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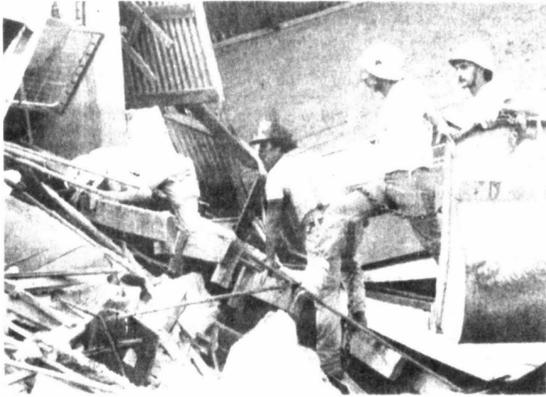
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Red Cross rescue workers look through the rubble of the International Hotel in Puerto Limon, Costa Rica, Wednesday for a victim believed buried in Monday's earthquake.

## 30,000 quake victims lacking food and water

By DOUGLAS GRANT MINE  
Associated Press Writer

SIXAOLA, Costa Rica (AP) — About 30,000 people in Talamanca County — banana-growing land along the border with Panama — face hunger, thirst and the threat of epidemics.

A major earthquake has cut them off from the rest of the country.

Monday's temblor, which registered 7.4 on the Richter scale, killed 82 people in Costa Rica and Panama, 53 of them in Costa Rica. Hundreds were injured and thousands lost their homes.

The quake also knocked down three bridges on the 55-mile road between this rickety border town and the provincial capital, Puerto Limon.

It tore up roads, knocked down utility poles and trashed dozens of towns and villages in Costa Rica as well as Panama's bordering Bocas de Toro province.

"This is one of the most, if not the most, devastated region, and we don't seem to be receiving priority attention. Very little, almost nothing, has arrived," said Dr. Ninette Alarcon, a physician with the Ministry of Health, as she toured Sixaola and its environs Wednesday.

"We're completely cut off except by air. We need food, water, tents and fuel for generators," she said.

She said the first cases of diarrhea — resulting from people drinking contaminated water — have already appeared.

There is no electricity. High voltage towers were also knocked down by the earthquake. Sixaola's one telephone is likewise out of order.

Maj. Gerardo Salazar, the regional National Guard commander, said some 600 houses were

destroyed or damaged in and around Sixaola.

Many of the wooden and concrete structures were built on 10-foot stilts to keep them dry during periodic floods. Scores of them collapsed, killing eight people, and most of the rest were left tilting precariously.

Hundreds of residents have built lean-tos and tents with sheets of plastic and blankets. Some simply sleep outside on the ground for fear their house will come crashing down with the next tremor.

There was a moment of dread Wednesday when a strong aftershock rumbled underfoot, creaking houses still solid enough to creak.

Salazar said water was short because all but one of the local wells were broken and filled with earth by the quake.

The paved portions of the road to Limon are buckled and scored with fissures up to eight feet deep and three feet across.

The rails of the railroad used to move the banana harvest are bent nearly in S-shapes at several points, as if they had been no more substantial than pipe-cleaners.

The current banana harvest is likely to rot, according to workers who cut and carry hundred-pound bunches at the Pais, Super Amigo, Chiquita and Albana plantations that dominate the region's economy.

Marvin Gonzalez, 25, works cutting hardwood lumber with his brother in the dense forest of the on higher ground.

"I'm the owner of what's left of this house," he said with a smile, standing in front a wood-frame structure that came crashing off its stilts with the first jolt. His wife Lidia was giving birth to their daughter Yohana at the local clinic when the quake struck.

## Miami school trustees ponder litigation over school finance

By J. ALAN BRZYS  
Staff Writer

MIAMI — Officials of the Miami Independent School District are considering legal action against the school finance bill recently passed by the state Legislature.

Mandated by the Texas Supreme Court, the school finance reform plan has been dubbed the "Robin Hood" approach because it calls for money to be taken from wealthy school districts and distributed to poor districts.

"It was decided they (MISD Board of Trustee members) wanted to look into possible litigation," said schools Superintendent Allan Dinsmore, in a telephone interview today. "They are not committed to it (litigation) yet; they want to investigate to see if it is plausible."

"They (board members) want to remain up-to-date and want to explore all avenues available," Dinsmore explained.

In a special called meeting held this morning, the board agreed by consensus to send Dinsmore to a Tuesday meeting of the Budget Balanced Schools Association in Austin.

The Austin meeting has been called to hear attorneys' opinions concerning the feasibility of litigation against the school finance plan.

Roy Harris, superintendent of the Pringle-Morse Independent

School District, serves as president of the BBSA.

MISD board members this morning discussed the possible effect the school finance bill will have on local taxes, according to Dinsmore.

Based on Texas Education Association printouts, MISD will lose \$436,000 — \$1,956 per student — for the year 1991-92 with a 72-cent per \$100 tax rate as mandated by law, according to Dinsmore.

He said MISD, with a current tax rate of 63 cents per \$100, would lose about one-third of its total revenue.

Dinsmore projected figures for the following years according to the TEA information.

At a mandated tax rate of 82 cents for the school year 1992-93, MISD would lose \$343,000. For 1993-94 at a mandated tax rate of 92 cents, MISD would lose \$253,000. The loss for 1994-95 is estimated at \$162,000.

Dinsmore said it was pointed out at the meeting that MISD would have to increase the tax rate by 22 cents for the 1991-92 year to "maintain the same revenue as we have now."

He said that although MISD's tax rate "would still be one of the lowest tax rates in the Panhandle," there was concern voiced by board members about future tax rates and how the school finance plan will affect the quality of MISD education.

## Gorbachev offers to quit party post

By ALAN COOPERMAN  
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev today responded to stinging attacks by hard-liners at a Communist Party leadership meeting by saying he would quit as party chief if they could muster a no-confidence vote.

But the party Central Committee rejected any question of his resignation by an overwhelming vote, on the recommendation of the top leadership in the Politburo, delegates said.

Gorbachev's offer to resign, and the subsequent vote, were confirmed by delegates interviewed during a break in the closed-door meeting.

Gorbachev's offer came after Russian Communist Party chief Ivan Polozkov accused him of "abandoning the party," one Central Committee member told The Associated Press. Polozkov also criticized Gorbachev for failing to take harsh measures to restore order, and urged him to declare a state of emergency.

In a tactic he has used before, Gorbachev made what one delegate called a "half-serious" suggestion that he would resign if the Central Committee voted that way.

Deputy party chief Vladimir Ivashko announced that the Politburo, which handles the party's day-to-day affairs, had rejected the idea.

The 410-member Central Committee, which sets policy for the



Gorbachev

party, voted not to pursue the issue, with only 13 delegates in favor of putting a no-confidence question on the agenda, said observer Andrei Chaikovsky of Kaliningrad and a delegate from Kiev who declined to give his name.

Today's criticism of Gorbachev came the day after he disclosed a new agreement with nine of the 15 republic leaders, including Russian President Boris Yeltsin, in which he promised new legislative and presidential elections.

On Wednesday, Gorbachev had used that deal to fend off a challenge from the party hard-liners in the first day of the two-day, closed-door meeting of top Communists in

the Kremlin. His victory then made it unlikely that the hard-liners could muster a serious challenge today.

If Gorbachev gave up the Communist Party leadership, he would remain president of the country. In the past year, he has built the presidency into a powerful independent post, and some reformers say he could retain power in the Kremlin even without the party job.

Gorbachev's agreement with the nine republic leaders calls for an end to strikes, the rapid signing of a Gorbachev-advocated treaty on preserving the union, a new constitution within six months, then new elections. It is signed only by the nine republics that want to remain in the Soviet Union.

The agreement did not say if the presidency would be filled in a general election, leaving that for the new constitution. But Kremlin spokesman Karen Karagezian said today the agreement definitely included the presidency.

Gorbachev has never faced the voters directly and, under the current constitution, would not have to do so until 1995.

Whether striking workers will be swayed to return to work by Gorbachev's tactics is unclear. An estimated 300,000 coal miners are continuing a strike that began March 1. Among their demands are tying wages to inflation, Gorbachev's resignation and more autonomy for the republics.

In Leningrad, 10,000 workers

went on strike today. The workers of Metrostroi, the subway construction company, are demanding higher pay. Gorbachev's resignation and dissolution of parliament, said strike committee leader Vladimir Ignatenko.

Thousands of other striking workers in the Byelorussian capital of Minsk gathered on the main square for a third day.

The independent Interfax news agency said workers blocked a railway junction at the city of Orsha, between Minsk and Moscow, cutting off a main route linking the Soviet capital to the West.

Gorbachev's agreement with nine republics appears to place a heavy penalty on the six independence-minded republics, which were not invited to Tuesday's meeting.

It says the six will not enjoy "most favored nation status" — defined elsewhere to mean they will lose Soviet subsidies and be forced to pay world prices in trade with the rest of the Soviet Union.

In the agreement, Gorbachev made several concessions, offering to cancel an unpopular, new 5 percent sales tax on everyday goods and to consider indexing wages to inflation.

Gorbachev has been under attack from reformers who believe he has betrayed his original democratic vision and Communist hard-liners seeking to retain central control over the economy and government.

## Carson County could lose judicial district

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

PANHANDLE — Carson County Judge Jay Roselius is warning county residents of a House bill that threatens to abolish the 100th Judicial District and move Carson County into the same district with Hutchinson, Hansford and Ochiltree counties.

Roselius said the bill, sponsored by Rep. Senfronia Thompson of Houston, is designed to take funding from the 100th Judicial District and re-allocate it in Harris County for a new district court there.

"Another move to benefit South Texas and hinder the Panhandle and West Texas area," Roselius said.

He explained, "If this arrangement becomes a reality, we would lose our district judge, John Forbis; district attorney, David McCoy; assistant district attorney, investigator, adult probation department, juvenile probation department and office of official court reporter.

"These duties would be taken over by individuals completely un knowledgeable of the circumstances which exist within our county."

Forbis, in a separate interview, also pointed

out that 31st District Judge Kent Sims would be faced with adding two more counties, Donley and Collingsworth, to his area of supervision.

"Judge Sims would have an impossible task to manage seven counties," Forbis said. "This bill indicates what we have in store in the future (regarding state intervention in the Panhandle's court system during judicial redistricting in 1993)."

Forbis termed the Thompson bill "offensive," and said, "It would raise havoc in this district."

Under the Thompson plan, Forbis and Roselius explained, Childress and Hall counties would be added to the 110th Judicial District, centered in Floydada.

"If the probation department were abolished, 600 to 700 supervised cases would be transferred to other departments," Roselius said. "These departments would have no immediate knowledge to deal with the cases. This condition would also cause a backlog of cases to be tried, because of the lack of court personnel to process the cases."

The threat of losing the 100th Judicial District adds insult to injury in Carson County.

Currently, the Legislature is also considering a legislative redistricting plan that would absorb

the 88th Legislative District into the 87th and/or 84th districts.

Forbis commended representatives Warren Chisum of Pampa and David Swinford of Dumas, along with Sen. Teel Bivins, for their efforts to stop the Thompson effort to abolish the 100th Judicial District.

An aide to Swinford, Bill Bandy, said today that a public hearing on the issue is scheduled for Monday, May 6, around 2:30 p.m. in Austin.

"We will know more about the exact time of the hearing by the end of next week," Bandy said.

He suggested those opposed to the Thompson bill should direct letters and phone calls to Rep. Thompson and the Judicial Affairs Committee, of which Thompson is the chairperson.

Thompson's phone number is 512-463-0720 and her address is P.O. 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910.

Members of the Judicial Affairs Committee include Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville; Parker McCollough, D-Georgetown (a former Panhandle resident); John Culbertson, R-Houston; Larry Hevans, D-Houston; Toby Goodman, R-Arlington; Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio; Nicholas Perez, D-El Paso; and Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio.

## Board OKs 8.7% auto insurance hike

AUSTIN (AP) — Personal automobile insurance rates will go up a statewide average 8.7 percent under an increase approved by the State Board of Insurance.

The new rate package, which also would boost commercial auto rates 15.5 percent, is scheduled to go into effect July 15.

The Insurance Board also voted Wednesday to conduct an independent audit of data supplied by the insurance industry that was used in setting the rates. When the audit is completed, the board will decide this fall whether the new rates need to be adjusted.

Board members James Saxton and Richard Reynolds, both appointees of former Gov. Bill Clements, voted for the rate increase, while Gov. Ann Richards' appointee, chairwoman Claire Korioth, voted against it.

"The public as well as the board needs to be confident in the data the board uses to set rates. The law promulgates us to set a rate; we must know that the data is correct," she said.

Richards issued a statement, saying she was disappointed in the rate increase but pleased the board will conduct an audit and look at the rates again this fall.

Saxton, who will step down from the board May 1 after coming under fire from Richards, agreed that a decision on auto insurance rates couldn't be delayed further.

The board first started considering the rate increase in January, but delayed a decision while a Richards-appointed team conducted a brief review of the data submitted by the insurance industry when it recommended a 29.1 percent increase. The review concluded a more in-depth audit was necessary.



Richard Villarreal, left, president of United Hispanics, and Lucio Moreno, secretary, show off a new *Hispanos Unidos* T-shirt that will be on sale on Sunday, May 5, during a Cinco de Mayo celebration at Central Park.

## Hispanics plan Cinco de Mayo celebration

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

Pampa's Hispanic community will gather on Sunday, May 5, in Central Park for a citywide Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Richard Villarreal, president of United Hispanics — *Hispanos Unidos* — said between 250 and 300 people are expected at the party, which is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

"Those that come should bring a covered dish," Villarreal said. "We'll have drinks, silverware and all that. We really want to promote this because during the winter we haven't had a lot of contact. We are here and want to let people know."

Villarreal and publicity chairman Eunice Moreno said the gathering is not just for Hispanics, but also for those interested in the Hispanic or

Latin culture or Spanish language.

*Hispanos Unidos* secretary Lucio Moreno said Cinco de Mayo is a combination of Labor Day, Independence Day and Nationalization Day festivities.

The Morenos credited Villarreal and Chris Perez, vice president of the organization, with being instrumental in organizing the Cinco de Mayo party.

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## Services tomorrow

**ALLFORD, Robert L. "Bob"** - 1:30 p.m., Mills Funeral Chapel, McAlester, Okla.

## Obituaries

**ROBERT L. "BOB" ALLFORD**  
McALESTER, Okla. - Robert L. "Bob" Allford, 87, a former Pampa resident and businessman, died Wednesday, April 24, 1991. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Mills Funeral Chapel with Dr. Gene Garrison, assisted by Dr. Mark Woods, officiating. Burial will be in Tannehill Cemetery.

Mr. Allford was born March 15, 1904, in Stigler, Okla. His parents were John Martin and Effie Mae Nabors Allford. He was reared in and attended primary schools in Scribo and graduated from McAlester High School in 1925. He attended Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. He moved to Wellington, Texas, and later to Pampa, where he was employed with the Magnolia Oil Company. He served as a scout master for a Boy Scout troop for many years and was a deacon and youth leader in the First Baptist Church in Pampa for more than 40 years. He was in the furniture business for 32 years before he retired in 1976 and returned to McAlester. He was preceded in death by his parents, and three wives, Thelma S. Elliott, Jeanne S. Pipes and Almeda J. Coonrod.

Mr. Allford was a member and deacon emeritus of the First Baptist Church and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Pampa. He was a life member of Kiwanis International.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert L. Allford Jr. and Genny L. Allford of Great Bend, Kan., and John W. Allford of McAlester; two stepdaughters, Jo Ann Dunham of Muskogee and Donna Radcliff of Borger; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Miller Allford of McAlester, Joe and Rebecca Allford of McAlester, W.E. "Bill" and Ramona Allford of McAlester and J.M. "Jim" and June Allford of Holdenville; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church in McAlester or the First Baptist Church in Pampa.

The family will receive visitors from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Mills Funeral Home.

## Police report

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

### WEDNESDAY, April 24

Maurice's, Pampa Mall, reported a theft at the business.

Johnson's Home Furnishings, 801 W. Francis, reported a theft at the business.

Police reported a domestic assault in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

Tea Room, 543 W. Brown, reported a theft at the business.

Dorothy Rosenbach, 1017 N. Wells, reported criminal mischief at 521 Montague.

### Arrests

#### WEDNESDAY, April 24

Billy Michael Grimes, 29, 1173 Varnon Dr., was arrested at the residence on a charge of domestic assault.

Stephanie Sanders, 19, Wheeler, was arrested at the Pampa Mall on a charge of theft. She was transferred to county jail and released on bond.

Angela M. Broadstreet, 21, Wheeler, was arrested at the Pampa Mall on a charge of theft. She was transferred to county jail and released on bond.

Tracy Lee Worley, 41, 808 Beryl, was arrested in the 200 block of North Russell on a charge of theft of services and sat out time owed.

Donald Ray Coil, 28, 1121 Terrace, was arrested at the residence on six warrants from Amarillo.

## 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.

### AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY BLOCK WALKERS CHECK-IN

The first check-in report session for block walkers in the American Cancer Society campaign will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, April 29, at Citizens Bank and Trust. The second check-in will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at Gerry Caylor's residence, 2130 Charles. The final check-in will be Friday, May 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 3, at Citizens Bank and Trust. The check-in will be open during the noon hour on Monday and Friday.

### ACT I

ACT I reservation line is open for *Boeing, Boeing* Dinner Theater. A spaghetti dinner, catered by Peggy's Place, is available from 6-7:30 p.m. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Reservation line number is 665-7910. Show dates are this Friday and Saturday and on May 3, 4.

## Minor accidents

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

### WEDNESDAY, April 24

6:20 p.m. - A 1987 Ford driven by Jesus Rodriguez, 415 Aft, collided with a 1988 Daihatsu driven by Susan Weldon, 1201 N. Russell, in the 1000 block of East Browning. Rodriguez was cited for failure to yield right of way. Weldon was transported to Coronado Hospital by AMT Ambulance where she was treated and released.

## Clarification

In a Page One story on Wednesday regarding a drive to repeal the current prohibition on Sunday beer sales in the city limits, Brenda Nettles was quoted in the midst of a paraphrase as saying that "church members should 'mind their own business.'" Nettles said she was not attacking or criticizing churches, but was pushing for a clear separation of church and state in civil matters.

## Hospital

**CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions**  
Laticia Arnold, Pampa  
Raymond Bryant, Miami  
John Kenner, Pampa  
Alta Lillie Morris, Pampa  
Wilburn Ray Morris, Pampa  
John Whitson, Pampa  
Elmer Garrison (extended care), Pampa  
Olgie Hardin (extended care), Pampa  
To Mr. and Mrs. Monte Arnold of Pampa, a boy.  
**Dismissals**  
Florence Adams, Borger

Elmer Garrison, Pampa  
Olgie Hardin, Pampa  
Loretta Jennings, Pampa  
Lolita McAnear, Pampa  
Janet Warner, Pampa  
Velma Willis (extended care), McLean

**SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions**  
Betty Gaines, Wheeler  
Grace Knoll, Shamrock  
Jan Wells, Shamrock  
**Dismissal**  
Patty Floyd, Texola, Okla.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa

Wheat	2.47	Coca Cola	77 1/2	dn 1/2
Milo	4.02	Enron	53 1/4	dn 5/8
Corn	4.63	Halliburton	44 1/4	dn 1/4
		Ingersoll Rand	47	dn 7/8
		KNE	25 1/4	NC
		Kern McCoe	44 3/8	dn 3/8
		Limited	29	dn 5/8
		Mopco	54	dn 1/4
		Maxus	8 7/8	NC
		McDonald's	35	dn 1/4
		Mesa Ltd.	2 3/4	NC
		Mobil	68 7/8	dn 1/2
		New Atmos	16 3/4	dn 1/8
		Penney's	50 5/8	dn 1/4
		Phillips	28 1/8	dn 1/4
		SLB	62 1/2	dn 1/2
		SPS	29 1/4	dn 1/4
		Tenneco	43 1/8	up 1/4
		Texasco	67 3/4	dn 3/4
		Wal-Mart	42 3/8	dn 1/4
		New York Gold	353.30	
		Silver	3.90	
		West Texas Crude	21.10	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa

Amoco	54	dn 1/2
Arco	131 3/8	dn 1/2
Cabot	35	dn 1/8
Cash Oil & G	16 1/2	dn 1/8

## Court report

**Gray County Court**  
Edd Junior Campbell received \$300 fine and two years probation for driving while intoxicated.

John William Sandfer received deferred adjudication of 12 months probation and \$200 fine for conspiracy to commit theft.

Timothy Roger Brunson received deferred adjudication of 12 months probation and \$450 fine for conspiracy to commit theft.

Motion was filed to dismiss theft of property by check charge against Brenda G. Stroud after restitution was made and court costs paid.

Motion was filed to dismiss theft of property by check charge against Linda Stroud after restitution was made and court costs paid.

Orders were filed to return a cash bond of \$100 to Joe Wylie Jernigan and a \$400 cash bond to Raymond E. Hutchinson.

Motion was filed to dismiss a driving with license suspended charge against Danny Ray Boyd after the cause was used in the revocation of another case.

Order was filed revoking the misdemeanor probation of Danny Ray Boyd.

Ronald Alvin Ricketson received deferred adjudication on a speeding appeal from Justice of Peace Court Precinct 1 of one month probation and a \$45 fine.

Mark A. Huffman received deferred adjudication on a speeding appeal from Justice of Peace Court Precinct 4 of one month probation and \$45 fine.

Order was filed to return bond money to Mark Huffman of \$22.50 after the bond was applied to the fine, court costs and probation fees.

Motion was filed to dismiss a simple assault charge appealed from municipal court against John David Richards after the charge was taken in consideration in felony probation through 31st District Court.

Motion was filed to dismiss driving while intoxicated charge against Michael Jimmy Martinez after it was used to amend felony probation through 31st District Court.

**Civil**  
Vonda Wright vs. Amber Kingston, damages not auto  
Rico Equipment vs. Panhandle Pipeline Corp., suit on lease

Cheryl Powell, individual and as next friend of Christy Dawn Powell vs. Steven Paul Free and Jimmy Free, damages auto

National Bank of Commerce vs. Albert C. Cura, M.D., suit on note

**Criminal**  
James Franklin Slater, age and address not given, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and received five years probation and \$500 fine, plus pay restitution of \$8,494.29 to Tralee Crisis Center.

Russell Joe Chambers, 30, 112 S. Wells, pleaded guilty to unauthorized use of motor vehicle and received three years probation and \$500 fine.

Ivy Lynnett Covill, age and address not given, pleaded guilty to forgery by passing and received three years probation and \$350 fine on a deferred adjudication.

Jennifer Lashell Harper, 17, 1038 S. Sumner, pleaded guilty to forgery by making and received three years probation and \$350 fine on deferred adjudication.

Debbie W. Provence, 36, 411 Frost, pleaded guilty to forgery by making and received \$250 fine and to pay restitution of \$70.95 to Linda DeVoll on deferred adjudication.

Order was filed continuing the probation of Michael Jimmy Martinez, age and address not given, with the addition that Martinez serve 30 consecutive days in Gray County Jail from 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. on weekdays and from 6:30 p.m. Saturday until 6:30 a.m. Monday on weekends.

Order was filed revoking the probation of Jerry Wayne Burton, age and address not given, after Burton left Brownfield Regional CRTC on March 3 without recommendation for successful discharge. Burton received six years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice with credit for 55 days jail time served.

**Marriage licenses**  
Robert Sidney Harrison and Cora Sue Harrison

**Divorces**  
Cynthia Gay Simpson Hill and Billy Joe Hill

## Fires

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

**WEDNESDAY, April 24**  
2:55 p.m. - Dumpster fire was reported in the 400 block of Wynne. One unit and two firefighters responded.

# Some Kurds skeptical about reported agreement with Saddam on autonomy

By WALTER PUTNAM  
Associate Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Kurdish rebel leaders say they have secured from Saddam Hussein a tentative agreement that would grant them the autonomy they have sought in decades of struggle.

But word of the agreement met with skepticism from some of the Kurds who had fled to the mountains to escape feared retribution by Iraqi government troops. The Bush administration also questioned whether Saddam could be trusted.

In northern Iraq, allied officials said they had given Iraqi police a Friday deadline for leaving the area around the northern city of Zakho. The allies are trying to convince Kurdish refugees it is safe to return to allied-protected camps in northern Iraq.

Iraq's prime minister, Saadoun Hammadi, today accused the U.S.-led allies of interfering in Iraq's domestic affairs by ordering Iraqi authorities to vacate the so-called northern "safety zone" where Kurdish refugee camps are being set up.

But Hammadi also said Iraq is prepared to "open a new page" in its relations with other countries.

He also said Iraq would take steps toward democracy, although "this process should take place gradually, practically," and might not meet the immediate expectations of other countries.

At a Baghdad news conference, Hammadi said little about the reported agreement with the Kurds, other than to say a dialogue is under way.

Asked whether Iraq would enter similar talks with Shiite rebels in the south, he replied: "Iraq has the desire and is willing to hold any dialogue that would serve the interests of Iraq."

The Kurd-Iraqi agreement was announced Wednesday by rebel leader Jalal Talabani, who said Saddam

had offered the Kurds an autonomy agreement similar to one signed in 1970 but never implemented. They discussed free elections for a national assembly, freedom of the press and freedom to assemble, he said.

But Talabani, part of a four-member Kurdish delegation that met with Saddam, also told a late-night news conference that nothing had been signed, details remained to be ironed out and further talks would take place next week.

After the tentative agreement with Saddam, the guerrilla leaders called on the estimated 2.5 million Kurds who fled last month's failed rebellion to come home from squalid border settlements along the Turkish and Iranian frontiers.

The development came as British officers in the northern town of Zakho, where the allies are putting up a tent city for the refugees, said they had issued a Friday deadline for Iraqi police to leave.

The 200 to 300 Iraqi police appeared to be heeding the order, with one officer saying they would be out today. The allies believe the presence of the Iraqi police could prevent refugees from returning to Zakho.

If a settlement between Saddam and Kurdish leaders is indeed reached, the need for the tent cities the U.S. and other Western troops are racing to set up in northern Iraq would be in doubt.

At the United Nations on Wednesday, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar indicated the world body would eventually take control of the camps.

A top U.N. diplomat, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, said today that the international community has not provided the United Nations the assistance needed for the world body to run the allied refugee camps.

"We can certainly not perform unless we are given the tools to do so," he said in a BBC radio interview, adding that the United Nations nevertheless aims to administer the refugee camps "in due course."

## Bush orders review of White House travel policy

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush, besieged by press accounts of his chief of staff's wide use of government aircraft, is looking into whether the White House travel policy should be changed.

Bush said his chief of staff, John Sununu, did nothing to violate the current policy on travel aboard government jets, but due to perceptions he wants the policy reviewed.

"It is appropriate to take another look at the policy because I want our administration to be above even the perception of impropriety," Bush told reporters Wednesday after the festering Sununu matter had refused to die for four days.

Bush said the review would be conducted by White House legal counsel Boyden Gray. Gray told reporters it was "very informal" and "won't take very long."

Bush, in his first public comments on Sununu's extensive use of government planes for personal, political and official travel, stood by his chief aide.

"I don't like this jumping all over Governor Sununu, when he has complied with the policy and he's made full disclosure. What more can you ask for?" Bush said. "He has my full confidence."

The Sununu controversy has plagued the White House since the Washington Post and U.S. News & World Report magazine reported over the weekend that he and his

family had taken ski vacations and trips to their home state of New Hampshire as well as using the aircraft for official business.

The White House maintains Sununu did nothing wrong, that he was authorized to fly on government planes under regulations requiring him and the president's national security adviser to use military aircraft for reasons of communications and security.

For four trips Sununu considered to be personal, he has reimbursed the government at a rate equal to commercial flight costs plus \$1, the White House said.

Sununu and the Republican Party reimbursed the government \$47,044 overall.

But it costs \$3,945 an hour to operate the 12-passenger C-20 plane that Sununu usually uses. Because of that cost, it has been estimated Sununu's trips have cost taxpayers more than \$500,000.

Documents released by the White House showed Sununu had taken 77 trips on military planes from the spring of 1989 until last weekend. Most of the trips, including visits to Colorado ski resorts and repeated visits to his home state of New Hampshire, were listed as official business.

Asked if Sununu had gotten a bum rap in news accounts of the travel, Bush said "I'm not saying what the rap is. But as one who's vowed to stay above even the appearance of impropriety, perhaps it is appropriate to review the policy."

## Senate approves auto liability bill in response to court ruling

AUSTIN (AP) - Legislation specifying that drivers must carry liability insurance won quick Senate approval.

The bill, sent to the House on a 31-0 vote Wednesday, is in response to an April 10 court ruling that invalidated thousands of tickets for failure to show proof of the coverage.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled that although state law requires drivers to be able to pay damage claims from auto accidents, the law does not specifically

mandate having liability insurance.

Sen. Gene Green, D-Houston, said his bill will define the requirement of having "financial responsibility" as having the coverage.

Without the legislation, he said, the state will lose \$1.5 million per month that is normally generated by convictions on failure to show proof of liability insurance.

A similar provision has already passed a House committee.

Green's bill would also raise the fine for failure to have liability insurance from \$150 to \$250.

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**LOCAL FORECAST**  
Partly cloudy this afternoon with a slight chance for thunderstorms. Southeasterly winds 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy tonight with a continuing chance for thunderstorms and southerly winds 10-20 mph. Low in the lower 50s. Friday, windy, with southwesterly winds 25-35 mph and gusty; lake winds advisory. High near 80. Wednesday's high was 74; the overnight low was 49.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
West Texas - Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Widely scattered thunderstorms, a few possibly severe, tonight eastern Panhandle, low rolling plains and Concho Valley. Windy all sections Friday with widely scattered thunderstorms eastern Panhandle. Cooler northwest Panhandle Friday. Lows tonight upper 40s mountains and northwest Panhandle to low 60s Concho Valley and Big Bend valleys. Highs Friday low 70s northwest Panhandle to mid 90s Big Bend.

North Texas - Partly cloudy tonight and Friday with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs Friday 82 to 88. Lows tonight 63 to 66.

South Texas - Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday with a chance of showers or thunderstorms north. Decreasing clouds and windy on Friday south. Highs Friday from the 80s north to the 90s inland south. Lows tonight from the 60s

north to the 70s south.

**EXTENDED FORECAST Saturday through Monday**

West Texas - Panhandle: Mostly fair Saturday and Sunday. Partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms Monday. Highs in low to mid 70s. Lows in the 40s.

South Plains: Mostly fair Saturday and Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in mid to upper 70s. Lows in mid 40s to around 50. Permian Basin: Fair Saturday. Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms Monday.

Highs in the 80s. Lows in low to mid 50s. Concho-Pecos Valleys: Fair Saturday. Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in mid to upper 70s. Lows in upper 40s to low 50s. Big Bend: Fair to partly cloudy. Lowlands, highs in the 90s and lows in upper 50s to low 60s. Mountains, highs upper 70s to low 80s with lows in the 40s.

North Texas - West: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms Saturday through Monday. Highs in mid to upper 80s. Lows in upper 50s to low 60s. Central and East: Chance of thunderstorms Saturday through Monday. Highs in low to mid 80s. Lows in the 60s.

South Texas - Hill Country and

South Central: Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms Saturday and Sunday, increasing on Monday. Lows in the 60s to low 70s. Highs in the 80s. Coastal Bend: Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms Saturday and Sunday, increasing on Monday. Lows in low and mid 70s. Highs in the 80s to near 90. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Partly to mostly cloudy, warm and breezy. Chance of thunderstorms Monday. Lows in the 70s. Highs from near 80 beaches, 80s and 90s inland. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms Saturday and Sunday, more numerous on Monday. Lows in the 60s to near 70. Highs from upper 70s coast to 80s inland.

**BORDER STATES**  
Oklahoma - Mostly cloudy tonight with scattered thunderstorms west and central. Mostly cloudy warm and windy Friday with scattered thunderstorms, a few possibly severe. Lows tonight upper 40s Panhandle to mid 60s south. Highs Friday 78 to 86.

New Mexico - Tonight, winds diminishing and turning colder north and west. Possible showers along northern border. Fair skies and breezy south. Friday windy and sharply cooler all areas except southeast. A few showers north with snow level about 8000 feet. Partly cloudy south. Highs 55-70 mountains, 70s and 80s lower elevations. Lows tonight 25-45 mountains, 45-60 lower elevations.

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# State auditor: Mismanagement cost WTSU \$2.5 million

By SUSAN HIGHTOWER  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A financial investigation of West Texas State University has shown that the school may have lost \$2.5 million through apparent mismanagement, according to a report by the state auditor.

In a report issued Wednesday, State Auditor Lawrence Alwin said West Texas State lost the opportunity to increase its endowment by up to \$2.5 million.

The university, prompted by heavy athletic department losses, also used funds restricted for other purposes to finance operations of the university's auxiliary enterprises since 1988, Alwin said.

He said both matters had been reported to appropriate authorities.

The auditor's office said it started investigating West Texas State after receiving information that the university had lost \$200,000 on an investment in Mesa Limited Partnership, T. Boone Pickens' oil and gas company.

That charge proved inaccurate, the auditor said. But

the report criticized the way university endowment fund transactions were handled while Pickens was chairman of the university board of regents and Ed Roach was president.

The school was merged into the Texas A&M University System on Sept. 1, 1990.

The endowment transactions "appear to have been handled almost exclusively by the board chairman and the president," the report said.

"The type of 'arm's length' relationship which should be maintained between a donor and the university did not exist," it said.

Mesa President Paul Cain issued a statement challenging the report. The company "stands by its donations and is proud of the university's efforts to maximize the value of those charitable gifts," he said.

"Mesa disagrees with the statement that university officials lost the opportunity to increase the donations by as much as \$2.5 million. In reality, the university gained more than \$1.3 million through its aggressive pursuit of corporate funding," Cain said.

According to the auditor's report, the university pur-

chased Mesa stock equal to a \$500,000 matching grant from Mesa and a \$100,000 personal matching gift Pickens gave in late 1987.

But the school failed to raise the necessary matching funds and began refunding the money to Pickens and Mesa — plus capital gains and dividends — in September 1988, the report said.

Four days after the university's original stock purchase, Roach and his family bought 20,000 Mesa shares through the same Dallas broker the university had used, paying 50 cents less per share, the report said.

Roach sold his stock in August 1989, three days before reports were published that Mesa had a \$13.4 million quarterly loss. He realized a capital gain of more than \$15,000, the report said.

But the university held its interest until seven months later, when the shares sold for more than \$4 less. West Texas State lost \$105,744, the report said.

Had the university sold on the same day as Roach, it would have gained \$139,705, the report said.

In addition, on Nov. 22, 1988, West Texas State returned \$239,250 in Mesa shares to the company and

Mesa transferred \$211,750 in shares and \$36,180 in cash into a fund to supplement Roach's salary, the report said.

Barry Thompson, president of West Texas State since January, said the university would consult with the A&M System on the status of funds received from Pickens and Mesa, as recommended in the report.

The other problems in the report that directly affect to the school already had been addressed, Thompson said.

"The university cannot control and will not address issues related to individuals no longer employed or associated with West Texas State University," he said.

Roach said Wednesday evening that he was preparing a statement but wasn't yet ready to answer questions. President of West Texas State from 1984 to Dec. 31, 1990, Roach now works for the A&M System.

The auditor's office said consolidation of the university into the Texas A&M University System should establish controls to remedy many of the problems detailed in the report.

## A helpful troop



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Boy Scout Troop 416 along with Scout Master Dick Wilkerson, second from right, receive a certificate of appreciation from Reed Kirkpatrick, parks director for the city of Pampa, far right, recognizing their long-term care for Lions Club Park.

## Report: Inmates could gain early release

DALLAS (AP) — Because of a sudden drop in the number of inmates being approved for parole, Texas' prison population is rising sharply and is expected within two weeks to climb above limits set by a federal court, a newspaper reported.

The number of inmates approved for parole began to plummet about the time the Senate Criminal Justice Committee launched an investigation into parole practices, the panel's chairman, Sen. Ted Lyon, D-Rockwall, noted.

The Dallas Times Herald reported the rising prison population Wednesday in a copyright story.

Dozens of prisoners may have to be released early if the state prison population tops 95 percent of capacity.

Hitting that ceiling activates the Emergency Prison Management Act, under which a group of inmates becomes eligible for release, and the governor is required to clear space by speeding their parole.

Officials said it's the first time in almost two years that the Texas prison population has threatened to rise above capacity. The prison system came within 38 beds of invoking the act on April 17, officials said.

The Criminal Justice Committee, in its hearings, has criticized parole members for releasing former death row inmates whose sen-

tences had been commuted to life.

Jim Parker, the governor's legislative director, told the Times Herald that prison crowding can be traced to a drop in the number of inmates being approved for parole.

"I have no information that it's any sort of (intentional) work slowdown," said Parker. "But they have been severely criticized for some of the releases they have done, and I'm sure that has had a dampening effect on their desire to parole people."

Parker said the percentage of inmates granted parole by the board has dropped to 32 percent from a yearly average of 69 percent.

David Young, a spokesman for the Pardons and Paroles Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said the slowdown in approving paroles is not entirely the fault of the board supervising that process.

Young said that staff members since January have found a steadily declining number of eligible inmates to send to the parole board for consideration.

A bill providing life in prison without parole was approved by a Senate committee Tuesday. Reappointment of two criminal justice officials who have voted to parole murderers was delayed for at least one week because Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, wanted more time for consideration.

Barrientos, chairman of the Nominations Committee, which recommends the governor's appointments to the full Senate, said Tuesday:

"I try to put myself in the shoes of my constituents. They would be asking, 'Barrientos, how would you feel if I let out of prison the man who murdered two of your daughters?'"

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## Richards tells state agency heads to clean up 'sloppy' ship of state

AUSTIN (AP) — On her 100th day in office, Gov. Ann Richards gathered the heads of the 50 largest state agencies and told them they had 30 days to plan how to clean up the "sloppy" ship of state.

"This was to let them know what we've seen in this first 100 days, and we don't want to see much of it anymore," Richards said Wednesday.

Saying she was shocked by the level of mismanagement in state government, Richards told agency directors she wanted their help in transforming Texas' government "into a model of efficiency and accountability and accessibility."

Richards said her office and that of her ombudsman had been fielding complaints about government service at the rate of 200 calls per day and 5,000 letters a week.

"I am telling you that the volume is enough to tell me that there is no excuse for the way we run our operations," she said. "The sad fact is that people don't trust state government. They don't believe that we have their interests at heart, and I

think they may be right."

Several state agencies were singled out for criticism by the governor for alleged waste, misuse of public money and disregard of rules.

"I know that this is a sloppy ship that has gotten comfortable in the fashion in which it operates," Richards said. "It seems that whatever rock we turn ... we find mismanagement and inefficiency, and we find dealings that are questionable, and we find inattention to the task at hand."

Among her examples: the Texas Department of Commerce, for a \$115,000 trip to Germany; the Texas Housing Agency, which she said left unused \$40 million in tax credits for low-income housing over the last four years; and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, where she said "employment is practically a family affair."

At least 30 TABC employees are related to one another, Richards said. "As long ago as 1978, this same agency was under a court order to hire more minorities and women, but it's directors just can't

seem to find any — probably because they don't fit on the family tree."

Richards said her appointees to agency boards were undergoing extensive training and would begin implementing her reforms.

The governor directed each agency to submit to her within 30 days a plan to improve performance, including:

- A mission statement, including "strategic objectives to cut, consolidate and save money."

- Ideas for reducing red tape.

- A policy statement on ethics and ethics training for employees.

- A review of efforts to ensure hiring and promotion practices reflect the state's population.

- A review of efforts to enhance taxpayer services.

Some of the agency heads presented reacted positively to Richards' speech.

"The message is an absolute great one, and positive, I think," said Robert Bernstein, commissioner of health. "Whether we can do all those things, I don't know. We certainly will try."

## Senate panel OKs desalination plan for Lake Meredith

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will consider an \$8.4 million plan to reduce the salt in the Texas Panhandle's Lake Meredith.

Under legislation proposed by Reps. Bill Sarpalius and Larry Combest, the costs would be shared by the state, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and the federal government.

A subcommittee approved the measure Wednesday.

"About two pounds of salt flows into Lake Meredith every second," said Sarpalius, D-Amarillo. "If we don't get this situation under control

soon, we could face a real threat to our water supply."

Under the plan proposed by Sarpalius and Combest, R-Lubbock, the federal government would finance one-third of the costs of intercepting natural brine seepage from an underground formation stretching 150 miles upstream from Lake Meredith.

Chloride in the Panhandle lake exceeds the recommended maximum levels set by both the Texas Health Department and the Environmental Protection Agency, officials said.

Plans call for construction of production wells, observation wells, pipelines, pumping plants and brine dis-

posal facilities to intercept the salty sediments before they reach the Canadian River, which feeds Lake Meredith.

The desalination facility would be built by the Bureau of Reclamation under contract with the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

Legislation including the Lake Meredith plan was approved by the House and Senate, but was then stalled by controversial changes affecting California water subsidies.

Combest said those concerns are being addressed early and that he hopes Congress can now pass the bill "and not hold it hostage to a host of unrelated, controversial projects."

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### Opinion

## Report gives us food for thought

When an activist group wants to increase the size of government (and its purse), it often uses the logical fallacy *argumentum ad misericordiam* — the exploitation of pity. And what's more pitiful than a hungry child? Recently the Food Research and Action Center released a study supposedly showing that 5.5 million American children, or 13 percent, are hungry. FRAC executive director Robert Fersh called for "a swift and sweeping response." Several congressmen promised to increase federal spending on food programs.

Households were asked such questions as whether they had "run out of money to buy food," "cut the size of your children's meals" or skipped meals because there was a lack of food. But food isn't nutrition, and hunger isn't starvation. The study didn't check the vital areas: calories, vitamins and minerals.

And how many families never go through hard times? Skipping on food for a few weeks is hardly starvation. In the United States it is probably impossible to starve to death. Charitable food kitchens, including many in cities throughout Texas, offer meals to anyone, without charge, no questions asked.

Another question: What about the \$28 billion the federal government is spending this year on the Food Stamp Program, the National School Lunch Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and other programs? No total is available for how many Americans are given such food, but the Department of Agriculture said that assistance goes to about one in six Americans, or 41 million. Now, divide \$28 billion by 41 million recipients. That comes out to \$683 a year per person, or \$1.87 per day. That's not a lot, but enough to provide or supplement the basics. And to that add the food provided by state and local governments, and by private charities.

So the money is there and being spent. The problem is, of course, that much of that money goes to people who don't need it, or is burned up in government bureaucracy. But one thing is clear: We don't need more government spending paid for by higher taxes on everyone, including the working poor.

Indeed, we should look at government causes of hunger. Government raises prices by paying farmers not to grow food and by limiting sugar imports. It sets high prices for peanuts, a high-nutrition food that should be cheap. It promotes a cycle of dependency on welfare, perpetuating poverty, as Charles Murray has shown in his pathbreaking book, *Losing Ground*.

FRAC has the wrong priorities. We should eliminate government food programs and refund the money to taxpayers — including hard-pressed poor taxpayers. And we should let charities take care of any hard cases. The \$1 million wasted on the FRAC study, most of it provided by the misguided directors of the Kraft General Foods Foundation, should instead have been used to feed the needy directly.

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# Cable TV could use competition

People who don't like lawyers, which includes most people and probably most lawyers, are fond of this joke: What do you call 30 lawyers at the bottom of the ocean? A good start.

People who don't like their cable rates and service, another group that will never lack of members, may have a similar reaction upon hearing that Congress is considering putting cable companies under stricter regulation: it's not as much as fun as some punishments we can think of, but it'll do for now.

Industry lobbyists, when confronted with criticism, whip out polls showing that most Americans are pleased with their cable operators. One reason the polls find so many satisfied customers is that all the dissatisfied customers are on the phone, on hold, waiting to talk to their cable customer service department, making them unavailable to pollsters.

The lobbyists would have you believe that when a member of Congress pops up on C-SPAN to denounce the cable industry's greed and sloth, the folks watching at home ask, "Why on earth is that awful man telling lies about my cable provider?"

But if subscribers were really all as contented as Kitty Kelley's agent, the industry would not be planning to spend \$10 million to stop the legislation now rolling in congress. If there is demagoguery afoot on the subject of cable, it's nourished by the failings of cable operators.

One of those failings shows up every month on your cable bill. Since cities were barred from controlling rates in 1986, charges have risen three times as fast as the inflation rate, which is no bargain even if it buys you personal briefings by Norman Schwarzkopf. City governments complain that without this cult in



Stephen Chapman

the closet, they also have trouble getting cable operators to worry about service complaints.

Unfortunately, demagogues are better at finding grievances than at curing them. The sentiment in the House of Representatives, which passed a bill last year only to be foiled by the Senate, is to let rates be set at the whim of the Federal Communications Commission. The Senate is more inclined to give this power to municipal officials instead.

Congress' response is like being swindled by a gypsy reading Tarot cards and deciding what you really need is a good astrologer. Neither meddling FCC drudges nor extortion-minded mayors would be an improvement.

We've tried political control of cable prices, and it worked only slightly better than political control of gasoline prices. Rates were low, but cable operators were discouraged from investments that would benefit their viewers. "Deregulation" led to a boom in new programming and new channels, but at a higher price than consumers should have to pay.

If the status quo is worse than anything except what went before, what option do we have? An excellent one: competition. You can tell it's good

idea from the piercing screams you're hearing at this moment from two different places, namely cable company offices and city council chambers across the country. Congress' 1984 "deregulation" deregulated only one thing, namely rates. It didn't touch the most suspicious regulations, those guaranteeing cable firms the right to a monopoly.

Right now most dissatisfied cable customers have only one weapon against their tormentors, which is doing without cable entirely. If the FCC or the local city government get the power to set rates, dissatisfied customers will still have exactly one option. That's why the cable industry would prefer rate regulation to open competition. The only way to maximize consumers' bliss is to give them the option of taking their business somewhere else.

Some 60 cities and towns already have head-to-head contests between rival suppliers, whose benefits include rates roughly half those paid elsewhere by the pitiful victims of cable monopoly. Besides letting other cable firms compete with existing ones, Congress could also let telephone companies get into the business in one way or another, as they would love to do.

Of course it would only be fair if cable operators, in turn, were allowed to try their hand at the telephone business. Why destroy one monopoly when we can destroy two?

The cable industry would like you to think that the only alternative to the status quo is to let hare-brained politicians make a mess of things. The politicians insist that they're the only salvation from the heartless exploitation of money-hungry cable barons. Viewers who have seen these tired pitches before should keep flipping the dial.



## Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Thursday, April 25, the 115th day of 1991. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On April 25, 1945, delegates from 45 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

On this date:  
In 1792, a highwayman named Nicolas-Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1874, radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi was born in Bologna, Italy.

In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1901, New York became the first state to require automobile license plates. The fee was one dollar.

In 1908, broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrell was born in Pole Creek, N.C.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Turkish Empire out of the war.

# The write mood for a computer

I've always been against computers. There are several reasons for this.

One is, they make it too easy to pass along blame. "I'm sorry, but we don't have your reservation. The computer's on the blink."

Once I even got the computer as an excuse when my eggs weren't cooked like I ordered them at a restaurant. "Sorry," the waitress said. "We punch the orders in the computer for the chef. It must have garbled yours." "Garble this," is what I wanted to say, but I didn't.

Two, I don't understand computers, and remain convinced there is some magic involved and that means computers could be the work of the devil.

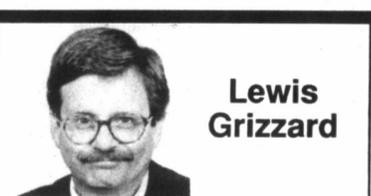
Over the years I have steadfastly resisted composing on a computer.

I may be the last person making a living with words who doesn't use a computer.

This is coming to you from a 1958 Royal manual typewriter. My typewriter is my friend. I call it Raoul. I don't know why, but that's what I call it.

But then I pick up the newspaper and there is a story about a computer writing a book.

A freelance author in San Jose, Calif., the story said, used a computer program to mimic the late



Lewis Grizzard

Jacqueline Susann's writings and produced a novel.

Scott French, the author, has a 350 page novel called *Just This Once*, about some successful young women who lost it all to drugs and fast living.

The author has signed with a N.Y. literary agent and the book will be published soon.

The author used a computer program to dissect Susann's novels and asked it to create hundreds of formulas dictating how a character would react while mimicking her writing style.

Scott French, said the article, estimates he wrote about 10 percent of the book, the computer

wrote 25 percent and the rest was a joint effort.

Reading about this matter finally has given me some interest in computers.

You mean to say a computer can write 25 percent of a book and co-write another 65 percent? If it could do that, couldn't it also help out on an occasional newspaper column?

Could it learn to mimic my style, whatever my style is?

Maybe I could write the first paragraph and then let the computer finish it off.

I could punch in "It was a dark and stormy night ..." and then go the golf course.

The computer would come up with some delightful little piece and who would know the difference except the computer and me?

The only real concern I have co-writing with a computer is it would be hard on Raoul here. We've been together 20 years.

But it has never helped me write a single word. So maybe I'll go look at computers one day. Might even buy one and name it Lucy, as in Lucifer.

"It was a dark and stormy night ..." Lucy. Call the paper and dictate when you're finished."

# Is Mickey Mouse a cultural imperialist?

By BEN WATTENBURG

MARNE-LA-VALLEE, France — In 1992, 500 years after a European named Columbus discovered America, other Europeans will discover Americans named Donald Duck and Goofy here at Euro Disney, 20 miles from Paris. Alas, some French intellectuals say the new theme park will be a "cultural Chernobyl," polluting the glory of *La Belle France*.

It only sounds stupid, and, uh, Mickey Mouse. But culture does count in the games that nations play, especially popular culture. Today's European popular culture offers a glimpse of America's future. Mickey and Donald are only part of it.

Next year, the European Community 1992 comes into being. European optimists say EC '92 will create a "new European identity." American pessimists say EC will build a wall keeping America out of a lucrative market, 350 million strong.

Don't bet with either Euro-optimists or American pessimists. Today, the great cultural identifying feature of Europe is American movies, television and music, with

American journalism not far behind.

Look at the marquees on the Champs Elysee. There's *Danse Avec Les Loups*. That's the one with Kevin Costner and good-guy Indians. Next door is *Alice*, starring that great Frenchman, Monsieur Woody Allen.

In France about 60 percent of box-office receipts come from American movies, low by European standards. In Italy it's over 80 percent.

The television situation is not as potent: A mere 57 percent of television drama in Europe is from America. But it would be higher if not for "cultural quotas."

An EC directive tells nations to run at least 60 percent Euro-origin entertainment television "when practicable." French law demands 50 percent of video drama be French. The Brits say Englishmen can only get about 30 percent foreign-origin television. Adam Smith, Magna Carta, where are you?

America opposes quotas, saying it's neither free trade nor free expression. But many observers say quotas won't make too much difference. The privatization of broadcasting plus new cable and satellite technologies

will double European television hours from 1985 to 1995. Only America produces enough programming to fill them.

Beyond quota defenses, the French are going on offense. If you can't beat 'em, etc. *Riviera*, Europe's first American-style soap opera, is in production near Paris. The director barks in French; the thespians perform in English. At the booming firm of Canal Plus, big movie-export deals are cooking; a hot one is *JFK*, directed by Oliver Stone, an American.

Three French radio networks run more than 50 percent American music. The Gulf War made CCN a big player in Europe. There are American daily newspapers, news magazines and *Reader's Digest*.

And Euro Disney. Eighteen million visitors, child-driven, are expected in year one. The Chernobylists say those Disneyed kids will grow up and mistakenly be called Europeans.

Is it important? It is. We've heard that America is losing a trade war, can't compete and is in decline.

The figures now show the U.S. trade deficit going down. Many experts believe it will move into sur-

plus. Beyond that is the quality of trade. All imports and exports are not culturally equal. We import television sets; we export television series.

Nations want to wield influence. Ever thus.

Does an imported Japanese car influence us? Probably. Are wine and cheese from France influence-peddlers? Sure. Everything has a cultural price tag.

We export pharmaceuticals, food, McDonald's, Coke and airplanes. For decades, radicals everywhere denounced "Coca-colonization" as "cultural imperialism." America was in the bubbles.

Cars and soft drinks export culture, but only indirectly. There is now an explosion in the export of direct culture — television, radio, VCR tapes, movies and journalism. Neither cars nor Coke sit in your living room speaking to you.

Who will shape the future culture? Either America, as now, or in partnership with international players, marrying still strong local culture with American techniques and themes. Heads, America does well. Tails too.

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# How about having an 80th birthday party?

Tuesday night I found myself at the City Commission room, a place I haven't been in much during the past of couple of years. Back when I was "just a reporter," City Hall was my beat [area of news coverage], and I was in the room nearly every other Tuesday night covering the meetings. More, if there were special meetings called.

While I was sitting there Tuesday night, waiting to receive my certificate for six years of service on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, I was glancing at the large, round, wooden logo of the city on the wall behind the commissioners. At the bottom is written, "Incorporated 1912."

It struck me: 1992 will mark the 80th "birthday" of the city!

I wonder if anyone's planning a party?

Some may wonder if there's anything to celebrate, what with the downturn in the economy experienced during the 1980s. Of course there is.

Sure, there's been a decline in some business and industrial areas, but others are still strong. The petroleum industry is making a comeback, perhaps one that will be more stable in the longrun. Some businesses have closed or left town, but others are still thriving and even some new businesses have come to town.

Citizens are still interested in Pampa. Look at the new landscaping in front of Pampa High School, or the developments at Memorial Park and Recreation Park. The Pampa Community Building opened in the 1980s and is still busy with groups using the facilities there. Good Samaritan Christian Services works hard to help those in need. The Pampa Senior Citizens Center and South Side Citizens Center are well attended for their activities.

We've seen new church buildings erected — Briarwood Full Gospel Church and the Pampa Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of



## About town

By Larry D. Hollis  
Managing Editor

Latter-day Saints and St. Mark Methodist Church. Others have done some remodeling of or added extensions onto their structures. Several new churches have formed congregations.

Groups, organizations and individuals have adopted all the city parks; others have adopted sections of highway leading into the city. Clean Pampa Inc. and others are working to beautify the entrances into our city and develop other plans to improve the appearance. Various clubs and organizations are out helping people with their many needs and projects. The Pampa United Way has conducted successful campaigns to fund the agencies it helps support.

Our schools are still doing a fine job of educating our youth, with students continuing to win awards in various areas of academics, band, choir and athletics in UIL competition. Others have gained honors in their areas of interest through their school clubs or vocational-oriented endeavors. Dropouts are completing their high school degrees through the Pampa Learning Center. Clarendon College-Pampa Center continues to see its enrollment and numbers of graduates grow.

We have a new county jail under construction. In June construction will begin on a new state prison that Pampa acquired with a lot of hard work. The Pampa Area of Commerce and Pampa Industrial Foundation are still seeking other businesses and industries to check out the area, and are making plans to work with those already here to aid them with their needs.

Pampa and the surrounding area have had a fine and interesting history, much of it recorded at the White Deer Lands Museum. [By the way, if you have always thought of making a trip to the museum and just haven't yet got around to it — well, now is a good time. And take your children with you so they can learn some of the history of this area, too.]

And ... well, I could go on and on. All I'm saying is, Pampa has had a lot of great accomplishments in its past and will yet have many more in the years ahead as it heads on toward its 100th birthday.

If no one's planning a party ... well, maybe someone should.

I haven't heard whether anyone's planning a party next year for the City of Pampa, but this summer Pampa area residents are being invited to a birthday party for the United States of America.

The Pampa Jaycees and the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce are busy with committees planning activities for the 4th of July for an all-day party.

Activities will get under way with a parade beginning at 11 a.m. For the afternoon, Jaycees are encouraging residents to get together with families and friends for picnics in the city parks. In addition, there will be some activity at the Pampa Mall (those plans are still being formulated).

In the evening, people are invited to come out to Recreation Park, where there will be a speaker, followed by a spectacular fireworks display at the Top O' Texas Rodeo

Arena. Joining in planning the events for the day are the City of Pampa, Pampa public schools, Gray County officials and the local veterans. The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association also will be having a hand in the planning as it gets ready for its own rodeo the following week.

Not all the plans are settled yet, but tentatively the Jaycees are planning to have concessions going on in the Central Park area, with other clubs to be asked to provide some, too, perhaps in other parks. Some of the floats from the parade may be on display at the Pampa Mall parking lot for people to get a closer look at after the parade is over. The parade will give special honor to all military service veterans, with those who participated in the recent Operation Desert Storm during the Persian Gulf conflict being invited to join in the parade, too.

As final plans are settled, we'll be giving the word so Pampa area residents can begin making their plans for a joint celebration of our nation's founding.

Looking for something to do this weekend? The Pampa Mall will be a busy place. The Pampa Fine Arts Association is having its annual photography show, with local photographers displaying some of their best works. I like to go around and look at the photographs and see if I recognize any of the people or places in the pictures. There's usually some fine photographs for viewing.

And also at the mall, KGRO/KOMX will be having its Better Living Show, featuring various businesses displaying some of their wares and services. There's always a number of things worth viewing as you plan some purchases for the coming year or dream of things you want to start saving your money for.

So, plan to drop by the mall and spend an hour or two checking things out.

## A prettier place



David Norton, maintenance director for ServiceMaster, which contracts with Pampa Independent School District, far left, plants irises and a cherry tree at Carver Park near the school administration building in observance of Earth Day Monday. Assisting Norton is Randall Tice, in cap, and Jeff Adams, at right.

## Social Security tax cut falls to seniors' pressure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fears of angry senior citizens and pressure by the Bush administration spelled defeat for Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's effort to cut the Social Security payroll tax, lawmakers and others said.

The Senate rejected the proposed tax reduction Wednesday by 60-38, a margin so overwhelming that Moynihan, D-N.Y., said he would abandon the measure for the year.

Afterward, Moynihan seemed upset that lawmakers disregarded his complaint that the multibillion-dollar surpluses in the Social Security trust funds were being spent for the government's routine operations.

"The majority of senators are millionaires," said Moynihan. "How can they resist spending trust funds?"

The vote came during Senate debate over a \$1.45 trillion budget for 1992. Lawmakers hoped to give final approval by late today to the spending plan, which Democrats crafted to funnel more money to health and education than President Bush has proposed.

Moynihan would have gradually cut the 6.2 percent payroll tax by 1 percent by 1996. The reduction would have netted a worker earning \$35,000 annually tax savings of \$6.73 weekly by 1996.

Moynihan said the tax cut was justified because the Social Security system is collecting more money

than it needs each year. Opponents said the system needs to build a large surplus to handle the retiring Baby Boomers in the early 21st Century, and that a tax reduction would add \$200 billion to the federal deficit over the next five years.

Those same arguments were made last October when the Senate voted 54-44 for a similar proposal by Moynihan. The measure lost because 60 votes were required for passage for procedural reasons.

The New Yorker had hoped to get at least as much support Wednesday, when he would have needed only 50 votes to succeed. But while gaining backing from three Democrats and three Republicans who voted against him last fall, he lost 16 Democrats and eight Republicans who had supported him then.

Moynihan said the lobbying against him was too much to overcome.

"On the Republican side, there was a very strong White House insistence that this was a real issue," he said.

Moynihan did not say why he had lost so much Democratic support. But his aide for Social Security, Eduardo Lopez, said the decisive factors were opposition by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the American Association of Retired Persons.

## Kelley's 'acknowledgments' baffle some, irk others

WASHINGTON (AP) — In her new book about you-know-who, Kitty Kelley acknowledges more than 800 people for their help with her research. But to hear some people talk, never have so many been thanked for so little.

"It's not only unexpected, it's inappropriate and incorrect. She didn't interview me," said an annoyed Lou Cannon of The Washington Post.

He is one of more than 100 editors, writers and reporters across the country "who took the time to answer questions and share their stories," Kelley wrote in the nine dense pages of thanks that preface her book, "Nancy Reagan: The Unauthorized Biography."

Cannon, who also is cited in the index and chapter notes, said he did nothing to warrant gratitude. He said Kelley attended a speech he gave to some journalists in 1989, then introduced herself afterward.

"I really resent the notion that she would suggest I was interviewed," he said.

Jack Nelson, Washington bureau chief for the Los Angeles Times, said on television recently that he had not helped Kelley, despite being thanked in the book. Since then, Nelson said, Kelley sent him a letter explaining she was grateful because he had allowed one of her researchers to use the Times' news library.

"As accustomed as I am to being attacked, I've never been crit-

icized for being polite," Kelley wrote.

Nevertheless, Nelson said, "My guess is a lot of those acknowledgments are just taking up space."

Kelley has said she interviewed more than 1,000 people over four years to complete the book, which grabbed headlines for implying that Nancy Reagan carried on an affair with Frank Sinatra in the White House. It also paints the former first lady as cheap, petty, manipulative, tasteless, mean, a bad mother — and the power behind the throne.

While Kelley may have gleaned some of the juiciest stuff from people who would never or could never admit it, some of the folks she acknowledged say they did nothing more than make fruitless phone calls or find her back issues of magazines.

Audrey Adler Wolf, a Washington literary agent, says she was one of the former.

"She asked me to put her in touch with one of my clients," Wolf recalled. Wolf said she called the client — whom she would not name — three times, but he refused to talk to Kelley. Yet there's her name in the acknowledgements — seventh

from the end.

Mary Lynn Kotz, who published a book about the White House in 1973, said she could not remember helping Kelley.

Kelley was in England promoting her book and couldn't be reached for an interview this week. She told Sandy Mendelson, one of her publicists, that Kotz "was helpful in giving information on how to research at the Library of Congress."

One Washington insider said Kelley asked him to get political consultant Ed Rollins to return her calls.

"So the next day, I called some-

body in Ed's office and I said, 'Look, Ed doesn't have to talk to her but will you just return her call and tell her he's not going to talk to her?'" said this insider, speaking on condition that his name not be used. He was thanked by name in the acknowledgments.

Rollins — also thanked in the book — did not return several calls from The Associated Press.

Jeanne Baron, editorial librarian of Washingtonian magazine, said she may have given Kelley material from back issues — "I just couldn't swear when."

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# Garth Brooks wins record six CMA trophies

By JEFF WILSON  
Associated Press Writer

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — Oklahoma-born Garth Brooks, a balding cowpoke with black hat, boots and jeans, came West and collected a record six Academy of Country Music Awards.

A stunned Brooks stood backstage Wednesday night clutching trophies for top entertainer, male vocalist, single for "Friends in Low Places," video and song for "The Dance," and album for "No Fences."

"I'm happy, I'm scared and I'm embarrassed at the same time," Brooks, 29, said. "It scares me a lot. A lot of people win a lot of awards, then you never hear from them again."

Overall, it was an emotional evening at the Universal Amphitheatre, where the 26th annual Country Music Awards presentations included tributes to dead friends and a farewell by a popular singer who has fallen ill.

Reba McEntire accepted her fifth female vocalist trophy. With tears streaming down her face, she dedicated the award to members of her band who died in a plane crash last month.

"This is for my eight buddies. I know they are grinnin' up there knowing they had so many friends on Earth," Miss McEntire told a tearful audience.

The Judds, mother Naomi and daughter Wynonna, won their seventh consecutive duet award in what they said would be their last academy appearance together.

Naomi Judd, ill with hepatitis, is leaving her daughter to perform alone.

"When I'm alone on my farm in the years to come, the memory of you will be that of some beautiful choir, an invisible choir, singing to me the most beautiful love song of all," Naomi Judd said.

Shenandoah won for best group, Shelby Lynne for new female singer, Alan Jackson for new male singer and the Nashville, Tenn., quintet Pirates of the Mississippi for new group.

"First off, I want to thank Garth Brooks for not being nominated in this category," Jackson said.

Johnny Cash won the non-competitive Pioneer Award for career achievement. "Thanks to my mother, who I lost last month, for being one of the greatest inspirations of my life," an emotional Cash said.

The six trophies Brooks received set an academy record. Mickey Gilley won five in 1977 and Freddie Hart won five in 1972.

Brooks has dominated country music over the last year with his self-titled debut album and the follow-up "No Fences." He won the video and newcomer Horizon Award at last fall's Country Music Association awards.

President Bush appeared on video to introduce a "Salute to America" segment by Miss McEntire, who sang an a cappella version of "America," then "God Bless America" as Old Glory floated from the stage's higher reaches.

Marine Chief Warrant Officer



(AP Laserphoto)

Garth Brooks displays the six trophies he won throughout the night Wednesday at the 26th annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Universal City, Calif.

Guy Hunter, whose plane was shot down at the Gulf War's onset, was an honored guest at the show.

Hunter was asked if he sang country tunes while a prisoner in

Iraq. "You know that one, 'Drop Kick Me, Jesus, Through the Goal Posts of Life'? Well, that's a funny song but it just about hit the spot back then," he said.

## 'Other woman' in Kennedy case in fracas with TV reporter, roommate

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The "other woman" in the alleged Kennedy rape investigation says she's had it with fame, but she attracted more attention this week in scuffles with a television reporter and her roommate.

Michele Cassone, 27, was at the Kennedy estate over the Easter weekend when another woman said she was raped by William Kennedy

Smith, Smith, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's nephew, has denied the allegations.

Cassone has said she saw no evidence of a rape.

Since then, Cassone says she has been besieged by reporters and television crews seeking her account of what happened early in the morning of March 30.

The Fox network's show "A Cur-

rent Affair" paid Cassone \$1,000 for a Tuesday interview, said reporter Steve Dunleavy.

With the cameras rolling, Cassone got into a biting, kicking struggle with Dunleavy after he produced photographs he said showed her naked and having sex at a beach party.

Early Wednesday, police were called to her apartment to break up a

fight between Cassone and her roommate, Gaynor Gwynne, the daughter of actor Fred Gwynne who starred in the television show "The Munsters."

"I'm getting new tires on my car and driving," she said later Wednesday from her Palm Beach apartment. "Every time I say or do something, it gets in the paper."

"My life has become a nightmare," she said.

### 26th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards Winners

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — Here is a complete list of winners at Wednesday night's 26th annual Academy of Country Music Awards:

1. DUET: The Judds.
2. VIDEO: "The Dance," Garth Brooks.
3. SINGLE RECORD: "Friends in Low Places," Garth Brooks.
4. FEMALE SINGER: Reba McEntire.
5. SONG: "The Dance," Garth Brooks.
6. ALBUM: "No Fences," Garth Brooks.
7. NEW FEMALE SINGER: Shelby Lynne.
8. NEW GROUP OR DUET: Pirates of the Mississippi.
9. NEW MALE SINGER: Alan Jackson.
10. MALE SINGER: Garth Brooks.
11. GROUP: Shenandoah.
12. ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR: Garth Brooks.

Awards announced in advance:  
 BASS INSTRUMENTALIST: Bill Bryson.  
 DRUMS: Steve Duncan.  
 FIDDLE: Mark O'Connor.  
 GUITAR: John Jorgenson.  
 KEYBOARD: John Hobbs.  
 SPECIALTY INSTRUMENT: Jerry Douglas (dobro).  
 STEEL GUITAR: Jay Dee Maness.  
 BEST NON-TOURING BAND: The Boy Howdy Band.  
 TOURING BAND: Desert Rose Band.  
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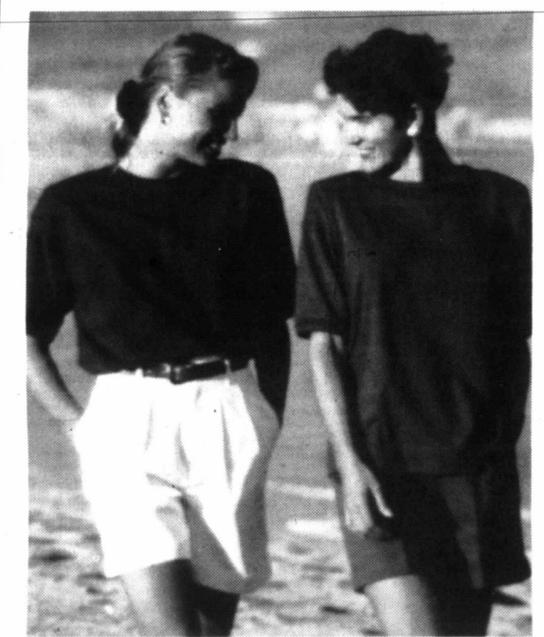
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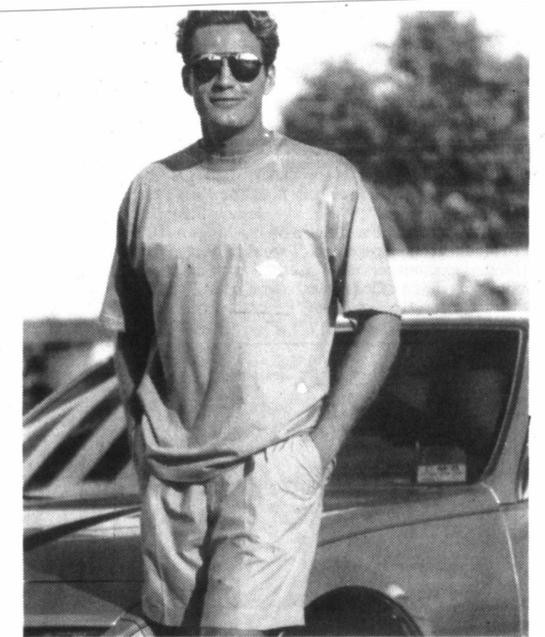
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# Lifestyles

## Optimist Club princesses named; fundraiser under way



Left, seated, are Ashley Willis, for Dr. Lyle's Cubs, Megan David, for Edward D. Jones, Kirby O'Neal for Malcolm Hinkle; and Morgan White for Titan Specialties. Standing, left, Angela Shorter, for Warner-Finney; Lindsey Narron, for Danny's Market; Jayme Ritthler for Rheams Rangers; and Angle Cloud for W.O. Operating. These young ladies are princess for the 7 and 8 year old leagues.

The Pampa Optimist baseball princess contest and fundraiser opened April 22 and will run through May 15.

On May 15, a drawing will be held for a variety of gift certificates donated by Wal-Mart Stores. Each \$1 ticket donation to Optimists entitles the ticket holder to 15 chances to 14 different gift certificates. There is one \$150 gift certificate, two \$100 gift certificates, five \$75 gift certificates, three \$50 certificates, and three \$25 gift certificates. The top five salesmen among the players receive \$150, \$125, \$100, \$75, and \$50 gift certificates donated by Wal-Mart. Tickets will be sold door to door by players, and princess candidates will be selling tickets at Wal-Mart, both beginning April 23-May 14. This fundraiser helps support the 790 children enrolled in the baseball and softball programs sponsored by the Optimist Club. Gary Moody is chairman of this project.

Each baseball team is represented

by a princess. The girls participate in fundraisers of their own to raise money for the children on their team. The winner is determined by the amount of money the girl raises. There will be a winner in each age group, 7 and 8 year olds, 9 and 10 year olds, 11 and 12 year olds, and 13, 14, and 15 year olds. These fundraisers run April 22-June 7.

Princesses and their sponsoring teams will be introduced during opening day ceremonies on May 18. The crowning ceremony will be set after the end of season.

The princess contest is administered by the Opti-Mrs. Club for the Optimist Club. League coordinators keeping track of team totals are May Davis for the 6 year olds and 13, 14, and 15 year olds; Alicia Snelgroves for the 7 and 8 year olds, Jerry Owens for the 9 and 10 year olds, Brenda Moody, 11 and 12 year olds; and Mary Winton for girls' softball. The Opti-Mrs. Club hosted a tea Sunday, April 21 for the team mothers and princess candidates.



## Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

## Newlyweds want to say their thanks in person

DEAR ABBY: With the recent hike in postage rates to 29 cents, plus the cost of the thank-you notes themselves — to say nothing of the time involved to write and address them — sending them costs newlyweds a small fortune. Is there no other acceptable way for newlyweds to acknowledge their wedding gifts?

I think newlyweds should send thank-you notes to out-of-towners who sent wedding gifts but could not attend the wedding. But far too much emphasis is put on the written thank-you note!

In most cases, young couples are struggling to support themselves, set up housekeeping, pay rent and utilities, and many — such as ourselves — are still in college.

May I suggest the following options to the written thank-you note:

1. A personal telephone call to say thank you for the wedding gift. Having a chance to visit for a few minutes on the telephone would suit me just fine.

2. A warm hug and sincere thanks at the next family, church or social gathering would mean much more to me than an expensive, written thank-you note.

Thanks for listening.  
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DEAR SALT LAKE CITY: Sorry, a "warm hug" and sincere thanks at a chance meeting at the next family, social or church gathering is not a fitting substitute for a written thank-you note.

state of Georgia. One of my own children might grow up and fall in love with a half-brother or -sister!"

I believe my son made a very intelligent decision, don't you?

CONYERS, GA., MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: Yes. That's the reason I believe that donated sperm to be used for artificial insemination should be distributed in distant states — far from the donors.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband is an accountant, and as you well know, the tax season is his busiest time of year. He puts in 10-hour days, sometimes longer.

Jerry (not his real name) is a good man who does all of our family's and friends' taxes free of charge. Some of them try to force money on him, but he sincerely does not want to take it.

The problem is not that Jerry does all this work for free — some of these people do not have the courtesy to phone first to ask if Jerry is available to do their taxes. They just show up, usually in the evenings when he's trying to relax after a hard day's work at the office, or on weekends when we least expect them.

Abby, please tell your readers to be a little more considerate of a friend or relative who is helping out as a favor. In most cases, he's saving these people up to \$200.

A heartfelt thanks and a little consideration are all he wants, and sometimes he gets neither.

AN ACCOUNTANT'S WIFE

DEAR ABBY: When my son was an intern at a Georgia hospital, he was offered \$25 for a vial of sperm.

He said: "No way! I don't want a flock of children running around the

DEAR WIFE: I am printing your letter. Don't worry about offending anyone. If the shoe doesn't fit, no one will put his foot in it.



These young ladies are princesses for the 9 and 10 year old league. Left, Kristl Henshaw for Celanese; Amy Hahn for OCAW; Sage Valmore for Citizens' Bank; Brooke Pope for Chase Oil; and Cassi Scott for 1 Bull Ranch.



These girls represent teams in the 13, 14, and 15 year old league. Left, Deawn Guess for First National Bank; Brandi Lenderman for Triangle Energy; and Amy Poole for Lions Club.



These young ladies are representing the 11 and 12 year old leagues in Optimist baseball. Left, Amanda Hall for Celanese; Keely Topper for Dean's; Kellie Carter for Dyer's Bar-B-Q; Carla Chappell for Holmes Sporting Goods; and Lori Hutcherson for Rotary Club.

## Romance writers to meet

The April meeting of the Romance Writers of the Texas Panhandle will be April 27, 10 a.m., at the Amarillo Central Library, 413 E. 4th, Amarillo. The featured speaker will be Sgt. Kenneth Faren of the Potter-Randall County Special Crimes Unit. He will cover forensic hypnosis.

RWTP is affiliated with the Romance Writers of America and the meetings are open to area romance writers or anyone interested. For more information, call chapter advisor Vanessa Reeves, 9-5 p.m., 806-372-2988.

## Square House Museum shows work of Ann Crouch

The Opal Weatherly Purvines annex to the Carson County Square House Museum will be the exhibit area for a showing of the works of Ann Crouch. The work is on display in April and May. A reception honoring the artist on May 12, 3-4:30 p.m.

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# Today's Crossword Puzzle

## The World Almanac Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- Prickly shrub
- Common ailment
- Atom
- Computer term
- van
- Winkle
- Hepburn for short
- Part of a church
- Fish
- Unsophisticated person
- Makes money
- City in Italy
- Requires
- at the office
- fly
- Texas city
- What time?
- Volition
- 60 Distinctive air
- Nodding
- Ours —

**DOWN**

- Basketball league (abbr.)
- Exaggerated promotion
- Wonderful Life
- Never (poet.)
- Looped fabric
- Pot cover
- Overturns
- in Cincinnati
- Tug
- Let —
- (Beatles album)
- Golf pegs
- Compass pt.
- Chemical ending
- tu, Brute
- Labor org.
- Profit
- Legal-aid org.
- Electrical unit
- the night before
- Christmas
- Finnish first name
- King Cole
- Become mellow
- Steeled
- Deum
- Comparative suffix
- Biblical mountain
- Wail
- Miscellany
- Lively song
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- Nocturnal birds
- Space agcy.
- Confidence game
- de France
- Sault — Marie

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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By Jerry Bittle

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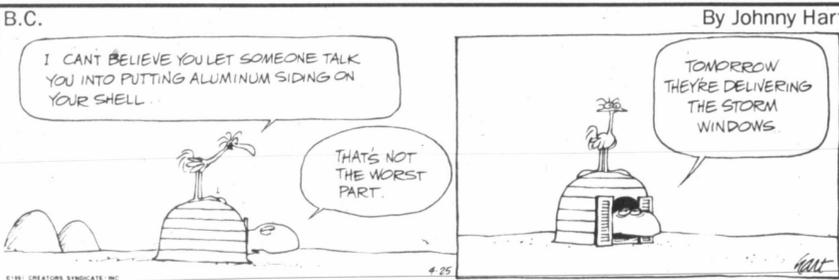
By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

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## Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Try not to make things harder on yourself than they actually are today, especially in matters that pertain to your career. Analyze challenges realistically, not fearfully. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for Taurus Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Be careful today, or else you might not be able to distinguish your negative apprehensions from your intuitive perceptions. Hunches are hopeful, apprehensions are self-defeating.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Strive to deal with developments as realistically as possible today and, above all, don't place your hopes in the hands of others. If you want something to happen, you must make it happen.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You're pretty good at sizing up situations today, but you might lack the follow-through to correct that which needs correcting. Pretending things will right themselves is folly.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Involvements with the wrong associates could severely undermine your productivity today. If you feel you need an assistant, be very selective.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Take nothing for granted in your commercial dealings today, even when conducting business with a familiar firm. Be watchful for tiny loopholes which may not be evident at first glance.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You may be overly concerned as to whether the other guy is pulling his weight in a shared endeavor today. "Judge not lest ye be judged."

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Demanding assignments you're not too fond of doing should be temporarily set aside today. There's a chance you might foul things up, making a bigger job for yourself later.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Even though you like nice things, be especially mindful today about spending more than you can afford. Shop for luxury items when your budget is more elastic.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** The end results you anticipate might not be fulfilled — if you're not forthright and sincere in representing yourself. People with whom you'll be involved won't be deceived.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** If you don't have something nice to say about others today, keep your thoughts to yourself. If not, you might blurt out something you'll regret.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** When it comes to husbanding your possessions, it's possible you might not have your wits about you today. Don't lend or spend things you can't afford to lose.

MARVIN



By Tom Armstrong

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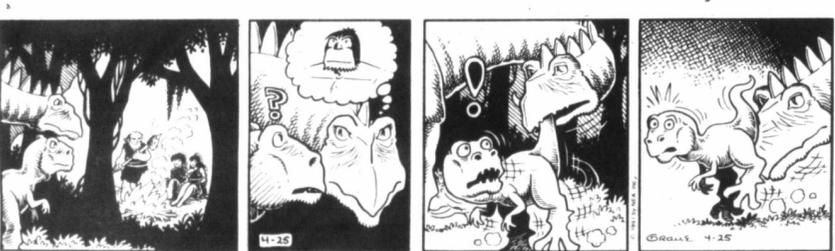
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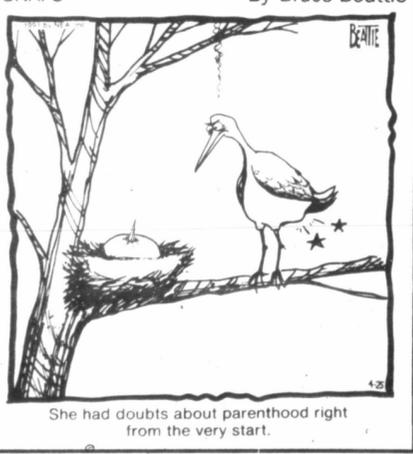
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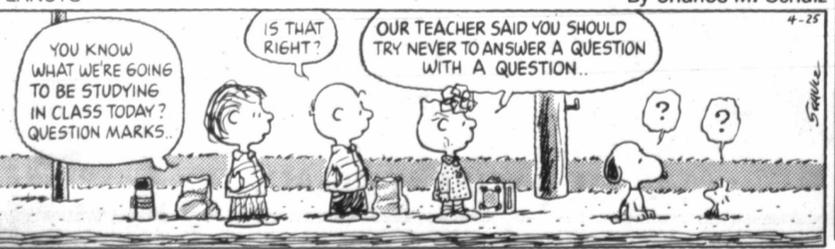
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# Sports

## Rangers blast by Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Kevin Brown allowed four hits in eight innings and Steve Beuchele hit a tie-breaking home run to start a four-run fifth inning as the Texas Rangers downed the Milwaukee Brewers 8-2 on Wednesday night.

Beuchele snapped a personal 1-for-14 slump with a one-out homer off Mark Knudson (1-1), breaking a 1-1 tie.

Jeff Huson followed with a single, moved to third on Gary Pettis' double and scored on Jack Daugherty's sacrifice fly. Geno Petralli's triple past a falling Dante Bichette in right field scored Pettis and Rafael Palmiero's RBI double made it 5-1 and finished Knudson.

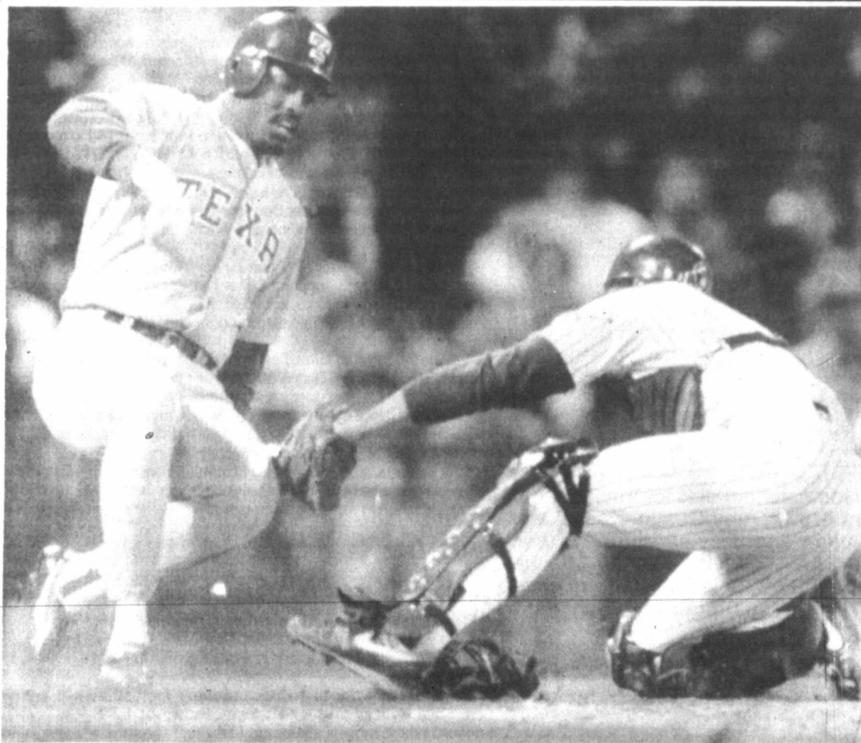
Knudson, who beat the Rangers on opening day, gave up seven hits and five runs in 4 2-3 innings.

The Brewers took a 1-0 lead in the third inning when Billy Speiers drew a one-out walk and scored on Jim Gantner's two-out double to right-center. Brown (2-1) retired the next 13 Brewers before Greg Vaughn led off the eighth with his second homer of the season.

Brown walked one and struck out two before Brad Arnsberg pitched the ninth.

Texas tied the game in the fourth on a one-out walk to Petralli, Palmiero's fielder's choice grounder and Ruben Sierra's two-out, full-count double off the wall in right-center.

The Rangers added three runs in the eighth off Edwin Nunez on Julio Franco's RBI single, Kevin Reimer's sacrifice fly and Huson's run-scoring single.



Rangers' Ruben Sierra scores from third on a sacrifice fly as Brewers' catcher B. J. Surhoff applies a late tag Wednesday night.

(AP Laserphoto)

## Knicks' Wilkins looking forward to challenging Bulls' Jordan

### NBA playoffs

By The Associated Press

Gerald Wilkins, who returns to the New York Knicks tonight after being sidelined for three weeks with a sprained ankle, has a nightmarish assignment in their first NBA playoff game against the Chicago Bulls.

Wilkins, not expected to start because of his long layoff, had only three days of practice to prepare for Michael Jordan, the leading scorer in playoff history. "I always look forward to playing him," Wilkins said. "I accept it as a challenge. I have nothing to lose. Whenever I play him, I just try to play him physical and make him work."

Jordan has averaged 35.8 points in 53 career playoff games, a performance so dominant that he could go scoreless for 12 games and still be ranked ahead of the No. 2 career scorer, Jerry West, who averaged 29.1.

Tonight's game at Chicago is one of five best-of-5 first-round series openers — along with Philadelphia at Milwaukee, Golden State at San Antonio, Houston at the Los Angeles Lakers and Utah at Phoenix.

The other three series start Friday night with Indiana at Boston, Atlanta at Detroit and Seattle at Portland.

Jordan averaged 31.5 this season to win his fifth consecutive scoring title, and 30.0 in four victories over the Knicks. If Wilkins doesn't start, Jordan would be guarded by Trent Tucker, a solid defender but not as quick as Wilkins.

"It's a team challenge," Tucker said of playing against Jordan. "No one player is going to guard Michael Jordan. The thing we have to do is cut down on his attempts."

"When he comes off a pick, we have to put a body on him," Wilkins said. "Nothing dirty, nothing to hurt him. We just have to play him physical and try to wear him down."

Wilkins, who claims he can play 35 minutes tonight, said the best defense against Jordan is a good offense ... making him work at the defensive end.

"I try to take it to him," Wilkins said. "More so the last two years. I used to just concentrate on defense when I played him, and not do too much offensively. But no one can stop him, so you have to try and wear him down on both ends."

New York, the only losing team in the playoffs at 39-43, also needs more production from Patrick Ewing if it is to seriously challenge Chicago, the top-seeded team in the East with franchise-best 61-21 record. The Bulls also have won 13 consecutive games over the Knicks at Chicago Stadium.

Ewing, fifth in the NBA in scoring with a 26.6 average, managed just 20.3 in four games against the Bulls and went to the free-throw line just 13 times.

"You don't get fouls by shooting jumpers," Knicks coach John MacLeod said. "We want Patrick to take it to the hole. There are times for him to shoot the 15-footer, but primarily I want him in the low post. I'd like him to get 13 free throws in one game."

While Wilkins hopes to return from injury, two NBA superstars also enter the playoffs at less than full speed.

Charles Barkley of Philadelphia missed seven of the last 10 games with a strained ligament in his left knee. Boston's Larry Bird missed 22 games with a bad back and is reportedly set for surgery after the playoffs.

Philadelphia coach Jim Lynam said he won't force the issue with Barkley's tender knee.

"I'll have to play it by ear," Lynam said. "He won't play 48 minutes the first night."

"I'm not 100 percent," Barkley said. "But that doesn't matter. My knee is going to hurt the rest of the

year. I've got a bad knee, but it's time to play now."

Bird missed seven of Boston's last eight games and may sit out Friday's playoff opener against Indiana. The Boston Globe quoted an unidentified source as saying Bird had already agreed to surgery for a compressed nerve root.

"Larry doesn't need much convincing," the source said. "He's resigned to the fact that he needs it."

Injuries also are a factor for Phoenix, where Kevin Johnson has a sore hamstring and has been battling allergies since last Sunday. Tom Chambers has been taking traction treatments for his ailing lower back and Dan Majerle still has recurring weakness in his right thigh.

Suns coach Cotton Fitzsimmons cut back on his practices to aid the healing process.

"I would have liked to have given them two days off," Fitzsimmons said. "Some of our guys need it mentally and physically. But with our situation, I just didn't think we could afford it."

The Suns beat the Jazz in the first round last year, but the situation is reversed this season with Phoenix owning the homecourt advantage.

"Although the homecourt is an advantage, it maybe isn't as big a deal as people make it out to be," Jazz center Mark Eaton said.

A bigger deal for Utah was its loss to Golden State on Sunday that cost the Jazz the Midwest Division title.

Houston was the NBA's hottest team in March and early April, winning 17 of 18 games. But the Rockets sagged in the final days of the season, dropping five of their last eight decisions.

The Lakers, meanwhile, won 11 of their last 14 games and their regulars got a lot of rest down the stretch because they were not jockeying for playoff position.

"We're ready to go," Magic Johnson said. "It's that time of year."

## Holyfield's promoter nixes winner-take-all bout with Tyson

NEW YORK (AP) — Dan Duva was asked his opinion of a proposal by rival boxing promoter Don King. Because they can't agree on how to split the purse, Mike Tyson would meet heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield — winner take all.

"Evander doesn't want Mike to have to fight that hard and earn nothing," Duva responded immediately. So much for that scheme.

On Wednesday, Duva, Holyfield's promoter, held a news conference along with promoter Bob Arum, who represented

George Foreman, and the pay-per-view network TVKO to announce record-breaking TV figures for the Holyfield-Foreman fight last Friday night.

TVKO, the Time Warner-HBO pay-per-view subsidiary, announced figures that represent industry records not only for gross revenues but also for viewership.

"Boxing gets a lot of black eyes," Time Warner Sports president Seth Abraham said at a news conference. "There were no black eyes in that fight."

"But you don't build an industry on one fight. It's the

monthlies that will determine how we do. It's how the rest of our fights do that will count."

With 75 percent of the 1,200 cable systems reporting, TVKO projected total U.S. revenues of about \$55 million, based on sales to 1.5 million or more homes at \$35.95 apiece.

According to figures compiled by industry analyst Paul Kagan, the next highest-grossing event in pay-per-view history was the Holyfield-Buster Douglas fight last October at \$38.6 million.

## Steinbrenner tries to avoid tough questions in extortion trial

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It's hard to tell who's on trial: George Steinbrenner or Howard Spira?

Steinbrenner spent three hours on the witness stand Wednesday in U.S. District Court and was grilled on his behavior as New York Yankees owner.

The Boss was combative. He was funny. And like always, he tried to avoid tough questions.

"You want to get a legitimate, calm answer from me, that's not the way to do it," he lectured defense lawyer David S. Greenfield after an extremely sarcastic question.

Spira is on trial, charged with attempting to extort \$110,000 more from Steinbrenner last year after the Yankees' owner gave him two checks totaling \$40,000. But Steinbrenner, testifying as a prosecution witness, is the star.

When he returned Wednesday for his second day on the stand, he wore a blue blazer with tan trousers and a yellow shirt. A World Series ring shined from his left hand, but the questioning dealt with less happy times. Greenfield spent the day pulling documents from his bag marked "Boss Cross."

Steinbrenner was forced to talk about how he ordered former stadium

manager Patrick Kelly to search equipment in the visiting team's clubhouse late at night in hopes of finding doctored bats. He was forced to tell the jury how he "resigned" Kelly and chief financial officer M. David Weidler after he accused them of theft, but then didn't tell the police or the commissioner's office about it.

A lot of the time, The Boss claimed to be a hands-off executive and said he was unaware of many goings on. When he ran the Yankees, he blamed mistakes on "my baseball people." Now he was blaming them on "my lawyers" or "my investigative people."

The funniest moment came when Greenfield asked about Spira's reference to Lou Piniella in a 1988 letter.

"Was he your manager at the time?" Greenfield asked, knowing that there were 18 changes in 17 years.

"Might have been," Steinbrenner said, breaking into a smile and playing into the lawyer's game.

The entire courtroom — judge and jury included — broke up at that one. The laughter went on for about 10 seconds before Greenfield pressed on.

"Could be before, during or after?" he asked sarcastically.

"Might be in the future. Can't tell with me," The Boss answered, laughing at himself.

Steinbrenner again was asked if he disliked Dave Winfield, the outfielder whose relationship with Spira started this saga a decade ago.

"There were times, such as in 1988 when Dave Winfield wrote a book about the team," Steinbrenner said. "Teammates disliked it."

As if on cue, a thunderclap exploded so loud that it cut Steinbrenner off. The courtroom erupted in laughter, again.

"Willie Randolph came to me," Steinbrenner said, picking up before Judge Louis L. Stanton cut him off. The judge probably didn't know Randolph denied ever going to Steinbrenner about Winfield.

On Tuesday, Steinbrenner became choked up in two instances, once when he read a list of names and phone numbers Spira had compiled of his family and friends. A day later, Steinbrenner tried to explain what happened.

"If it's extortion, coercion or blackmail, I don't know the difference of these terms," The Boss said. "I probably never will. I can only tell you how it felt. I was deeply concerned, apprehensive about what this guy was going to do to me and my family."

## Shootin' the Breeze

By J. Alan Brzys



## NBA tips off second season

Does it make sense that more than half - 59.25 percent - of the teams in the National Basketball Association qualify for postseason playoff action?

Sixteen of the NBA's 27 teams begin what amounts to a second season today and Friday in quest of a championship crown.

Wouldn't it be reasonable to assume that after each team plays 82 regular-season games, the playoff field could be narrowed to perhaps four teams or at the maximum, eight?

The NBA consists of Eastern and Western Conferences. The conferences are further broken down into four divisions - Atlantic, Central, Midwest and Pacific.

It would be oh so simple to have the top one or two finishers in each division square off in a series of games to determine the NBA champion.

But noooooo! An extended schedule translates to additional revenue and money is the name of the game.

The result is a second season that appears to be almost as long as the regular schedule.

It gets almost as lengthy and confusing as the National Hockey League championship series.

Even more confusing is the break down of teams qualifying from each division.

There are seven teams in the Central Division and an equal number of teams in the Pacific Division. Five of seven teams from each of the divisions are in the playoffs.

Numerically it works out that 71.42857 percent of the teams in each of the two divisions are allowed to continue play and make more money. The remaining few teams stay home.

Sort of lopsided, wouldn't you say?

It's a little more reasonable in the other two divisions. Half of the teams in the Atlantic Division qualify and three of the seven teams from the Midwest Division go on to postseason action.

If this was the universally accepted system for rewarding athletes, where would be the motivation for athletes to finish in the higher echelons of any competition.

What if all that was needed to pass in school was a grade of 50 percent? Wouldn't be much of a challenge, would it?

Perhaps the NBA is grading its playoff teams in the same manner many of its players qualified scholastically.

After all, a high school student-athlete need only score 700 on the SATs to play collegiate ball.

That's a 700 score out of a possible 1400 points. That's 50 percent, and I didn't need a calculator to reach that conclusion.

I'll admit this portion of the NBA season is perhaps the most exciting time of the pro basketball year. It's too bad the excitement level of the playoffs is so superior to the regular season.

Who is going to win it all, you ask?

Listen to any coach or fan about the chances of their team advancing in the playoffs and the first concern they'll voice is injuries to key players.

Boston Celtic fans are worrying about Larry Bird's back and Detroit Pistons followers are concerned about Isiah Thomas' wrist. The list of the walking injured is too long to print.

If my theory holds out, the Chicago Bulls eventually will face the Boston Celtics for the right to represent the Eastern Conference in the final tilt. The Western Conference could be full of surprises this year and I'm pulling for the San Antonio Spurs to top the conference.

Look for the Celtics to win it all and hang another banner above the parquet floor.

Don't miss the article on Pampa rodeo great Buster Ivory in the May issue of Western Horseman magazine.

As we've stated previously in these pages, Ivory will be inducted Aug. 10 into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The informative article written by Gavin Ehringer appears in the "Rodeo Arena" section and includes several photographs of Buster in action.

Readers will learn more about Buster's wife, the former June Bull, who is no stranger to the rodeo arena.

## Scoreboard

### Baseball

#### Major League Standings

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	10	5	.667	—
Pittsburgh	10	5	.667	—
St. Louis	9	7	.563	1 1/2
Chicago	8	8	.500	2 1/2
Montreal	5	10	.333	5
Philadelphia	4	11	.267	6

#### West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
San Diego	10	6	.625	—
Cincinnati	7	7	.500	2
Houston	7	8	.467	2 1/2
Los Angeles	7	8	.467	2 1/2
San Francisco	7	8	.467	2 1/2
Atlanta	6	7	.462	2 1/2

#### Wednesday's Games

San Francisco 6, San Diego 1  
Pittsburgh 2, Montreal 1  
New York 7, Philadelphia 3  
Chicago 1, St. Louis 0

#### Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh (Palacios 0-0) at Montreal (Nabholz 0-2), 7:35 p.m.  
New York (Gooden 2-1) at Philadelphia (Combs 1-1), 7:35 p.m.  
Chicago (Maddux 2-1) at Cincinnati (Browning 2-1), 7:35 p.m.  
San Francisco (Black 1-2) at Los Angeles (Beicher 2-1), 10:35 p.m.

#### Friday's Games

Chicago at Cincinnati, 7:35 p.m.  
San Diego at Philadelphia, 7:35 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at New York, 7:40 p.m.  
Montreal at St. Louis, 8:35 p.m.  
Atlanta at Houston, 8:35 p.m.  
San Francisco at Los Angeles, 10:35 p.m.

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Boston	8	6	.571	—

### Baseball

#### West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Chicago	9	4	.692	—
California	9	7	.563	1 1/2
Oakland	9	7	.563	1 1/2
Texas	6	5	.545	2
Seattle	8	7	.533	2
Kansas City	7	7	.500	2 1/2
Minnesota	5	10	.333	5

#### Wednesday's Games

Minnesota 7, Oakland 4  
California 9, Seattle 5  
Toronto 6, Boston 1  
Texas 8, Milwaukee 2

#### Thursday's Games

Detroit at New York, ppd., rain  
Kansas City 4, Cleveland 2, 10 innings  
Baltimore 5, Chicago 1

#### Friday's Games

Milwaukee at Baltimore, 7:35 p.m.  
Detroit at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.  
New York at Chicago, 8:05 p.m.  
Seattle at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.  
Boston at Kansas City, 8:35 p.m.  
Cleveland at Texas, 8:35 p.m.  
California at Oakland, 10:35 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 25

New York at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
New York at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 30  
Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, May 2

Chicago at New York, 8 p.m., if necessary  
Saturday, May 4  
New York at Chicago, TBA, if necessary

#### Friday, April 26

Boston vs. Indiana  
Friday, April 26  
Indiana at Boston, 8 p.m.  
Sunday, April 28  
Indiana at Boston, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 1  
Boston at Indiana, 8 p.m., if necessary  
Friday, May 3  
Boston at Indiana, 8 p.m., if necessary  
Sunday, May 5  
Indiana at Boston, TBA, if necessary

#### Friday, April 27

Detroit vs. Atlanta  
Friday, April 26  
Atlanta at Detroit, 8 p.m.  
Sunday, April 28  
Atlanta at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 30  
Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 2  
Detroit at Atlanta, 8 p.m., if necessary  
Saturday, May 4  
Atlanta at Detroit, TBA, if necessary

#### Thursday, April 25

Milwaukee vs. Philadelphia  
Thursday, April 25  
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 27  
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 30  
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 2  
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 8 p.m., if necessary  
Saturday, May 4  
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, TBA, if necessary

#### NBA Playoff Glance

All Times EDT  
FIRST ROUND  
(Best-of-5)  
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# Gun control advocates skeptical as NRA finds a handgun law it likes

By ANNE GEARAN  
Associated Press Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The National Rifle Association has found a handgun control law it likes, one it says is effective and no more inconvenient to buyers than a routine credit card check.

But gun control advocates say the NRA's support of federal legislation based on Virginia's 18-month-old handgun control bill is a ruse designed to take away support from an even tougher law.

The Virginia law requires that a computerized criminal background check be conducted on anyone who buys a pistol or semiautomatic weapon. The check, which can be done while the buyer waits in the store, "has already proven to be extremely effective," according to an NRA position paper.

Since the law took effect in November 1989, Virginia police have checked 89,329 potential gun buyers and rejected 1,461, says state police Lt. R. Lewis Vass.

The NRA, which originally opposed the Virginia law, is support-

ing legislation by Rep. Harley O. Staggers Jr. that would require the same kind of background checks in all 50 states.

But Richmond Police Chief Marty M. Tapscoff says the Staggers bill wouldn't work nationally because most other states don't have the quick computer access to information Virginia has.

"When you get the Staggers bill you get no bill at all," says Tapscoff, who supports the rival Brady Bill, which requires a seven-day waiting period for handgun sales.

"The technology and records to do what we have in Virginia are just not in place across the country," Tapscoff said. "We're talking years before it could be done. With the Brady Bill we can start saving lives right away."

But NRA spokesman Bill McIntyre says a similar federal law could easily be implemented across much of the country.

"This is not Flash Gordon technology here. It's similar to a credit card check and we're all familiar with those," McIntyre said.

He added that national police

statistics show 37 states currently have the computer databases available to enforce such a law.

Under the Virginia law, gun dealers call state police, who check the potential buyer's background while he or she waits in the store. The checks take about 90 seconds.

Two other states, Delaware and Florida, have used the Virginia law as a model for similar programs.

Staggers' similar proposal, however, was recently rejected by the House Judiciary Committee in favor of the Brady Bill, which is scheduled for a vote before the full House

next month.

The bill is named for former White House press secretary James Brady who was critically wounded during a 1981 assassination attempt against former President Ronald Reagan and who has campaigned for such legislation for several years.

Proponents say the bill's seven-day waiting period would give police time to probe a buyer's criminal and mental records thoroughly, as well as provide a cooling-off period that would reduce handgun crimes committed in the heat of anger.

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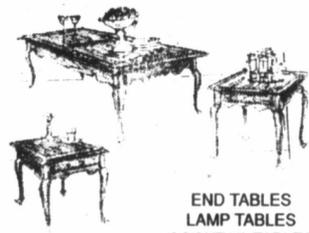


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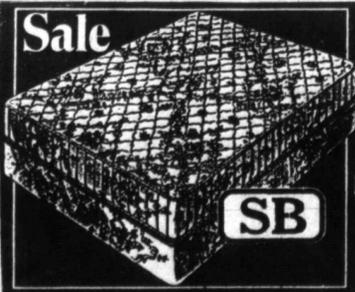
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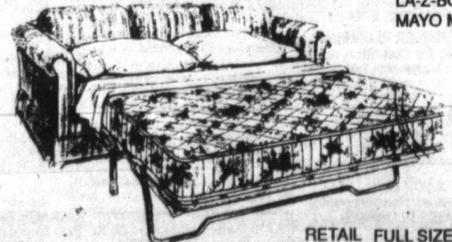
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