunday, a warming trend beginning Monday afternoon. Low temperatures in the mid 20 to mid 30 range. Highs in the upper 40s and 50s Saturday and Sunday warming into the 60s

Monday

South Texas — Decreasing cloudiness and cooler on Saturday. Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday. A little warmer Monday. Morning lows from the 30s north to 50s Saturday. Lows Sunday and Monday in the 30s north and 40s south. Highs Saturday and Sunday from the 50s north to 60s south. Highs Monday from the 60s north to 70s south.

**BORDER STATES** 

Oklahoma — Turning colder from the northwest tonight with rain changing to snow over most sections. Precipitation ending tonight. Friday clearing east with fair skies elsewhere. Low tonight teens northwest and 20s elsewhere. Friday warmer over most sections. High 40s.

New Mexico - Colder tonight with mostly fair skies. Lows from 5 to 20 in the mountains and north to the 20s across the southern lowlands. Mostly sunny and warmer Friday, with highs from from the 40s and lower 50s mountains and north to the 50s and lower 60s southwest

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# **Texas/Regional**

# Bank bailout request further tarnishes Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Bankruptcies, bank failures and a criminal investigation of Texas' savings and loan industry continue to bash the state's financial image as the nation's biggest and the best, and analysts say the worst isn't over.

Banking analyst Herb Jones of the investment firm Eppler, Guerin & Turner says Texans used to brag that everything in the state was bigger, better, the best

"We can't say that now. We look at the Northeast and see their growth is far superior to ours. That was never supposed to happen," Jones said Wednesday

As the state's largest bank-holding company seeks federal rescue, the nation's perception of Texas has become more negative, analysts say

Dallas-based First RepublicBank Corp., with \$33.2 billion in deposits and

Takin' a break?

134 banking facilities statewide, acknowledged Tuesday it was seeking federal help because of a deteriorating loan portfolio and difficulty in raising deposits.

Gerald W. Fronterhouse, chairman and chief executive officer, said a loss of \$1 billion in deposits since the beginning of February contributed to the bank's decision.

There are signs the state's battered economy is rebounding and that the energy industry is revitalizing, but analysts say the banking industry still lags, coping with mistakes made one to three years ago and the continuing troubles in real estate.

"Real estate is still a real thorn here," Jones said. "I expect some further weakness in the real estate sector.

Also hurting the state's image are the

bankruptcy court petitions of such Texas notables as former Gov. John Connally, who was U.S. Treasury Secretary under President Nixon; Connally's lieutenant governor. Ben Barnes; oil heir Cullen Davis of Fort Worth: famed heart surgeon Denton Cooley: some businesses of the billionaire Hunt brothers; former Dallas Cowboys owner Clint Murchison; and the Western Co. of North America, owned by Texas Rangers owner Eddie Chiles

The number of Texas bank failures, meanwhile, continues soaring, nearly doubling from 26 in 1986 to 50 in 1987, and stands at 15 so far this year.

'We do have some other banks that are in trouble. I have no reason to think we've hit the bottom of the problem. There could still be some more (banks)

to be heard from," Jones said.

Staggering losses continue at other banks - with the state's seven largest bank-holding companies losing a combined \$2.6 billion last year. By contrast, all Texas banks lost \$883.2 million in 1986

Regulators also say more than onethird of the state's 281 savings and loan institutions are insolvent. The FBI and the U.S. Justice Department are in the midst of a criminal investigation of some of the state's thrifts, called the largest white-collar probe in the Southwest's history.

Tuesday, Houston-based First City Bancorporation of Texas Inc. extended its deadline for debt holders to redeem their securities at a discount under a rescue plan representing the secondlargest bank bailout in U.S. history.

Jones said he believes a major finan cial institution will come into Texas and take over First RepublicBank, if the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. makes it an attractive deal.

"It's a very desirable institution, at a price," Jones said. "A lot of worms are in there still. Will the FDIC pick them up? That's the question. I think they will. They're going to have to."

First RepublicBank's plea for federal aid is a "bittersweet story," said Alan Coleman, director of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University.

The good news is that new capital will be brought into the state, along with new faces and new investors. But the bad news, he said, is that "it's very tough on the people struggling with the problems here.

#### be tested for A HOUSTON (AP) - Almost all infants born veloped AIDS, Alexander said. which babies tested positive. Alexander said.

during a three-month period in Texas will undergo anonymous testing to determine if they carry antibodies to the AIDS virus, state health officials say.

The testing, scheduled to begin as soon as possible, is part of the federal Centers for Disease Control's efforts to determine the rate of infection among newborns in 20 cities where AIDS occurs frequently and in 10 cities where incidence is low.

In Texas, the tests will be performed on blood samples routinely taken from babies to screen them for diseases such as phenylketo nuria, which frequently results in mental retardation, Dr. Charles Alexander, chief of the health department's bureau of AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, said Tuesday.

All identifying information from the samples will be stripped away before they undergo the antibody testing. Parents of babies who carry AIDS virus antibodies will not be notified, because officials will not know

McPheeters said the choice of white sand

But health officials will know the counties and zip codes from which the infected babies come, as well as the sex and ethnic group. That information will enable the Department of Health to identify major problem areas of infection with the AIDS virus, also called human immunodeficiency virus or HIV.

'When it started out, we wondered if we could look at neonates (newborns) in the Houston and Dallas areas," Alexander said. However, he added, it would be more costly to separate babies in those cities.

Instead, the whole state is being tested, he said.

Not all babies who have AIDS virus antibodies actually carry the virus. About half the babies received only antibodies from their mothers and escaped AIDS virus infection

Finding a baby who tests positive in a small county would alert officials to the presence of HIV there long before the first adult de-

There are ethical concerns about not notifying the family of a baby who tests positive, Alexander said, but there is at present no effective treatment for such children, and the information would give their families little valuable information.

Public health officials can conduct such studies as long as the information is kept confidential and the testing is in the public interest.

A similar study revealed that one in every 476 babies in Massachusetts carried antibodies to the AIDS virus.

In New York City, officials tested blood drawn from the umbilical cords and found that one in every 61 babies born there carries the AIDS antibody.

He also hopes to do some testing in family planning, sexually transmitted disease and tuberculosis clinics so officials can determine the rate of infection in those patient populations as well.

# **Galveston importing Florida sand for beaches** GALVESTON (AP) - Officials hope to shore up the reputation of Galveston beach sites by shipping in tons of Florida white sand to replace the native gritty brown variety. waterfall and white sand bottom, more than 100 palm trees, tramway, jogging trail and an expansive covered eating and concession area — all in addition to the white sands. Moody Gardens Administrator Ralph

(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty Shawn Gaskey, 9, found the head of his friend Ryan Gikas. 8, a nice place to rest his weary head as the two third graders listened to classroom instruction from their teacher Wednesday at Austin Elementary School. Shawn is the son of Mike and Donna Gaskey and Ryan is the son of Greg and Debra Gikas, all of Pampa.

over the hometown variety was easy. States and abroad for the right color and the

"What do most people think of when they think of beaches?" he asks. "White sands. He pointed out that for years people have complained about Galveston's murky beach

"We can't do anything about the water but we sure can do something about the sand," he

Moody Gardens is the latest development in a multimillion-dollar, multi-phased project of the non-profit Moody Foundation on the shores of Offatts Bayou.

Developers looked for sand in the United

**Grand jury investigating** allegations about sheriff

DENTON (AP) - A Denton in an effort to convince him to County grand jury is investigat- drop out of the April 12 runoff

right consistency for making sand castles. The beach also will feature a 200-square-foot area specifically for sand castle construction. McPheeters said. Within the next two weeks, two ocean

barges full of the white sand will arrive in Galveston from Orlando, he said. The sand was purchased from Orlando sand mines. Mayor Jan Coggeshall said the white sand

beach would be a welcome addition to the island

"It is truly unique," she said. "And of course the white sand is welcomed."



Palm Beach at Moody Gardens will accommodate about 3,000 people and include water and brown, narrow beaches. a 1,000-foot waterfront boardwalk, two huge freshwater lagoons complete with a 12-foot

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### Drug informant found dead in police cell

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Texas Rangers are investigating the death of a drug informant found dead in his jail cell about five hours after he was arrested. An autopsy has been ordered on

the body of Kenneth Simpson, 30, who was found dead about 4:34

a.m Wednesday, Cleveland Police Chief Harley Lovings said.

Justice of the Peace Charlie Morgan, who conducted an inquest, said he found no outward indications Simpson had suffered a violent death

ing allegations that an aide offered a sheriff's opponent a job as chief deputy in hope he would drop out of the race. District Attorney Jerry Cobb

said three men were subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury today and Republican sheriff's candidate Kirby Robinson was also expected to appear. Robinson was allegedly offered the job

election with incumbent Sheriff Randy Kaisner.

"Chief Deputy David Klundt, Capt. Ron Douglas and Sgt. Kenneth Deeds have been subpoenaed," Cobb said. "After hearing their testimony, my office will make a decision on whether to issue more subpeonas

### **There's different** kinds of abuse

Confessions of being a former junkie or reformed alcoholic have become the subject of many best-sellers and a main topic on the lecture trail. But how often do you hear about a No-Doz addict

who has reformed his ways? Well, now you have your chance.

It all started a couple of years after I was in

graduate school in Utah, during one of those dreadful college periods called "finals."

I was faced with several papers to write, tests to study for and, since I was also teaching, loads of student semester grades to compile. And with the winter break coming up, I also looked forward to a long trek back to Pampa beginning immediately after my last final.

At the time my wife didn't have her driver's license, so I knew I would have to do all the driving for the 18 to 20 hours it took to get from Provo to Pampa

I rarely drink coffee --- never liked it and never will. But I knew, after the week of several nearly all-night sessions, that I would need something to keep me awake on the road, since we had to be in Pampa in time for some family gathering.

So I just picked up a small box of No-Doz. I popped one in my mouth as we headed off to Texas. And I took a couple of more on the way. They really helped.

But I was tired when we got to Pampa, and had only a couple of hours before we started our rounds of visiting family and friends. So I just took some more No-Qoz. We'd get home late to my mother's house, with more rounds of visiting the next day. So I got up, took more No-Doz, and went out. And that went on for the length of the holiday visit.

Then there was another long trip back up to Utah, this time to see my in-laws before heading back to school. By then I was into my third box of No-Doz. And the same situation - popping more No-Doz to stay awake for the long driving trip. And the same rounds of visiting others in Logan, Utah.

I got back down to Provo just a couple of hours before my first class began. Again, I was tired, so I just popped more No-Doz - into my fourth box by now

And that began the habit. With going to classes and teaching and studying and grading papers and trying to keep some kind of social life with friends. I just never seemed to find time to get any restful nights of sleep.

So I just kept popping No-Doz during the day.

This went on for weeks. But I just didn't see it as a problem, though already I was hiding the use from my ex-wife and friends and fellow class-

Off Beat arry Hollis

mates

Soon it was an ingrained habit, and I was having to take two or even three tablets at a time for any effect. And within a few more weeks, I was going through nearly a box of No-Doz a day.

I finally realized I was hooked. But it wasn't like I was drinking or smoking pot or sniffing cocaine, was it? So I didn't see it as any big deal. It was just part of my day, like people using coffee to get started for the day.

But after several months, I found I was often shaky, hyper at times and sluggish at other times. I was losing my taste for food. I was more nervous, more on edge a lot.

I tried to stop, but my body yelled for its dose. So I just gave in and took it. I couldn't find the time to wean myself off the stuff, and I just wouldn't admit it was a problem. And with mid-terms and finals always seeming to come up, with the standard trips to Texas and back during breaks, and still no licensed wife, I just kept on snacking on the No-Doz

This went on for a year and a half, maybe longer. Then one night, driving down to Texas again, I went to sleep with my eyes open and ran the car off the road. I was just lucky it was on flat land.

But it was enough to scare me. So I threw out the No-Doz, and just stopped for a rest when I got too

tired to drive. The trips took longer, but I felt safer. It was rough, just as bad as giving up smoking. But I succeeded, and to this day I won't take a No-Doz. I'll take rest stops on a long drive, or grab a Dr Pepper instead.

And until now, I've only told a very few people about that addiction. And it was an addiction. An embarrassing one. I was a No-Doz junkie.

Drug abuse is not limited to alcohol, marijuana. cocaine, heroin, LSD, morphine, Darvon, Valiums and the like. It can be almost anything that you allow to control you - even just the unwise use of caffeine

**Police disarm** bomb found in bank building

DALLAS (AP) - Police say they don't know the target of a radio-controlled bomb removed from a Dallas bank building that also houses the South Korean Consulate.

The bomb was found in a third-floor stairwell of a First RepublicBank building in northeast Dallas. It was disarmed Wednesday by police.

"This was not a high school prank. This bomb was built to do extensive damage or kill someone," said investigator Richard Dunn, who carried the 20-pound bomb into a special vehicle.

Dunn said no threats or extortion demands had been made

**FBI Special Agent Richard** Newth said that investigators knew of no threat against the consulate or any of the other 75 businesses in the building.

The Dallas consulate has very little political function, mainly providing information for tourists and business travelers bound for South Korea, officials said.

First Republic Bank officials said there also was no connection between the bomb and Tuesday's announcement that the bank would seek federal help to overcome its financial troubles.

The bank, with about 100 employees in the building, occupies the first two floors and the 10th floor.

The bank is an affiliate of First RepublicBank Corp., which has its headquarters in a downtown building.



# Viewpoints

### The Bampa News

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### Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignity of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

Louise Fletcher Publisher

Larry D. Hollis Managing' Editor

# Our opinion Saturday — a time to join our hands

People do a lot of talking at times, but often there's not much action behind all the words.

There's a chance this Saturday for residents in this city to put some action behind their words when the Pampa Says kNOw to Drugs organizers conduct

their Hands Around Pampa project. Admittedly, it's not a new idea — people joining hands to show support and share concern for a project, a program, a concept, a sense of unity. It's been done for years, even centuries, in various places and various times. The most known recent large-scale example is, of course, Hands Across America. Back in May 1986, millions of Americans joined hands in long lines crossing this nation to show their concern for the hungry of this world.

Pampa's project is on a much smaller scale - instead of millions, organizers are only asking for a few thousand. And instead of thousands of miles, the line will only be about 3 miles, encircling Pampa High School and Pampa Middle School along Hobart, Harvester, Duncan and 25th Avenue.

The goal is not to raise funds to feed the hungry of the world. But the aim does have just as serious a concept - a widescale show of support from Pampans indicating they are serious about the drug abuse problems that exist among too many of our . own: the young, the middle-aged and even some of the elderly

For while the drug problem is much a concern for many of our young people - those who will someday be the ruling generation of the near future it's not just a youth problem. Nor is it just a school problem, or a law enforcement problem, or the alltoo-used excuse, "someone else's problem.

Drug abuse is more than smoking pot or sniffing cocaine or shooting up with heroin or popping speed. It's also alcohol abuse, abuse of prescription drugs, abuse of any substance that can be addictive or lead to psychological dependency, threatening the clarity of mind or the health of the body. That takes in many more of us, either ourselves directly or those that we know and love, whether the abuse involves illegal drugs or the misuse of legal substances.

# Best to kill snake in the egg

In its long campaign for aid to the Contras, the Reagan administration has endlessly emphasized its hope for democracy in Nicaragua.

This professed commitment has been ridiculed by Democrats, who note that the American concern for Latin American selfgovernment is a recent development. The administration has hurt its own case and distracted from the bigger issue at stake: military threat presented by a Soviet satellite in Central America.

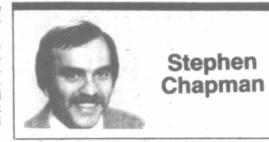
The very idea that the Sandinistas could endanger a superpower strikes opponents of Contra aid as ludicrous. A typical sentiment is that of filmmaker Deborah Shaffer, creator of a new documentary, Fire from the Mountain, which extols the revolution: "I don't know what it is about this tiny, impoverished country of 3.2 million people, half of whom are under 16, that makes the Reagan administration feel so threatened; the Nicaraguans certainly pose no threat to Americans.'

At one level, the threat is nonexistent. No one imagines that the Sandinistas contemplate an amphibious assault on Miami Beach, and only President Reagan loses sleep over the fate of Harlingen, Texas. In any one-on-one military confrontation with the U.S., Nicaragua would have no choice.

But that doesn't mean we can safely ignore Daniel Ortega's regime. The Soviets have not poured billions of dollars in military and economic aid into Nicaragua simply from a devotion to socialist fraternity. They believe that establishing a base on the American mainland will improve their military position against the West and they're right.

By now it should be obvious to all that the

Riding the crest...



Sandinistas are firmly in the Soviet camp, without the independent bent of some Leninist states, like Yugoslavia and China. They already benefit from between 2,500 and 3,000 Soviet and Cuban military advisers, not to mention roughly the same number of civilian advisers in other fields

Soviet military aid to the Sandinista government --- which, incidentally, is not forbidden by the Central American peace treaty signed last year - has far exceeded U.S help to the Contras. Nicaragua's defense minister, in an excess of gratitude, once said he would consider any request to install Soviet nuclear missiles in his country — an offer hurriedly declined by Moscow

The Soviets are more subtle in these matters. Their experience with Cuba tells them that a gradually expanding military role in Nicaragua, without the needless provocation of offensive nuclear weapons, will avoid any American response, while amply serving their purposes.

Nicaragua's potential strategic value to Moscow grows out of its geographic position. As a recent study by the California think tank, the Rand Corp., notes, the Soviets are investing heavily to make Nicaraguan ports accessible to

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These ports would for the first time allow the Soviet navy to establish a permanent presence in the eastern Pacific - forcing the U.S. to take expensive measures to protect a crucial asset. Moscow is also helping to upgrade airfields, which could be useful for reconnaissance in peacetime and for attack on the U.S. in war.

A still greater danger arises in case of a Soviet invasion of Western Europe, which would demand every available soldier, plane and ship the U.S. can send. Like Cuba, Nicaragua is perfectly placed to cut the sea-lanes through which most U.S. supplies will have to pass on their way from ports in the Gulf of Mexico to Europe. Its proximity to the Panama Canal adds to its mischiefmaking capacity.

The importance of this shipping to a NATO victory can't be stressed too much. Though the U.S. could undoubtedly crush Cuba and Nicaragua, the effort would divert men and weapons from Europe, at a potentially fatal cost.

What looks at first glance like a minor threat could be the one that tips the balance against the West. Michael Desch, a doctoral candidate at the University of Chicago, writes in a recent issue of the respected strategic journal Survival that if Soviet allies can cut the sea-lanes, it 'could cost NATO a war on the Central Front ... (Sea-lane) vulnerability in the Caribbean is the key threat to the U.S from the Western hemisphere.'

There are ways to address the threat from Nicaragua in case of war, but they are all second-best solutions. The best answer is to kill the snake in the egg. That's the strongest argument for helping the Contras.

### **Today in history**

**By The Associated Press** Today is Thursday, March 17, the 77th day of 1988. There are 289 days left in the year. Today is St. Patrick's Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 17, A.D. 461, according to tradition, St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, died. On this date:

In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.

In 1870, the Massachusetts Legislature authorized the incorporation of Wellesley Female Seminary. It later became Wellesley College.

In 1905, Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin D. Roosevelt in New York

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt used the term "muckrake" in a speech to the Gridiron Club in Washington.

In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. It was formally presented to the public exactly two years later.

In 1958, the Navy launched the

So Hands Around Pampa gives us the chance to show that we are concerned, that we care about what is happening to others.

But, of course, it also gives us a chance to show certain elements in this city that we are tired of the illegal drugs that are proffered to our youth, destroving their minds, their dreams, even their lives

all just so someone can make a buck or drag others down to their own sunken levels.

If only a few show up, then we may as well just admit we've given up the battle, maybe even the whole war against drug abuse in this community.

There's been a lot of words spoken in our churches, in our schools, in our civic clubs, in our own homes. Now's the time to begin taking some action, putting some force behind all the mouthed phrases and expressions of concern.

Saturday afternoon — 1:30 p.m. — Hobart, Harvester, Duncan, 25th Avenue — the place to be if you care to join the communitywide battle against drug abuse

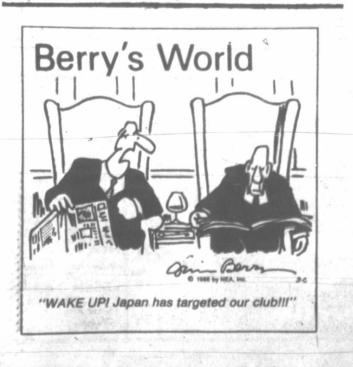
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No real sports in Olympics

There's been a lot of concern raised over the fact we didn't do that well in the winter Olympics.

George Steinbrenner, owner of the New York Yankees, has even been called upon to offer his help in making Americans more competitive four years from now.

What the owner of a baseball team - one that hasn't won any gold medals lately either -- can do about making Americans better bobsledders is beyond me.

What George does best is pay outrageous amounts of money to guys who allegedly can run, hit and pitch

Unless the East Germans get into baseball, I don't think George is going to be a lot of help. And the fact East Germany and Russia and all those other countries with cold weather athletes named Wolfgang don't play such sports as baseball is why it doesn't bother me at all that the United States stunk up the winter Olympics in Calgary

Is anybody really going to lose any sleep over the fact the commies are better at the luge than we are? Here is a "sport" where you lie down on your back on a sled and go 70 miles an hour down a hill.

That's all there is to it. You don't have to shoot a free throw, catch anything, or remember to hit the cutoff man.



They take 5-year-old kids in East Germany and say, "OK, Fritz, you're going to be in the luge

Imagine saying that to an American kid.

'The luge? 'Are you nuts?'' the kid will answer. "I'm going to be a pro quarterback and make 8 million a year and don't bother me with any more of this. Check with my agent."

Then, there's the bobsled. You don't lie down on the sled this time. You sit in it and go at incredible speeds around the curves and down the mountain.

I'm about as interested in bobsledding as I am in figure skating, which is terribly overrated as a sport, too.

First, a girl in a skimpy outfit hooks up with a guy in tight pants and they dance together on skates.

Ever watched American Bandstand? It's the

same thing, except nobody falls on his or her butt on American Bandstand.

Then, there's individual skating. More girls in skimpy outfits, more guys in tight pants doing something called an axel.

The only people who really get excited at skating events are the television announcers.

"What a touching moment," said one guy when some skater fell on her ice.

I'm not sure skating announcers weren't wearing their slacks a bit too tight also.

I didn't get a final score, but I guess we lost in the biathalon, too. That's some sport.

You ski, and stop along the way to shoot at a target with a rifle.

Do away with the target practice and make them stop and rob a convenience store and I'd watch that

Don't worry about the American athletes. We do best in sports that make sense.

Some years ago there was a team movement to start a rowing team at Clemson University. Frank Howard, the athletic director, wouldn't fund it however.

"I ain't giving a dime to no sport where you sit on your tail and go backwards," said Howard.

Forget the luge. Baseball season is only a month away and George Steinbrenner putting manager Billy Martin on the first bobsled out of town can't be that far behind.

# There's also a bad smell in the House

#### **By WILLIAM A. RUSHER**

Ever since Congress hit on the idea of creating special prosecutors to look into charges of wrongdoing in the executive branch (on the theory that the Justice Department couldn't be trusted to do it), Democrats have had a high old time watching major officials of the Reagan administration undergo such scrutiny.

Typically, such prosecutors, recruited from the ranks of retired judges and district attorneys with little to do, are provided with lavish office space and huge staffs and then pointed in the direction of one or more officials of the executive branch and asked to find some law under which they can be sent to jail.

Needless to say, most of them do not disappoint. Unlike ordinary prose-cutors, who can select from an almost endless number of possibilities the misdeeds that truly deserve punishment, the special prosecutor's entire record depends on nailing somebody already singled out and handed over to him for destruction.

Thus Lawrence Walsh's assign-

ment, as the special prosecutor in the Iran/contra affair, is to convict Adm. John Poindexter and Lt. Col. Oliver North of something - anything. And special prosecutor James McKay's whole long and expensive inquiry into the Wedtech scandal will be a failure in many partisan eyes if he doesn't manage to indict Attorney General Edwin Meese

One of the worst flaws in this process is that, like the Ethics in Government Act, it doesn't apply to members of Congress. The theoretical reason is that the Justice Department is not politically in cahoots with Congress, and thus would presumably feel free to prosecute any representative or senator who strayed. And indeed it does occasionally nail one; Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-N.Y.) recently drew a prison sentence for accepting expensive favors to expedite a government contract.

But how could the Justice Department go about investigating allegations of criminal conduct on the part of someone like the powerful speaker of the House, Jim Wright? Attorney

General Meese would instantly be accused of playing partisan politics. Besides, the House is supposed to be the chief monitor of the behavior of its own members, and has an Ethics Committee for exactly that purpose.

And yet Wright, in little more than a year as speaker, has made a reputation for himself as a heavy-handed grossly partisan tyrant, and has become entangled in some thoroughly malodorous transactions.

For example, he intervened on behalf of contributors to his campaign whose savings & loan corporations were under federal investigation. He helped procure \$11.8 million in federal funds for the Fort Worth Stockyards, in which his business partner had a substantial financial interest. And he has continued to receive 55 percent royalties on a book published by his friend Carlos Moore, a convicted felon, in violation of House Rule 43, Clause 5, which restricts royalties that are higher than customary.

The Democratic majority in the.

House has been predictably inert in the face of these acts. (An effort to stop the federal grant was blocked by a partisan vote, 240 to 176.) That is why Congressman Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) is asking the House Ethics Committee not merely to investigate them, but to hire outside counsel to conduct the inquiry - in effect, to designate a special prosecutor to look into the conduct of Speaker Wright.

Demanding a probe of Jim Wright is too dangerous a job, however, to be left to one brave young congressman from Georgia. Which is why it is being suggested in certain Washington circles that Congressman Jack Kemp, whose presidential campaign has pretty well run out of gas, would be doing his country a signal service if he signed on for this project and put his hefty shoulder to the wheel. It is just possible that such an inquiry might awaken American voters to the deadly significance of continued Democratic control of the House of Representatives

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# Nation **Report: Veterans cheating government on pension**

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. veterans are cheating the government out of tens of millions of dollars each year by lying about their incomes and collecting excessive benefits as a result, a congressional report says

The report by the General Accounting Office, the investigative wing of Congress, compared Veterans Administration income forms filled out by pensioners with Internal Revenue Service data. Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, released the report Wednesday and said Congress should move to halt the abuses by giving the VA access to same tax information so it can verify what veterans tell it about income from jobs

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and investments. Murkowski is the senior Republican on the Veterans Affairs Committee.

The IRS information is compiled from reports supplied by employers and other income sources such as banks and stockbrokers

The GAO's findings were based on an examination of such information from a single year. It said pensioners who understated their incomes to the VA potentially collected \$182.5 million more in pension payments than they deserved in 1984.

Under the law, the size of a VA pension - which went to 1.4 million people in 1984 — is determined principally by a recipient's total income from all sources.

The GAO report said congressional investigators found that 549,000 pensioners failed to tell the VA about \$947 million in income.

The report said that more than 26,000 veterans told the VA they had no earned income in 1984 but each actually made at least \$1,000 through employment.

'Some cases had reported no earnings over several years, although tax data showed significant earnings in those years," GAO said.

Some 60 percent of the pensioners who understated their incomes to the VA failed to report that they received money through interest and dividends, according to GAO.

The report said it could not estimate the exact amount of pension overpayments by the VA, but it estimated that potential overpayments of \$182.5 million went to 149,000 pensioners whose VA and IRS records had a difference of \$100 or more.

Murkowski said the figures may be low because GAO made several conservative decisions in compiling its data, including ignoring all unreported income below \$100.

Murkowski and GAO urged the VA to overhaul its income verification system and said Congress should give the agency the legal ability to use IRS data to cross-check the income veterans report to the VA.

This is the type of system that has been used for several years to verify the income of applicants for and recipients of need-based entitlement programs.

GAO quoted the VA as saying it agreed with the report's findings that it needs the tools to verify pensioners' income and that its income questionnaires could be improved.

But it quoted the IRS as saying it opposes giving the VA access to tax data because "such access would compromise the voluntary tax system.'

# Mecham takes stand at his impeachment trial

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) - Senators stood in respect as Gov. Evan Mecham arrived for the first time at his impeachment trial to testify that he didn't cover up a death threat and did not sell appointments for campaign contributions

Mecham told the Arizona Senate on Wednesday that his trust in some aides was 'a trust misplaced" and that he also had "big trouble" in relations with state Attorney General Bob Corbin, a fellow Republican.

The 63-year-old first-term governor, who said his 1986 campaign theme was to "rid the state of corruption," was expected to resume testimony today.

Department of Public Safety Director

Democratic presidential contenders are

expressing concern about President

Reagan's decision to send U.S. troops to Hon-

duras today, with Jesse Jackson calling it "heavy-handed," while indictments in the

Iran-Contra affair are putting some political

Bob Dole's backers were quick to suggest

that if Bush is the Republican nominee, the

**By The Associated Press** 

heat on George Bush.

Ralph Milstead testified last week that Mecham ordered him not to cooperate with a Corbin investigation. The attorney general was looking into an alleged death threat against former Mecham aide Donna Carlson, who was about to testify before a grand jury on Mecham's failure to report a \$350,000 campaign loan.

The governor, whose lawyers have been trying to undermine the credibility of the state's top police official, testified Wednesday he would have had ample grounds to fire Milstead. He said he also would have fired Ms. Carlson had he known she told Milstead last year that the governor was considering replacing him

"I had to trust the people I was dealing with," Mecham said. Asked by defense attorney Fred Craft if the governor still trusted those people, Mecham answered, "Not some of them. ... It was a trust misplaced."

The governor contended an internal investigation showed that Milstead misused state vehicles for personal purposes and used a state secretary to type his masters' thesis.

In response, DPS spokesman Sgt. Allan Schmidt said the investigators "found no reason not to retain him (Milstead) and no problems, save his management style.'

Mechaim appeared calm and soft-spoken during his testimony.



Butcher poses with her lead dog Granite at end of 1.158-mile race.

## **Susan Butcher wins** third Iditarod race NOME, Alaska (AP) — Sirens

wailed and hundreds of boisterous fans jammed the street to cheer Susan Butcher as she coasted to an unprecedented tender if he races next year. third straight victory in the 1 150-

second place with four-time Iditarod champion Rick Swenson of Two Rivers, will be a strong con-Joe Garnie of Teller was ru

# She said Buser, battling for

Democrats will use the re-ignited Iran-Contra affair as ammunition against him this fall.

The Democrats didn't wait that long, however, with Richard Gephardt calling the indictments evidence that the Reagan administration has put the Constitution "through the shredder.

Dole's beleaguered GOP campaign, meanwhile, came in for some serious scrutiny on Wednesday, with Republican Party Chairman Frank Fahrenkopf hinting the Kansas senator should think about throwing in the towel after his latest loss to Bush, in Illinois.

"I believe he should stay in," said Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, one of the group. Grassley said the four indictments Wednesday in connection with the Iran-Contra affair were not directly discussed but said: "There's going to be some Reagan baggage that George Bush has to contend with, and realistically it's going to be problems.



Democrate question Honduras move; Dole backers point to Iran-Contra

mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race

Bitterly cold winds raked Nome as the flushed and perspiring 33-year-old Alaskan cruised beneath the log-arch finish at 8:42 p.m. Wednesday.

"It means a lot to me to win three years in a row," said a smiling Butcher, the only musher to win three consecutive Iditarods, as she hugged her frosty-faced lead dogs, Granite and Tolstoy.

"I very much want four," said Butcher, who has competed in 11 of the grueling races and earned \$30,000 for Wednesday's victory. "I guess I want five.

Butcher finished after 11 days, 11 hours, and 41 minutes, a record for the race's longer northern route from Anchorage to Nome. Last year, her time of 11 days, 2 hours set a record for the shorter southern route.

Her closest rival, Martin Buser of Big Lake, trailed by 14 hours Wednesday night.

"What gave me the jump on Martin was that storm we had last night," Butcher said. "I knew, when I heard we were going to have winds, that was the best thing that could happen, because I knew mine would pull through it.'

Buser's team, she said, had balked in light winds earlier along the coast. Wind and cold dropped the wind chill to minus 70 degrees.

ning fourth Wednesday. Joe Redington, a 70-year-old Knik resident known as "the father of the Iditarod" for helping in 1973 to found the race he has never won, was fifth.

After the winner's take, the next 19 finishers will split \$120,000 in prize money

People emptied out of bars and at least one church as Butcher headed into this old gold-mining town, a regional hub for western Alaska whose population roughly doubled in recent days because of the race

Butcher has won the Iditarod three times, finished second twice, and finished among the top 10 four other times. She is the second woman to win the Iditarod. Libby Riddles of Teller won the contest in 1985, the year Butcher was forced to drop out after an angry moose stomped through her team.

The Iditarod, named after an old supply route to the gold mining districts of interior Alaska, draws its inspiration from a 1925 relay of diphtheria serum to Nome, which was hit hard by an outbreak of the disease.

The race started March 5 on trucked-in snow in downtown Anchorage, and the temperature fluctuated around freezing the next few days, which strained the cold-loving huskies. Then, fresh snow slowed the leaders in the Alaska Range.

### Shivering helps body warm up

NEW YORK (AP) - When you've been out in the cold, your body has a unique way to fight back the chills. It shivers to generate heat by rapidly and rhythmically contracting muscles

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# **Troops patrolling Panama after foiled coup**

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) - Soldiers loyal to Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega patrolled the streets of Panama City today, one day after a failed coup attempt by rebel officers sparked rioting by thousands of Panamanians.

The rampage by citizens fed up with military rule and the nation's financial crisis was the largest disturbance since civilian opponents first began staging demonstrations calling for Noriega's ouster last summer.

Wednesday's protests erupted spontaneously throughout the capital and in the country's second largest city, Colon, 50 miles to the north

Security guards fired into crowds that ransacked stores and lit barricades of trash on fire in Panama City, but no deaths were reported.

By midafternoon, the demonstrators were dispersed, buses and taxis stopped running and the city was virtually deserted, except for patrolling soldiers.

The attempted coup Wednesday was the first indication of opposition to Noriega within the Panama Defense Forces, the 15,000-member military and police unit from which the general derives his power.

The coup attempt began an hour after dawn with the crackle of light arms fire inside the walled Defense Forces headquarters in the capital.

After eight hours of official silence, the Defense Forces finally acknowledged at midafternoon that a coup attempt had taken place, blaming a handful of officers led by Panama's police chief, Col. Leonidas Macias.

"This morning an attempt by some officers to take and control the headquarters of our institution, in an isolated action, was firmly quelled by the officers, non-comissioned officers and soldiers of the installation," said an official communique.

The statement from the Defense Forces' press office said Macias, three majors and a captain were arrested and that the revolt was put down "without bloodshed."

But Maj. Edgardo Lopez, head of the military press office, told reporters that "eight or 10 officers" were involved in the aborted coup. He did not explain the discrepancy.

An hour after the shooting began, Noriega appeared at the top of a stairway outside the headquarters building, dressed in civilian clothes and accompanied by members of his high command

To shouted questions from reporters about what had happened, the general replied: "What has happened is that you are visiting us here today.

Asked about the shots, he replied: 'They were kisses.'

Despite official evasions, word of the coup attempt spread and people poured into streets of the capital that were strangely devoid of riot police and soldiers.

Demonstrators erected flaming barricades of trash and debris across hundreds of streets, roughed up suspected government informers and broke into stores believed to be owned by Noriega and his supporters.

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By midday, unpaid workers at the state-owned utility joined strikes called earlier by teachers, health department and other government employees. The entire nation was left without electricity

The Panama Canal Commision, which supervises operation of the 50mile waterway between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, said strikes by dockworkers and the electricity shutoff did not hamper the passage of ships.

The U.S. Southern Military Command put its 10,000 personnel and their dependents on highest security alert.



Mourners at the funeral for three slain IRA members run for cover as a man fired shots and hurled grenades during graveside services Wednesday.

# Five houses firebombed in Belfast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - Firebombers today set five houses ablaze in Protestant North Belfast in apparent retaliation for a gun and grenade attack on an IRA funeral that killed three mourners and wounded 68

Another Irish Republican Army gunman was to be buried in Belfast today as the British-ruled province reeled in shock over Wednesday's attack at the city's Roman Catholic Milltown cemetery.

Police said they were holding a Protestant, Michael Stone, who allegedly mounted the attack, and an accomplice. Police gave no other details on the two, who can be held without charge for seven days

The IRA three guerrillas buried Wednesday were slain March 6 by British soldiers in Gibraltar. while unarmed and allegedly planning a bomb attack

A spokesman at Belfast police headquarters today said the firebombing of the five houses appeared to be a sectarian attack. He said a woman was treated in a hospital for smoke inhalation but no other injuries were reported. The gun and grenade attack at the cemetery on Wednesday touched off rioting throughout the province that continued into early today in Belfast and Londonderry. No injuries were immediately reported.

ity forces with gasoline bombs, rocks and bottles filled with acid.

In Belfast, police fired plastic bullets to disperse the rioters.

Mainstream Protestant organizations disavowed the cemetery attack. The hard-line Rev. Ian Paisley, leader of the Protestant Democratic Unionist Party, said on Wednesday that all "rightthinking Protestants" would condemn it.

The British Broadcasting Corp. said an anonymous caller telephoned its Belfast office and claimed responsibility for the attack on behalf of a little-known extremist faction, the Protestant Action Force. The BBC said the caller gave no code word establishing authenticity.

The group has claimed responsibility for previous sectarian assassinations.

Having buried three guerrillas Wednesday, IRA supporters were to rally again today for the funeral of Kevin McCracken, 33, an IRA member shot and killed by a British army patrol on which he fired in Belfast on Monday night. Belfast city councilman Brian Feeney of the moderate Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party predicted in a BBC radio interview today that the funeral attack could trigger fierce new sectarian strife in the province. Wednesday's bloodbath was the work of a gunman who materialized from behind a tombstone as Milltown cemetery was packed with thousands of

# **Ortega puts Nicaragua on alert** against possible U.S. invasion

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) -President Daniel Ortega said Sandinista troops had forced 2,000 Contras into Honduran territory, and he warned the nation that U.S. forces may invade Nicaragua to save the rebels.

"The United States, disrespectful of international law and disrespectful of the principles of the American constitution, is threatening today (Wednesday) to directly employ its military forces to save the mercenaries, Ortega said, referring to the U.S.supported Contra rebels.

tial report by the White House that the United States was considering "everything ... short of invasion" after President Jose Azcona Hoyo of Honduras ac-

cused Nicaragua of sending troops across the border into his country and asked President Reagan for help.

Late Wednesday, the White House announced about 3,200 U.S. troops would be sent to Honduras today, but would not be deployed "to any area of ongoing hostilities," namely the Honduras-Nicaragua border, where fighting raged Wednesday between Nicaraguan soldiers and the Contras.

There was no official reaction

Wednesday night from the leftist Sandinista government to the announced deployment of U.S. troops.

However, soon after the announcement was made, the government took control of all radio stations and broadcast that Nicaraguan troops were being mobilized throughout the coun-

Ortega neither confirmed nor denied on Wednesday that Nicaraguan soldiers had crossed into Honduran territory.





Police said Catholic gangs stole 24 vehicles in Belfast and two in Londonderry, setting many of



# Lifestyles

# Santa Fe District Scouts present Good Turn plaque

Darla Vinson of Handy Hammer has been presented with a Good Turn Club plaque by Bob Sharp of the seven-county district of Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts of America.

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The Good Turn Club has a twofold goal: to recognize the ongoing assistance and/or donations of time, money or material to the Santa Fe District's Cub and Boy Scout program and to promote and foster the Boy Scout concept of the "Good Turn" among the community

"It is because of such good turns that the Boy Scouts are able to serve the youth of our community," Sharp said.

Handy Hammer has donated much-needed building materials to Camp M.K. Brown. The Pampa business provides ongoing support to the program and exemplifies what the "Good Turn" is all about, Sharp said. Handy Hammer has also provided storage space for several pallets of popcorn during the council-wide popcorn sale.

"Over the next few weeks, we will recognize the efforts and support of other businesses such as Wal-Mart, Alco, First Christian Church and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church," Sharp said.

**DARLA VINSON and BOB SHARP** 

# Baker Elementary releases fourth six weeks' honor roll

honor roll for the past six weeks includes the following students:

#### FIRST GRADE

Erich Crosswhite, Elijio Hernandez, Kelby McClellan, Shawn Miller, Quentin Prentice, Adres Vasquez, Kerri Cole, Regina Tice, LaTasha Velasquez, Maricella Chavez, Lydia Cruz, Brandon Helms, Tasha Lucas.

Lety Madrid, Mark Mulanax, Juan Saldierna, Andrew Vinson, Ambrina Wilson, Hack Jones, Stephen Phillips, Gloria Resen-

Baker Elementary School's Tarango, Angie D'Jesus, Maria Alvarado, Julie Gamble

### SECOND GRADE

Daryl Shook, Thomas Carver, Angelica Ballesteros, Victor Hernandez, Jasmira Ortega, MaryLee Adamson, Olivia Castillo, Chris Ford, James Gross Evaristo Jimenez, Debbie Kirklin, Bertha Silva.

Luke Smith, Deanna Briseno, Misty Chisum, Blanca Rodriguez, Jeremy Atchley, Fabian Ayala, Amber Crosswhite, Amanda Daugherty, Steven

Roy Gonzalez, Ruben Leal, Lindie Price, Marisol Resendiz, Melissa Butcher, Curtis Atwood.

FOURTH GRADE Matilde Resendiz, Misty Adams, Emilio Vasquez, Jaime Silva, Jina Mason, Armando

Ramirez FIFTH GRADE Candi Atwood, Marcella Leal, Luis Resendiz, Stacey Gross, Amber Woodard.

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From left, Wiley Reynolds, Dr. Gerald Schultz, Richard Thompson and Phoebe

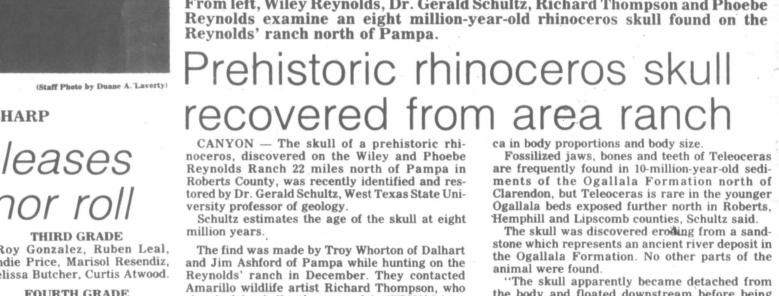
The find was made by Troy Whorton of Dalhart Amarillo wildlife artist Richard Thompson, who sketched the skull and contacted the WTSU biology and geosciences department.

Schultz and Thompson took the skull to the paleontology laboratory in Killgore Research Center on the WTSU campus. Schultz spent two weeks cleaning, hardening and restoring the specimen.

The skull is 18 inches long and belongs to the extinct Teleoceras genus of rhinoceros, which lived on the Great Plains between five and 10 million years ago during the Miocene Epoch. Teleoceras was a short-legged, robust-bodied animal which stood about 41/2 feet tall and 9 feet long and resembled the semiaquatic hippopotamus of Afrithe body and floated downstream before being buried in the channel sand," Schultz said.

Schultz curated and studied in the Mead collection for the Roberts County Historical Museum in Miami and helped design the paleontology exhibits in the Harrington Wing of Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. He has degrees in geology from the universities of Minnesota and Michi gan and has actively researched the paleontology of the Panhandle since he came to WTSU in 1964

"The Panhandle region is one of the richest areas in North America for vertebrate fossils, Schultz said. "I have several lifetimes of work to do here before I retire.



#### Angelica Dominguez, Crystal Frost, Noel Hernandez, Janie Vildiz, Lisa Rodriguez, Veronica lalon. Jones at dentist who refuses to pull Patient isn't smiling

DEAR ABBY: Well, I thought I'd tooth pulled by an oral surgeon heard everything until I went to a than if a dentist had done the job. dentist in a new town and needed to Abby, I find it hard to trust a have a tooth pulled. Would you dentist who can't do a basic procebelieve that dentist doesn't pull dure like pulling a tooth, but sends

## **Dear Abby**

got up. Sometimes I have something important to say before I drive off and I actually have to shout to keep them quiet. I no longer pick up some women for that reason Please print this, Abby. The talkers know who they are. THE DRIVER (DRIVEN NUTS)

they have done from the time they of able-bodied people who park in places that are clearly marked "For Handicapped Only"? SUSAN IN RICHMOND, VA.

lazy, insensitive and uncaring.

Furthermore, they're dishonest

to take something that doesn't

**DEAR SUSAN:** I think they're

(Special Photo)

teeth? He sent me to an oral surgeon. I found it hard to believe that a dentist couldn't - or wouldn't - pull a tooth, so I asked the receptionist at the oral surgeon's office why my dentist wouldn't pull my tooth. She said my dentist wanted to make sure it was extracted correctly, as if there was an incorrect way to pull a tooth.

When I went in to see the oral surgeon, he told me that my dentist and he were lifelong friends. Then he assured me that my dentist was a very fine dentist. (If he was such a fine dentist, how come he doesn't know how to pull a tooth correctly?) It cost me a lot more to have the

me to a lifelong buddy down the road who just happens to be an oral surgeon. I personally think they have a nice little racket going. What do you think?

DISGUSTED IN VIRGINIA

DEAR DISGUSTED: You've heard the expression, "... hard as pulling teeth." It's true. Pulling teeth is a specialty, and while every dentist knows how to pull teeth, an oral surgeon has the special expertise and equipment - not to mention the experience - to handle anypossible complication or adverse reaction. (It's not usual,



but some dental patients have died during an extraction.) Rather than assume that the dentist and oral surgeon had a

"nice little racket going," be grateful that you had the best tooth extraction available in that little Virginia town, by gum. (Forgive me. I could have said, "The yanks are coming," but I resisted it.)

### Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Will you please tell women who depend on other women for rides to church, shopping or anywhere else women hitch rides to. to please shut up for at least two minutes

I realize that most of these women who live alone need to talk, but if they don't come up for air once in a while, they will be looking for another means of transportation. The minute the car door is open.

they start to tell you everything

DEAR DRIVER: All right, so now that the talkers who "know who they are" have seen this, please review your own perceptive observation: "These women who live alone need to talk."

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Mentally handicapped kids learn martia

#### **By AMY RAGSDALE Decatur Herald and Review**

TAYLORVILLE, Ill (AP) -Motivation, character, selfconfidence, physical fitness. Thomas Perry believes these are the elements of tae kwon do.

And that's why he wants to teach the Korean martial art to 30 mentally handicapped children who attend Central School in Taylorville.

"Martial arts is one of the activities parents wouldn't even consider letting their (mentally handicapped) kids get involved in," said Perry, master instructor at the Taylorville School of Tae Kwon Do and Self Defense.

"It's going to be challenge. There's a limit to what they can do, but there's also a limit to what they can't do.'

Perry began teaching the twice-a-week classes recently and plans to continue for the rest of the year.

The arrangement evolved after Perry asked the Decatur-based Easter Seal Society of Central Illinois Inc. to help him promote an upcoming statewide tae kwon do tournament in exchange for proceeds from the gate receipts. The charity accepted Perry's offer and asked if he'd be willing to work with some handicapped children.

"Every once in a while when a martial arts school springs up. people thinks it's a bad thing," he said, explaining that he thought working with the charity would upgrade tae kwon do's image.

Central School principal Catherine O'Connell said she expected her students to become more interested in their other classes because of tae kwon do.

"You have to have good grades and be well-behaved to participate," she said. "It'll teach them self-discipline and they'll be able to coordinate their movements

better. It will be a fun time, as well as hard work.

The school's Parent Teacher Association bought uniforms for each of the 30 students, ages 6 to 21

Jan Krowe, executive director of the Decatur Easter Seals unit, said, "Tae kwon do really ties in with our motto of helping indi-

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viduals get the ability to overcome

"Self-discipline, mind discipline - that's why it fits in well with helping the disabled."

The Easter Seal Society of Central Illinois provides services to disabled children and adults in Christian, DeWitt, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt and Shelby counties.

rightfully belong to them. But lest we judge too quickly, not every "handicap" is visible. There are people with heart trouble, emphysema and numerous other health problems who cannot walk a block without resting.

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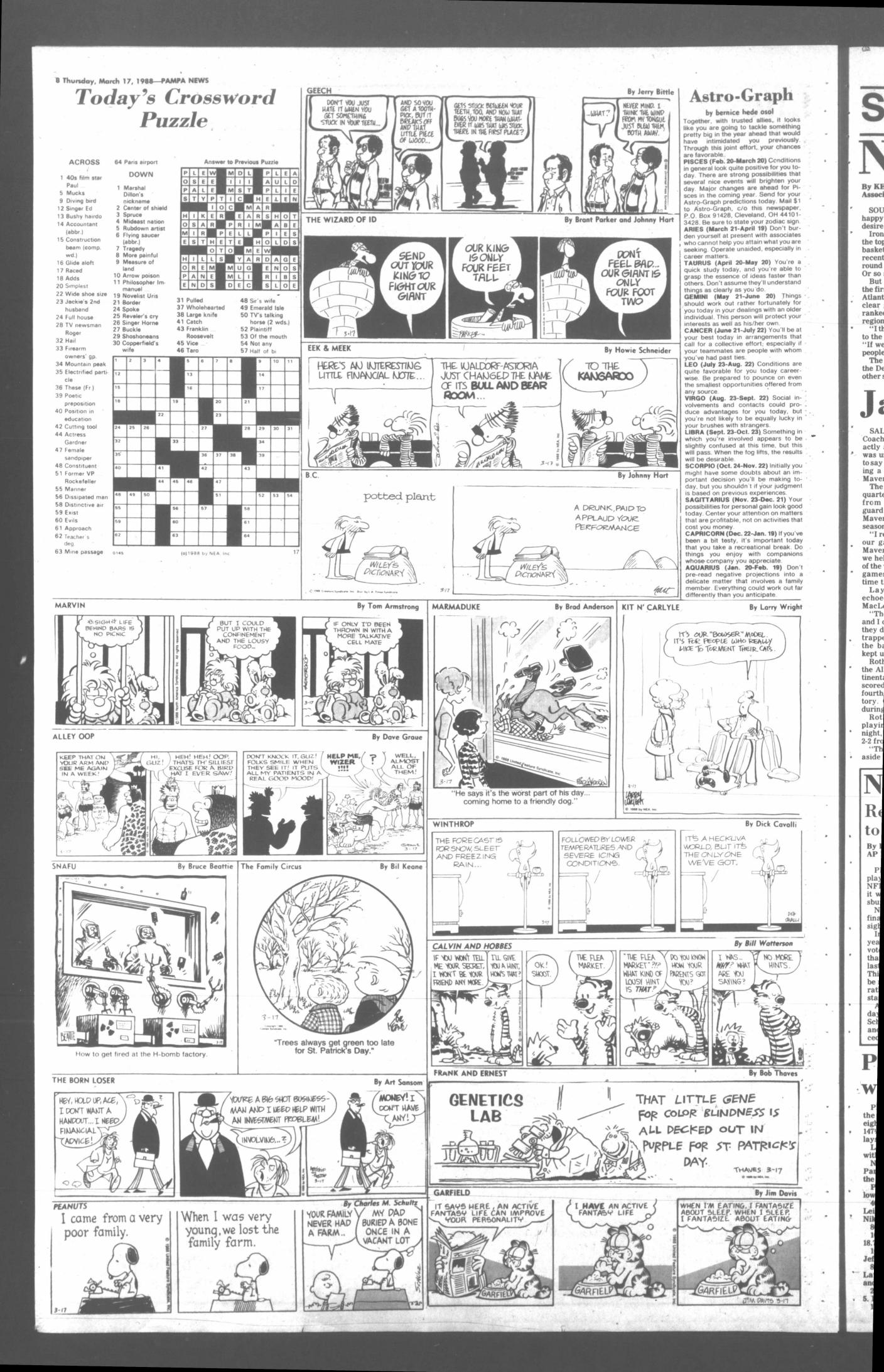
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# Sports

# CAA tournament tips off today

#### **By KEN KUSMER Associated Press Writer**

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SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Some teams show up just happy to be here, others come in feeling a great desire to prove something to the basketball world.

Ironically, it's the third-ranked Purdue squad. the top seed in the Midwest Regional of the NCAA basketball tournament and a team snake-bitten in recent tourney history, that entered today's firstround action feeling no need to prove its greatness. Or so says Coach Gene Keady.

But 13th-seeded La Salle, in the NCAA field for the first time in five years after winning the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament, saw a clear goal in its matchup against Kansas State, ranked 20th in the nation and seeded fourth in the

regional. "I think we gained a lot of respect last year going to the NIT finals," said senior guard Tim Legler. "If we can beat a team of that caliber, it'll make people recognize where our program is headed.'

The winner of tonight's game faces the victor of the DePaul-Wichita State game on Saturday. The other second-round game at South Bend will pit the

winners of the Purdue-Fairleigh Dickinson and Baylor-Memphis State games. The remaining eight teams in the Midwest Regional compete at Lincoln, Neb., beginning Friday.

LaSalle, 24-9 and riding a 15-game winning streak, saw its season end last year with an 84-80 loss to Southern Mississippi in the championship game of the National Invitation Tournament. The Explorers depend this year on the 23.4 points and 11.4 rebounds per game of sophomore forward Lionel Simmons, the MAAC player of the year, and Legler's 16.9 points.

Kansas State, which lost to Nevada-Las Vegas in the second round last year, earned its high seed after a 22-8 season. Senior swing man Mitch Richmond leads the Wildcats with 22.7 points per game. "It's my second year around and I'm more calm

and I have better control of my nerves," said Richmond

"The fourth seed is a real honor," Coach Lon Kruger said. "But I told them it doesn't mean anything now.

DePaul Coach Joey Meyer echoed the warning against overconfidence.

'This is a one-game elimination, and it really

doesn't matter what you've done before as it matters what you do (tonight)," said Meyer.

The Blue Demons, one of only two independent souads to make the 64-team field (Notre Dame was the other), finished regular-season play 21-7 and lèd by the backcourt of Rod Strickland and Kevin Edwards, averaging 20.1 and 18.6 points.

The Blue Demons are making their 10th NCAA appearance in 11 years and 20-9 Wichita State its third in four year. Shockers Coach Eddie Fogler says any team coming into the field will be playing at the top of its game but the basketball sometimes takes funny bounces.

"I can't believe anybody's going to self-destruct when you get this far," Fogler said, but added: "Fairleigh Dickinson might beat Purdue. You never know. It's a crazy game.

Keady, whose Purdue teams have experienced only bitter disappointment in the NCAA tourney the past five years, downplayed the pressure on the highly regarded Boilermakers.

"It's not going to ruin my summer if we get beat," he said. "We want to win the national championship in the worst way, but if we get beat we're going to walk out with our heads high, knowing we

tried our best.'

Purdue, which hasn't advanced past the second. round under Keady, won the Big Ten title behind powerful play led by seniors Troy Lewis, Todd Mitchell and Everette Stephens. Lewis and Stephens averaged 17.7 and 13 points in the backcourt, while forward Mitchell scored 15.8.

Fairleigh Dickinson Coach Tom Green didn't relish the prospect of facing Purdue in the opening game this afternoon. The 23-6 Knights won the ECAC Metro Conference tournament for the automatic bid and were rewarded with the last seed in the 16-team regional field.

"It's a heckuva lot better than 17th or 18th," Green said. "When it's all said and done, I'm just glad to be here."

Memphis State Coach Larry Finch also is happy to be in South Bend after watching the Tigers, 19-11 and an at-large bid, lose top players Sylvester Gray and Marvin Alexander two weeks into the season because of improper dealings with a sports agent. Senior guard Dwight Boyd's 14.9 average paced the Tigers.

# Jazz whip Mavs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) --- Jazz scouting reports said he was a Coach Frank Layden wasn't exactly at a loss for words, but he was unable to find anything bad to say about his Utah team following a 120-105 blitz of the Dallas Mavericks.

The Jazz used a strong fourth quarter, including contributions from Scott Roth and reserve guard Rickey Green, to hand the Mavericks their 20th loss of the season.

"I really didn't see any holes in our game. I thought when the Mavericks made some runs at us we held our poise," said Layden of the victory that put Utah seven games above .500 for the first

time this season. Layden's assessment was

echoed by Dallas Coach John MacLeod. "They're playing aggessively

and I can't think of anything that they didn't do well tonight. They trapped, they ran, they moved the ball and defensively, they kept us off stride," he said.

Roth, picked up Feb. 25 from the Albany Patroons of the Continental Basketball Association, scored eight of his 12 points in the fourth period to help seal the victory. Green scored 10 of his 18 during the final period.

Roth, who had seen limited playing time until Wednesday night, was 5-8 from the field and 2-2 from the line

aside and told him that all the

good outside shooter," Layden said. "So I told him he should shoot the ball. Tonight he was hitting his shots, so we were able to keep him on the floor.'

Karl Malone led the Jazz with 29 points, while John Stockton scored 14 points and dished out 17 assists.

The Jazz never trailed as Malone scored 21 of his total in the first half en route to a 60-51 advantage at halftime.

Bobby Hansen scored 9 of his 20 points in the third period, including a 3-point goal at the end of the quarter that put the Jazz up 88-71.

Mark Aguirre led Dallas with 29 points, while Sam Perkins scored 21 and Rolando Blackman and Detlef Schrempf each added

**Blackman said the Mavericks** lost because they were unable to stop Utah's fast break.

Utah always plays well against us," Blackman said. The only way we can beat them is to slow down their fast break. The Jazz run the ball at every opportunity, and they're doing that better now than they ever have before."

Utah's Mark Eaton picked up his 2,000th career blocked shot in the third quarter, as the Jazz improved to 35-28.

With the loss Dallas, leaders of "The other night I pulled him the Midwest Division, fell to 42-20 on the year.



### Dave Smith hopes for repeat of '86 season.

# **Astros' Smith no** longer a comedian

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ **AP Sports Writer** 

KISSIMMEE, Fla. - Houston pitcher Dave Smith, once the Astros' clubhouse comic, no longer feels the need for crazy antics to relieve job pressure.

It's true Smith still has a clause in his contract that prohibits him from spelunking, fencing, hanggliding, surfing and numerous other high-risk activities.

"It's just something they put in my contract so if I get hurt they don't have to pay me," Smith said. "I never really did any fencing anyway.

Smith's on-field antics were not funny to opponents last season.

He posted a career season in 1987 that included 24 saves. He opened the season with 27 2-3 scoreless innings and didn't allow a home run all season.

It netted Smith a 2-year contract that will pay him \$1 million per year. His contract gives him security and his performance in recent years has given him confidence

"I think a lot of my past actions were to release pressure and stress," Smith said. "If you become confident in yourself, you don't have to do things like that." Smith allowed earned runs in

just eight games and had a career low 1.65 earned run average.

"The most surprising thing to me was not giving up a home run the way balls were flying out of ball parks," Smith said. "That's something I never expected."

Despite his effectiveness. Smith was left off the National League All-Star team.

"I was real happy with what I had done up to the All-Star break," Smith said. "The selection is something that's out of my hands anyway so I don't worry about that.

"I got more publicity out of the fact that I didn't make it than if I had made it," he said.

Smith's statistics looked just as good after the season was over but it took last minute negotiations to prevent Smith from jumping to the Oakland Athletics

"Early that morning (before signing his contract) I was sure I'd be wearing gold and green," Smith said. "I want to talk with them and I could have been happv there.

'But when you spend your whole life with one organization, you want to finish up there.

Although surfing is listed among prohibited activities for Smith, he still likes to ride a big wave now and then.

"I've tried a 15-footer before." he said.

### **NFL renews instant** relay for

### **Regular crew** to be utilized **By DAVE GOLDBERG AP Football Writer**

PHOENIX, Ariz. - Last year, instant replay was saved from a premature demise by NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle. This year it was Dan Rooney, president of the Pittsburgh Steelers, who did it.

Next year, perhaps, the NFL owners will finally make permanent the high-tech oversight of game officials.

Instant replay was renewed for another year by a vote of 23-5 on Wednesday, two votes more than necessary and two more than it received last year, when only some last-ditch lobbying by Rozelle preserved it. This time, however, the replay officials will be regular members of the officiating crew rather than members of the league office staff.

At least nine teams went into Wednesday's session opposed to renewal and Tex Schramm, president of the Dallas Cowboys and replay's most fervent advocate conceded. "If we had taken a vote right at the start, it would have lost."

It still might not have made it except for Rooney, one of the league's most respected figures and previously one of replay's most adamant foes. To the surprise of Schramm and other advocates, Rooney told the other owners that he would vote for it if a way could be found to keep field officials from being intimidated from the replay booth.

Then came the compromise to add what in effect is an eighth official and let the members of Supervisor of Officials Art McNally's staff, who have been serving as replay officials, train and grade field officials full time

Rooney was aided by three coaches - Don Shula of Miami, Bill Walsh of San Francisco and Marty Schottenheimer of Cleveland.

"Coaches and players don't want to have plays called the wrong way.," Shula said. 'There were 57 mistakes corrected last year. That may not seem like a lot, but when it involves your team any correction is important.'

When the vote was taken, the only "nay" votes came from four teams that have opposed the concept from the start - the Kansas City Chiefs, New York Giants, **Phoenix** Cardinals and Cincinnati Bengals -plus the Buffalo Bills, who switched at the last minute last year to provide replay with its saving vote

The renewal of instant replay was the key development as the meetings began winding down toward today's finish. In other action Wednesday:

The owners declined to increase the \$50,000 fine levied against the San Francisco 49ers for providing \$10,000 playoff bonuses for each player. That was the league's maximum fine when it was levied last month by Rozelle. The figure has since been raised to \$500,000

- The league voted to hold only two supplemental drafts - one in July and one in September - for players who become eligibile for pro football following the regular draft, usually held in late April or early May. In the past, an unlimited number of such drafts could be held and there have been as many as a half-dozen in some years.

No action was taken on changing the eligibility standards that would allow undergraduates to enter the draft.

The NFL is the only major professional league not to draft underclassmen, choosing players only if they have graduated, have used four years of eligibility or attended college for five years.

### Hit Man<sup>7</sup> takes potshots

NEW YORK (AP) - "The Hit Man'' is taking potshots at his two favorite targets — Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

Thomas Hearns is angry because neither man will give him a rematch. They are the only fighters to beat Hearns in his 47-bout pro career

"It's a burning feeling inside, almost a hate-type thing," Hearns said during a news conference Wednesday. "I don't like to feel that way, but I want to do terrible things to them. If either guy was here today, I might just haul off and slap them.

Hearns can take out his frustration June 6, when he defends his World Boxing Council middleweight title against Iran Barkley at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Barkley, 24-4 with 15 knockouts, earned the title shot by stopping Michael Olajide in the fifth round of a March 6 bout. Barkley was ranked No. 8 by the WBC before that fight, but will move up when the new rankings are released later this month.

"He's a good fighter, but I think I'm a better fighter," Hearns said. "He's fairly strong and he takes a good shot.

Barkley, 27, said he won't be intimidated by Hearns, the only fighter to win world titles in four weight divisions

"I respect him because he's a great champ, but I'm not afraid of him," the New York native said in a telephone interview. "If he wants to box, I'll box. If he wants to fight, I'll fight."

Hearns said the bout could be the first step toward unifying the middleweight title, which he now shares with Frank Tate (International Boxing Federation) and Sumbu Kalambay (World Boxing Association).

### **Donkey game canceled**

The donkey basketball game scheduled for Saturday night has been postponed due to bad weather.

The game, sponsored by the Pampa Noon Lions Club, has not been rescheduled yet, said club spokesman Bobby Trollinger.

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## Pampa bowling roundup

HARVESTER MEN'S LEAGUE C&COilfield Service, 22-14; Earl Henry's Wheel Alignment, 22-14; Danny's Market, 20-16; Harvester Lanes, 19-17; OCAW, 19-17; Pampa News, 19-17; Gary's Pest Control, 17-19; B&B Firewood, 15-21: Panhandle Industrial, 15-21; Dyer's Bar B Que, 12-24. **High Average:** Matt Wood, 198 **High Handicap Series**:

1. Matt Wood, 792; 2. Greg Vanderlinden, 750; 3. Russell Eakin, 744

**High Handicap Game:** 1. Ade Becker, 293; 2. Kenneth Ingraham, 289; 3. Matt Wood,

**High Scratch Series:** 

1. Matt Wood, 768; 2. Russell Eakin, 702; 3. Greg Vanderlinden, 684.

**High Scratch Game:** 

1. Matt Wood, 276; 2. Ade Becker, 269: 3. Raleigh Rowland, 257. WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIXED Gay's Cake & Candy, 62-34; Donut Shop, 61-35; Cabot, 58-38; City of Pampa, 501/2-451/2; Team Two, 47-49; Earl Henry's, 451/253; Gary's Pest Control, 43-53; **B&B Solvent**, 38½-57½; Team Six, 341/2-611/2. **High Average:** Women - Connie Rippetoe and Candy Odom, 158; Men - 1. Steve Williams, 191 **High Handicap Series:** Women - 1. Barbara Brewer, 676; 2. Belinda Nolte, 667; Men - 1 Hugo Killgo, 679; 2. Drew Watson, 675; 3. Don Owen, 661. **High Scratch Series**: Women - 1. (tie) Belinda Nolte and Kathy Odom, 559; 3. Connie Rippetoe, 547; Men - 1. Tim Lewis, 698; 2. Steve Williams, 671; 3. Drew Watson, 588. **High Handicap Game:** Women - 1. Kathy Odom, 262; 2. Belinda Nolte, 258; 3. Vickie Long, 256; Men - 1. Tommy Brewer, 278; 2. Mike Williams, 265; 3. Don Owen, 262. **High Scratch Game:** Women - 1. (tie) Belinda Nolte and Vickie Long, 222; 3. Connie Rippetoe, 214; Men - 1. Tim Lewis, 278; 2. Steve Williams, 266; 3. **Tommy Brewer**, 698.

Placing in every event except the 400-meter run, the Pampa eighth grade girls' track rolled up 147½ points to win the Canyon Relays last weekend.

La Plata was a distant second with 92 points.

Niki Ryan won three events for Pampa. Pampa also won two of a the three relay events.

Pampa's results are as follows

400 relay - 1. (Bridgett Mathis. Leigh Lindsey, Lisa Jeffrey and Niki Ryan, 53.62).

800 - 5. Rhea Hill.

- 100 hurdles 1. Leigh Lindsey, 18.7; 2. Charity McCulloch, 18.8. 100-1. Niki Ryan, 13.2; 5. Lisa
- Jeffrey, 14.06. 800 relay - 1. (Bridgett Mathis, Latonya Jeffrey, Lisa Jeffrey
- and Niki Ryan, 1:57.13). 200-1. Bridgett Mathis, 27.07;
- 5. LaToyna Jeffrey, 29.08. 1600 - 4. Brooke Hamby.

1600 relay - 5. (Leigh Lindsey, Charity McCullough, LaTonya Jeffrey and Tonya Elms).

71/2; 2. Bridgett Mathis, 14-111/2; 5. Lisa Jeffrey, 13-101/2.

Triple jump — 2. Bridgett Mathis, 30-1¾; 3. Lisa Jeffrey, 30-

High jump - 1. Niki Ryan, 4-8. Shot - 4. Amanda Miller, 26-9;

Discus - 4. Shelley Vinson.

### 1-4A standings

Hereford 2-0 (9-0) Levelland 2-0 (3-6) Pampa 1-1 (6-3) Lubbock Dunbar 1-1 (6-6) Borger 1-1 (6-6) Lubbock Estacado 1-1 (6-5) Canyon 0-1 (5-5) Dumas 0-1 (3-5) Frenship 0-2 (0-3)



Indoor soccer champs

The Celanese employees club soccer team went undefeated to win the B Division in the Amarillo Adult Indoor Soccer League this winter. Team members are (front, l-r) Pascasio Silva, Florentino Anguiano, David Silva, Sergio Soria, Manuel Pepi and Miles Crawford; (back, l-r) Bob White, Gary Griggs, Danny Whitely, Durward Dunlap, Emilio Lorem, Tino Trejo and Fran Kludt.

Pampa 8th grade girls win at Canyon Relays

Long jump — 1. Niki Ryan, 16-

%; 6. Tonya Elms, 29-1.

6. Shelley Vinson, 26-4.

# Sports

# Speed king shot dead in driveway

**By BERNIE WILSON AP Sports Writer** 

BRADBURY, Calif. - Mickey Thompson's friends and acquaintances couldn't believe that the first man to travel more than 400 mph on land would be shot dead in an ambush in his driveway.

The bodies of Thompson, 59, an auto speed king and one of the most innovative men in motor sports, and his wife Trudy, 41, were found at dawn Wednesday by Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies responding to reports of gunfire.

"It was a double homicide, an assassination," said Deputy Richard Dinsmoor. The two gunmen who invaded the couple's hillside estate escaped on bicycles, deputies said.

This is probably the biggest shock I've ever had in my life," drag racer Don Garlits said Wednesday after hearing the news from a Mickey Thompson Entertainment Group employee.

"It's unbelievable," Phil Bartenetti, Thompson's corporate attorney, murmured after an afternoon news conference at Anaheim Stadium, where Thompson's office is located. "I spoke with him just last evening. He was in a fine mood, talking about his business plans. He was quite a guy."

There were no leads late Wednesday, investigators said.

Friends and associates mentioned that as recently as Sunday, Thompson expressed fear for his life after receiving numerous death threats.

"He said that he'd gotten these threats, but that he could handle them," family friend Ernie Alvarado said

Thompson's employees said they had been asked by sheriff's deputies not to discuss possible death threats

Neighbors heard six or eight shots and deputies found the bodies about 6 a.m. in the driveway of the couple's gated Spanish-style estate on Woodlyn Road in a community of \$1-million-plus homes 20 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles.

Mike Difilippo, a building contractor who lives across the street from the Thompsons, said he was awakened by shots.

"I heard yelling, 'Don't shoot.' That was Trudy," said Difilippo.

'We heard a lot of gunshots and screaming," said his wife, Marilyn. "I didn't see anybody. I just heard Trudy screaming.

"We don't know a motive," said Deputy Dan Cox, who wouldn't divulge the type of weapon used. Several bullets struck each of the Thompsons in the upper torso, he said.

The Thompsons apparently were ambushed as they were getting into their van, he said. The van, its passenger window shattered, rolled down the sloping driveway into a block wall.

Thompson became famous as the "Speed King" in the 1950s when he set the first of his nearly 500 auto speed and endurance records. Longtime friend Carroll Shelby described him as "one of the greatest hot-rodders we've ever had" and "the dominant figure in off-road racing.'

"He certainly had a colorful career," Shelby said. "We're all going to miss him."

In 1960, Thompson became the first to travel over 400 mph on land when he drove a four-engine streamlined car to a speed of 406.6 mph at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

He later turned to drag racing, Indy car racing, won a national economy championship and was a Final Week! SPRING RECORD top competitor in road racing and off-road cham-

# LPGA's Tucson open gets under way today

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Tammie Green's LPGA career started slowly and tapered off. Rookie Laura Davies started right at the top.

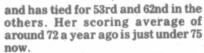
Green, last year's rookie of the year, is back at the \$300,000 Tucson Open, an event that proved so disastrous for her a year ago.

Davies, whose U.S. Open victory earned her this rookie year on the women's pro tour, faced the 6,243yard, par-72 Randolph North golf course for the first time in today's opening round for the field of 144. Both Green and Davies were con-

"I'm playing really well right now and hopefully I will be able to keep my momentum going," Green said. And Davies, who says that winning the U.S. Open means "the pressure is off, sort of," said she typically does well in warm

It was at Tucson last year that Green missed a cut for the first time

son, Davies hasn't been doing so well in the early tournaments this year. She has missed the cut twice



Davies, 24, joined the LPGA in October under amended rules that exempt a major tournament winner from having to qualify. That Open victory came after three years on the Women's Professional Golf Association European tour.

Green, 28, had polished her game while working at a country club for two years after finishing college in 1982.

college doing well in the pros and I kept thinking, 'Why not me?' " she said. "Finally, I decided I had to give it a try.

ter that decision, her father, her sister and two nephews died.

year to qualify for the LPGA tour, thinking she'd finally made it in 1985. She was wrong, but that really stoked her determination and she

LPGA event, and followed that with finishes of 15th and 12th.

"I saw other players I'd seen in

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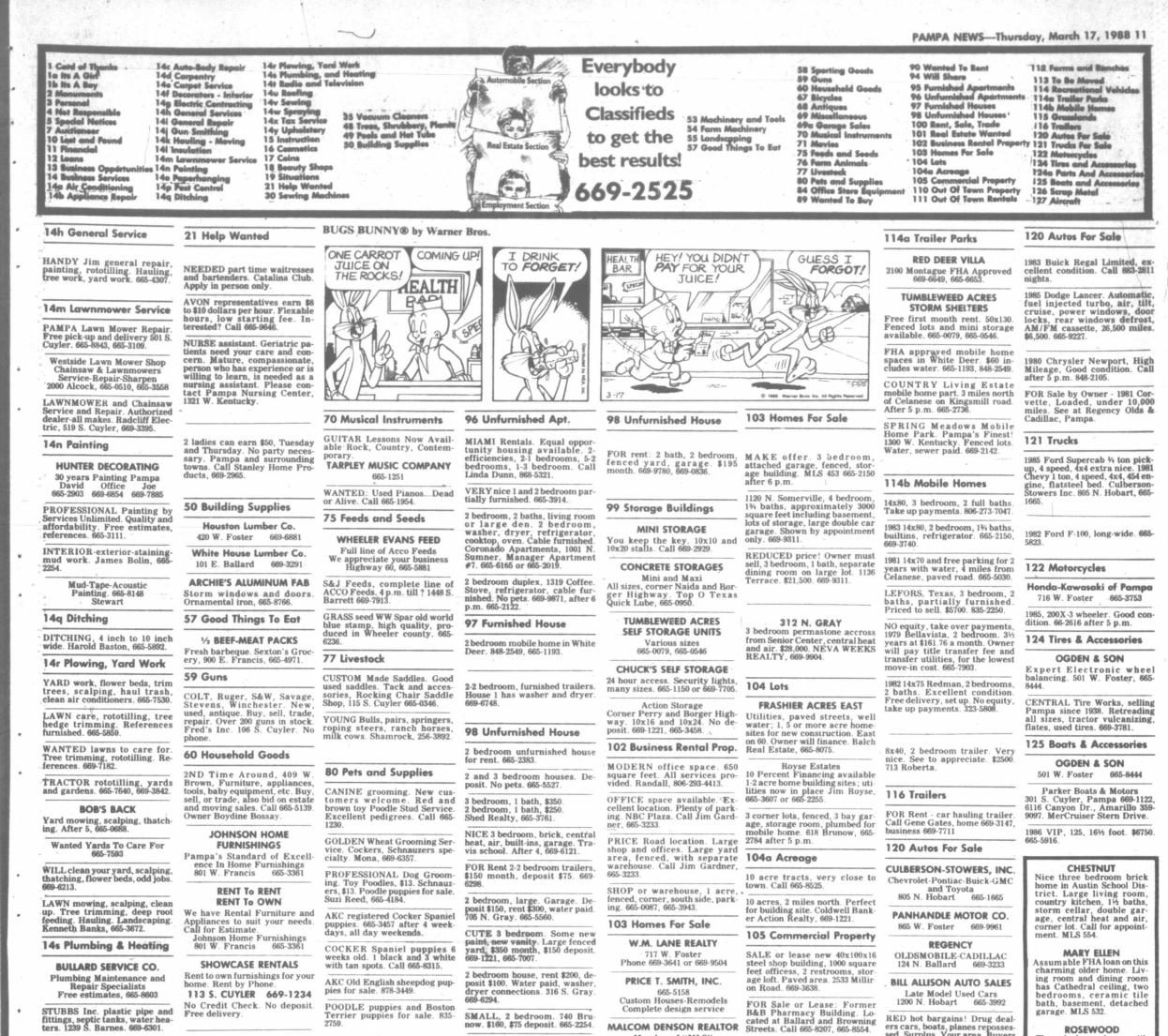
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### Home from Mississippi



Ten-year-old Melissa Montgomery rests on a bale of cotton after looking over souvenirs from her visit to Mississippie last week, at her home in Martinez, Calif., Wednesday. The fifth grader was invited to Mississippi so she could write about the state. Melissa turned her report into an adventure that included visits to Civil War battlefields and even a catfish fry

## **Murder victims' daughter** sues state parole board

of two murder victims has filed a \$1 million suit against the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, accusing the agency of "gross negligence" in failing to revoke the parole of the man convicted in the stabbing deaths of her parents

Officials at the parole board and the Texas attorney general's office, which represents the board in such actions, said the case might be the first of its kind in Texas.

The suit was filed Wednesday by Mollie Finch Belt, whose parents, Fred Finch, 66, and Mildred Finch, 64, were stabbed to death during a burglary in 1986. Kenneth Thomas, now 27, was

convicted in the deaths and sentenced to death by lethal injection.

DALLAS (AP) — The daughter Texas Department of Corrections

Parole officials have admitted that Thomas should have been in jail at the time of the killings for violating the terms of his parole, which stemmed from his conviction in a 1979 stabbing.

Instead, Thomas remained free on parole months after he escaped from a minimumsecurity halfway house.

Four months after he left the halfway house, Thomas broke into the Finches' South Dallas home and attacked the couple as they slept.

Belt alleges in the suit that her parents' deaths were the result of the parole board's negligence in failing to issue a warrant for Thomas' arrest after he violated his narole by escaping from the half.

## **Commando group trains police departments**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) - A firm of ex-commandos credited with snatching a 7year-old girl off a school bus in Jordan for her American mother is known among law enforcement agencies for its anti-terrorist

training, officers say. Fayetteville Police Chief Ron Hansen said **Corporate Training Unlimited approached** him last year and offered to train some of his officers in such areas as building searches, response techniques and hostage negotiations.

"It was excellent training," Hansen said Wednesday. "I checked them out and found out they were very reputable and knowledgeable in their areas (of expertise)."

"They are extremely competent and detailed in what they do," said Hansen, whose 12-man emergency response team was trained by CTU specialists at no cost.

CTU's brochure touts the company as an 'International Security Consulting and Training Firm specializing in both anti- and counter-terrorist tactics and techniques."

"Our staff is comprised entirely of Delta Force and Special Operations qualified personnel, each with many years experience in this field," it reads, "These personnel have passed a rigorous screening and selective process, participating in years of specialized training and have proven themselves under

fire."

Oscar Adkins, a CTU employee, is teaching a 40-hour course on specialized weapons and tactics at Wilson County Technical College in Wilson, N.C., according to school spokes-woman Mary Lou Smith, "Representatives from the agency have also taught other courses in the past," she

said. "They came highly recommended from other law enforcement agencies."

Although CTU officials have denied involvement in the Jordan mission, the company reportedly was paid up to \$200,000 by Cathy Phelps Mahone to recover her daughter, Lauren Bayan, from Jerash, north of Amman, in late January.

Ms. Mahone, who is said to be in hiding outside Dallas, claims her ex-husband, Jordanian-born Mohammed Ali Bayan, failed to return her daughter after a visit last October. A Dallas judge had given Ms. Mahone custody after the couple's 1980 divorce, but Bayan reportedly claims custody under Jordanian law.

The rescue operation was planned and executed Jan. 28 by CTU, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported last weekend, quoting anonymous sources.

**CTU President Donald Feeney has denied** involvement. A secretary at the company's office told The Associated Press on Wednesday that company officials would have no comment on the story.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said earlier this week an American embassy officer in Amman has been recalled to Washington to answer questions about his knowledge of the matter.

Redman said the United States has apologized to Jordan for any role the embassy officer may have played in the mission. The officer, who was unidentified, had some prior knowledge of the plan but apparently was misled by CTU, Redman said.

In an interview last October, Guy Chapman, a former member of the Army's secretive counter-terrorist unit Delta Force, said he and three other former Delta members created the company in January 1986.

"A lot of companies profess to be knowledgeable, but when you come right down to it, no company has the experience we have," he said.

In its brochure, CTU claims it offers courses to police agencies or corporate security organizations in hostage rescue, shooting enhancement, protective security; anti-terrorism and defensive driving. The company also provides audio-visual training material and professional guard services.

## Questionable votes found in primary

GROESBECK (AP) - Limestone County officials say they have discovered 15 questionable votes cast in the recent primary election in which a race for dis-trict judge was decided by a single vote

Thirteen of the 15 votes were cast in the Democratic primary, in which District Judge P.K. Reiter defeated Monte Akers, 4,501-4,500. An official recount is scheduled within the next two weeks.

Limestone County tax assessor-collector Barbara Rader and her staff discovered the irregularities after spending four days checking the voter registration packages from the 42 Democratic and Republican voting boxes across the county.

The apparently illegal votes were from people who weren't registered, who voted with outdated registration cards or who were "registered and maybe shouldn't have been," Reiter said Wednesday.

The judgeship election, conducted in Limestone and Freestone counties, withstood its first test last Friday, when election officials canvassed the returns and found no mistakes after retotaling election night tallies.

Freestone County tax assessorcollector Patsy Stroud said a tedious check of registered voters showed no irregularities in that county

'Normally we have one or two, but this time we didn't," she said. According to law, a candidate lleging that illegal votes



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## Pageant leads to arrests

AUSTIN (AP) - Vice investigators have arrested two people associated with a baby pageant in which winners allegedly were to, be chosen based on the number of \$1 tickets their parents sold.

Senior Sgt. Gene Freudenberg said Austin police were alerted this week by Harris County authorities of a possible bogus baby pageant in Austin.

Two similar operations were closed by authorities in Odessa and Beaumont, officials said. Parents were told to sell tickets to garner votes for their children.

'They are led to believe that the more tickets you sell, the better chances your child has of winning. It's a scam, It's a rip-off," Freudenberg said.

An undercover officer entered the office of the sponsoring organization, called the Elks of the World, Tuesday and asked for some tickets, Freudenberg said. Minutes later, the officer returned to drop off the tickets with money that had been marked. At that time, other officers arrested

two people collecting the money. Freudenberg said he did not know how many people had been bilked, but he said the participants turned in "\$40, \$50, hoping their kids will win the pageant.' It is illegal in Texas to sell chances, Freudenberg said.

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court, state election officials say. In a contested election, the election code requires that a judge from outside the district determine whether or not the votes were illegal. In such matters, the district

judge has the authority to force a voter to reveal how he voted, said Sharon Hanko of the secretary of state's election division. The judge can void the results and call another election if he believes the illegal votes affected the outcome.

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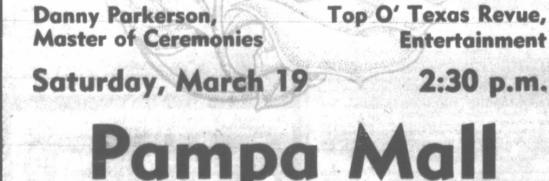
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