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THURSDAY

# Testimony begins in lawsuit against moving company involving fatal house fire

By BETH MILLER **Staff Writer** 

dollar lawsuit being tried this week in 223rd District Court intends to show that a moving company was responsible for a fire which claimed the life of her husband and son in April 1989.

However, the defendants in the case say they are not to be blamed for the fire which they say they did not cause.

Opening statements were made Wednesday afternoon after a fivewoman, seven-man Gray County jury was seated to hear the evidence in the case of Margaret Vernon who filed the lawsuit against M&L Transfer and Storage Co. and Allied Van Lines in February 1990. Vernon filed the lawsuit on behalf of herself and as the executrix of the estate of John Bryan Vernon III, deceased, and Stuart Jacob Long, deceased.

The fire broke out in the earlymorning hours of April 12, 1989, as the Vernons were preparing to move to Houston. Movers had been at the residence that day packing boxes for the move, according to the lawsuit.

Margaret Vernon escaped from the burning residence at 1200 Charles with first- and second-degree burns and ran to a neighbors' residence at 1133 Charles pleading for help, said John Warner, her attorney.

Mr. Vernon, 41, and Jake, 16, died as a result of the fire and Mrs. in damages from the defendants for cover up a damn thing."

each of their lives. "Jake got out of bed, but as he struggled to find the door, there were too many (moving) boxes and he didn't have a clear pathway," Warner said in his opening statement. "He sunk down on the east wall and with his arm around his dog, he died."

"... Margaret, in that fire, lost the two people she loved the most."

Warner said that the Vernons had moved to Pampa because Mr. Vernon got a job with Fluor Daniels and to get away from the publicity of Mrs. Vernon's felony conviction for solicitation to commit murder of Mr. Vernon's ex-wife. Warner said Mrs. Ver-

1987, married John Vernon. She else put it there, we didn't." pleaded guilty to the felony charge in June 1988 and received a 10-year believed the evidence in the case The plaintiff in a multimillion suspended sentence and was placed on five years probation.

In August 1988, the Vernons with her son, Jake, moved to Pampa, unmistakably show that a flammable Warner said.

Warner said in his opening statement that an empty box left on or it was. We don't have to prove near the furnace by the movers was there's a flammable liquid. All we likely the cause of the fire. He said have to do is show we weren't at that burn patterns on the furnace fault." grate show that something was sitting on the south end of the furnace fire could have been a cigarette, a grate that protected it from burning. He said there was a "paper and cardboard-like substance" found on the it," the defense attorney said. "... We underside of the grate.

"Properly trained movers are not fault." going to put a box anywhere near a heat source," Warner said.

Warner said he expects to call several out-of-town fire experts to conflict," adding that it may be testify about what they believe caused the fire. He said there will be an attempt by the defense to show that the fire could have been set deliberately with flammable liquids.

"The key point is: 'Was it a smoldering fire or one deliberately set with a flammable liquid?" he said. "I think when you've heard all the evidence you'll find it was a smoldering fire and say corporations can't cause me." She woke her husband who the death of other people ... and then found Mrs. Vernon at the front try to cover-up."

Robert Templeton, representing Don Storseth, owner of M&L Transfer and Storage Co. of Amarillo, said Vernon is seeking at least \$3 million in his opening statement, "We didn't he called the fire department and

> He said the "empty box theory" was a new one on him. He said the plaintiff first had the theory that the furnace was not working properly, then that boxes caused the fire and then that packing paper was the cul-

"They've come up with this theory now. It's very ingenious. I con-stayed with her until an ambulance gratulate him (Warner)," Templeton arrived to take her to the hospital. said, later saying that Warner "could have been the best Baptist preacher I

Templeton said that likely any empty boxes would have been left Whitten's residence, Mrs. Whitten collapsed as is the custom until they said Mrs. Vernon asked her to dial are ready to be used. "The point of her mother, whom she spoke to non was indicted in November 1987 the matter is, we didn't do it. If there briefly, and then to call another perfor the felony charge and on Dec. 12, was an empty box there, somebody son.

Templeton also said that he would show that the furnace grate does not tell much of anything.

"The burn patterns on the carpet liquid was used," Templeton said. "... I don't know what it was, how much

Templeton said the cause of the dog or a "number of things.

"The question is 'Who caused didn't cause that fire and it's not our

Templeton said also that Mrs. Vernon has given "a number of different stories and a number of them "because she's been on medication."

George and Barbara Whitten, who resided at 1133 Charles in April 1989, both testified Wednesday afternoon about the early morning hours of the fire.

Barbara said she was awoken by a sound that she thought was "almost like an animal in pain." She said she then heard someone yelling, "Help doorstep.

Mr. Whitten said Mrs. Vernon was hysterical and was saying over and over, "Save my baby." He said then went to the Vernon's house to see if he could help.

Asked in cross-examination if Mrs. Vernon ever said anything about her husband, Mr. Whitten said, "She told me she thought her husband was following her down the stairs and he might be lost.'

Mrs. Whitten said Mrs. Vernon She said she was hysterical during the time and was covered with "soot all over.'

During the time she was at the



Department of Public Safety and Roberts County Sheriff's officers survey the scene of an accident five miles east of Miami this morning in which Jean Hill, age and address unavailable, died.

# Woman dies in collision with train east of Miami

By J. ALAN BRZYS Staff Writer

about 8:30 a.m. today when the press time, hospital officials said. vehicle they were traveling in collided with a train near U. S. Hwy. 60 five miles east of town.

pronounced dead at the scene of the wreck, according to Roberts County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Payne.

James Hill, 18, listed as Jean Hill's stepson, was an occupant in from the vehicle at impact, accord-tors Inc.

the late-model GMC Suburban sport ing to Payne. wagon, according to officials. He d her stepson seriously injured treatment in the emergency room at

The Hill vehicle apparently was attempting to cross the railroad time of the accident, was available tracks from the north side at a rural Jean Hill, no age available, was crossing and was struck broadside by an eastbound Sante Fe railroad train, according to officials at the

The vehicle came to rest on the was transported to Coronado Hospi- south side of the railroad embank-MIAMI - A woman was killed tal in Pampa and was undergoing ment approximately 100 feet from the crossing to Hwy. 60. No other information, including

who was driving the vehicle at the this morning. Texas Department of Public

Safety officials are assisting in the investigation.

The funeral is pending at Jean Hill reportedly was ejected Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Direc-

# Dental records identify beating victim found with feet severed in burning home

LUBBOCK (AP) - Dental records have helped identify the body of a man who was found beaten to death killing. inside his burning home with his feet severed, police

Police said no arrests had been made as of early Thursday in the death of John Robnett Duncan, 59, whose body was found Saturday night near the fireplace of his living room after neighbors reported a fire at his house.

Police were forced to identify the victim with dental records because the man's head had been beaten beyond recognition, according to Justice of the Peace L.J. Blalack.

"I feel good about the progress we're making in the case, but the scope of the investigation has not narrowed to a specific suspect," said Lubbock police formerly at 6701 Aberdeen Ave., on Jan. 31 and stored Sgt. Randy McGuire. "But we would like to talk to anyone who knew Duncan, especially anyone who said. had been in the house during the week before the murder.'

Autopsy results indicated the man's feet had been "neatly sawed off - after he was dead."

McGuire would not speculate on a motive in the

Some evidence at the home was damaged, McGuire

"The integrity of the crime scene was disturbed, and anytime that happens, you've got problems," McGuire said. "The more people you introduce into a crime scene, the more difficult it is to go back and reconstruct the crime.

Debris fell and covered the body when firefighters pulled down a Sheetrock ceiling in the smoky and darkened den, and the body was removed before detectives began their investigation.

The victim had no criminal record, McGuire said. Duncan had closed his business, Ambiance Catering, equipment from the business in his home, McGuire

"To have had as many associates as he had, he had no real peer group," the detective said. The cause of the fire has not been determined, fire

investigator Mike Barlow said.

Ground war appears imminent DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) said Iraq is a "sincere advocate of

 As the war vigil ticked toward an peace. expected allied ground offensive, Saddam Hussein declared today that Iraq is willing and ready to fight a ground war if President Bush continues to reject diplomatic overtures.

Moscow with Iraq's answer to a Soviet peace proposal. Bush was reported to have told Mikhail S. Gorbachev that the proposal needs additional conditions to be accept- tal. able to the United States.

"There is no path except the path that we have chosen ... and Moscow," Saddam said in a speech broadcast by Baghdad radio.

own voice since Feb. 10, what Iraq's response was to Moscow's peace

Saddam did not say if he had accepted or rejected the Soviet proposal, details of which have not been disclosed.

Earlier today in a military communique, the Baghdad government positions.

However, Iraq launched two or three more Scud missiles into Saudi Arabia today in a rare daylight attack, the U.S. military command said. It was not immediately report-As Saddam spoke, his foreign ed if the missiles hit or were interminister, Tariq Aziz, was headed for cepted by U.S.-made Patriot defense

missiles. Sources said the missiles apparently were aimed in the general direction of Riyadh, the Saudi capi-

bardment, weary residents of Baghdad had a night free of allied air which Tariq Aziz has carried to attacks. The Iraqi occupiers of tary command said. Kuwait did not.

It was not clear from Saddam's military said the allies carried out more than a dozen Iraqi bunkers 40-minute address, the first in his more than 320 raids on military targets in the southern war zone over times the number reported the previ-

The Iraqi military communique also claimed Iraqi forces inflicted 'substantial losses" on the allies with missile strikes on front-line place in or near Kuwait or Iraq and

As of early afternoon, allied commanders in Saudi Arabia had not offered reporters any information on new engagements, although the French said their Jaguar fighters targeted artillery units in Iraq and southern Kuwait today.

On Wednesday, the U.S. military reported intensified fighting along the Saudi frontier, including artillery duels and allied incursions into enemy territory.

In one clash, Iraq lost five tanks, 20 artillery pieces and an unspeci-After two nights of heavy bom- fied number of men, while one American was killed and seven wounded by Iraqi fire, the U.S. mili-

In another action, four Army In a midday communique, Iraq's helicopters destroyed a complex of north of the Saudi border on Wednesday, capturing 476 Iraqi solthe past 24 hours - more than three diers, the command said. Iraq today called the mass surrender claim a lie, saying such things "only happen in American movies."

U.S. commanders refused to say whether the two engagements took would not name the units involved.

# Canadian superintendent refutes 'Robin Hood' endorsement article

By BEAR MILLS Staff Writer

CANADIAN - At least one small school superintendent in the Panhandle scrambled today to refute a published story saying they endorse the so-called Robin Hood plan for public school funding equity.

A morning regional newspaper carried a headline today reading "Superintendents endorse 'Robin Hood' school finance mea-

However, one of those named in the story, Canadian superintendent Marlin Mar- Hood," Marcum said today. cum, said nothing could be further from the truth The Robin Hood plan, pushed by Sen.

Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, would take local wealth from the 80 budget-balanced school districts in the state and give it to poor dis-

Though legislators have thus far refused to say the plan will also mean the consolidatendents of those districts have said consolidation will be the net effect for many

"(Robin Hood) would devastate us. We would become worse than mediocre."

- Marlin Marcum, Canadian ISD

'We're certainly not endorsing 'Robin

He said the press conference alluded to in the story was called to endorse an alternative House proposal that has been dubbed the

'Floating Cork Plan. Under Floating Cork, districts would maintain some degree of control over local finances, instead of turning all monies over

to the state for redistribution. Of the House plan, Marcum said, "It's

tion of many small school districts, superin- not good, but it's the only option we have for us," Marcum said. "The smaller you are for survival."

Marcum said that under 'Robin Hood,' "In the fourth year of full implementation we will be going from a tax rate of 79 cents (per \$100 evaluation) to \$1.50, but we would be able to spend \$600,000 less than

we do now." Marcum said that if that amount is considered in terms of salary, it would mean a 15- to 20-person reduction in the current staff of 88 employees.

"We have one of the best school systems "(Robin Hood) would devastate us. We would become worse than mediocre." He pointed out that state law mandates any school not meeting minimum requirements be annexed into another district.

Though Canadian schools are currently among the richest in the Panhandle, under

Robin Hood, that could greatly change. "We don't know what all it would mean

'the worse this is because it costs you more to operate per student.'

"I resent the big city snobbery that say: life here is not as good as it is in the city,' Marcum added. "That seems to be what Sen. Parker's bill is saying."

He emphasized, "The state should not be in the business of telling us if we can have a school or not. The Senate bill, in effect says, 'You no longer have a right to have a

school in your community." Marcum said budget-balanced schools in the state." Marcum said of the CISD, are currently being treated like "crimi-

> "It seems like they are saying we've done something wrong and now deserve whatever we get," he said of districts that run their operations in the black.

> "If it takes a lawsuit to get our message across, we will file a lawsuit," Marcum said. "We will defend the rights of rural districts

#### PISD board to meet

Trustees for the Pampa Independent School District are scheduled to consider adopting textbooks for three subjects during a meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday night at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Among the considerations is the possibility of adopting the first videodisc aided curriculum ever offered for elementary science instruction.

Two companies, Silver Burdett & Ginn and Optical Data, are offering science curriculum on videodisc.

The Optical Data system operates without the aid of a textbook for students, a first in the state.

Other items on the agenda include an election order for three places on on the school board, bids for athletic equipment and an update on how pending legislation on school funding could affect the

# Daily Record

#### Services tomorrow

ALLEN, Orlin - 1:30 p.m., graveside, Grove Hill Memorial Park Cemetery, Dallas. FORD, Nellie Neal – 4 p.m., First Baptist Church, Groom.

RIGGS, Eula Martha (Sparks) Roberts – 2 p.m., Hahn-Cook/Street & Draper Chapel, Oklahoma City, Okla.

#### **Obituaries**

WALTER LEE COLWELL

Walter Lee Colwell, 55, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1991. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. John Judson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Colwell was born on Aug. 3, 1935. in Amarillo and moved to Pampa in 1946. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1953 and the University of Texas in 1957 with an accounting degree. He had been a certified public accountant here since that time. He served in the U.S. Army in Okinawa from 1958 to 1960. He married Adelaide Skelly in Pampa on July 28, 1958. He was a member



of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Pampa Rotary Club, Amarillo Yacht Club, Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM and the First Presbyterian Church. He had been an Eagle Scout.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Brent T. Colwell of Rosebud; a daughter, Anne Marie Colwell of San Angelo; his mother, Alice Beth Colwell of Pampa; and a sister, Betty Peeples of Austin.

The family requests memorials be made to the Book of Remembrance, First Presbyterian Church, Boy Scouts of America or to a favorite charity.

NELLIE NEAL FORD GROOM - Nellie Neal Ford, 86, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1991. Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church in Groom with the Rev. Eddie Hogan, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Highland Cemetery at Durant, Okla., with the Rev. Bob Robinson, a Baptist minister of Durant, officiating. Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ford, born in Rhea, Okla., moved to Groom in 1929. She married Johnny William Ford in 1953 at Tucumcari, N.M.; he preceded her in death in 1975. She had worked in a cafe most of her life before retiring. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include a sister, Bertha Knight of Groom; and three brothers, Leslie Neal of Clarendon, A.D. Neal of Groom and William Neal of Amarillo.

The body will be available for viewing from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church at Groom. **EULA MARTHA (SPARKS) ROBERTS RIGGS** 

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. - Eula Martha (Sparks) Roberts Riggs, 100, a former Pampa, Texas, resident died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hahn-Cook/Street & Draper chapel in Oklahoma City. Burial will be at noon Saturday at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas.

Mrs. Riggs was born Oct. 19, 1890, in the family ranch house located on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River in Jones County, Texas. She was the sixth child of eight born to Martha Sparks Roberts and William Emmett Roberts. She graduated from a one-room school house in Nugent, Texas She went to college at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, and then went to a finishing school at Stamford, Texas. She married G.R. Riggs when she was about 38 years old; he preceded her in death in 1937. She traveled extensively in the United States, Mexico and Canada. She was a Baptist, playing the piano and teaching classes at her church in Pampa since 1935. She had been in an Oklahoma City nursing home since 1983. She was preceded in death by a son, Tommy

Riggs Survivors include one son, Emmett Riggs of Oklahoma City; grandchildren, Cody Riggs, Berkley Riggs, Perry Riggs, Bradley Riggs and Kelly Henderson; and great-grandchildren, Denera Henderson and Jessica Riggs.

#### Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 20

A juvenile reported an assault at Pampa High School.

Payless, 1327 N. Hobart, reported a forgery at the

Jocelyn Williams, 1176 Prairie Dr., reported a theft at the residence.

Police reported domestic violence in the 600 block of Roberta

C.H. Jenkins, Box 691, reported a forgery at Frank's Foods.

Arrests WEDNESDAY, Feb. 20

Donna Lynn Boyd, 37, 445 Graham, was arrested at the Starkweather Crossing on a charge of public

Donna Lynn Minyard, 39, 1216 Darby, was arrested at the Starkweather Crossing on a charge of public

Neal Lemons Ellis, 48, Cuchara, Colo., was arrested at 2844 Perryton Pkwy, on a charge of public intoxication

Gray County Sheriff's Office

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 20 Susan Bresee, 30, 2901 Rosewood, was arrested on a Potter County warrant. She was released on bond.

# Calendar of events

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK A free blood pressure check and blood sugar check is offered each Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Red Cross office at 108 N. Russell in downtown Pampa.

#### Hospital

**CORONADO** HOSPITAL Admissions

Elmer Ammons, Pampa Vivian Bichsel, White

Linda Dyson, Pampa Twyla Hughes, Sham-

E.H. Patton, Pampa Aubia Randolph, Pam-

Ruth Snapp, Pampa **Births** To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dyson of Pampa, girl. To Mr. and Mrs. James Newman of White

Deer, a girl. **Dismissals** Mary Britten, Groom Ancel Carlos, Pampa Lisa Lasher, Pampa Cecil Newman, Pam

Elva Poore, Miami Jerry Quarles, Pampa **SHAMROCK** HOSPITAL Admissions

Jeff Messer, McLean

LaJune Alexander,

Births To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Morris of Shamrock, a girl.

baby girl, Shamrock

Gabriel Smithson,

To Vickie Robinson of Memphis, a boy. **Dismissals** Jo Ann Morris and

Frederick, Md.

Shamrock

#### Stocks

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The following grain quotations as	re Cabot31	NO
provided by Wheeler-Evans of		NO
Pampa.	Chevron71 7/8	dn 1/2
Wheat2.34	Coca-Cola51 7/8	up 1/8
Milo3.80	Enron56	up 1/2
Com4.18	Halliburton46 1/8	dn 3/8
	Ingersoll Rand46 1/2	NO
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which these securities could hav		· NO
raded at the time of compilation:	Limited23 1/4	dn 1/8
Ky. Cent. Life 8 1/8 NC		dn 1/8
Serfco4 5/8 dn 1/4		dn 1/8
Occidental18 3/4 up 1/8		up 1/8
	Mesa Ltd2 5/8	NC
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	SPS28 1/2	dn 1/8
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ished by Edward D. Jones & Co. o		up 1/8
ampa.	New York Gold	
moco51 3/4 dn 5/8		
Arco127 dn 5/8		

#### Court report

The following actions have taken place through Justice of Peace, Precinct 1, Gray County, as released by Justice of Peace Bob Muns.

> Default Judgment Withdrawn -Account paid

Brown Freeman vs. Randy Hendrick Lefors Federal Credit Union vs. Bob Crawford, Theresa & Bart Parks

**Default Judgment** Larry Baker Plumbing vs. Dwayne Barnes, judg-

ment for plaintiff Elliott Glass vs. Dwayne Barnes, judgment for plaintiff Dean's Pharmacy vs. Joyce Phipps, judgment for

Dean's Pharmacy vs. Brian Everson, judgment for

Dean's Pharmacy vs. Joe R. Solis, judgment for plaintiff Dean's Pharmacy vs. Steve Trammell of Amarillo, judgment for plaintiff Carles Mark Dillon vs. Mickey C. Bynum, judg-

ment for plaintiff Deborah Bailey vs. Larry Mangus, judgment for plaintiff

Dean's Pharmacy vs. Jerry R. Blackwell, Amaril-

lo, judgment for plaintiff Dorman Tire vs. Thomas Reeves, judgment for plaintiff

Ralph Depee D.D.S. vs. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mixon, Canadian, judgment for plaintiff Royse Animal Hospital vs. Willie Walker, judg-

ment for plaintiff Dean's Pharmacy vs. Robert Rapstine, judgment Ogden & Son vs. Cindy McDaniel, judgment for plaintiff

Dorman Tire vs. Robert Rapstine, judgment for plaintiff Dorman Tire vs. Gary & Harriett Smiley, judgment for plaintiff

Dorman Tire vs. Gas Consultants, judgment for plaintiff Fellers Bookkeeping vs. Clyde Durham, judgment

Fellers Bookkeeping vs. RuDon Stephenson, judgment for plaintiff

Dean's Pharmacy vs. Bennie Wells, judgment for plaintiff Dorman Tire vs. Mary Srejma, judgment for plaintiff

Simmons Business Ser. vs. Howard R. & Brenda J Brunson, judgment for plaintiff Dale's Automotive vs. Tony Rodriguez, Liberal

Kan., judgment for plaintiff H&S Heating vs. Tee Room c/o Marry Nunley,

judgment for plaintiff

H&S Heating vs. The Professional Edge, Wheeler, judgment for plaintiff

H&S Heating vs. Mary Wagner, Canadian, judgment for plaintiff Keyes Pharmacy vs. Danny Lance, Amarillo,

judgment for plaintiff Keyes Pharmacy vs. John Throckmorton, judgment for plaintiff

Culberson Rental & Leasing vs. Kimberly Zabriskie, Jacksonville, judgment for plaintiff

Culberson-Stowers Inc. vs. Pat Fore, Canadian, judgment for plaintiff Dean's Pharmacy vs. Othal Hicks, judgment for

Larry Baker Plumbing vs. Shirley Young, judgment for plaintiff

Larry Baker Plumbing vs. Lynett Miller, judgment for plaintiff H&S Heating vs. Donny Shipley, judgment for plaintiff Dean's Pharmacy vs. Jimmy D. Harper, judgment

Culberson-Stowers Inc. vs. Rosa Ortega, Miami, judgment for plaintiff Culberson Rental & Leasing vs. Donna Minyard,

judgment for plaintiff Abstract of judgment Larry Baker Plumbing vs. Mike Ward (filed by plaintiff)

D&R Apartments vs. Richard Ramirez (filed by

Larry Baker Plumbing vs. Mike Ward (filed by plaintiff)

Charles Dillow vs. Mickey C. Bynum (filed by plaintiff) Royse Animal Hospital vs. Willie Walker (filed by

#### **Fires**

for plaintiff

The Pampa Fire Department reported no calls dur ing the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Warm thank-you



Two Lamar students, Charles, 10, far left, and Andres, 9, far right, present thank-you notes to Bob Clements, center, whose business Bob Clements Inc. cleaned approximately 175 coats to be distributed to children needing coats from Lamar, Mann and Baker elementary schools. Coat donations are still being accepted, anyone wishing to donate to the program may call Jeff Nicklas at Lamar Elementary.

# **Crime Stoppers**

This week Crime Stoppers of Pampa needs your help up. in solving the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, which occurred on Jan. 1, 1991, at around 1:20 a.m.

Stolen from 1704 N. Coffee St. was a 1988 Dodge Mini Van, brown and burgundy in color, bearing Texas \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictlicense plate #289-YZA. This vehicle was stolen from in front of the residence after being left running to warm

## How Crime Stoppers works

Pampa Police officials feel there are more people in the community who may have information about crimes but are not calling in to Crime Stoppers.

Cpl. Dave Wilkinson, crime prevention officer, said this may be because some do not understand how Crime Stoppers works.

"Any citizen may call our special number, 669-2222," Wilkinson said, noting that the number is manned 24 hours a day, either by a police officer or by a recording machine. "The caller assigns himself a four-digit number and

gives his information," he explained. "The information is then passed to the police representative responsible for the handling of that particular case." The caller is asked to check the progress of the case

by contacting Cpl. Wilkinson at the police department's non-emergency phone number, 665-8481, Extension 289. If an arrest and indictment is made from the caller's information, then the caller is eligible for a reward, Wilkinson said, with amounts available up to \$1,000.

"In the past, Crime Stoppers has had a lot of callers calling in on the recorder and not leaving a message," he said. "Crime Stoppers does want the information that these people have.

The vehicle was later recovered at Rham and Sum-

ner streets in the yard of a vacant house. Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward of up to ment of the person or persons responsible for this

If you have information about this crime, or about the sale, manufacture or distribution of illegal drugs, please report it to Crime Stoppers by calling 669-2222.

The board of directors of Crime Stoppers urges citizen involvement in reporting crimes in our community and offers rewards for other crimes not published.

Crime Stoppers does not want your name. All they want is your information, which is strictly confidential, and you do not have to appear in court.

Remember - crime doesn't pay but Crime Stoppers Citizens can remain anonymous and earn rewards

for reporting crimes in this community by calling 669-Special Note: Caller #1212 who contacted Crime

Stoppers on Jan. 20, 1991, is requested to call back with more information on the house address.

## Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the follow ing accident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 20

11:30 a.m. - An unknown vehicle collided with a legally parked 1980 Pontiac owned by Manuel Martinez, 412 Crest, in the 100 block of West Harvester.

# City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

1955 CADILLAC 4 door Sedan Fleetwood, good investment \$9500. 665-2547, see 124 N. Nelson. Adv.

CANVAS WORKS now open. Boat covers, tarps, upholstery and repairs. 420 S. Price Rd. 665-4946.

Monday thru Friday. Appointments available. Adv. evenings or Saturdays. Betty Epperson, 665-8258. Adv. IMAGES, 123 N. Cuyler. Final

Winter merchandise. Adv. MICHELLE'S COUNTRY Loft, Thursday Mexican Food, Fri-

DANCE TO Wildcard. Moose Lodge, Saturday 23rd. Members and guests. Adv.

RAY'S BODY Shop moved to 413 W. Foster. 669-9481. Adv. LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Club Biarritz-Act II playing through

Saturday. Silvercreek, Friday February 22. 7:30 nightly, No cover B.E. INCOME Tax Service, charge. Temporary memberships

ADDINGTON'S REDWING boots on special. Cowboy cuts in colors start at \$15.95, and Silver-Markdown, 70% off on all Fall and lakes \$19.95. Big bargains throughout the store. Go Hustling Harvesters! Adv.

MATHIS CARPET Cleaning The Dry Foam Way, no over wetday Monte Carlo Chicken, Home- ting. Licensed by Du Pont Stainmade Desserts. Open 11:15 to 2:30 master Carpet Care. Free Estimate. 665-4531. Adv.

HAIR BENDERS is proud to welcome Michell Doan with these specials: Hot oil manicures \$7.50, Acrylic nails \$25. For appointment Call 665-7117. Adv.

WOULD LIKE to do office cleaning. References available Call 665-7900. Adv.

FAITH CHRISTIAN Center, 118 N. Cuyler, presents Dwight Verdin tonight at 7:00. Dwight ended a 5 1/2 week revival last night at Calvary Temple in Perryton. This is our monthly, one night, Faith Rally. Nursery through 3 provided.

GOLD WING Road Riders Assoc. meeting, Thursday 21, 6:30 p.m. Dyers, All cyclist invited.

V.F.W. AUXILIARY covered dish dinner, Friday, 6:30 p.m. Post

#### Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

p.m. Adv.

Tonight, clear with a low in the lower 30s and northeasterly winds 5-15 mph. Friday, sunny with a high in the upper 60s and southeasterly winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday's high was 65; the overnight low was 30.

REGIONAL FORECAST West Texas - Tonight and Friday fair. Lows in the 30s. Highs in mid 60s to low 70s.

North Texas - Mostly cloudy with chance of showers or thunderstorms southeast half tonight, partly cloudy elsewhere. Mostly cloudy with chance of showers southeast, partly cloudy elsewhere Friday. ows tonight from 48 northwest to 46 southeast. Highs Friday from 65

South Texas - Showers and thunderstorms southeast and east tonight ending by Friday afternoon. Mostly cloudy through Friday except decreasing clouds central and north tonight, becoming partly cloudy Friday. Lows tonight in the 40s except low 50s lower coast. Highs Friday in mid and upper 60s to near 70 south.

EXTENDED FORECAST Saturday through Monday

West Texas - Fair Saturday, partly cloudy Sunday, cloudy and colder Monday with a chance of

Highs low 60s Saturday, lowering to mid 40s by Monday. Lows mid 30s Saturday to mid 20s Monday. South Plains: Highs upper 60s Saturday, lowering to low 50s by Monday. Lows around 40 Saturday to upper 20s Monday. Permian Basin, Concho-Pecos Valleys: Highs around 70 Saturday, lowermid 40s Saturday to mid 30s Monday. Far West: Highs in mid 60s. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Big Bend: Highs near 70 lowlands to low 60s mountains. Lows from low to mid 30s mountains to mid 40s along the Rio Grande.

North Texas - Dry and warm Saturday turning cooler with a chance of rain or thunderstorms Sunday and Monday. West: Highs in the 70s Saturday, the 60s Sunday and the 50s Monday. Lows in the 40s Saturday and Sunday and in the 30s on Monday. Central and East: Highs in the 70s Saturday, in the 60s Sunday and in the 50s Monday. Lows in the 50s Saturday and Sunday, and in the 30s on Monday.

South Texas - Partly cloudy and mild Saturday most sections. Chance of showers or thunderstorms Sunday. Hill Country and South Central: Increasing clouds Sunday. Mostly cloudy and cooler Monday with a chance of rain. Highs in the 70s Saturday and Sunday, 60s Monday. Lows in the 50s snow most sections. Panhandle: Saturday and Sunday and 40s and low 70s elsewhere.

Monday. Coastal Bend: Mostly cloudy and cooler Monday with chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s Saturday, near 80 Sunday, in the 70s Monday Lows in upper 50s and low 60s Saturday and Sunday, in the 50s Monday. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Partly cloudy, mild Saturing to mid 50s by Monday. Lows day and Sunday. Mostly cloudy Monday with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in upper 70s and low 80s. Lows in the 60s. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Partly cloudy Saturday with slight chance of rain. Increasing clouds Sunday with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy and cooler Monday with chance of rain. Highs in the 70s Saturday and Sunday, in the 60s Monday. Lows in the 50s inland to near 60 coast Saturday and Sunday, in the 50s

**BORDER STATES** 

Oklahoma - A continued slight chance of showers in the extreme southeast tonight, otherwise fair. Mostly sunny and slightly cooler Friday. Lows tonight low 30s Pan handle to low 40s east. Highs Fri day mostly 60s.

New Mexico - Fair tonight and Friday. Lows tonight from 10 degrees to the 20s mountains and northwest with 30s east and south. Highs Friday upper 40s and 50s mountains and northwest with 60s



(Staff photos by Dee Dee Laramore)

Math students from Lefors High School, Middle School and Elementary won a number of awards in competitions in Canadian and Quanah Saturday, Feb. 16. Pictured at top with the second place calculator trophy won at the Quanah Math/Science Meet are, front row, from left, Miho Ogino and Michelle Shedeck, both of the High School math team. Not pictured, are Chad Quarles and Andy Swires. Also pictured, back row, are Lefors Middle School team members, from left Josh Akins, Michelle Helfer, Jason Winegeart and Bryan Bockmon. Also pictured in bottom photo are the three elementary students who placed at the Canadian UIL meeting Feb. 16. They are, from left, Tenille Franks, Nikki Bockmon and Angle Davenport.

# Lefors students win math/science honors

LEFORS - Lefors math students came home with a number of awards after competing in the Canadian University Interscholastic League (UIL) and Quanah Math/Science meets Saturday, Feb. 16.

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Lefors High School math team was presented with a second place trophy in the calculator division of the grade. Quanah Math/Science meet. Team coach is Kathy Haxton.

Those high school students winning individual medals and ribbons at the Quanah meet included Chad Quarles, junior, 2nd place - calculator, 3rd place - number sense, and 8th place - science; Andrew Swires, sophomore, 2nd place - calculator, 4th place - science; Michelle Shedeck, sophomore, 4th place - calculator, 6th place - number sense, 5th place - science; and Miho Ogino, sophomore, 9th place - calculator and number sense, and 7th place - science.

Middle school student Jason Winegeart, eighth grade, placed fourth in calculator and seventh-grader Bryan Bockmon, 3rd place - science, 10th place - calculator. Other middle school team members included Michelle Helfer, eighth grade, and Josh Akins, seventh

Lefors elementary students also competed Feb. 16 at a UIL meet in Canadian. Angie Davenport and Nikki Bockmon won second place in the picture memory division. Tenille Franks won fourth place in listening division and placed in the top 10 in oral

Others attending the Canadian competition included Kerin Danford, Jennifer Lock, Te Jay Steele, Kisha Crain, Jennifer Williams, Justin Howard, Zeb Akins, Mandy Mata, Amber Gilbreath, Craig Seely, Archie Summers, Jason Butler and Candace McClure.

# Officials hope report on rural health, economic needs will bring changes

this report."

"People were just so glad the

Waterfield, who ran unsuccess-

seat last fall, authored the bill to cre-

and economic problems were the

foremost topics at the public meet-

medical office closings have placed

Residents said rural hospital and

71st Texas Legislature.

AMARILLO (AP) - One of the combat health care woes and sliding

economies, a state official said. "In the past, when someone fully for the Panhandle's U.S. House they fail the test." wanted to know what programs were available at the state level, they would call and get shuffled around before they ever got anything done," said former Republican state Rep. Dick Waterfield, who helped create the rural development commission.

'Part of what this will do is ings. establish a toll-free number to give the people a place where they can call get crucial economic information.

Waterfield said the commission recently submitted a 71-page report to state lawmakers filled with concerns aired during 11 public hearthe state.

technicians in rural areas.

ings last year in rural areas across Health to be retrained every four institutions would be encouraged to years, Waterfield said.

an even greater emphasis on the Deposit Program. availability of emergency medical The commission recommended that EMTs should no longer be encourage investment in rural Texas.

required by the Texas Department of

#### Largest cattle theft in recent years reported

of cattle rustling, the crime that refuses over a long period, Cook said. to go away, involved 298 head of cattle single cattle theft case in Texas in the past 10 years.

Farmer-rancher Larry Kalina Wednesday offered a \$10,000 reward for the return of the cattle.

Doyce Cook of Wharton, who has been the local field inspector for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association for the past 10 years, said it was the largest theft he could

The only cattle thefts even close deals" involving a ranch manager selves out over large pastures.

WHARTON (AP) - The latest case who took a few animals at a time

Cattle Raisers Association field worth about \$300,000 and is the largest inspectors are specially commissioned Texas Rangers empowered to track down rustlers

> Cattle thefts, a vestige of the Old West, have changed because thieves now use big gooseneck trailers to haul their loot to a different part of the state for sale. It isn't called rustling anymore.

It is felony theft. Winter is the time for most cattle theft because that is when ranch animals are fed. The feeding makes them more tame, and they stay near to as large as 298 head were "inside pen areas rather than scattering them-

"The EMTs came before us and benefits of the recently-formed Texas state came out to hear what they had said in most cases they are far away Rural Economic Development Com- to say," Waterfield told the Amarillo from the training sites and that mission will be a hot line for residents Daily News. "I'm sure some mean-retraining is a unnecessary financial in rural Texas trying to find help to ingful legislation will come out of burden," he said. "We recommended they be retested only every two years, with retraining only when

Commission member Joe Cook ate the commission while a state of Perryton said the commission's representative from Canadian in the report recommends adoption of a statewide policy to establish better

Waterfield said landfill, health telecommunications in rural areas. Cook said the state could help economic growth by purchasing the federally insured portion of loans made to rural businesses and increase the funding in the Linked

> He said such a step would leverage private sources of capital with state funds in rural banks and

In addition, those same financial make loans to small businesses.

# 'Robin Hood' bill passes Senate; House members to consider plan

By PEGGY FIKAC **Associated Press Writer** 

AUSTIN (AP) - A "Robin Hood" plan to shift local property tax revenue from rich to poor school districts won Senate approval and was sent to the House, which may vote next week on school finance reform.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock hailed the Senate measure, passed 20-7 Wednesday, as "the finest piece of legislation that's been passed in the Texas Legislature in its history."

The bill sponsor, Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, said, "What we

#### Teacher may lose unborn child after beating by student

DALLAS (AP) - A Dallas elementary school teacher can only wait, hope and pray that the 10year-old student who punched her over and over again in the stomach hasn't killed her unborn child.

Trenda Braggs, 27, who is five months pregnant, said the student attacked her last Friday when she attempted to stop him from bullying a younger student.

"He knocked me into the wall," said Mrs. Braggs of Friday's attack. "Then he threw his book down and began pummeling me. He was swinging violently and fiercely. I couldn't get him in control."

The beating ended when two teachers came to her aid, alerted when they heard her body slam into the wall outside her classroom at Patton Elementary School.

"It's such a sad situation all the way around," said Dallas police detective Ronald Caldwell, who plans to file juvenile delinquencyassault charges against the fifthgrader. The boy was in custody of his parents Wednesday.

Doctors have told her she may lose the baby, which could mean further charges against the youth.

Mrs. Braggs said the beating left her and her husband "angry, upset and confused."

"I'm kind of in awe that a child would have the nerve to raise a hand toward an adult. We were taught to respect our elders," she said. Mrs. Braggs said she had spent the past two years teaching at an Oklahoma high school without incident and was not scared of teaching

at the lower grade levels. She said the student is about 4 inches shorter and about 10 pounds lighter than her.

News of the attack has shocked other students at the school in the East Oak Cliff section of the city.

"It was mean," said 10-year-old Merivonne Jones, a fifth-grader. "He's mean to do it."

Fellow teachers were reluctant to discuss the beating, but a spokesman for a Dallas teachers organization said it will have a "dramatic emotional effect" on all teachers.

"How many qualified teachers will quit, or not even want to hire on?" said Harley Hiscox, executive vice president of the Alliance of Dallas Educators. He said students also will suffer, because when teachers "live in fear, you don't do a good job.'

Mrs. Braggs plans to return to the classroom when she is physically able to, but she said the attack will haunt her.

There were 129 cases of teachers being attacked by students in the Dallas Independent School District during the 1989-90 school year.

Bob Baker, president of Classroom Teachers of Dallas, said the latest case exemplifies a trend.

"It's another sickening incident that points out the increased violence level of elementary children," he said.

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have done basically is created a new removing the ban. system of public school finance that gives every child in Texas access to the same amount of property wealth

for his or her education. Worth, said he expects the House tion. measure to be similar to Parker's.

When fully implemented in four years, Parker's bill would take an estimated \$481 million a year in local property tax money from the minimum rate for construction wealthy school districts and spend it in poor ones.

Voting against Parker's bill were one Democrat, Sen. Bill Sims of San Angelo, and six Republicans: Sens. Teel Bivins of Amarillo, J.E. "Buster" Brown of Lake Jackson. Chris Harris of Arlington, O.H. "Ike" Harris of Dallas, Cyndi Taylor Krier of San Antonio and John Leedom of Dallas

The legislation is in response to a Texas Supreme Court order requir- Bullock said. ing the state to equitably fund poor school districts.

The \$14 billion-a-year school finance system declared unconstitutional by the court relies on state aid, local property taxes and some federal money.

The wealthiest school district in Texas draws funds from a local property tax base that is about 450 times greater than the poorest district, creating disparities, said a bill analysis.

Under Parker's bill, local property tax money would be redistributed among school districts within 20 taxing regions.

The regions would be created to get around a constitutional ban on shifting local property tax money among school districts statewide. The taxing regions would not be

Every school district would be required to impose local property taxes at a minimum rate, and money raised above a certain amount would House Speaker Lewis, D-Fort be given to the state for redistribu-

> The minimum tax rate would start at 70 cents per \$100 property valuation, climbing to \$1 in 1995.

> School districts could tax above or to enrich programs. When fully implemented, the bill would cap the total local property tax at about \$1.61, with each school district generally receiving the same amount of money at a particular tax rate.

> The bill requires \$1.2 billion in additional state spending over the next two years.

> "It's going to take quite a bit of money just to implement the equity features of education in Texas,'

Gov. Ann Richards said. "I have been concerned that the process was not moving along, and I'm very, very pleased that they did take action ... The important thing is to meet that court deadline."

Lawmakers face an April 1 Supreme Court deadline to devise a school finance reform plan or face an order to cut off state public education funds.

Leedom expressed concern about taking away local control over tax money.

"I trust the local districts to do what they think is right for their children," he said.

Parker said the Supreme Court's order demands drastic change in how property tax revenue is handled. He added, "The state of Texas is not exactly an alien power. It is necessary if a separate constitution- democratic, representative govern-



# Viewpoints



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Louise Fletcher Publisher

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#### Opinion

# Chaplains better for war on drugs

Now that the United States is in a real war, perhaps we can tone down the rhetoric of the "war" on drugs. A real war, like the one in the Persian Gulf, is when one country attacks another, and when the attacked country, perhaps joined by allies, fights to repel the attack. A pseudo-war, like the "war" on drugs, is political rhetoric meant to enflame the people's passions for a meretricious government policy.

True, people sometimes do get killed in such pseudo-wars, as we see in the gang fights over drug turfs in many cities. But the key difference is that such killings result from a distortion of government's role. In the case of drugs, government injects itself into a problem, drug abuse, and attempts to reduce the supply of illicit drugs; an illegal market then develops, regulated not only by supply and demand, but by such extra-legal means as murder. Much like drugs today, in the 1920s alcohol prohibition involved killings and turf battles between Al Capone and other bootleggers. It was in no way

President Bush has called for an 11-percent increase in federal money spent on the drug "war," to \$11.65 billion. The portion of that money spent on domestic law enforcement and international interdiction would increase to 69.7 percent of the total, with 30.3 percent spent on treatment and prevention.

Unfortunately, Bush, who is commander-in-chief of the real war in the Persian Gulf, sees himself in the same role in the pseudo-war on drugs. The president noted that drug use has dropped in recent years. He then drew a false conclusion, "You might ask, 'Can we lessen our commitment to stopping the scourge of drugs, can we afford to look elsewhere, lose interest? Can we declare victory?' And, of course, the answer is an emphatic 'no."

Yet the continued "war" against drugs obscures the crucial fact that drug abuse is really a moral and medical problem, not a criminal problem, let alone a military problem in need of Bush's "victory." Many of America's religious leaders now realize this and have formed the Religious Coalition for a Moral Drug Policy, based in Washington, D.C. A recent conference on "Reason, Compassion and the Drug War" attracted participants from Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths.

One spokesman was Richard J. Dennis of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. He said the major problem is that American culture has turned government into a false god, that "the purpose of law is to prevent mayhem between men" while "the purpose of morality and religion is to change behavior voluntarily." Though not a clergyman, he argued that America's clergy should take the lead in calling to end the drug "war."

Amen. The problem of drug abuse requires chaplains, not generals.

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# Berry's World



# Budget is no austerity dose

Every February, after the current Republican incarnation of Scrooge issues the president's official budget proposal, the nation's interest groups respond like children who have scampered down the stairs on Christmas morning only to find lumps of coal in their stockings.

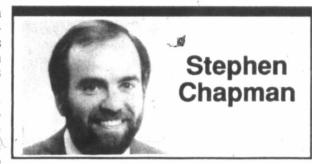
This year's budget was no exception, moving critics to a chorus of protest at their Spartan diet. "For most agencies, austerity continues," read a gloomy Washington Post headline about health and welfare programs. On issue after issue, from mass transit to housing to education, President Bush was flogged for punishing the poor and rewarding the rich.

"Large new benefits would be conferred on the wealthiest Americans, primarily through a capital gains tax cut, while no additional support whatsoever is provided to workers who are unemployed and cannot find new jobs," droned Robert Greenstein of the left-leaning Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

An anonymous aide to the Democratic congressional leadership agreed: "Politically, we are focusing on issues of economic fairness, on the inadequacy of the administration's response to some very serious domestic problems."

Before you get carried away by sympathy, you should know that these are not kids who have been forgotten by Santa Claus. They are brats who, after tearing open a mountain of gifts, look up in indignation and cry: "Is that all?"

Advocates of a generous federal government, who recall the Reagan years as a trek across the desert, ought to welcome the Bush administration as an oasis. The president who promised to continue Ronald Reagan's policies of holding down taxes and spending has abandoned both, boosting gov-



ernment growth at a rate Michael Dukakis would have been hard pressed to match.

Under Bush's stewardship, for the first time since than a quarter of the nation's income. It took Reagan six years of herculean labor to trim spending from 24.3 percent of gross national product to 22.2 percent. It took Bush two years to erase that achievement.

Last year, under fierce pressure from Congress, Bush reneged on his only memorable campaign promise by going along with a budget deal containing a hefty tax increase - which, we were told, was the strong medicine to cure chronic deficits.

\$300 billion. That's more than double what the Congressional Budget Office predicted two years ago - before the tax increase.

Like past tax increases, this one utterly failed at its stated purpose. Instead of installing fiscal discipline, it fueled new irresponsibility. The value of tax increases can be judged by a simple fact: Under Bush, the biggest deficits in history will coincide with the highest taxes in history.

deserves some of the blame, since he contributed to a savings and loan debacle that will sop up \$105 billion in federal revenues next year. The recession deserves some as well, for reducing tax revenues and raising spending obligations.

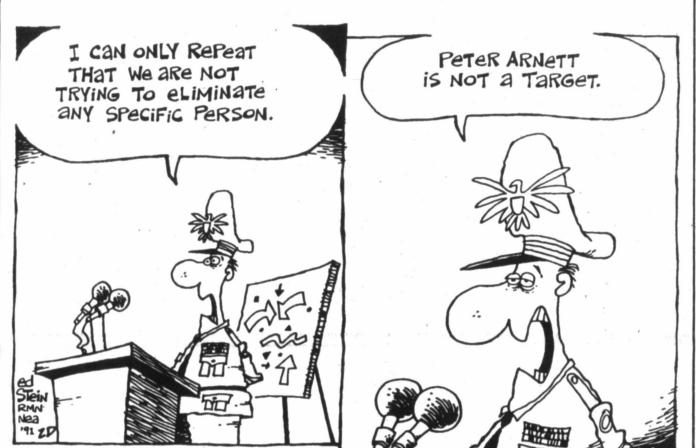
But if these deficit numbers are going to give you night terrors, stop reading now. They don't include the cost of the war with Iraq, which the administration says can't be estimated yet. However bad things look now, they're actually much worse.

Maybe all these expenses weren't within Bush's control, but he's done no better with programs that are. As budget expert Stephen Moore of the libertarian Cato Institute points out in a recent study, the World War II, the federal government will spend more president hasn't vetoed a single spending bill in his two years in office. Nor has he managed to kill a single federal program, however pointless.

Worse still, he has actively sought out new ways to separate taxpayers from their income. In Bush's first two years, outlays rose in every category of federal action - agriculture, education, the environment, transportation, you name it. The sole exception was that supposed Republican favorite, the Pentagon.

Since he took office, Bush has managed to boost Yet next year, the federal deficit will approach domestic spending by nearly 20 percent over and above inflation. Moore notes that this rate of growth exceeds every president since Franklin Roosevelt. If the S&L bailout is excluded, the pace is still faster than it was under such notorious big spenders as Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter.

Anyone searching for the austerity we heard so much about earlier this month won't find it in Bush's swollen budget. Ronald Reagan came to Washington to fight the growth of Leviathan. His Bush isn't the only villain here. Reagan vice president stayed not to surrender, but to defect.



# **Today in history**

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 1991. There are 313 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 21, 1965, black activist Malcolm X was shot to death by assassins identified as Black Muslims as he was about to address a rally of several hundred followers in New York.

On this date:

In 1846, Sarah G. Bagley became the first female telegrapher when she took charge at the newly opened telegraph office in Lowell, Mass.

In 1866, Lucy B. Hobbs became the first woman to graduate from a dental school, the Ohio College of Dental Surgery in Cincinnati.

In 1878, the first telephone directory was issued, by the District Telephone Company of New Haven, Conn. It listed 50 names.

In 1885, the Washington Monument was dedicated in the nation's

In 1916, 75 years ago, the longest and bloodiest battle of World War I – the Battle of Verdun

# Five ways to take Saddam out

There ought to be a way to take Saddam Hus-

Remember in Godfather II when Michael Corleone wanted to have that guy named Heime

One of his lieutenant says it's impossible. Too many FBI agents guarding him. "Nothing," says Michael Corleone, "is impossi-

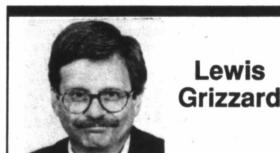
Sure enough. They whacked Heime right there in the Miami airport. The guy who did the whacking got whacked himself, but Michael Corleone can't type in Arabic.) was right about the impossible bit. You've got to figure if somebody took out Sad-

dam Hussein, the war with Iraq would come to a quicker end and a lot of lives - Iraqis as well as erals, maybe. America's allies and ours – would be saved.

derer. An egotistical maniac. Sort of a 20th-century track down Saddam and cut off his head. Attila the Hun with missiles, tanks and bombs.

I certainly don't think God would think less of of in years and years. the person or persons who hit Saddam. I think God himself would say at a CNN briefing, "It's still 'Thou shalt not kill,' but sometimes you've got to dam has hurled missiles at them. be a little flexible."

(I would make up some quotes for Allah, but I strike swiftly and terribly.



So, how to get Saddam. I thought of a few sce-

• Scenario #1: His own people get him. His gen-

Or all the people of Iraq who are tired of war, Saddam Hussein is a bully. A torturer. A murtired of death, tired of eating sand. They revolt,

There hasn't been a good beheading that I know

• Scenario #2: The Israelis get him. The Israelis have been uncharacteristically patient while Sad-

But when the Israelis finally get enough, they

I can see a Raid on Entebbe sort of thing where a group of crack Israeli commandos find Saddam Hussein and make him swallow a grenade.

 Scenario #3: We get him. We've got bombs smarter than the average Iraqi soldier.

So why can't we figure out where Saddam is and blow the place up with him in it? Or better yet, go in and get him and bring him back to this country and put him in the same cell with Jim Bakker.

 Scenario #4: Muhammad Ali gets him. Muhammad went to see Saddam and got some hostages out before the war. The two men embraced. Muhammad could go back over armed with plastic explosives under his coat. When he and

Saddam embrace again, Muhammad pulls a string inside his coat and no more Saddam. No more Muhammad Ali, either. I need to work a little more on this one.

 Scenario #5: His wife gets him. Mrs. Saddam finally gets enough of her husband's bad humor, ill manners and bullying tactics and poisons his soup.

He dies, she takes over the country and announces the immediate pullout from Kuwait and wants Baghdad to have a franchise in the new World Football League.

Nothing is impossible.

# Media's war undermines

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

It is now as plain as the birthmark on Gorbachev's head that the coalition forces in the Persian Gulf will shortly commence ground operations against the Iraqi troops in Kuwait. This is a good moment, therefore, to pause and reflect on the role of the American media in covering the battle that is about to begin.

A good deal has been written much of it true, I am sure - about the hostility of high American military officers to the media. They are supposed to believe that the media seriously undermined home-front support for the Vietnam war, and to be determined not to give them a similar opportunity this time if they can help it. If that is indeed their attitude, all I can say is, I share it.

We have heard much less, however, about the hostility of many representatives of the media toward the military. Any reader who supposed that the reporters covering the Gulf war are simply bloodless technicians

neutrally reporting the facts can stop reading this column now.

The truth is that the vast majority of these reporters not only know that military mistakes and/or incompetence make a better news story than military efficiency and success, but ent tradition - affirmatively detest the military mind-set and will exert them-

selves mightily to discredit it. You can bet your bottom dollar, therefore, that most of our reporters in the Gulf will zero in on and nearly so, from battlefield in Kuwait, emphasize every negative aspect of the war that they can uncover.

to root our media out of their effort to make it look like a defeat for the coalition than it took to root the Iraqis out of Khafji.

And nobody who watched CNN's obscene coverage of "dying" babies in a Baghdad hospital, to whom the friends and concerning whom no an apparent defeat. That was the

doubt the message being delivered. In the weeks ahead the American

media will dwell lovingly on the casualties - the American dead and wounded, of course, but also the inevitable civilian victims as well. ("Was this really necessary?") Every being the ripe spawn of a very differ- military maneuver will be secondguessed and implicitly criticized as a favor - and that, in military terms, it mindless bloodbath.

Thanks to the miracle of modern switch effortlessly, in "real time" or where an American soldier can be seen lying dead or mortally injured, Even in the recent pathetic little to the little frame house somewhere skirmish in Khafji, it took far longer in Middle America where his mother, wife and children sit, fuffy-eyed from weeping, while some reporter asks them if they think the sacrifice was

Above all, we must be on our guard against the sort of sheer distortion whereby a military victory can be American response was allowed, can media's triumphant achievement in

the case of Vietnamese communists' guerrilla attacks on central Saigon (including, briefly, the American embassy) in the so-called "Tet offensive" of February 1968.

It is now well established that this was a desperate attempt by the communists to turn the tide of war in their failed utterly.

But the American media, fastentelevision, it may even be possible to ing on the dramatic fact that communist guerrillas briefly appeared in the South Vietnamese capital, persuaded the American people that Tet was a triumph for the enemy. The public discouragement was so great that Lyndon Johnson didn't even bother to run for re-election.

In the days ahead, we would do well to think of the ground war in Kuwait as having not two but three major participants: the Iraqis, the U.S.-led coalition, and - perched on the latter's shoulders like some reporters had been led by their Iraqi twisted, by dishonest reportage, into hostile incubus - the American

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# Grammy Awards: A night for Quincy Jones

By MARY CAMPBELL **Associated Press Writer** 

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NEW YORK (AP) - Back on the Block, an ambitious recording project that interwove the musical virtues of a divergent group of artists from rappers to Sarah Vaughan, was named album of the year at the 33rd Annual Grammy Awards.

With its magical journey to the worlds of jazz, rap, rhythm and blues and pop, Back on the Block won eight Grammys altogether on Wednesday night, including six for composer-musician-producerarranger Quincy Jones.

Phil Collins, who had been nominated for eight awards at the ceremony at Radio City Music Hall, won record of the year for his bleak song about the homeless, "Another Day in Paradise."

Mariah Carey, with her extensive vocal range, was named best new artist and best female pop vocalist for her slow-grind ballad "Vision of Love."

The late Roy Orbison was named best male pop vocalist for "Oh Pretty Woman.

Song of the year honors went to Julie Gold for "From a Distance," a ballad recorded by Bette Midler.

Academy president Michael Greene, commenting on the song of the year, said the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences "ends up being a sentimental bunch of people when it comes to message songs.

Still, the night belonged to the 57-year-old Jones.

Besides album of the year, Jones won non-classical producer of the year; best jazz fusion performance for the LP's "Birdland" track; best arrangement of an instrumental for "Birdland"; best instrumental arrangement accompanying vocals, for "Birdland"; and best rap performance by a duo or group for the title track, along with Ice-T, Melle Mel, Big Daddy Kane, Kool Moe Dee and Quincy D. III.

Ray Charles and Chaka Khan won best rhythm 'n' blues by a vocal duo or group for "I'll Be Good to You," a track on Back on the Block. The LP's engineer, Bruce Swedien, received the engineering award for a non-classical album.

I don't take it for granted. ... I've lost many times. It feels better to blues song, "U Can't Touch This,"

Collins told reporters that he'd been consoling himself that it was good to be nominated then said, with relief, "It was very nice to come out with one." Jones said Back on the Block took six or seven months to make but was 10 years late. "When you wait that long, you

#### Crewmen run out of gas after seeing wreckage of plane

LAKE LIMESTONE (AP) -Crew members aboard a search plane that ran out of gas and crashed in a Central Texas oat field still managed to complete their mission.

Moments before their accident Wednesday, the search crew directed authorities to the remote plane crash site they had been looking for since Monday. There they recovered the body of a 24year-old College Station man whose plane crashed while en route from College Station to Commerce.

The Texas Department of Public Safety identified the pilot and lone occupant as Douglass Boultinghouse.

More than 40 law enforcement officers and residents helped with the ground search, while a DPS helicopter and three planes flew overhead.

The search crew considered landing on a rural road but decided against it because of traffic, the Waco Tribune-Herald reported.

The powerless plane avoided most of the obstacles blocking its path, and the three men aboard walked away unhurt.

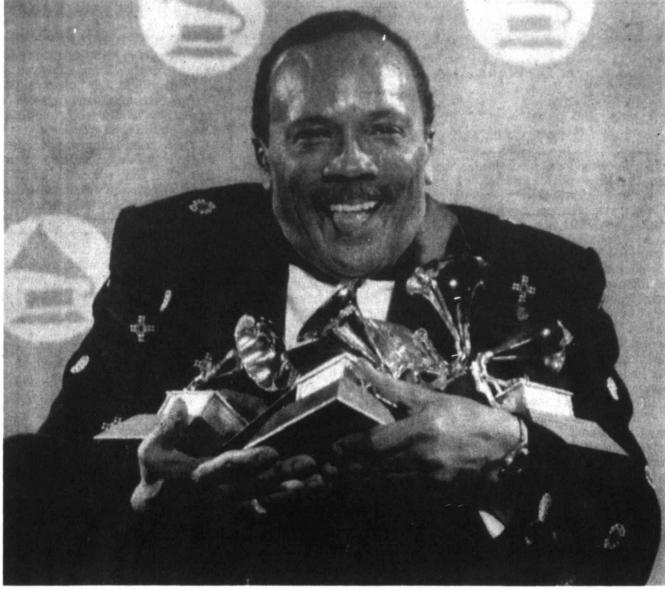
But one of the cows roaming through the field wasn't as lucky and was killed when hit by the plane.

"When we hit it, the front end of the plane just plowed into the ground," said Robertson County Deputy Barry Gordon.

"We were going to hit hard, regardless."



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Quincy Jones cradles his Grammy awards, including the album of the year award, for his eclectic album *Back on the Block* during the 33rd annual Grammy Awards at New York's Radio City Music Hall Wednesday night. Jones won six Grammys in all.

hear, yourself," he said.

He dedicated his album of the Sarah Vaughan, whose last recorded by a duo or group. performance was on it.

all-time total to 25, pushing him judged best pop performance by a ahead of Henry Mancini and the late Vladimir Horowitz, and making him tive year the duet has won that second to conductor Sir Georg award. Angelo Badalamenti's Solti's 28 Grammys. Horowitz won the best classical performance by an series' soundtrack was judged best instrumental soloist without orches- pop instrumental performance. tra for The Last Recording.

writer's prize for the best rhythm in

have to really dig down deep inside Freak." He also won the long-form their album Family Style. Living and make something you want to video Grammy for Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em the Movie.

Aerosmith's "Janie's Got a year Grammy to the late jazz singer Gun" won in best rock performance Crazy won for best metal perfor-

Linda Ronstadt and Aaron Jones' six Grammys bring his Neville's duet, "All My Life," was duo or group, the second consecu-"Twin Peaks Theme" from that TV

Eric Clapton was named best Rapper M.C. Hammer won best male rock vocalist for "Bad Love," After his triumph, Jones met rap solo performance for "U Can't and a newcomer, Alannah Myles, backstage with reporters and said, Touch This." He shared the song- won best female rock vocalist for ner Black velvet.

with composers Rick James and Vaughan, who was killed in a heli- 23, who doesn't consider himself a Alonzo Miller. The song borrowed copter crash last summer, and Jim- jazz singer, won best male jazz

Colour's Time's Up LP captured the best hard-rock performance Grammy, and Metallica's Stone Cold

Anita Baker won best female R&B performer for her LP Compositions, and Luther Vandross was named best male R&B performer for his "Here and Now" single.

Sinead O'Connor, who didn't attend the ceremonies because she thinks the Academy honors commercially successful music more than art, won best alternative music performance for her album I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got.

Ella Fitzgerald, 72, was named dest iemale jazz vocalist for All Guitarist brothers Stevie Ray That Jazz, and Harry Connick Jr., riffs from James' hit single "Super mie Vaughan won two Grammys for vocalist for "We Are in Love."

## Names in the news

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - B.B. is Gone," got his name "Blues year at his new nightclub on Beale jockey. Street, where the bluesman first gained fame and legend has it modern blues were born.

nightclub, will open May 3.

"Memphis has been good to me my career started there, and my roots are still there," said King, 65, who began playing clubs on Beale Street in the late 1940s when paying customers took blues from the country into the city.

"This is the first club to have my name attached to it," King said Monday fron New York. "I will have a say-so on the food and But he said he has "high hopes" entertainment, but the club will for President Jean-Bertrand Arishave a manager. I'm no businessman. I play guitar.'

Under terms of contracts signed play four times a year at the club, whose three buildings have been renovated with \$550,000 in federal

Lucille and songs like "The Thrill School of Nursing," he said.

King says he'll play four times a Boy" working as a Memphis disc

ATLANTA (AP) - Former President Carter urged nursing students B.B. King's Memphis Blues and faculty at Emory University to Club, a 350-seat restaurant and help Haiti, one of the poorest coun-

tries in the Western Hemisphere. Speaking Wednesday at an international nursing symposium at Emory's School of Nursing, Carter spoke proudly of changes in Haiti, where he helped supervise the nation's first free elections in December.

'Haiti has never had a single leader both competent and benevolent — and honest," Carter said. tide, a Roman Catholic priest who took office Feb 7.

Carter said students could "in Monday in New York, King will effect adopt Haiti," which he said was a "kind of basket case" with a per capita income of just \$1 a day.

"Invite people from Haiti who are responsible for nursing training, King, known for his red guitar and let them be part of the Emory



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# President's Day: From flags to children's wishes

This past Monday was President's Day, a day meant to honor all the previous presidents of the United States of America.

It's one of the holidays when the Kiwanis Club of Pampa puts out its flags around town to those businesses and residences that have contracted with the club for the service.

On five days a year, sometimes more, one can see these Kiwanians, assisted by the young men and women of the Pampa Key Club, rushing about town in their pickups and station wagons in the early morning hours putting out the flags before they head off to work and school. And in the evenings, they're out rushing again to collect the flags and store them until the next flag holiday included in their service.

Their flags have also graced the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena at Recreation Park during rodeo week, the proud Red, White and Blue flapping about in the wind around the upper tiers of the arena.

It's a project that has really marked the patriotism of Pampa and its residents for several decades, at least. And it's one of which I have many fond memories, dating from my three years as a Key Clubber back at dear ol' Pampa High School in the mid 1960s. I recall getting up before the sun during fall and winter days, or bright and early for the summer July 4 holiday, to join others in distributing the flags around the city, and then coming together again in the evening after school or summer play to bring them back in.

There's a lot of hard work involved in the Kiwanis project, more than most people probably even give much thought to as they



About

By Larry D. Hollis Managing Editor

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look at all the flags waving along the city's streets for those special holidays. But I never really thought of it as work - it was fun, even on those cold, windy mornings, to get together in a group to provide our service to the city, more a time of fellowship and sharing time than a

This past Monday, though, there were even more flags than usual providing color throughout the city. In addition to those put out by the Kiwanians for President's Day, there were all those numerous others being displayed again another day for the support of the American troops involved in Operation Desert Storm.

It was all quite a sight to see, wasn't it?

And on another bit about President's Day – school children throughout the area were in their seats in classes learning more about the men who have been at the helm of this great nation.

At Horace Mann Elementary School in Pampa (one of my alma maters), a number of fifth-graders took some time out in English classes last week to write brief essays on "If I Were President ..." Principal Tom Lindsey brought a few by the

office for me to look at. I decided I'd share them with the readers. From Donielle McNabb:

"If I were president, I would make sure that all races have the same rights of other races. I would do the best that I could do to keep the constitutional rights alive and well. You can depend on me to do what would best benefit our country. I would give children better homes to prevent child abuse. I would like to help provide funding for medical research and in hopes for finding a cure for AIDS and cancer.'

From Michael Shaw:

"If I were president, I could rule the United States. I wouldn't make anybody work as a slave. There wouldn't be any cigarettes anywhere because I would make the people who sell them destroy the very nasty things. Drugs would not be handled or sold anywhere after I finished my machine. No one would have any gangs. Now, that's a free

From Sarah Landry:

"If I were president, I would do the best I could to help. I would let fights between countries go as far as they could without war. We would all try to save the environment. People everywhere will pick up all their years.

trash and not kill all of the endangered animals. We'd all give life a chance to be.'

From Sunnie Lewis:

"If I were president, I would try to stop the war. Then help people have homes, food, and good clothing, things like toys, beds, and warm blankets. Even get to go places where they've never been. Make the prices lower on toys, food, and clothes. I would try to let every little child have the best birthday, Christmas or whatever holiday there is. Have a Happy Valentine's Day ever this year.'

From Sarah Cook:

"If I were president, I would not have sent U.S. soldiers to Saudi Arabia. I do not think that going to war with Saddam Hussein and his soldiers is the solution. If I were the president, I would have figured out some way to get oil from Hussein, like maybe signing a treaty with Hussein so we pay \$3,000 a year for oil all year. Or maybe we could give them something they don't have for oil."

From Mike Ray:

"If I were president, I would give every human being a home and every animal a home too. I would let the police make sure that we don't get too discouraged about the war. I would give every school in the USA about 20 computers, and I would give every child a chance in life! I would make sure I would be a good president."

Students still have ideals and hopes for this nation. Let's hope and pray they keep those ideals and hopes alive as they enter adulthood and reign over this nation in later

# Support for Bush is high, but how long will it last?

WASHINGTON (AP) - A gift pate higher casualties, but say they shop operator in Michigan confesses would support the war anyway. she "went from being a dove to a hawk overnight." A conservative often change their minds "when the Republican congressman frets that a reality hits.' ground war would send American troops "into a meat grinder."

Their contrasting views were shaped by the first month of the Persian Gulf War, when the United States and its allies dominated the air and suffered few casualties. The air war also was prelude to a ground assault widely expected to sharply increase U.S. combat deaths.

that if a ground war starts, Americans will rally around the flag and support will last is as difficult to predict as war itself.

"A lot of this is simply going to be event driven," said Frank Newport, editor-in-chief of the Gallup Poll. "What happens? How quickly does it move? But I wouldn't anticipate as a professional pollster that we would find an immediate negative reaction."

Current polls show strong support for the president and his policy to reverse the Iraqi takeover of Kuwait.

A Washington Post-ABC News poll said 78 percent of Americans approve of the decision to go to war, a level of support remarkably consistent since the fighting began on Jan. 17.

A New York Times-CBS News survey put the president's approval rating at 78 percent.

But within those overall approval numbers were signs of nervousness over a ground war. For example, the New York Times-CBS poll found that while 71 percent expected a ground war to occur, 79 percent said they wanted to continue the air war a few more weeks.

Andrew Kohut, director of surveys for Times Mirror Corp., said Bush "has as much support as any president we've seen in a long time."

Americans they questioned antici- sense to me.'

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But Newport noted that people

"If indeed this stretches to Memorial Day and to July 4th, the question is really going to be patience and cohesion, and up to now the American public has shown both, tremendous cohesion and tremendous patience," said Democratic pollster Peter Hart.

"Does that change? Sure. I think time can wear that away.'

Mark down Kathy Adams as an Pollsters and academics guess early skeptic who now is strong backer of Bush's policy.

"I went from being a dove to a hawk their president. But how long that overnight," said Adams, who operates a gift shop in Traverse City, Mich.

In early January, she said of Bush: "I never would have guessed him to be this aggressive and this hard-nosed. I hope he has a sane enough reason for this.

Now Adams sees Bush's firmness as a big plus. "He is aggressive and is more than the milquetoast type he appeared to be.'

Yet, even normally hawkish conservatives are expressing misgivings about losing American lives in a ground war. For some, the alternative to a ground war is even less acceptable – use of nuclear weapons to dislodge the Iraqi forces.

"If we are going to send our ground troops into a meat grinder we should use whatever weapon we have to," said Rep. Dan Burton, an Indiana Republican who is one of the most conservative members of the House.

At a conservative conference in Washington two weeks ago, Jeffrey Wright, chairman of Young Americans for Freedom, suggested that "if we dropped a few strategically placed nuclear weapons, the war would be over tomorrow.

"He's wrong," responded Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. "I disagree He and Newport pointed out that with that. It just doesn't make any

# At least 19 dead in crash of Chilean jetliner carrying tourists

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) - Investigators were probing what caused a Chilean jetliner carrying 65 and were being treated at the a navy hospital in mainly U.S. tourists bound for the Antarctic to skid off Puerto Williams. a runway and into icy waters near Cape Horn. At least 19 people were killed and 17 injured, authorities said.

described a frantic struggle to get out of the plane as water rushed in and drowned her husband and others inside, a relative said.

jet, crashed while trying to land in light rain at Puerto Williams on Navarino Island, about 1,500 miles south of Santiago, said the Chilean airline LAN.

landing strip and fell into the water," of Beagle company planning director said in Seattle. Channel, according to a statement by LAN.

The airline said 19 people were confirmed eigners, and most were American. dead, while the Chilean navy said 20 died. A list of the victims was not expected until later today. telephone the plane ran into Beagle Channel after Inn motel chain, said Furman H. Agee III, the The seven crew members survived.

LAN said 17 people were "slightly injured" no Island, near Tierra del Fuego.

The cause of the crash was under investigation. The air force sent a special investigator, One Texas survivor of Wednesday's crash Cmdr. Hernan Barahona, who arrived in Puerto Williams, about 60 miles north of Cape Horn, water and some of the passengers drowned," late Wednesday.

The plane had flown to Puerto Williams from Punta to drown about three times.' The British-made BAe-146, a small four-engine Arenas, 300 miles to the north, where the passengers had arrived on a commercial flight from Santiago.

Tour officials said all 65 passengers were for-

what appeared to be a routine landing on Navari- company's executive vice president.

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Julie Brice Lally, 31, of Dallas said her 28year-old husband, Garvin Lally, was unable to swim free, according to her father, Bill Brice Sr.

"Several people got off ahead of them, but before they could get off the plane filled up with Brice said in Dallas. "She thought she was going

Brice said his daugher was not injured.

An official with the Atlanta-based Cecil Day The passengers were to begin an Antarctic Investment Co. said three of the dead were memvacation cruise from Puerto Williams organized bers of a 12-person group of company employ-'The airplane went beyond the end of the by Seattle-based Society Expeditions, Peter Cox, ees, relatives and friends. The names of the victims were not released.

> Survivors included Deen Day Smith, a member of the Georgia University Board of Regents One survivor from Texas told her father by and the widow of Cecil Day, founder of the Days

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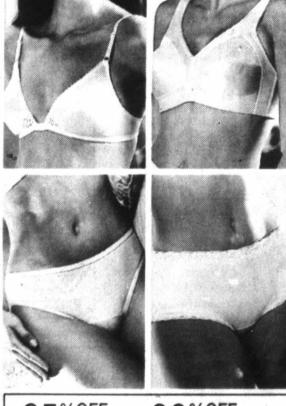
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# Lifestyles

# Father sends home stories about war, camels, Apaches

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KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — Picture a man sitting on a cot in a tent in the desert. Thinking of home and missing his family, he wonders if his very young children will forget him while he's gone. So he writes a little story about a camel and Apache helicopters and Saddam Hussein.

He reads the story into a tape recorder and drops the tape into the Army postal system and thinks about his three little girls at home.

Capt. John E. Suttle is stationed somewhere in Saudi Arabia. He assumed command of A Company, 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment 1st Cavalry Division on Nov. 1, in Saudi Arabia.

Suttle's wife, Chris, is holding the fort with their three daughters: Courtney, 3, Jessica, 2, and Kimberly, 5 months. They live in family housing at Fort Hood.

Chris Suttle says the girls listened to Daddy's tape about 10 times a day at first, and they listen to it each night before they go to bed.

"I think he wanted the kids to understand why he went away," he said. "He wanted them to know it wasn't his fault he was gone.'

She says she is happy to share the

"Maybe it will help another kid understand a little bit about the Middle East. Maybe someone will just enjoy it. It is very special to all of us," she said.

Here is John Suttle's story, "Abdul the Camel:"

"Once upon a time there was a place on the other side of the world called Saudi Arabia. The People of Saudi Arabia were very happy until one day a very bad man named Saddam Hussein said he was going to use his tanks to make Saudi Arabia a part of his evil empire.

were very scared, so they asked and he resumed his journey. He America to help them. America sent traveled many hours, and just as he soldiers and Apache helicopters to came up over the top of a sand protect Saudi Arabia from this bad, dune, he saw the Apache helievil man.

The soldiers and Apache helicopters went out into the desert to stop the evil Saddam Hussein. The desert was very hot and the radios in the Apache helicopters broke.

"The soldiers knew where the bad man was, but they couldn't tell the Apache helicopters because their radios were broken. New radios were sent by America on a ship to Saudi Arabia, but the evil Saddam Hussein had cast a spell on the trucks so they wouldn't work.

"And that brings us to our story about Abdul the Camel.

"Abdul the Camel was born on a camel farm in a place called Amman. Amman was next to the sea where ships came in with all sorts of things on them.

"One day Abdul's father came up to him and said, 'Abdul, you must make a long and dangerous trip into the desert. The ships just came in with new radios for the Apaches, but Saddam Hussein has cast an evil spell on the trucks, so they won't work. The king of Saudi Arabia has asked me to take the radios to the Apache helicopters, but I am too old and sick to make the journey.

" 'You must make the journey. You must take the radios into the desert. You are our only hope. We've made a special backpack for

you to carry the radios in. Good luck."

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"Abdul the Camel knew he had to go into the desert, so he put the radios into the special backpack and started off into the desert. But it was very hot, and the sun hurt his eyes.

"As he stayed on the road that went into the desert, cobra snakes tried to bite him and big black scorpions tried to sting him with their tails — but he kept on going anyway. He knew that people were counting on him.

'The hot desert wind began to blow, and soon he was caught in a giant sandstorm. When the wind stopped, Abdul the Camel saw that it was dark and that he was no longer on the road that went into the

"Abdul was lost and he was very, very afraid. Abdul started to cry and his tears fell into the sand.

"He didn't know it, but the sand was magic. The sand started to boil like water, and out of a cloud of smoke and steam appeared a genie.

"The Genie said, 'I am Beanie, the teeny weenie genie. Your wish is my command.'

"Abdul the Camel was very glad to see the genie and said, 'Beanie, I am lost and must find my way in the sand to get these radios to the Apaches.

'Beanie, the genie, said, 'Put on these magic glasses and you will be able to see in the dark.

"So Abdul put on the glasses and night turned into day. He could once again see the road into the desert.

"He said, 'Thank you, Beanie, the genie." 'And Beanie said, 'No problem,

that's what genies do.

"And in a flash of light and a puff of smoke, Beanie, the teeny weenie genie was gone.

'With his glasses on, Abdul was "The people of Saudi Arabia easily able to see the road again, copters with the sun rising behind them.

"The helicopter pilots saw Abdul the Camel, and they jumped and shouted. The pilots took the radios out of Abdul's special backpack and put them in the Apache helicopters. The pilots then flew off.

"With the radios they were able to talk to the soldiers on the ground. The soldiers told the pilots where the evil bad man Saddam Hussein was hiding.

The Apaches flew to the bad man and his tanks and fired so many rockets and missiles at the bad people that it looked like the desert was on fire.

"All of a sudden the ground started to shake and a giant hole opened up. Saddam Hussein and his tanks fell into this hole and they were never heard from again.

"All of the people in Saudi Arabia were very happy. And they danced and sang.

The king of Saudi Arabia gave Abdul a golden collar and made him a member of the royal camel

"With the evil Saddam Hussein gone -gone forever- all of the soldiers were able to go home to their families.

"And everyone lived happily ever



# **Dear Abby**

**Abigail Van Buren** 

# Son's memories of mother are not clouded with guilt

sponse. Recently, I lost my mother. She was only 69 and died of a heart attack. She was such a sweetheart. Thanks to you, my sadness was not due to guilt, because for the last 10 or 12 years of her life I telephoned her regularly, wrote letters from time to time and remembered her on special occasions. I also visited her every three months although it was a 13hour drive. On those occasions we had so many laughs and such a good

While I feel that I would have tried to be a good son, your column reminded me that we are on this Earth such a short time, and after someone dies, it's too late to say, "I love you." Thank you.

If you want to use this letter, you may use my name. THOMAS T. MENEAR, ATLANTA

DEAR MR. MENEAR: The letter that made a difference in your life is one that has been clipped and carried in more wallets than any other. And here it is:

DEAR ABBY: I am the most brokenhearted person in the world. I could always find the time to go everywhere else, but never time to visit Momand Dad. They sat at home and loved me just the same. It's too late now to give them those few hours of happiness I was too selfish and

Now when I go to their graves and

DEAR ABBY: Quite some time see the green grass above them, I ago, you published a letter from wonder if God will ever forgive me someone who had lost his mother or for the heartaches I must have caused father and had failed to communithem while they were alive. I pray to cate his love to them. Then it was too God that those who still have their parents to visit, do so, and show I want you to know that I bene- their love and respect while there is fited from that letter and your restill time, for it's later than you think. TOO LATE

> DEAR ABBY: The letter about the toddler who fell into a five-gallon bucket of water and drowned while his mother ran to answer the telephone prompts this letter. Actually, want to address two separate, but related issues.

> No. 1: The ridiculous belief that when a telephone rings, you have to run to answer it! I am a physician, and I've had a number of people come to my office due to injuries they have received when they tripped and fell while running to answer the telephone. I say, if the phone rings while you're busy, let the blasted thing ring — if it's really important, the party will call back.

> The other issue: Many lives could be saved if everyone — including housewives - knew how to do CPR. One never knows when a friend or family member will black out or have a heart attack. Most American Red Cross chapters offer excellent courses for home and workplace emergency

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DEAR DR. WREN: (I am not going to say you're for the birds.) Thanks for a fine and ever timely

# Restaurants offer more low tat, low calorie choices

RECIPES A Meredith Magazine

fat, low-calorie options than ever, menu. It doesn't make sense to eat a according to Low Calorie Recipes lot of unhealthful food at home, then magazine.

For AP Newsfeatures

Klaus Pros, executive chef at the going out. J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, menu items is increasing - espedishes. Pros offers the following menu.

- Ask for foods that are low in cholesterol and fat. Don't be afraid to request something special from

the kitchen. - Choose menu items without

heavy cream sauces or gravies, or ask that they be served on the side. - Look for menus that display

healthful, low-fat choices. Michael Foley, owner-chef of

Printers Row restaurant in Chicago, says many of the dishes served at his restaurant are steamed, poached, broiled or seared. Foley also offers a large number of vegetable, salad and desserts. He says:

LOW-CALORIE - Look for food over atmosphere. Ask about the availability of low-fat items, freshness, and how the food is grown.

— Think about the balance of the What's on the menu? More low- entire diet, not just the eating-out worry about what is eaten when

Leonard Torine of Livingston, D.C., says demand for healthful 'N.J., is founder of The Dietworks, an East Coast restaurant chain soon cially stir-fry vegetables and chicken to go national with its healthful

> "We're not in the diet business, we're in the restaurant business,' Torine says. "We serve delicious food in an attractive setting, but we are a low-fat restaurant."

> At The Dietworks, most foods are prepared in a commercial steamer or microwave oven. "We don't do any deep-frying," Torine says. Among his suggestions for cutting calories and fat when dining out:

> - Remove the skin of fried chicken. Skip the french fries, but eat the coleslaw, after turning it upside down and draining it.

- Eat sherbet or fresh fruit for pasta dishes, and many types of fruit dessert. Or, order a favorite dessert, then split it with afriend.

# Club News

Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at the home of Mrs. Maryl Jones. The chaplain, Mrs. Henry Merrick opened the meeting with the DAR ritual, followed by the pledge of allegiance, the American's creed, Star Spangled Banner, and the preamble of the U. S. Constitution.

The president-general's message to the members was read by Mrs. Jack White. National defense chairman, Mrs. Maryl Jones reported on the United Nations Convention on Discrimination Against Women which was signed by President Jimmy Carter ten years ago.

The annual colonial tea is on Feb. 24, at Lovett Library at 2 p.m. honoring senior high school Good Citizens. Pampa High School exchange students will present the program.

Tri County Democrat Club met Feb. 12 in the Lovett Library Auditorium for a covered dish dinner and meeting. Members enjoyed a delicious dinner. After business discussions, Judy Warner gave an enlightening program about her trip to Austin for the governor's inauguration. She traveled with Zetha Dougherty, Kathleen and Jim Greene. Brenda Barrett, 31st district committee woman will be speaker next month. The next meeting will be March 12, and is open to the public.

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# Spring Fever at Panhandle State University in March

The Office of Admissions at Panhandle State University will be hosting a freshman pre-enrollement clinic in conjunction with Spring Fever '91 on March 22. Reservations are needed in order to attend.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the PSU admissions office. Spring Fever '91 will begin at 1 p.m. in the auditorium and program and information session. A carnival sponsored by the student senate and PSU clubs and organizations will be held in the student union ballroom from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will be followed by a dance from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m.

Questions concerning thie pre-enrollment clinic or Spring Fever '91 may call the office of admissions at 349-2611, extension 274 or 375.

# Noisy pipes can be quieted

Information Bureau.

when water moving through a pipe are either too small or clogged with comes to an abrupt stop. This corrosion. Plumbing contractors recshocks the pipe and causes it to ommend using one-inch pipe for the

faucets and toilets will serve as a shock absorber to prevent this kind of noise. This extension is filled with air. "The trapped air in each

extension, or air chamber, acts like a cushion for the vibrations," says David L. Weiner of the bureau. "When the chambers lose air, they fill with water. This causes the is the most likely cause if the vibrabanging.' He suggests draining or refilling

the pipes to replace the air, or altermake slamming, hammering or natively, mechanically injecting air trumpeting sounds. Tightening the into the chambers. If your plumbing system doesn't have these shock or replacing the washer is the soluabsorbers, they can easily be added tion. at the site of the noise, he says. Some can be threaded onto a fitting or the hose supplying a clothes washer, for example. Others may need to be soldered onto the pipe fitting. Pipes of different materials may need different types of shock absorbers, he adds.

creaking sounds. If they are sus- problem easily."

CHICAGO (AP) — That awful pended from hangers that fit too racket your plumbing pipes make tightly, they will bind and release usually can be diagnosed by sound repeatedly with a tapping noise. and can be fixed easily, according to Loosening the hangers or changing the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling from metal to plastic will let the pipes move freely.

Banging or hammering results Rushing sounds means the pipes main water supply and three-quar-A capped pipe extension behind ter-inch pipe for main branches and water heater.

Half-inch branches can furnish water to dishwashers, sinks, tubs, showers, and clothes washers. Toilets and lavatories need threeeighths-inch pipe.

Vibrating noises have a number of causes, Weiner says. A loose anchor tion comes from behind a wall. Loose washers in faucets also can screws that hold the washer in place

Baseboard heaters can make gurgling, sloshing sounds when air bubbles get into the hydronic heating system, and thrashing and thumping usually come from a spring coupler in a circulator.

"A plumbing system should be quiet," Weiner says. "If you have a Since pipes expand when hot and noisy plumbing system, your contract when cold, they can make plumbing contractor can solve the

# Cheese sauce, flavorful and fast

NEW YORK (AP) — Wisconsin Cheese Sauce is a quick — but flavorful — sauce that can be served over poached chicken or fish, or steamed vegetables. The sauce combines the flavors of

mozzarella and Parmesan or asiago cheeses. It takes less than 10 min-

utes to cook in the microwave oven. **WISCONSIN CHEESE SAUCE** 1 tablespoon butter

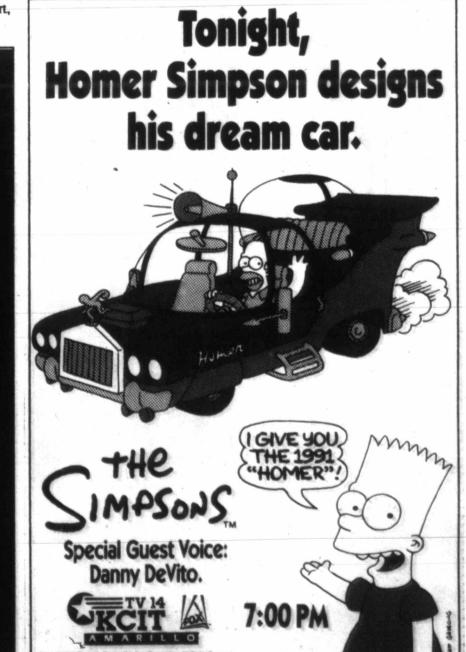
1 1/2 tablespoons flour 1 1/4 cups skim milk 6 tablespoons grated mozzarella 3 tablespoons grated asiago or Parmesan cheese

1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel 1 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice 1/2 teaspoon tarragon Cayenne pepper to taste 1/8 teaspoon white pepper

Salt to taste In a 1 1/2 -to 2-quart microwave bowl, melt butter on high (100 percent power) for 1 1/2 minutes. Mix in flour, then whisk in milk. Cook on high about 4 1/2 minutes until thickened, stirring twice.

Mix in remaining ingredients. Cook on high, stirring one or twice, until cheeses are melted and sauce is hot, about 1 1/2 minutes. Makes 1 1/4 cups.





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# Today's Crossword Puzzle

#### The World Almanac Crossword Puzzle

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**Answer to Previous Puzzle** 

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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



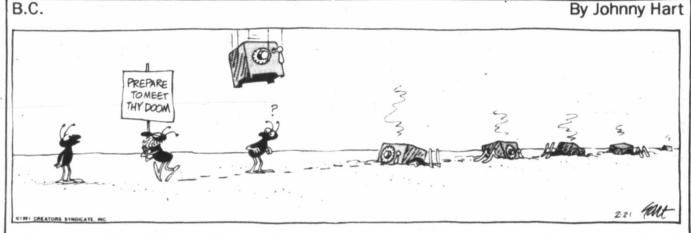




By Howie Schneider







**MARMADUKE** 

# Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're still in a favorable trend where things should work out to your ultimate advantage, provided you don't rock the boat or make changes merely for the sake of change. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland,

OH 44101-3428. ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're not apt to mince words today. In situations where you might usually hold your tongue, you're likely to tell offenders ex-

actly how you feel.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try not to put too much emphasis on things of a material nature when dealing with pals today. If you do, it might look like you are more concerned about what's in it for you than friendship itself. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If things

don't go your way today, there's a possibility you could overreact in an unbecoming manner. You might make a poor impression on people who are familiar only with your gentle demeanor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) When deal-

ing with an individual who recently did something you found offensive today, it's best to bring the matter out into the open rather than let it smolder in silence. It may fester if unresolved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Things which may arouse your enthusiasm today might not have the same effect upon your friends. Don't get angry or think less of them if they don't agree with you. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When motivated, your probabilities for fulfilling your expectations are extremely good today, even if the conditions you may have to contend with are more challenging than usual.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Upon occasion, it's sometimes advisable to take a calculated risk in order to advance a personal interest. Don't be timid in situations that require bold measures today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're in a rather lucky cycle for generating income from places other than your usual sources at this time. In fact, two promising possibilities might present themselves now. Keep an eye out. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Co-

operation is called for today in your involvements with others, regardless of how self-sufficient you feel. Try to make certain that you work in close harmony with everyone. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This can

be a very productive day for you, provided you devote your efforts to top priority assignments. Things you thought you couldn't accomplish can be done. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A departure from your regular routines could give your spirits a lift today. Try to devote time to fun activities, but just be sure they are inexpensive. By Brad Anderson KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright



**ALLEY OOP** 



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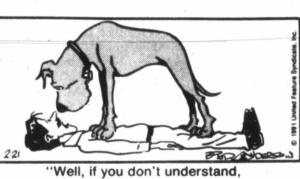


DOES THAT MEAN WE DON'T HAVE TO (SHOOT HIM? )

By Dave Graue

By Tom Armstrong

"I'm boss around here, understand?"



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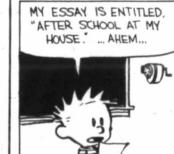
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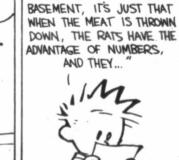


'Stand on bathroom scale...take a real deep breath!"?



"When I grow up do I hafta be called a dult?"









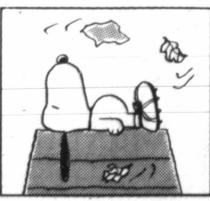








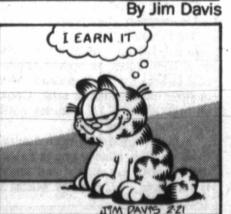












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# Sweetwater - A stranger to the basketball playoffs



Pampa's David Johnson drives to the basket during the Harvesters' bi-district 56-42 win over Levelland in the bi-district round Tuesday win over Levelland Tuesday night. Pampa advances to meet Sweetwater in the night Area round at 7 p.m. Saturday night in Plainview's Hutcherson Center. Tickets at the door only. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for will be sold at the door only.

# Briscoe takes on Shamrock in 1A bi-district boys' battle

Game will be played 7-3 district record. at Pampa High gym

By J. ALAN BRZYS **Sports Writer** 

Briscoe's Broncos gallop into Class 1A bi-district boys' basketball

balanced scoring attack rebound." and Shamrock's dominating inside play.

District 4-1A crown ear- night encounter. lier this month with a ishing the regular season to the coach. 23-3 overall and 10-1 in district action.

the district champi- around." onship. The Irish com-

"It's going to be a averaging 18.7 points per tough game," Briscoe game, Nelson (16.8 ppg.) coach Jerry Brown said and Shields (10.6 ppg.). in a Tuesday telephone ger than we are, but other Briscoe as "a pretty than that, we match up steady ball team." pretty well."

action against the Sham- ple of big kids (George they do a lot of good rock Irish at 7 p.m. Fri- Bruton and Dave Wright) things that are advantatheir scoring," said games," Prescott said The battle looks to be Brown. "We'll need to a clash between Briscoe's get on the boards and

changed the Broncos a heavy offensive output Briscoe clinched the game plan for the Friday by senior post players

Briscoe is expected to Wright. two-point overtime "stay with what we've victory over Miami, fin- done all year," according "We have four kids game.

(Dallas Fillingim, Danny Nelson, Kevin Shields

pleted the regular season senior in the foursome, is run." with a 14-13 overall and contributing 11.4 points

per game. Fillingim is

Shamrock coach Mike interview. "They're big- Prescott described

"They're deceiving ... "Shamrock has a cou- they shoot well (and) day at McNeely Field- inside that do most of geous to winning ball

> The Irish hope to counter Briscoe's bal-Brown said he has not anced scoring attack with George Bruton and Dave

> > Both are averaging about 18 points per

"We're flexible," said Shamrock placed sec- and David Gilmer) who Prescott when asked how ond in District 3-1A average in double fig- the teams match up. "We competition, losing to ures," Brown explained. can play any style we Groom in a playoff for "We spread the scoring feel we'll be successful with. We can play a half-Gilmer, the only court game or we can Mustangs are Pampa's Area opponent

The Sweetwater High School boys' basketball program, unlike the Pampa Harvesters, has suffered through

one dismal season after another for almost 30 years. However, everything came together for the Mustangs, who meet the Harvesters at 7 p.m. Saturday night in the Area playoffs at Plainview.

According to Sports Editor Ron Hall of the Sweetwater Reporter, the Mustangs haven't been to the playoffs since 1962.

"The fans are really excitied," Hall said. "It's been a

long dry spell.' Sweetwater, which drew a bi-district bye, won the District 3-4A championship and were perfect (10-0) on the homecourt this season while compiling an overall 18-12

The Mustangs haven't been without their problems in this championship season. A rash of injuries and illness decimated the squad earlier in the year. One of those lost was star guard Cory Edwards, who was averaged 20 points per game when he suffered a broken toe in mid-

'Edwards is still not 100 percent yet, but he has been coming off the bench as the sixth man," Hall said. "He missed almost two months of the season.

Greg Ruffin, a 6-3 wing, currently leads the Mustangs in scoring with a 16 ppg average. Ruffin is also the team's top rebounder, averaging 9.5 boards per game.

Pampa has a 31-3 record and is ranked seventh in state among Class 4A schools. The Harvesters are coming off a

Tickets for the Pampa-Sweetwater game will be avail-



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzys)

Briscoe's Kevin Shields (shooting), Danny Nelson (21) and David Hale (23) will be in the lineup Friday night against Shamrock.

## Southwest **Outdoors**

By Mel Phillips



# Hottest secret bait disclosed

After talking to eager anglers from Pampa to Plainview, it is obvious that the fishermen are ready to go fishing AND the serious bassers have spend this winter searching for 'secret baits'.

Now, I have spent more money on secret baits and magic fishing potions than Jimmy Johnson has spent on hairspray, and one lesson finally hit home: that great secret bait in February will probably be just a memory in May and June. Never-the-less, here goes with the hottest secret bait.

First, blood oaths have been broken to discover how to buy **ZOOM LIZZARDS**. The secret color of this secret bait is pumpkin-with or without chartreuse tail. Pumpkin firetail is preferred by the experts like Tommy Biffle on the end of his carolina rig.

One of the few places in Texas to buy ZOOM LIZ-ZARDS will be at OUTDOOR WORLD '91. The biggest RV, boat, and sportsman exposition between Dallas and Denver will be held at the Tri-State Fairgrounds in Amarillo on Saturday, March 1, 2, 3. Visit Snow's Bait Shop and look over his selection fo floating fliptail lizards and Zoom lizards. You too can catch big bass with some of the great secret baits of

Speaking of good reasons to attend OUTDOOR WORLD '91: some lucky individual will win a 16 foot aluminum fishing boat courtesy of Lake Tanglewood Marine and KGNC radio. Registration to win this boat is free and I will draw the winner's name at 4:00 Sunday afternoon. If you visit Amarillo for this sportsman show, try staying at the Fifth Season East on I-40 near the Quarter Horse headquarters. You just might have breakfast with one of the superstars before he gives his fishing seminar. Look out for JIMMY HOUSTON, TED MILLER, DREABON JOINER JOHN HOPE, DALE WAGY, LENDELL MARTIN OR BUTCH COLANTONIO.

If trout fishing in New Mexico is one of your favorite vacations, be sure to visit one of the two casting tanks when Ti Piper is giving his 'fishing New Mexico' seminar. He has a book on this topic and will conduct special fly tying seminars for the really dedicated trout fisherman. The good folks at MORENO RANCH EAST can answer any question about trout fishing in the Eagle Nest area.

It's not too late to pay your \$60 and enter the Big Bass Tournament on Baylor Lake. Fishing starts this Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 7:00 a.m. and if 100 anglers enter, the lucky angler who catches the biggest fish of the day will win \$2,500. Call me at 806-353-3654 for

I'll see you at either Baylor Lake this Saturday OR at OUTDOOR WORLD '91 next weekend. Stop by our SOUTHWEST OUTDOORS booth, we look forward to meeting YOU.

#### Optimists schedule baseball meeting

A meeting to discuss the upcoming Optimist Club baseball and softball seasons will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Optimist Club meeting room, located at 601 East Craven.

All prospective coaches, team members and league coordinators are urged to attend.

Topics to be discussed include playing equipment, uniforms, sign-up dates, draft dates, park preparations, team manager responsibilities and proposed fund-raisers.

Coaches not planning to attend should send a representative for their team.

# Scoreboard

## **Basketball**

**Girls** District 1-4A **Won** 10-0 x-Randal 7-3 3-7

#### Fishing

AUSTIN (AP) - Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb. 21:

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 58 degrees, lake full; black bass are good to 6.5 pounds on Rattle Traps and Ringworms in 4 feet of water; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 8 pounds on Bill's Sponge Baits.
BROWNWOOD: Water clear, 57 degrees,

lake full; black bass are fair to 4 pounds on deep running lures; hybrid striper are schooling with the white bass, best hybrid fishing is at night under lights with jigs mostly and spoons; crappie are fair to 16 fish per string on jigs and minnows, most fish are between 10 and 13 inches; white bass are good under lights, some schooling during the day under the birds, best baits are silver spoons, specifi-cally L'il Cleos; catfish are fair around docks

in the 11/2 to 3 pound range on shrimp and worms; yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 55 degrees, lake full; black bass are fair through 3 pounds, 13 ounces on chartreuse Gitzits in 12 to 16 feet of water; striper are good through 10 pounds, 10 ounces on live bait; crappie are fair in number and are beginning to move into shallow water; white bass are good on the upper end of lake of fleaflies with limits daily; catish are fair through 6 pounds on trotlines baited with shed

are fair through 6 pounds on trotlines balted with shad.

CANYON: Water clear, 54 degrees, 6 inches above normal level; black bass are fair in the river on chartreuse spinners; striper are slow; crapple are good to 25 fish per string on live minnows; white bass are fair to good to 10 good sized fish per string, best fishing is early under the birds at the mouth of the river or late at night under lights, fishing is good after midnight; catfish are slow to 18 pounds on trotline with live crawfish.

FAYETTE: Water clear, 64 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are good to 9 pounds on black and plue lizards in 5 feet or less of

around trees; catfish were fair to 20 pounds on rod and reel over the weekend, little or no jug

ine activity; fairly good numbers of fishermen over the weekend despite the wind.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water fairly muddy, 56 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 91/2 pounds on cranks, spinners and jigs around 6 feet of water; crappie are fairly slow and scattered, no schooling; catfish are fair to slow to 4 pounds with some on rod and reel on

slow to 4 pounds with some on rod and reel on shrimp and stinkbait.

LBJ: Water clear, 56 degrees, lake full; black bass are good through 4 pounds, 2 ounces on chartreuse DB3s in 12-18 feet of water; striper are slow; crappie are good in 6-8 feet of water on minnows with some limits; white bass are good in Llano arm of lake on slabs and fleaflies; catfish are good in the 3-4 cound range in baitfish are good in the 3-4 pound range in bait-

ed holes with worms.

LIMESTONE: Water murky, 58 degrees, 2 inches above normal level; black bass are good to 7 pounds on Jawtec jigs with black and chartreuse Wacky Craw trailer as well as chartreuse spinners in 3-7 feet of water; crappie are slow; white bass are very slow; catfish are very slow.

SQUAW CREEK: Water visibility 8-10 feet which is fairly clear 63 degrees. A feet low:

which is fairly clear, 63 degrees, 4 feet low; largemouth bass are good to 31/2 pounds on worms, cranks, spinners and minnows in 11-14 feet of water, fish are moving into shallow water; smallmouth bass are fair to 4 pounds on white bass are good off points and in river channels on slabs and jigging spoons in 40-45 feet of water, many limits caught; crapple are slow; catfish are slow; walleye are fair to 5 pounds, with several smaller fish on minnows in 20-30 feet of water.

20-30 feet of water.

STILLHOUSE: Water clear, 50 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are very slow; white bass are spotty, some gulls in the cove; catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water clear, 57 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 40 fish per day per boat to 21/2 pounds on Fat Gitzits, fire-cracker grubs and live minnows, no 5-fish limits caught; Guadalupe bass are good to 16 inches on same lures; striper are slow; crappie are fair in 30 feet of water on minnows under boat docks; white bass are fair in the Spicewood area and in the Pedernales River over deep

area and in the Pederhales River over deep sand bars; catfish are slow.

WACO: Water off color, 52 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crapple are fair to 10-12 fish per string on minnows in 6-12 feet of water; white bass are fair to 2 pounds to 12 fish per string on small Rapalas and small Rattle Traps; catfish are

WHITNEY: Water clear, 52 degrees, 2 inches low; largemouth black bass are good on grubs and spinners to 7 pounds; smallmouth are fair in number to 4 pounds on Fin-S spinners; striper are good to 15 pounds on Road-

runners, live bait and jigs; crappie are good to 11/2 pounds on jigs and minnows; white bass are good on slabs and Shadraps near shallow water; catfish are slow.

**NORTHEAST** 

BOB SANDLIN: Water muddy in the creek channels due to rain, main lake is clear, 52 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 9 pounds on black and blue jigs and some fish were caught on spinners and Rattle Traps, fish are moving into shallow water crappie are fairly good to 13 inches on min-nows at 20 feet in 40 feet of water; white bass are hanging on the shirt tails of crappie and 2 out 10 fish caught will be a white bass; catish

are slow.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear, 51 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass are fair in number to 8.2 pounds, a 61/2 pounder caught on deep diving cranks in 12-15 feet of water, several ler strings caught; striper are poo.

#### **Bowling**

HARVESTER WOMEN'S LEAGUE Play More Music 61
Gas & Go 551/2
Crow Roost 49
Graham Furniture 371/2 281/2 421/2 H&H Sporting Keyes Pharmacy

Keyes Pharmacy 33 51
High Average: Audiene Bilgri 165, Lois
Rogers 159, Lucy Arebalo 158;
High Scratch Series: Audiene Bilgri 610,
Lois Rogers 594, Lucy Arebalo 588; High
Scratch Game: Lucy Arebalo 255, Carol Carroll 234, Lucy Arebalo 231; High Handicap
Series: Geneva Schiffman 660, Bettye Clegg
655, Rose Johnson 653; High Handicap
Game: Louis Statten 255, Bettye Clego-Hazel Game: Louie Slatten 255, Bettye Clegg-Haze Mulanax 252; Rose Johnson 250.

HARVESTER ALL STARS Krispy Critte Ninja Turtles The Long Riders Rude Dogs Pro Bowlers The Untouchables

The Untouchables 21/2
High Average: Boy – Kevin Hunt 129; Girl
– Christina Long Tammy Maennche 122; High
Series: Boy – Kevin Hunt 448, Shane Nolte
435, Christopher Peak 393; Girl – Christina
Long 456, Tammy Maennche 409, Misti Hudson 338; High Game: Bey – Kevin Hunt 175,
Shane Nolte 170, David Arreola 163; Girl –
Tammy Maennche 174, Christina Long 169,
Misti Hudeon 141

## **Sports Scene**

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

Softball representative Mike Killgo said more teams and sponsors are needed this year.

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

the Pampa Park and Recreation

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

Pampa Soccer Association will hold signups for its spring season Friday and Saturday at the Pampa Mall in front of T-Shirts & More.

Signup times are from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

New players must produce a birth certificate.

Age groups are Under 6 (born in 1986 & 1985), Under 8 (born in 1984 and 1983), Under 10 (born in 1982 and 1981), Under 12 (born in 1980 and 1979) and Under 14 (born in 1978 & 1977).

Signup fee is \$20 per player, which also includes a birth certifi-

More information can be obtained by calling 665-8382. The PSA League runs from

September to May with two seasons, one in the fall and one in the spring. The spring season signups are to

fill existing teams.

#### Meeting set for girls' softball program

interested in competing in the high school softball program.

The program will be open to all girls in the school system who are 13 years old and older and are no longer eligible to play Little League girls

Girls, who are 9 to 12 years of age, should check with the Optimist CLub for details on their Little League program. The high school softball program

has been approved by the Pampa school board with support from Superintendent Dawson Orr and Athletic Director Dennis Cavalier.

'It will be a two-year pilot program totally funded by community donations. If the program is success-

There will be a meeting at 7:30 ful, it will eventually become a fundp.m. Monday night in the Pampa ed program and incorporated into High School Athletic Building for the regular sports program for girls high school and middle school girls at the high school. A fulltime coach would also be hired.

> Benny Horton has been named as head coach of the pilot program and he anticipates a large turnout. "The girls of Pampa have long

> expressed the hope of one day having a softball program at the high school. Schools in this area have been contacted and it is hoped they will respond to the need for girls softball in the Texas panhandle and form their own teams in the near future," Horton said.

Persons interested in making donations can do so by contacting the Pampa High School Athletic Department at 669-4830. Checks should be designated as going to the PHS girls' softball program.



Meredith Horton will be one of the pitchers for the Pampa High girls' softball team this spring.

## PHS boys' track team entered in Canyon Relays

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sists of about 30 members, including 9 seniors.

trict meet and qualified 8 athletes for regionals.

"I've been working the kids extremely hard this season, harder than I've worked any group before," they're going to compete very hard."

Top returnees are pole vaulter Tony Bybee and Dumas.

The Pampa High boys' track and field team opens sprinter Wayne Cavanaugh, both seniors. Bybee won district last season while Cavanaugh was a member of PHS boys' coach Mike Shklar said the team con- the 400-meter relay team that placed second in district.

"We should be strong in the pole vault and we could "We're not going to have a lot of talent, but we're have a pretty good season in the dashes," Shklar said. going to be gearing up for district and try to get as "We've worked mainly on conditioning the last three many people as possible to qualify for regionals," Shk- weeks, so we're going to be pretty rusty in this first meet. We're not to score many points, but we're going Last season the Harvesters placed fifth in the dis- to working at getting as many out of district as we can, just like last year."

As in other sports, the Pampa track team will be competing in a 6-team district instead of 9 because of Shklar said. "They're a well-disciplined group and the UIL realignment last year. Other district teams include Borger, Randall, Caprock, Hereford and

# By RONALD BLUM

Pitchers and catchers report today and the first workouts of the spring are scheduled for Friday.

on Thursday and Dwight Gooden's agent called the Mets' latest offer unacceptable.

Petry lost his request for \$1.35 million when arbitrator Raymond Goetz chose Detroit's offer of \$650,000, a raise of pitcher, Paul Gibson, argued his case Wednesday before arbitrator Stephen Goldberg. Gibson is asking for \$565,000, while Detroit is offering a \$200,000 raise

\$350,000. Petry's loss left owners ahead 9-5 among the cases that arbitrators

decided. Two players settled Wednesday, leaving three remaining in arbitration.

Texas outfielder Pete Incaviglia agreed to \$1,675,000, a raise of \$850,000, while Toronto shortstop Manny Lee agreed to \$712,500, a raise of \$332,500. California third base-

man Jack Howell and Toronto pitcher Frank Wills are scheduled for hearings on Thursday in Chicago. The hearing for Pittsburgh's Jose Lind was postponed from Wednesday to Friday in New York after the shortstop had travel difficulties.

Among non-arbitration players, National League Rookie of the Year David Justice agreed with Atlanta on a one-year contract worth approximately \$300,000.

While this was going on, Gooden and the New York Mets were jockeying for position in their contract talks. The pitcher, completing a \$6.7 million, three-year deal this season, wants an extension similar to the \$21.5 million agreement between Roger Clemens and Boston.

The offer New York made Wednesday would make Gooden the thirdhighest paid player in the game, behind Clemens (\$5.38 million a year) and Jose Canseco (\$4.7 million a year). But it would be more than Darryl Strawberry's \$4.05 million average salary with Los Angeles.

"It's a start," said Gooden's agent, Jim Neader, who termed the offer "not acceptable."

Mets general manager Frank Cashen said he would not criticize Boston's deal with Clemens. Cashen then called the contract "inappropriate" and said it showed "questionable wisdom."

"However inappropriate we consider the Red Sox' decision to sign Clemens at a salary of \$5.3 million, we recognize Boston's need and right to do what's best for its franchise," Cashen said. "We defend with equal vigor the right of the Mets to do what is best for our franchise.

"We are keenly aware that the agent has set an artificial deadline for negotiations of Feb. 22 and later informed us in the press that he would accept no less than the Red Sox, in questionable wisdom, offered Clemens. I speak for the owners. We will not collapse under artificial deadlines. To do so would be suicidal for the franchise. It is a path that once trod can only lead to disaster."

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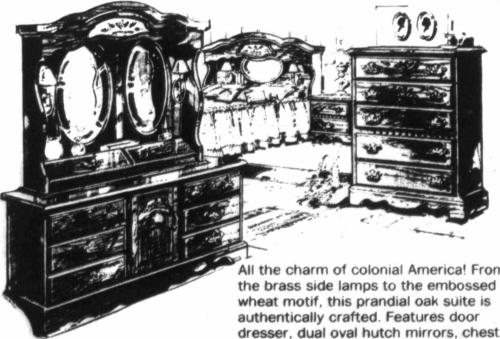
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# Soldier tree becomes focal point, tourist attraction for Ohio city

The wooden name tags clack togeth- going to be home for Christmas. er in the afternoon breeze like muted wind chimes, the names of more twisting from yellow ribbons on the

tags, inscribed "Spec. 4 Chris Wisener - Airborne.

This is his tree, and it's become tree. something of a shrine to people in this Ohio River community in southern Ohio.

who are frustrated and don't know said only if they're in the Persian their hand on the tree and cry," what they can do about the war." says Mayor Frank Gerlach. "It's become a tourist attraction."

Virginia and Jim Wisener decorated the 25-foot-tall tree in honor of their son when it became apparent the Army was going to keep him out of the country for the second conin Panama.

"Last Christmas when he went to fight, we tied a yellow ribbon around the tree," Mrs. Wisener said. friend in the Middle East, we decided to put orange bulbs on the tree Storm Family Support Group; and paratrooper against his advice.

"It's our Chris Tree."

sage "may they who serve return his high school buddy, Pfc. Robin with pride" dangles near one of the Griesman, who also is stationed in the Middle East - and used yellow servicemen and women hung from ribbons to hang them from the the tree.

Soon, others were interested. they could put their son's name on "It's a focal point for people the tree," Mrs. Wisener said. "We

> By Christmas, there were 155 wrote to first lady Barbara Bush about the project.

Mrs. Bush wrote back, praising the Wiseners' support of U.S. troops and adding that "the president joins secutive Christmas. In 1989, he was me in sending our thanks and best wishes."

Since then, the Soldiers' Tree has been a full-time job for the join the military – one has complet-Wiseners: cutting, painting, filling ed his tour of duty, one is stationed "This year, with Chris and his best out and hanging the name tags; in Germany, one is a captain in the meeting with Portsmouth's Desert Air Force - but Chris became a

ers with the message that technolo-

more than 675,000 engineers and

scientists over the next 15 years.

Only 12 blacks nationwide earned

doctorates in engineering in 1989,

gy, math and science are important said.

Corps of Engineers.

and fun.

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio (AP) - for those two kids who were not helping organize rallies in support of U.S. troops.

The community has pitched in, Mrs. Wisener bought every too. A city bucket truck was used to than 300 servicemen and women orange bulb she could find – about hang name tags when the tree's 300 – and strung them on the tree. lower branches were filled, and city Her husband made wooden name workers volunteer their time. About An orange heart with the mes- tags - one for Chris and one for 600 people attended a dedication ceremony in January.

At last count, the names of 332

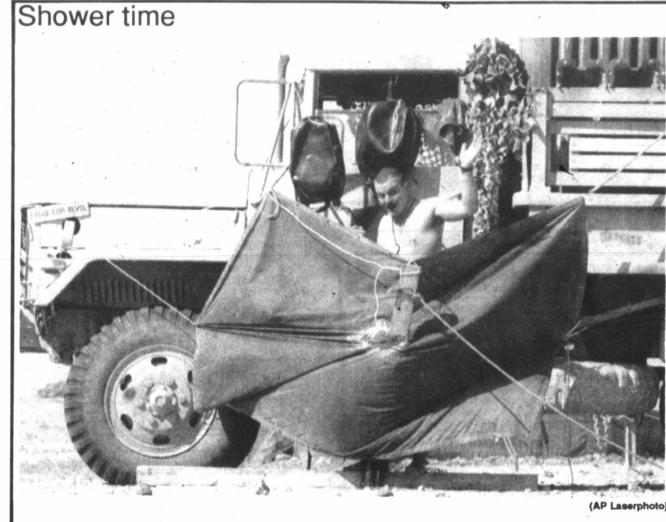
As the number of tags grew, so did the number of visitors. Cars clog "People would come and ask if High Street near the Wisener home as people stop by.

They take pictures. Some put Wisener said.

Jim Wisener, a former orange name tags, and Mrs. Wisener Portsmouth police officer, spent 11 vears in the U.S. Navy and served in the Vietnam War.

Wisener said he was not embittered by his own war experience, but remembers how badly some Vietnam Veterans were treated when they came home.

He encouraged his four sons to



U.S. Army specialist Timothy Schroeder of Milwaukee takes a shower behind a poncho in the Saudi desert Monday. Schroeder is with the Army's 1st Armored Division. Showers are a luxury for troops serving in Saudi Arabia due to the lack of water in the

# Engineers go to schools to encourage students to take up their profession

By TAMARA HENRY **AP Education Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) - Seventeen-year-old Ann Glanville was more impressed with the color slides of engineering projects than the heavily beribboned lieutenant general who had brought the presentation.

"The slides were beautiful," said Glanville, a senior at Dunbar High School in a low-income area of Washington. "I like building things, using my hands and drawing things.'

Glanville is among the minority students that eight universities within the Texas A&M System are hoping to lure to their science, engi-

neering and math programs. The universities signed a \$50 million agreement Wednesday that school leaders hope will become a national model.

Glanville was among a group of students involved in a pre-engineering program at Dunbar that assembled in the school's library Wednesday to listen to Lt. Gen. Henry J. Hatch, commander of the Army

## Coastal metros boom in 1980s while heartland was less robust

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans flocked to big metropolitan areas near the nation's coasts in the 1980s, at the expense of the heartland, census figures show.

The pattern reflected the economic shift from manufacturing to service economies and the appeal of such Sun Belt states as California, Texas and Florida.

Census Bureau figures released Wednesday show that 90 percent of America's urban centers got bigger in the 1980s, although most of that growth was in the suburbs, not the core cities.

And for the first time, more Americans live in big urban centers - those with 1 million people or more - than in smaller cities and rural locales.

There are 39 urban areas with a million or more residents. Those located within 100 miles of the Atlantic, Pacific or Gulf of Mexico grew by more than 14 percent in the

The interior metro areas grew by 8.6 percent.

The changing shape of the economy accounts for much of the growth on the coasts and the decline of the interior, said William Frey, a research scientist at the University of Michigan Population Studies

The interior cities depend on manufacturing and farming to earn a living and declined when those sectors fell on hard times in the 1980s. The erosion of auto-industry jobs in Detroit and the collapse of the steel industry in Pittsburgh are examples.

The coastal cities depend on the growing service economy - financial services and the like - and so

The success of service industries also helps account for the concentration of Americans in the larger urban areas, said Tom Kingsley of the Urban Institute.

Service industries "have always been more concentrated in larger cities, so when the structure of the economy expands, it's not surprising the larger cities would grow more," he said.

nation to compete in an increasingly Some 10,000 engineers are global and technologically driven education. going to schools in celebration of economy is increasingly dependent National Engineers Week to reach on our ability to recruit and retain in technical disciplines those groups nearly 1 million students and teach-

Hiler said he was convinced the Texas A&M System interim task can be accomplished by the chancellor Edward Hiler said the coalition, which has earmarked accord comes at a crucial time funds totaling \$50 million towards because of a predicted shortage of about 17 projects.

traditionally underrepresented," he

Texas is second only to California in total minority population. model will ensure that when African Texas A&M University System come to represent the numerical "Our ability as a state and a of higher education in the nation and the next century, they will have full

has several distinctions in minority participation in engineering and sci-

Last year, Texas' population was 61 percent white, 12 percent black and 26 percent Hispanic. Students in the Texas A&M system were 87 percent white, 3 percent black, 8 percent Hispanic and 2 percent Asian and other minority. The faculty was 83 percent white, about 1 percent black and about 4 percent Hispanic and 6 percent Asian.

"Once fully developed, this ing black engineers. With more than 71,000 students, the Americans and Hispanics in Texas ranks as one of the largest systems majority of our population, early in

ence-based disciplines," said Hiler.

ty consistently produces more Hispanic engineers than any other university in the United States, followed closely by Texas A&I, a predominately Hispanic institution and a new member of the system. Prairie

Laredo State University, with its strong emphasis on international trade, has the state's highest proporto work closely with public schools, tion of Hispanics in relation to total

The coalition also includes Tarleton State University, an undergrad-Hiler said Texas A&M Universi- uate institution; Texas A&M University at Galveston; Corpus Christi State University, which focuses on the final two years of college and graduate studies; and West Texas State University.

Hiler said the coalition is seeking View A&M University, which has matching funds from various federal the largest percentage of black stuagencies, including the National Scidents, is a national leader in produc- ence Foundation and departments of Energy, Education, Health and Human Services and Interior. The projects will require the universities community colleges and the federal government.



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