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Residents urged to write letters supporting prison

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Officials coordinating Pampa's efforts to get a second prison unit from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice are encouraging area citizens to write letters of support to TDCJ board members.

Bill Waters of the Industrial Foundation said TDCJ board members were impressed by the number of letters they received from Pampa area residents prior to deciding to locate a prison here in 1990. That unit is currently under construction and scheduled to open in September.

Waters said the letters will be collected through Monday, Feb. 17, at the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard.

However, he said if citizens would prefer, they can also mail them directly to the Board members. Those addresses are:

Seldon B. Hale III, chairman, 310 W. Sixth St., Amarillo, TX 79101;

Jerry Hodge, 25 Medical Dr., Amarillo, TX 79106;

Joshua W. Allen Sr., 1076 Calder Ave., Beaumont, TX 77701;

James M. Eller, Box GJ, College Station, TX 77841;

Ben Gallant Jr., 13501 Royal Fifth Court, Corpus Christi, TX 78418;

Ellen Halbert, 1407 Meadowmear, Austin, TX 78753;

Allan B. Polunsky, One Forum, 16th Floor, 8000 IH-10 West, San Antonio, TX 78230-3894;

Mamie Proctor, Westlayan Tower, 24 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1822, Houston, TX 77046;

and F. L. Stephens, P.O. Box 5581, San Angelo, TX 76902.

"We are trying to save expense of postage," Waters said. "People can write their letter and bring it to the chamber and we will UPS them in one shipment."

Waters said he hopes letter writers will point out the city's desire to grow and progress, as evidenced by passage of recent economic devel-

opment and street improvement issues during a January election.

State prison officials have stressed that community support is key to the location of a prison in a city.

Wednesday, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice will have staff members in Pampa to review the local site and proposal being offered by Pampa for a corrections unit.

Waters stated a short list of finalists will be announced during a TDCJ board meeting March 13, with prison-winning cities to be announced April 10 in Austin.

Local officials have said one big advantage Pampa has over other cities is the Industrial Foundation here has already arranged interim financing that would allow construction on the new prison unit to begin within 30 days of the determination.

Waters and City Manager Glen Hackler confirmed some cities that promised large incentive packages to the state during the last round of prison building had to "go back home and figure out a way to raise the money" over the next 12 months.

Both men said the state is now extremely interested in making sure procurement of promised incentives is already arranged prior to award of a prison unit.

Waters said sponsors of the letter writing campaign include the city, Gray County, Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Foundation.

Hackler joined Waters in saying it is likely opponents of prisons in Pampa will also use the addresses to write letters asking the TDCJ to overlook Pampa, but said previous polls and community rallies have shown support is two or three times greater than opposition.

"If it were not, we wouldn't proceed with this kind of thing," Hackler said.

Officials stressed they are counting on several thousand letters being written to the TDCJ between now and the Feb. 17 deadline.

Tyson attends probation meeting after conviction on rape charges

By THOMAS P. WYMAN
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Boxer Mike Tyson returned to the courthouse today a convicted rapist, awaiting a routine probation meeting after being found guilty of attacking a Miss Black America contestant he lured to his hotel room.

The conviction late Monday was Tyson's darkest moment in a troubled history with women, and it threatened to end the rags-to-riches career of the youngest heavyweight champion ever.

Tyson arrived at the City-County Building about 10:50 a.m. EST - about 12 hours after the verdict was delivered - and was greeted by the crush of reporters and photographers, as well as about 40 supporters who shouted "Hang in there, Mike!" and "Don't worry about it, Mike!" He had a serious look on his face and did not acknowledge the show of support.

He and two of his attorneys walked briskly into the building and up the stairs that lead to the probation offices for a meeting that is standard procedure for anyone convicted of a felony.

During the interview, Tyson was to be asked about his criminal and social history so that an evaluation could be prepared for the court, said a probation department receptionist who refused to give her name.

The 25-year-old boxer could get up to 60 years in prison at sentencing March 6. But based on average sentences given in similar cases in Indiana, he will probably receive between seven and 11 years, said Deputy Prosecutor Barbara Trathen. Tyson remained free on \$30,000 bail.

"We've seen so many times recently that it doesn't matter what a superstar does - it's OK," prosecutor Greg Garrison said after Monday night's verdict. "He can brag about it in his books, he can demonstrate it in the public eye, and as long as it suits him, it's all right."

"And I think tonight, one time anyway, this kind of behavior's not been tolerated."



(AP Laserphoto)

Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, center, leaves court in Indianapolis Monday after being found guilty of raping a Miss Black America contestant.

Tyson stared straight ahead. He showed little emotion as the verdict was read: Guilty on one count of rape and two counts of criminal deviate conduct. He had no comment as he left the courtroom.

Asked what his most effective evidence was, Garrison said, "That beautiful 18-year-old kid with a pure heart. She's a young person with a lot of courage."

Tyson's defense - that he was a crude womanizer whose accuser knew from the start that he wanted sex, and consented - didn't stand up to the victim's story and the physical evidence, jurors said.

"The accusing witness made a very convincing case. We looked at not only a moment in the bedroom but a chain of events that evening," said the jury's foreman, a 37-year-old IBM marketing representative and ex-Marine.

"It was an accumulation of evi-

dence," said the foreman, who refused to give his name.

The victim wasn't in court when the verdicts were read. Trathen said the woman felt "just a sense of 'It's finished,' relief."

Tyson was scheduled to challenge Evander Holyfield in a bid to regain the title last November - after being indicted - but that bout was canceled when Tyson injured a rib. It was not rescheduled when the trial began Jan. 27.

Nothing in boxing regulations would automatically bar Tyson from fighting while free on appeal, but boxing's governing bodies and state boxing commissions could refuse to sanction a match. And no promoter would undertake such a fight under those circumstances.

Tyson's accuser testified that he had promised to take her sightseeing but instead went to his hotel on the

pretext of making a phone call, pinned her to his bed, stripped her, raped her and laughed while she cried in pain and begged him to stop.

Other evidence included testimony from an emergency room doctor who said the woman suffered injuries consistent with rape, and a chauffeur who said the woman appeared shaken when she emerged from Tyson's hotel July 19.

Tyson took the stand, as did several pageant contestants. Many described Tyson's crude sexual come-ons and some said they heard the accuser say Tyson was rich and stupid, bolstering a defense argument that she was a gold-digger who became vengeful after being treated like a one-night stand.

Others told a version of events closer to that of the accuser, who said she never heard the lewd remarks.

Lefors City Council approves audit report

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

LEFORS - Lefors City Council on Monday unanimously approved the 1990-91 fiscal year audit and heard the city's liabilities have significantly decreased during the past year.

Wanda Call, a CPA with Brown & Grantham, gave the audit report and said the total liabilities were listed at \$33,178 this year, down from \$72,057 last year.

In fiscal year 1990-91, the city paid off water and sewer bonds, and since the bonds have been paid off, Call said the funds are no longer considered as restricted cash.

"I think there has been a great improvement," Call told the City Council. "I commend Phyllis (Crutcher, city secretary) on the work she's done in this last year."

In unrelated business, the City Council approved an election order for May 2. Three positions, the mayor's and two city council positions, currently held by Mayor Gene Gee and Councilmen Larry Fulton and Johnny Woodard, will be on the ballot.

Filing for the three positions begins next Monday and will continue through March 18.

An item to appoint an election judge was tabled until the March 9 meeting in order for Gee to find out who is interested in the position.

The City Council also discussed the Mission Cable franchise and expressed several concerns, on the advice of City Attorney Rick Harris, with the contract to the cable repre-

sentative. Action on the franchise was tabled until the March 9 meeting. The current franchise contract expires March 18.

The City Council had the first reading on a proposed ordinance regarding a penalty for failure to pay the \$3.25 base rate for trash hauling service. The ordinance would provide for a maximum \$500 penalty on conviction for those violating the ordinance, which calls for Lefors gas customers to pay the mandatory \$3.25 service charge per month.

During the mayor's report, Gee passed out an eight-page proposal for a waste collection site. Gee said he believes the mayor should be a leadership position and after thinking of the current trash collection system and ways to improve it during the last three months, he put his ideas on paper.

Gee said he was just throwing the information out for discussion. The proposal would call for residents to bring their own trash to a collection site, which would have a trash compacting truck and four trailers to take recyclable goods and be open three days a week. Recyclable items would be taken at no charge under the proposal.

He said the site would have a caretaker's shack and could have a 10X20 cement floor covered by an awning to place good recyclables (such as items that are old, but not in bad enough condition to throw away).

Gee said that under the plan, residents would purchase stickers at City Hall to place on bags in order to be acceptable at the collection

site. He estimated the start-up costs to be about \$12,000 and for the collection site upkeep and disposal of the garbage to be an estimated \$19,200 a year.

Advantages the mayor said he sees to such a collection site for the city include to take the city out of having to drive down alleys, collection for garbage fees in advance, better use of personnel, reduction of liabilities and costs, consistency, and meeting the recycling mandate.

Advantages to the residents, Gee said, would be they can haul their trash at will, no excessive trash build up, no collection headaches, voluntary recycling based on costs, no charge for recyclables, no base \$3.25 charge and voluntary use of the system.

Disadvantages, the mayor said, for the city would be a revenue reduction, enforcing alley cleaning rules, organizing and operating the system and hauling from a collection point. Disadvantages for residents, he said, would include no one to haul the trash, having to get bags and stickers from city haul, and forced recycling due to economics.

Alternatives Gee listed are that residents can haul their own trash to Pampa, a major trash service contractor can come into Lefors, have the proposed waste collection site or continue to collect as part of the city services.

In other business, the Council:

- unanimously approved transferring excess money in the checking account to the cemetery fund to draw interest.
- unanimously approved the payment of the bills.
- unanimously approved minutes of a prior meeting.
- unanimously approved the closing of any accounts set aside for

handing a bonded indebtedness.

• learned that many gas bills received this month showed significant increases. Gee pointed out that this month's billing was for 35 days because of holidays, not the normal 30. He said some meters were re-read after complaints were received, but no errors were found.

"If there's a mistake we'll change it, but I believe the readings are legitimate," Gee said.

Lanny Atchley with the fire department said the fire department's bill went from \$60 to \$208. Other people said their bills had doubled and tripled.

• unanimously approved an addendum to the drug testing ordinance changing the testing location to a laboratory in Oklahoma City. The taking of the specimen will still be done at Pampa, but will be sent to the Oklahoma City facility for testing.

• learned from Gee that John Winters of Mooreland, Okla., is agreeable to selling the city 40 acres of water rights north of town at \$300 per acre. The site is believed to have good water for the drilling of a water well by the city.

• discussed problems of people who rent the Civic Center not cleaning it afterward.

Linda Daniels, president of the Lefors Arts and Civic Club said, "We are concerned the Civic Center isn't being maintained and we want to help do what we can."

The City Council is scheduled to get input during the next month and discuss the item in detail at the March City Council meeting.

Such items as raising the rental fee, charging a deposit and setting rules and regulations will be discussed at the March meeting.

REGULAR UNLEADED	116 ⁹	112 ⁹
SUPER UNLEADED	120 ⁹	112 ⁹
DIESEL		

(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

Prices at the Diamond Shamrock on North Duncan are currently the lowest in Pampa by at least a nickel, but owner Mike Trimble says he's perplexed why, with all the complaints about local pricing, he isn't seeing more of a rush of customers.

Lower gas prices don't attract many customers, retailer says

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Mike Trimble, owner of the Diamond Shamrock station at 1600 Duncan, said though his unleaded prices have been 5 or 6 cents a gallon less than any other outlet in Pampa, he has not seen the rush of business he expected.

For the last two weeks Trimble has been selling self-serve unleaded for 1.12.9 a gallon, compared to 1.17.9 and 1.18.9 at other service stations and convenience stores in the city.

"I've been concerned that usually when prices start changing, there will be a little maneuvering up and down until the price settles," Trimble said of his fear that lowering prices would start a gas war which would in the end hurt his business.

However, "About three loads of gas in a row my price was dropping significantly so I had a margin to go down" in the retail price, Trimble stated. "The discrepancy between here and Amarillo made me really uncomfortable. I don't know why

(other stations) are staying so high. I've still got enough gas to hold the price down for at least a week."

Trimble blamed much of the public's hard feelings about gasoline prices in Pampa on what he termed "irresponsible reporting and a lack of leg work" by local media, but said in spite of such a situation he wanted to do what he could to keep prices low.

He said media attention to Pampa gasoline prices that range between 20 and 30 cents a gallon higher than Amarillo and Borger tend to make people angry with local retail gasoline outlets.

Instead, Trimble suggested, the public should be aware that wholesale prices control the retail market and that "wholesalers are far enough insulated they don't have to worry about public perception."

"You don't see any retailers who are rich," Trimble said. "I keep the prices as low as I can. But you can't expect the price of anything, bread, milk, whatever, to be as low in Pampa as it is in a big city."

Lefors school board to meet tonight

LEFORS - Lefors Independent School District Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet in regular session at 7 p.m. today to consider a number of items, including items relating to the May 2 school trustees election.

The board is scheduled to approve an order for the election, and appoint absentee and election judges.

In other business, the board will consider the audit for the 1990-91 school year, consider the Textbook Committee report and consider proper-

ty to be donated to the school district.

The board is also scheduled to consider a compensatory education plan for the school district and consider routine items of payment of monthly bills, approve minutes of previous meetings and hear from the public.

Executive sessions to discuss the superintendent's contract and to discuss contractual status of the business manager are also listed on the agenda.

The meeting will be held in the elementary school library.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

RODEN, Billy Jo — 2 p.m., Richerson Funeral Home Chapel, Shamrock.
SKEWES, Lorene Grace Parker — 10:30 a.m., First Christian Church.
WOODWARD, Irvin Hinton — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.

Obituaries

WILLIE P. ANDERSON

SHAMROCK — Willie P. Anderson, 76, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 1992. Services were at 11 a.m. today in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Neely Landrum, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery by Richerson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Anderson was born in Peacock and married C.P. "Curly" Anderson in 1934 at Erick, Okla.; he preceded her in death in 1986. She moved to Shamrock from Kellon in 1956. She was a homemaker and a nurse. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Loyd B. Anderson of Shamrock, Burney L. Anderson of Dallas and Steve Anderson of Amarillo; three daughters, Wanda Vinyard and Cleta Riley, both of Shamrock and Audrine Olson of Amarillo; two brothers, Raymond L. Hayes of Lela and Elmer Hayes of Clayton, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

JAMES LEE (JIM) GLASS

CLAUDE — James Lee (Jim) Glass, 65, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 1992. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today in the Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home Chapel in McLean with the Rev. Buell Wells, Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

Mr. Glass was born on April 13, 1926, in McLean. He was in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a truck driver. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Phyllis Ann Pruitt of San Antonio and Anita Carol Wesley of Lillington, N.C.; one sister, Billie Glass Guill of Clarendon; his mother, Helen Glass of Clarendon; one brother, Joe Glass of McLean; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

CAROLINE GRAGG

SHAMROCK — Caroline Gragg, 94, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 1992. Services will be 2 p.m. today at First Baptist Church at Shamrock with the Rev. Michael Chancellor, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Gragg was born Jan. 26, 1898. She was a member of First Christian Church in Shamrock and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a son, Charles Gragg of Oklahoma City; and six grandchildren.

BILLY JO RODEN

IOWA PARK — Former Shamrock resident Billy Joe Roden, 68, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 1992. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Richerson Funeral Home Chapel in Shamrock with the Rev. Mike Chancellor, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Richerson Funeral Home.

Mr. Roden was born Dec. 2, 1923, in Shamrock and was a retired heavy equipment operator for Zack Burkett Co. He married Frances Shipman on Feb. 14, 1946, in Wellington. He moved to Iowa Park in 1984 from Burkett. He was a Baptist and veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jerry Wright of Phoenix, Ariz., and Joey Roden of Pampa; a daughter, Sandi Nickel of Aspen, Colo.; two sisters, Heloise Fagan of Iowa Park and March Roden of Pampa; and four grandchildren.

JOHN P. WELLS

KERRVILLE — U.S. Air Force Retired Col. John P. Wells, 75, a former Pampa area resident, died Monday, Feb. 10, 1992. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the chapel of the Kerrville Funeral Home. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors.

Mr. Wells was born Oct. 4, 1916, in Miami, Texas. He was a real estate broker and was a partner in Wells-Wood Realtors. He was a member of the Kerrville Board of Realtors, serving as president of the board for two years. He was a member of the Texas Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. He was a state director for 10 years on the Texas Association of Realtors and also served on the Legal Board of Realtors. He was a member of the Kerrville Kiwanis Club and the Masonic Lodge of Enid, Okla.

He attended Texas Technological College in Lubbock. He had been affiliated with Radio Station KPDN in Pampa prior to enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Force as a flying cadet in January 1942. He graduated as a second lieutenant in October 1942. He had been a pilot instructor in single engine, B-24 bombers. He was a flight commander in B-29 bombers with the 330th Bomb Group on the Island of Guam. He received several medals and honors including the Distinguished Flying Cross in France. He received his permanent commission as a major in 1946. He served with the Strategic Air Command, Air Training Command at Clark Field with the 13th Air Force. During the Korean War, he was stationed on Okinawa with the 10th Air Force as a squadron commander flying B-29s. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and was assigned to Headquarters USAF from 1951 to 1954. He served in Izmir, Turkey, with NATO from 1954 to 1956. He returned to the United States in 1957 as the inspector general for Vance AFB in Enid, Okla. He moved to Randolph AFB in 1961 until being assigned as the commander of the Security Service Base at Iraklion, Crete, Greece. Upon returning to Headquarters Security Service Command at Kelly AFB, he retired in 1967. He purchased a ranch in Kerr County in 1961 and opened a real estate office in 1966.

Survivors included a special friend, Doris Wood of Kerrville; a daughter, Nancy Wells Goldman of San Antonio; a son, John Wells of Seguin; two grandchildren; Steven Goldman and Katherine Goldman, both of San Antonio; two nieces and a nephew.

The family will receive friends at the Kerrville Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday. The family requests memorials be made to the Heart of the Hills Hospice or Schreiner College.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Myrtle Darnell Buck, Pampa
 Mary Elizabeth Conner, Pampa
 Marguerite Jolly, Pampa
 Glenn Wayne Liles, Fritch
 Lolita McAnear, Pampa
 Flo McCaskill, Lefors
 Louie Oneal, Pampa
 Neoma Pace, Skellytown
 Audrey Ethel Stewart, Pampa
 Shannon Rene Tollerson, Pampa
 Bryan Williamson, Pampa
 Alberta Woods, Pampa
 Rachel Loftis (extended care), Pampa

Births
 To Shannon Tollerson of Pampa, a boy.
Dismissals
 Kathleen Braddock, Pampa
 Betty Dunbar, Pampa
 Rachel Loftis, Pampa
 Virginia Mae Plummer, Pampa
 Andrea Joyce Reed, Pampa
 Adelfa Silva, Pampa
 Pamela Skipper and baby girl, McLean

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 Laura Timmons, Shamrock
Dismissals
 Brad Reeder, Shamrock

Police report

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

MONDAY, Feb. 10

Rodney Young, Borger, reported criminal mischief in the 800 block of East Scott.

Police reported public lewdness in the 500 block of Carr.

Alco, Coronado Center, reported a theft at the business.

Police reported minor in possession in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Gray County Veterans Service Office, 123 W. Foster, reported a theft at the building.

McGuire Motors, 401 W. Foster, reported a theft at the business.

A juvenile reported criminal mischief at 2545 Perryton Pkwy.

Arrests

MONDAY, Feb. 10

James Michael Brown, 18, 2129 N. Dwight, was arrested in the 300 block of North Hobart on a charge of minor in possession. He was released by the municipal court judge.

Larry Cornsilk Jr., 20, 2129 N. Dwight, was arrested in the 300 block of North Hobart on a charge of minor in possession. He was released by the municipal court judge.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Feb. 10

Keith Hart, 704 Lefors, reported an assault.

Arrest

TODAY, Feb. 11

John Irwin Clark, 41, Houston, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation.

Accidents

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

MONDAY, Feb. 10

8:10 a.m. — A 1977 Ford driven by Jerald Sims, 1539 N. Russell, collided with a 1981 Honda driven by Erin Frugé, 1206 Mary Ellen, at Russell and Worrell. Sims was cited for failure to yield right of way.

TUESDAY, Feb. 11

1:51 a.m. — A 1977 GMC driven by Dreamia Tucker, 1114 S. Barnes, collided with a light pole and building at 2831 Perryton Pkwy. Tucker was cited for no proof of liability insurance.

DPS-Accidents

THURSDAY, Feb. 6

8:30 p.m. — A 1992 Toyota, driven by Karen Rae Brewer, 31, 1105 S. Dwight, swerved to miss a dog and slid broadside and struck the curb of FM 750, 20 feet south of Pampa. No injuries were reported.

MONDAY, Feb. 10

4:45 a.m. — A 1976 Oldsmobile, owned by Raymond W. Bridwell, 1600 W. Buckler, got stuck on the railroad tracks at FM 294 in White Deer. Bridwell was on his way to his brother's house to get a chain when a Santa Fe train struck the vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Feb. 10

1:03 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to 1200 N. Hobart on a small fuel spill.

4:50 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to the 800 block of North Christy for a dumpster fire.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	4.15
Milo	4.28
Com.	4.78

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

Ky. Cent. Life	5 7/8	NC
Serfo	2	NC
Occidental	19 1/4	NC

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

Magellan	70.00
Puritan	14.46

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

Amer.	47	NC
Ansco	105 5/8	do 1/4
Cabot	37 3/4	NC
Cabot O&G	11 1/8	up 1/8
Chevron	65 3/8	do 3/8
Coca-Cola	78 3/8	do 3/8
Enron	31 1/4	up 1/4
Halliburton	28 1/4	do 1/8
HealthTrust Inc.	23	up 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	59	up 3/4
KNE	24 5/8	do 1/8
Kerr McGee	38 1/8	NC
Limited	31 1/8	up 1/4
Mapco	57 3/8	do 3/8
Maxon	7 5/8	up 3/8
McDonald's	43 3/8	NC
Mobil	64 3/8	do 5/8
New Atmos	20 1/2	NC
Parker & Parsley	12 7/8	do 3/8
Pennsey's	59	do 1/2
Phillips	23 1/4	do 1/8
SLB	60 5/8	up 5/8
SPL	32	do 1/8
Tenneco	36 7/8	do 1/8
Texaco	60 5/8	do 1/8
Wal-Mart	54 3/8	do 1/4
New York Gold	356.00	
Silver	4.15	
West Texas Crude	19.83	



Kathy Massick of Mr. Gatti's, left, reviews guidelines for the new Spell*Bound program with Principal Tommy Lindsey and teacher Becky Poland of Horace Mann Elementary. (Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Spell*Bound offers kids pizza for good work

By BEAR MILLS
 Staff Writer

A local restaurant is seeking to help Pampa elementary school students improve academically by teaching them to spell "success" P-I-Z-Z-A.

Rick Massick, president of Jarco Management and owner of the Mr. Gatti's pizza franchises in Pampa, Borger and Canyon, joined with officials from the Pampa Independent School District Monday in announcing the arrival of the Spell*Bound program.

Massick said Spell*Bound works within the regular spelling program of grades 1-5 but offers extra incentives for top achievers.

During the last week of each month the spelling teacher in each class will give students a 10-20 word spelling test of words they have been working on for several days, Massick said.

Each student who scores a 100 will receive a free children's buffet from Mr. Gatti's. Students who score 95-99 will get a free drink from the restaurant.

Any class in which every member scores 100 will get a free pizza party at the school, Massick explained.

"We are trying to do our part in the Adopt-A-School program to encourage kids to do their best," Massick told a group of teachers and administrators invited to lunch at the restaurant.

"If free pizza will help what you are doing, we will provide it. I also believe you have to give back to the community and this is a way of us doing that."

Kathy Massick, Rick's wife, said the pizza will help to give strong academic performers extra attention for their good work.

Teachers present noted that to keep things on an even level, resource students will have their own spelling tests so that no matter what level a student is on they will have a shot at the free pizza coupons.

Austin Elementary School Principal Bill Jones said while it is important to remember that success is its own reward, he appreciates businesses that take an interest in education.

Jones sees Adopt-A-School programs as being educational as well as providing programs.

"We've had an insurance business adopt our third, fourth and fifth grades and one thing they did was have an essay contest," Jones said. "Our students and our teachers learned a great deal about the insurance business through that."

Jones added, "I don't think we should pay kids for doing good in academics. That's their job to go to school. It does help in some cases to reward them with incentives. But the incentive isn't the bottom line, no sir."

In addition to providing free pizza and drinks, Massick said students will also be given Spell*Bound pencils and stickers to promote the program.

Groundbreaking scheduled for Highway Entrance Park

Clean Pampa Inc. will sponsor a groundbreaking ceremony at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the site for the Highway Entrance Park on U.S.

60 West, said Pamela Locke, executive coordinator of Clean Pampa Inc.

Locke said the public is invited to the ceremony.

The park is located on the north side of U.S. 60 West at the curve as you are leaving Pampa.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

FASTER REFUNDS with Free Electronic Filing when I prepare your 1991 Tax Return. Competitive rates. M. David Webster, 109 W. Kingsmill, 669-2233. Adv.

FRESH COUNTRY Eggs for sale. 405 Baer, 665-4868. Adv.

VALENTINE STYLE Show presented by Images. Make Luncheon reservations at Pampa Country Club for Thursday, February 13, 12:00. Adv.

TAX SERVICE & Bookkeeping, Glenda Brownlee, 825 Dwight, 665-0310 or 274-2142. Adv.

THE MUSTARD Seed: Pillows, potpourri, baskets. Reduction on rag rugs, beautiful colors. Olde Town Kitchen, Country Coffee. New shipment of pottery. Adv.

VALENTINE DANCE at Moose Lodge February 15. Music by "Wild Cards". Members and Guests. Adv.

VALENTINE CARDS: Boxed scripture text for kids, individual cards with scripture. The Gift Box. Adv.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the mid 30s and southwesterly winds less than 10 mph. Wednesday, partly sunny and mild with a high near 60 degrees and southwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Monday's high was 55 degrees; the overnight low was 39 degrees.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Fair to partly cloudy tonight. Mostly sunny Wednesday. Highs Wednesday mostly 60s except lower to mid 70s Big Bend lowlands. Lows tonight 30s Panhandle and Big Bend mountains with mostly 40s elsewhere.

North Texas — Showers and thunderstorms likely northeast tonight, otherwise mostly cloudy over the rest of the area with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy Wednesday with a chance of showers east and a slight chance of showers central. Lows tonight in the upper 40s north to mid 50s south. Highs Wednesday near 60 north to the upper 60s south.

South Texas — Mostly cloudy tonight with a chance of rain central, south and east. Late night and early morning fog becoming partly cloudy Wednesday afternoon. Lows tonight in the 40s in the Hill Country, 60s in the deep south, 50s elsewhere. Highs on Wednesday in the 70s.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Thursday through Saturday

West Texas — Texas Panhandle, continued fair and mild. Highs from the mid 50s to the low 60s. Lows in the 30s. South Plains-Low rolling plains, continued fair and mild. Highs in the upper 50s to the mid 60s. Lows in the mid 30s to the low 40s. Permian Basin, fair and mild Thursday and Friday with a chance of showers Saturday. Highs in the 60s. Lows in the 40s. Concho Valley, Edwards plateau, fair and mild Thursday through Saturday. Highs mid 60s to the lower 70s. Lows in the 40s. Far West Texas, a slight chance of showers each day. Highs in the 60s. Lows in the 40s. Big Bend area, a slight chance of showers each day. Highs mainly in the 60s. Lows 30s mountains to the 40s lowlands.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central Texas, partly cloudy Thursday and Friday. Mostly cloudy Saturday. Low Thursday near 50, highs in the 70s. Lows Friday in the 50s, highs in the 70s. Lows Saturday in the 50s, highs in the 70s. Texas Coastal Bend, partly cloudy Thursday and Friday, mostly cloudy Saturday. Lows Thursday in the 50s, highs in the 70s. Lows Friday in the 50s, highs near 80.

Lows Saturday in the 60s, highs in the 70s. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and plains, partly cloudy Thursday and Friday. Mostly cloudy Saturday. Lows Thursday in the 50s, highs in the 70s. Lows Friday in the 60s, highs near 80.

Lows Saturday in the 60s, highs in the 80s. Lows Sunday in the 60s, highs in the 70s.

highs in the 70s. Southeast Texas and the upper Texas coast, partly cloudy Thursday mostly cloudy Friday and Saturday. A chance of rain Friday. Lows in the 50s to near 60. Highs Thursday and Friday in the 70s. High Saturday near 70.

North Texas — Mostly cloudy Thursday, partly cloudy Friday, mostly cloudy again Saturday. West, lows near 30 Thursday, in the 40s Friday and near 40 Saturday. Highs near 60 Thursday, in the 60s Friday and near 60 again Saturday. Central, lows in the 30s Thursday, in the 40s Friday and Saturday. Highs near 60 Thursday, in the 60s Friday and near 60 again Saturday. East, Chance of showers Friday. Lows in the 30s Thursday and in the 40s Friday and Saturday. Highs near 60 Thursday, near 70 Friday, and in the 60s Saturday.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma — Mostly cloudy through Wednesday. Scattered showers and thunderstorms mainly east tonight and west tonight. Lows tonight low 30s Panhandle to upper 40s southeast. Highs Wednesday mid to upper 40s extreme north to near 60 southeast.

New Mexico — Tonight and Wednesday variable cloudiness with a continued chance of showers or mountainous snows, mainly over the north-central and northwest. Lows tonight 15 to 30 mountains and northwest with mid 20s to near 40 elsewhere. Highs Wednesday in the upper 30s to near 50 in the mountains and northwest with the 50s and 60s elsewhere.

'New world oil order' topic of OPEC session

By SUSAN HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — With oil demand blunted by a worldwide economic downturn and mild winter, U.S. producers are looking for a boost from OPEC's meeting Wednesday, the director of an annual oil trend study says.

"If you're thinking about trying to have firmer, higher prices, the only hope the market has is for the politics of OPEC to come into play," said Joseph Stanislaw, Cambridge managing director and director of the study.

When ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meet in Geneva, members — some seriously hit by sagging oil prices — must find ways to either sharply reduce production or risk a price collapse when world demand for oil falls in the spring.

The 1992 edition of *World Oil Trends*, released Monday, said recent industry turbulence had spawned a "new world oil order."

As non-OPEC production declines and investment shifts away from North America, recovery in the world economy will create international opportunities and demand for oil will close on capacity late into the 1990s, the study said.

Demand will grow most in developing countries, particularly in Asia, Stanislaw said.

One of the new order's key components will be that a demoralized U.S. oil industry will continue looking overseas for promising new reserves, according to the annual study prepared by Arthur Andersen, Andersen Consulting and Cambridge Energy Research Associates.

"Almost all the major oil companies in the U.S. are selling many of their domestic oil and gas properties, and the major companies as well as the independents are now focusing their exploration efforts outside of the U.S.," said Victor Burk, managing director of Arthur Andersen's worldwide oil

and gas industry services group. Businesses are looking overseas mostly because the potential for a major discovery is greater than in the United States, he said.

"Also, I think many U.S. companies believe that there are not adequate economic incentives to drill in the U.S. due to the current price structure for oil and gas. And as you all know, some of the most promising areas in the U.S. for exploration — that is, areas where there is the potential to find new reserves — are closed to drilling primarily for environmental reasons," Burk said.

The study touted the potential of the Commonwealth of Independent States, saying the region "could well end up as the last great oil boom of the 20th century."

Production by the republics is "going down like a stone sinking in a pond," Stanislaw said. "But it's also a potential opportunity for the oil industry in the 1990s, to help rejuvenate and regenerate that industry in the republics of the former Soviet Union."

In recent weeks, the average daily oil production and the U.S. rig count both have plunged to their lowest marks in more than four decades. In addition, natural gas prices have been their weakest in a dozen years, while employment in the U.S. exploration and production industry has been slashed in half over the last decade, Burk said.

Producers continue to worry over the volatile prices plaguing the natural gas industry and, to a lesser extent, the oil industry, he said.

For the next two years, Burk predicted that:

— Exploration and development spending will continue overseas, while decreasing in the United States;

— Volatile natural gas prices and markets will continue to be a major problem; and

— The U.S. exploration and production industry will continue to shrink and restructure.

Convicted killer Johnny Frank Garrett executed

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned murderer Johnny Frank Garrett was executed early today for raping and killing a 76-year-old nun at a convent more than 10 years ago when he was a teenager.

Attorneys for the Amarillo man had argued he was insane and should not be put to death.

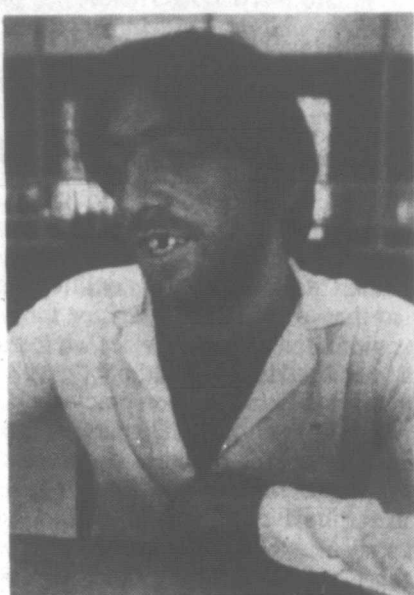
Garrett, now 28, suffered from multiple personality disorder and was insane as a result of severe physical and sexual abuse as a child, his attorneys said.

But in three appeals decided late Monday by the U.S. Supreme Court, the justices rejected arguments from Garrett's lawyers, clearing the way for the lethal injection.

In his final statement and with his mother and two sisters among the witnesses, Garrett thanked his friends and a guru.

"I'd like to thank my family for loving me and taking care of me," he added. "The rest of the world can kiss my ass."

He was declared dead at 12:18 a.m. CST, six minutes after the lethal drugs began flowing into his arms. While waiting in the death chamber for a physician to declare him dead, his sobbing relatives repeatedly expressed love for him



Johnny Frank Garrett

and broke into a version of the hymn "Amazing Grace."

When his family and witnesses emerged from the prison, a crowd of about 70 people, mostly students from nearby Sam Houston State University, cheered and sang.

A smaller group of about 30 death penalty opponents held a candlelight vigil across the street from them.

Garrett came within an hour of execution Jan. 6 before Gov. Ann Richards issued a 30-day reprieve at

the urging of Pope John Paul II and before the high court ruled on the case.

Richards' rare use of her authority to grant a reprieve prompted an equally unusual hearing by Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to consider whether to recommend to the governor that Garrett's sentence be commuted to life.

But at the hearing last week, the 18-member board — by a 17-0 margin with one abstention — voted to keep the death sentence.

Richards said Monday she was satisfied with the parole board's action.

"It was done appropriately, and I have no questions about it," she said.

The Supreme Court previously ruled that a person who is insane and cannot comprehend an execution or the reasons behind an execution may not be put to death.

Prosecutors contended Garrett, whose IQ has been listed as 70 and who said he finished the eighth grade in school, understood what was happening and met requirements for competency.

"He knew what was going to happen," Potter County District Attorney Danny Hill said early today when told the execution had been carried out.

"The process often works slow-

ly, sometimes it works extremely slowly but it works," said Will Pryor, first assistant to the Texas attorney general. "It's an appropriate sanction. Tonight was another example of that."

Garrett was 17 when he was arrested for the slaying of Swiss-born Sister Tadea Benz on Halloween night in 1981.

The night of the slaying, officers spotted Garrett, who was well-known to them because of previous run-ins with the law, running from the convent about two blocks from his home.

Detectives eventually matched his fingerprints with those found in the nun's room on a crucifix, on her bed and on a knife.

Garrett told police he broke into the convent earlier, accounting for his fingerprints, but denied killing the nun.

A jury took less than an hour to convict him and less than two hours to decide on the death penalty.

The Catholic Diocese of Amarillo, 16 Catholic bishops and the human rights group Amnesty International joined in opposing Garrett's execution.

Garrett's execution was the 44th in Texas since the state resumed the death penalty in 1982. The total is the highest of any state with capital punishment.

State leaders huddling on school finance issues

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards says this is a "really tough" time for lawmakers to be dealing with public school funding, but she intends to call them into special session in the spring or early summer.

Richards noted Monday that officials are facing the politically difficult issue during an election year, and said that Texans battling economic woes are "sick of taxation."

After meeting with Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Gib Lewis, Richards said that the three have yet to come up with a plan that will pass the Legislature and be approved by voters, and that also will benefit the school children.

"Like most people who discuss school finance, we feel really frustrated. You sort of begin at A, and come full circle right around to A," Richards said.

"One thing that we all did agree on (is) that we do not feel at this

point that we want to do anything that is in a hurry," Richards said.

The Texas Supreme Court on Jan. 30 declared unconstitutional the state's new county education district (CED) tax system and gave lawmakers until June 1, 1993 to fix it.

The tax system was designed to shift hundreds of millions of local property tax dollars from richer to poorer school districts within 188 CEDs, made up of one or several counties.

Last month's ruling was the third time since 1989 that the Supreme Court knocked down the public school funding system, which despite some changes continues to rely mostly on state aid and local property taxes. The court has ordered the state to equalize school funding.

In throwing out the new tax on a 7-2 vote, the Supreme Court said lawmakers violated the Texas Constitution by imposing a statewide property tax and by levying a prop-

erty tax without voter approval.

Taxpayers last week filed federal lawsuits challenging the court's decision that although the tax is unconstitutional, it may be collected for 1991 and 1992. The 1991 property taxes were due Jan. 31, and 1992 taxes are due next January.

Richards said she does not think state leaders have the option of leaving the issue to the courts to resolve.

She said the Supreme Court's Jan. 30 decision was related to the collection of taxation, and courts don't have the power to levy taxes.

State leaders will look at the possibility of forestalling a scheduled jump in the CED tax next school year, Richards said. The tax is to rise from an effective 72-cent rate per \$100 property valuation, based on the previous year's property values, to 82 cents.

State seeks new lottery consultant

AUSTIN (AP) — A lawmaker who had criticized the handling of lottery contracts said he was pleased with action taken by State Comptroller John Sharp.

On Monday, Sharp sought a new lottery consultant to review contracts after last week's resignation of a consultant who was accused of having a potential conflict of interest.

The new consultant will review bids for the computerized lottery games and the scratch-off tickets.

"The comptroller indicated his concern that public confidence be maintained," said Rep. John Carona, R-Dallas. "I am pleased by his decision."

The Texas lottery, expected to be one of the largest in the nation, is scheduled to start in July.

Lottery officials have announced the selection of Scientific Games, Inc. of Atlanta, Ga. to print the scratch-off tickets. The *Houston Chronicle* has reported that GTECH Corp. of West Greenwich, R.I., is the successful bidder for the computerized games.

It was the contract with Scientific Games — worth from between \$5 million and \$10 million annually — that sparked controversy when it was disclosed that the state-hired lottery consultant was the son-in-law of an executive with Scientific Games.

John Pitman, president of Lottery Support Group, said the relationship with his father-in-law Jim Culver of Scientific Games was not a conflict of interest, but several state lawmakers said Pitman should be fired.

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Opinion

An uncivil way to run a nation

When some people opposed last year's "civil rights" bill and predicted extensive litigation and unfair application, they were branded not only as pessimists, but also as racists and sexists opposed to legal equality.

Unfortunately, the critics of the legislation are being proven correct.

A federal employees union has filed suit against the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission because it refuses to apply the law retroactively.

The National Treasury Employees Union said the EEOC's decision "is directly contrary to the plain language of the act" and amounts to an attempt by the Bush administration to undermine the new law.

The union leaders want the new law applied to cases filed before the bill was passed by Congress. It's a basic tenet of American jurisprudence that the law on the books at the time of a crime or a lawsuit is the one that is to be applied. Many actions are made illegal, but prosecutors are unable to go back and charge those who committed such actions before the laws went into effect.

By what logic would employers now be guilty of wrongdoing for actions that were not illegal at the time the law went into effect or cases were filed? But then, labor unions have not always been known for their ability to use logic in their demands. And overturning years of legal precedents that acknowledge laws can't be enforced retroactively is something that the unions would illogically ignore.

The policy of observing 220 years of legal precedent "potentially will harm thousands of workers," said union president Robert M. Tobias. Nothing is said about the impact it would have on employers who have provided jobs for "thousands of workers."

The union chose to file its suit in U.S. District Court in San Francisco — considered by many to be the most liberal of the federal judiciary sites.

The EEOC policy says the agency will not pursue punitive damages for cases alleging employment bias before the bill was signed into law last November.

Like many other aspects of the bill, the question of retroactive enforcement was up in the air at the time it passed — members of Congress and President Bush didn't agree on what they were enacting.

Many Republican lawmakers, and the administration, contended it did not apply retroactively. Democratic sponsors insisted that it did. The two sides acknowledged at the time that a final decision would be made by the courts. Legislation by predicting a court response — what a poor way to run a country.

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Legal way of ballot-stuffing

What kind of a democracy would it be if a Republican state legislature could change election laws so that every future vote cast for a GOP candidate would be counted twice, while each Democratic vote would be counted only once?

Answer: the kind of democracy we have.

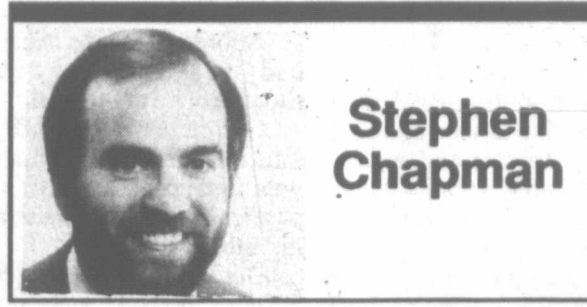
Parties in control of legislatures can't literally multiply the votes of their supporters, but they don't have to. They have a more ingenious device which formally treats everyone equally while overtly rigging things to the advantage of one party and the hindrance of the other. It's called gerrymandering; it is a perfectly legal version of ballot-stuffing, and in recent months, it has been going on coast to coast.

The reason it has been going on is that every decade, following the national census, congressional and legislative districts have to be redrawn to reflect population shifts. The lines could be drawn by nonpartisan committees or computers, but politicians will allow impartiality the day they agree to conduct all press conferences hooked up to a polygraph.

Elected officials often debate issues by invoking one lofty principle or another, and they occasionally vote according to the dictates of conscience. Not when it comes to redistricting: Partisan advantage is the sole object. Gerrymandering aims at converting small voting majorities into large legislative majorities and transient advantages into permanent ones.

The game is played by putting groups of voters together so that one party can win as many districts as possible. One master was California Rep. Phil Burton, whose 1982 congressional map helped boost a 22-21 Democratic edge in his state to 28-17.

In this game, there are two rules: Every district



Stephen Chapman

has to have the same number of people, and the areas in which any district's voters live must all be contiguous. These rules are no hindrance to the clever partisan, though many of the resulting maps resemble an explosion in a pretzel factory.

In the new Illinois congressional scheme (a GOP creation accepted by a federal court), the 4th congressional district looks like a mangled set of stereo headphones. Starting as a fat wedge, it sends out a narrow runner that goes 15 miles west, curves south, turns left, heads east and ends abruptly in another fat wedge south of downtown.

This misshapen district may not serve the interests of voters, but it fits neatly into a plan that serves the interests of Republicans — which is not to say the Democratic version was any fairer. Fairness doesn't have anything to do with it.

It should. Gerrymandering subverts democratic principles by giving elected officials the power to perpetuate themselves and their party in office, in defiance of the popular will. "It violates American constitutional tradition by conceding to legislatures an unchecked power of self-selection," argue Northwestern law professor Daniel Polsby and New York attorney Robert Popper in a paper published last year by the Heartland Institute in Chicago.

The Supreme Court, in its landmark "one person, one vote" cases in the 1960s, ruled that legislative districts must be equal in population, because otherwise voters in different districts aren't equal.

"If a state should provide that the votes of citizens in one part of the state should be given two times, or five times, or 10 times the weight of votes of citizens in another part of the state, it could hardly be contended that the right to vote of those residing in the disfavored areas had not been effectively diluted," it said, concluding that unequal districts had exactly the same result.

But the court has never extended that logic to gerrymandering, which dilutes the votes of one party's supporters. It may be reluctant because there is no perfect standard of fairness (like one person, one vote), so no map will be perfectly fair to every eye. The court may see no simply way to determine what's OK and what's not.

Polsby and Popper recommend that the court simply insist that districts be compact, unless there's a good reason not to be. That command wouldn't stop partisans from trying to use gerrymandering but would "make it practically useless."

Defining compactness may be harder, but that doesn't alter the crucial point made in the one person, one vote cases: If democracy is to be meaningful, the courts have to stop practices that violate basic democratic principles. The problem can't be left to elected officials, because they have an interest in frustrating voter preferences.

In 1946, the Supreme Court refused to do anything about an Illinois plan which gave the most populous district eight times as many voters as the least populous one. Someday, the court's unwillingness to do anything about gerrymandering will look just as blind as that refusal does today.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 1992. There are 324 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 11, 1990, South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in prison. Mandela walked through the gate of Victor Verster prison outside Cape Town, setting off celebrations among his followers.

On this date:

In 1812, the Massachusetts legislature, at the behest of Gov. Elbridge Gerry, passed a redistricting law favorable to his party, an action that resulted in the term "gerrymandering."

In 1847, inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

In 1929, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

In 1937, a sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.



Johnson is less than magical

Magic Johnson calls a news conference and announces he is retiring from pro basketball because he has messed around and come up HIV positive. The big "A."

Hurray for Magic Johnson. So what else could he have done? Call a news conference and announce he's retiring, but he can't say why?

How long would it have taken the *National Enquirer* or the *New York Post* to find out the real reason and blast it off their front pages?

About 12 minutes, or one-quarter of a pro basketball game, that's how long.

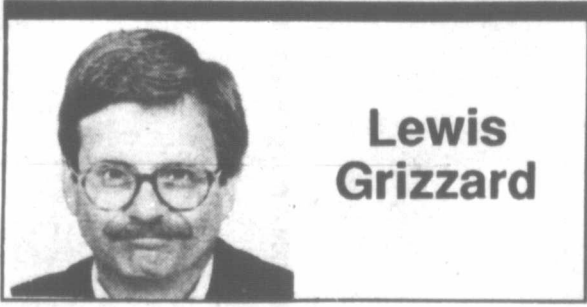
But suddenly Magic Johnson, who has made millions throwing a round ball in a hoop, is an American hero.

So how did he get himself in this shape? He explained he had unprotected sex. He slept with somebody and didn't have the good sense to use a condom. Some hero.

Now he has his recent meeting with President Bush. He meets with the president of the United States to talk about AIDS.

And then he publicly criticizes the president for not doing enough about AIDS.

President Bush didn't cause Magic Johnson or anybody else to get AIDS. He hasn't had time. He's got his hands full with a lousy economy, a failing approval rating and Patrick Buchanan.



Lewis Grizzard

President Bush went half way around the world trying to convince foreign governments to engage in fair trade policies with the United States in order to unstink our economy.

He went so far and he worked so hard he got a stomach virus and passed out at a dinner in Japan. Embarrassing.

He comes home and the first thing that happens to him is some basketball player-turned-martyr gives him a bunch of grief about AIDS. Insulting.

"More funds for AIDS," Magic says. More funds for a lot of things. And where's the money supposed to come from? From the taxpayers, of course, most of whom have had the good sense not to get AIDS.

You can get AIDS from a blood transfusion. That's a roll of the dice.

But you can also get AIDS from homosexual and heterosexual involvements, too. That's no roll of the dice.

Wear a condom. Better yet, abstain. That would go further in helping with the AIDS problem than another truckload of taxpayer money.

Just don't do it. Just say no. Sex was terrific before we found out it will kill you. So will cigarettes. But millions simply quit smoking. Get the idea?

If Magic Johnson wants to have more money for AIDS research, I wonder how many of his millions he's still got stashed away.

Tell me again, who's a hero? Magic Johnson for finding out, yes, it could happen even to me? Wilt Chamberlain for bedding 20,000 women and, so far, coming out of it unscathed?

Neither. One was careless and the other was just plain lucky.

Find me a megabucks superstar who could have sexual partners by the U-Haul trailerload, but who chooses not to, because it's 1992 and you can't do that kind of thing anymore.

There's the hero. There's who I want to talk to kids. There's who the president should have over for a chat.

Not Magic Johnson, who ought to change his name. To Reality.

Is the man shortage only a myth?

By SARAH OVERSTREET

Happy Valentine's Day, women of America over the age of 30 who aren't married but want to be. Seems the little Valentine's Day Ego Massacre we got in 1986 is as full of holes as the victims of the famous 1929 gangland shooting.

Ah, I remember it well. One of my best friends, a successful never-married career woman, had just broken up with her boyfriend and was getting ready for her 29th birthday later in February. "Have you seen the Harvard-Yale study?" she shouted over a bad long-distance phone connection. "I may as well give up while I'm ahead, get a good dog and some flannel nightgowns."

Yes, I had read the Harvard-Yale study, its findings having been shouted just as loudly from the headlines and TV anchors' mouths of every major news organization in the land.

According to the study, a single,

college-educated woman over the age of 30 had only a 20 percent chance of ever getting married, and only a 1.3 percent chance if she was still unmarried by the age of 40. *Newsweek* magazine even made the analogy that a woman over 40 had a better chance of being shot by a terrorist than getting married. (I'd be interested to know the love history of the writer who came up with that.)

Having had a not-so-good marriage but a wonderful dog, I didn't view the Harvard-Yale study as such tragic news. Yet I sympathized with my friend, who sincerely looked forward to marrying some day. I told her not to be discouraged, because something about the so-called "study" just didn't gel.

"The majority of single men I know in their 30s and 40s do want to get married, and not to 22-year-olds," I told her. "They're looking for attractive women near their own ages, and ones who have good careers them-

selves. They're not looking for wives who'll stay at home. They want the extra income."

Now, six years later, Pulitzer-Prize-winning *Wall Street Journal* reporter Susan Faludi disputes the well-touted media claims of all the "ills" that supposedly befall career women: infertility, the stress that attends "trying to have it all," feelings of dissatisfaction despite their success and, of course, the inability to find men to marry.

In her book, *Backlash* (subtitled *The Undeclared War Against American Women*), Faludi says the statistics used to prove the ills of careerism are shaky in some cases, and patently misused and misconstrued in others. Alas, she says, the Great Man Shortage is one of the biggest of these myths.

So, as I told my friend I had suspected back in 1986, the "statistics" don't gel. The dearth of marrying prospects was a ruse, a bunch of mis-

informed research given credibility by a press who, as Eugene McCarthy so eloquently said, often do their reporting like a flock of blackbirds following each other from one telephone pole to another.

I can't say whether Faludi's main contention is true or not, that a coalition of neoconservatives and antifeminists have conspired to popularize the image that the women's movement has deprived and enslaved women instead of improving their lives.

But I do know that members of the press, of which I am numbered, do sometimes have the tendency to run after anything remotely resembling a "trend."

It's a bit like a herd of elephants following the lead elephant's trumpet, then not being able to stop until we're all lying in a heap on top of the truth so that no one can see it, least of all us.

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Lawmakers among officials on parks VIP retreats

By PHILIP BRASHER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mike DeWine needed an economical place to take his seven children for vacation. He found just the spots — scenic, cut-rate retreats that the National Park Service kept off limits to the public.

He was among nearly three-dozen current or former members of Congress whose names appear with several top government officials on recent guest lists for the VIP lodging in Virginia, North Carolina, Wyoming and the Virgin Islands.

Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan on Friday closed the four retreats to all but official business, ending what was a popular perk with many members of Congress and government officials.

"It was an opportunity to take our kids to one place, to the mountains and the other place, to the beach," DeWine said Monday. "When you have a large family you look for a place where you can take the kids."

DeWine, now Ohio's lieutenant governor, was a congressman in 1988, 1989 and 1990 when he took his family to VIP retreats at Shenandoah National Park in Virginia and the Cape Hatteras National Seashore in North Carolina, according to park service lists obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

Minnesota Rep. Vin Weber and Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens were the lawmakers who signed up for the lodging the most often, the records show.

Weber signed up for seven visits since 1988.

Stevens, R-Alaska, reserved the facilities eight times but office interns used the lodging most of the time, he said.

Some lawmakers, like Stevens, said they reserved the retreats for staff members and didn't go themselves.

Vice President Dan Quayle and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor also are on the guest lists, along with other officials including Labor Secretary Lynn Martin and former Transportation Secretary Sam Skinner, now President Bush's chief of staff.

Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, a Democratic presidential candidate, is among the lawmakers whose names appear.

Weber reserved up to 20 days a year at the hideaways, according to the records. His favorite spot was a three-bedroom cottage on the picturesque Cape Hatteras National Seashore that rented for the bargain rate of \$40 a night. Private beach houses of similar size in the area rent for two to three times as much.

He reserved nine days in 1990 at the Brinkerhoff House, a rustic but well furnished log cabin on the shore of Lake Jackson in Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

"We're not talking about Club Med here," said Sherri Burkholder, a Weber spokeswoman. "They're very rustic and the members do pay competitive market rates for them."

Rep. Dennis Hastert, who visited the Virgin Islands cottage for several days in 1990 and 1991, said he didn't save any money using the

government lodging, which cost \$90 a night.

"It was a bare bones place," said Hastert, R-Ill. "I had friends down there who had a nicer home for the same price."

The VIP accommodations have been losing money for the Park Service.

In Shenandoah, the Park Service said the complex of three cabins built by resident Hoover cost \$36,700 to maintain. The VIPs who used the cabins paid a total of \$11,757. On Cape Hatteras, guests at the three-bedroom Bodie Island house paid \$11,320, about \$1,000 short of expenses.

Rep. Harris Fawell, R-Ill., reserved the three cabins at Camp Hoover in the Shenandoah park for a staff meeting.

"Nobody was there to go fishing or golfing," Fawell said. "We had to make our own meals. I even made oatmeal for the whole bunch with plenty of raisins."

The Park Service provided guest lists for 1988-91 for the Virgin Islands and Cape Hatteras cottages, and records dating back to 1989 for the other lodgings.

Henceforth, Camp Hoover and the Grand Teton cabin will be used for official meetings and conferences by government officials. The Virgin Islands house will be turned into living quarters for park employees. The Cape Hatteras cottage will be reserved for visiting researchers.

"The public just did not like the fact that certain people had access to homes that they didn't," said Steve Goldstein, an Interior Department spokesman.

Files on fugitive Nazis made public in Argentina

By ED McCULLOUGH
Associated Press Writer

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Some of the most notorious Nazi fugitives worked at common jobs after fleeing to Argentina and constantly worried about their pursuers, according to documents made public after decades of secrecy.

But the first batch of documents opened Monday shed little light on broader questions such as how the Nazis entered the country or whether the government of then-President Juan Peron abetted them.

The documents at the National Archives — covering Josef Mengele and some other Third Reich leaders — debunked the legend that top Nazis arrived flush with cash and lived in style.

President Carlos Menem last week ordered all records concerning the Nazis be made public and gave government agencies 30 days to turn over files.

The faded newspaper clippings, photographs, surveillance reports, identity card applications, fingerprints and other data viewed Mon-

day told a story of lives spent on the run or fighting extradition.

Mengele, Eduard Roschmann, Walter Kutschmann and Josef Schwammberger snuck past immigration officials using false names or passports. Schwammberger went on to work at a petrochemical plant; Kutschmann apparently drove a cab.

Mengele, the so-called "Angel of Death" at the Auschwitz camp, practiced medicine for several years in the 1950s and was known as a specialist in abortions, which were illegal, the documents said.

Martin Bormann, Adolf Hitler's top deputy, never made it to Argentina, files showed. Schwammberger, who allegedly had a role in the deaths of 3,400 people in Poland, lived openly under his real name. So did Mengele.

But they always had to look over their shoulders to stay ahead of those seeking to try them from war crimes.

Adolf Eichmann, the architect of Adolf Hitler's plan to exterminate Jews, was kidnapped by Israeli agents in 1960 in Argentina. He

was tried in Israel and hanged. His file may turn up at the Foreign Ministry.

In 1977, Roschmann slipped into Paraguay to evade an arrest warrant. The SS captain, accused of executing tens of thousands of Jews at labor camps in Latvia, died three weeks later of a heart attack at age 59.

Kutschmann, who was wanted in connection with the deaths of 1,500 Jews at a concentration camp in Poland, spent his last months in a Buenos Aires jail or hospital, fighting extradition to Germany. He died in August 1986.

The next year, Schwammberger, 78, was arrested. He was extradited in 1990 and is now on trial in Stuttgart, Germany.

Mengele sought security by moving frequently. He was a naturalized citizen of Argentina and Paraguay, and is believed to have drowned in Brazil in 1979.

Several thousand Nazis may have come to Argentina after World War II, led by those "with the most hideous pasts," according to Shimon Samuels of the Simon Wies-

enthal Center for Holocaust studies.

Nazi hunters are trying to trace 21 former Nazis who are believed to have reached Argentina after the war, including Ante Pavelic, the former head of the Croatian SS, and Heinrich Muller, the former Gestapo chief.

Samuels wants to document how they escaped war-torn Germany.

A common notion is that Juan Peron, president from 1945 until 1955, sold Argentine passports. But Mengele arrived on an International Red Cross passport; Schwammberger on a fake Italian passport and Kutschmann on a Spanish one.

The documents also pose some unanswered questions.

There was an order to arrest Mengele in July 1961. It's unclear whether it was carried out.

Kutschmann applied for a police certificate of good conduct so he could travel to the United States. It's unclear whether he ever went.

New information may be disclosed in coming weeks when the foreign and interior ministries, the Immigration Department and other agencies turn over files.

Moldova moving toward diplomatic relations with U.S.

By RUTH SINAI
Associated Press Writer

KISHINEV, Moldova (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Moldovan President Mircea Snegur said today they were moving toward establishing diplomatic relations between their two countries.

Snegur pledged the former Soviet republic's adherence to human rights and the economic and democratic reforms that are the prerequisite for establishment of formal relations with the United States.

Baker said the "assurances we got ... were complete and full" and would likely result in diplomatic relations in the "near future."

He said President Bush would probably meet next week with Snegur in the United States and an announcement on relations would likely follow.

Baker said he had received detailed promises that the rights of Moldova's minorities would be guaranteed.

Moldova borders Romania and some two-thirds of its 4.2 million people are ethnic Romanians. But the republic faces secessionist sentiment in Slav and Turkic dominated regions.

Eight people have been killed in armed clashes the past two months.

Baker arrived Monday night at the start of a swing through six former Soviet republics and Moscow. The tour includes Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. He leaves later today for Armenia.

The United States has established diplomatic ties with nine of the 15 former Soviet republics.

Moldovan Premier Valeriu Muravski and other top officials participated in the two-hour talks with Baker.

Foreign Minister Nicolae Tiu said in an interview that he had proposed to Baker setting up a joint commission of experts to study democratic and economic reforms to "help us avoid making mistakes."

He said he was confident of diplomatic relations with the United States — "if not today, maybe tomorrow."

Moldova is in dire economic straits, like the rest of the former Soviet empire, and hopes relations with Washington will encourage other countries to follow suit and will lead to foreign trade and investment.

So far, some 90 countries have recognized Moldova, but only one — neighboring Romania, which controlled Moldova until the Soviets seized it in 1940 — has opened an embassy.

Moldova, despite its fledgling attempts at market and political reform, is "far from being a multiparty democracy," said one U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Snegur, a former Communist Party official, ran unopposed in December elections and won by a landslide.

Moldova declared independence last year.

A vocal minority is pushing for reunification with Romania — but Snegur insists that most Moldovans prefer to remain independent.

Baker's visit coincided with the arrival Monday of 14 tons of medical aid as part of the U.S.-sponsored "Operation Provide Hope" program for former Soviet republics.

Another shipment containing 21,000 meals is expected Thursday, officials said.

'Medicine Man' takes top spot at movie box office

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *Medicine Man*, starring Sean Connery as a scientist seeking a cure for cancer in the rain forest, knocked *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle* out of the No. 1 spot at the box office in its opening weekend.

Medicine Man sold \$8.5 million in tickets, Exhibitor Relations Co. said Monday. *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle*, the bad-nanny thriller that had been in first place for four straight weekends, was No. 2 with \$6.5 million.

Final Analysis, a Hitchcock-style thriller starring Richard Gere as a psychiatrist, made \$6.4 million in its debut — good enough for third place.

Here are the top movie ticket sales Friday through Sunday, according to Entertainment Data, with distributor, weekend gross, number of theater screens, average per screen, total gross and number of weeks in release.

Figures are based on a combination of actual receipts and studio projections where actual figures weren't immediately available.

1. *Medicine Man*, Disney, \$8.5 million, 1,304 screens,

\$6,514 per screen, \$8.5 million, one week.

2. *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle*, Disney, \$6.5 million, 1,759 screens, \$3,678 per screen, \$51.5 million, five weeks.

3. *Final Analysis*, Warner Bros., \$6.4 million, 1,504 screens, \$4,263 per screen, \$6.4 million, one week.

4. *Fried Green Tomatoes*, Universal, \$6.2 million, 1,229 screens, \$5,010 per screen, \$25.3 million, seven weeks.

5. *Shining Through*, 20th Century Fox, \$6.7 million, 1,433 screens, \$2,567 per screen, \$11.7 million, two weeks.

6. *Father of the Bride*, Disney, \$2.8 million, 1,645 screens, \$1,694 per screen, \$72.4 million, eight weeks.

7. *Grand Canyon*, 20th Century Fox, \$2.5 million, 1,223 screens, \$2,012 per screen, \$24 million, seven weeks.

8. *Beauty and the Beast*, Disney, \$2.309 million, 1,580 screens, \$1,461 per screen, \$106.4 million, 13 weeks.

9. *JFK*, Warner Bros., \$2.308 million, 1,351 screens, \$1,709 per screen, \$57.9 million, eight weeks.

10. *Hook*, TriStar, \$2.1 million, 1,598 screens, \$1,315 per screen, \$109.9 million, nine weeks.

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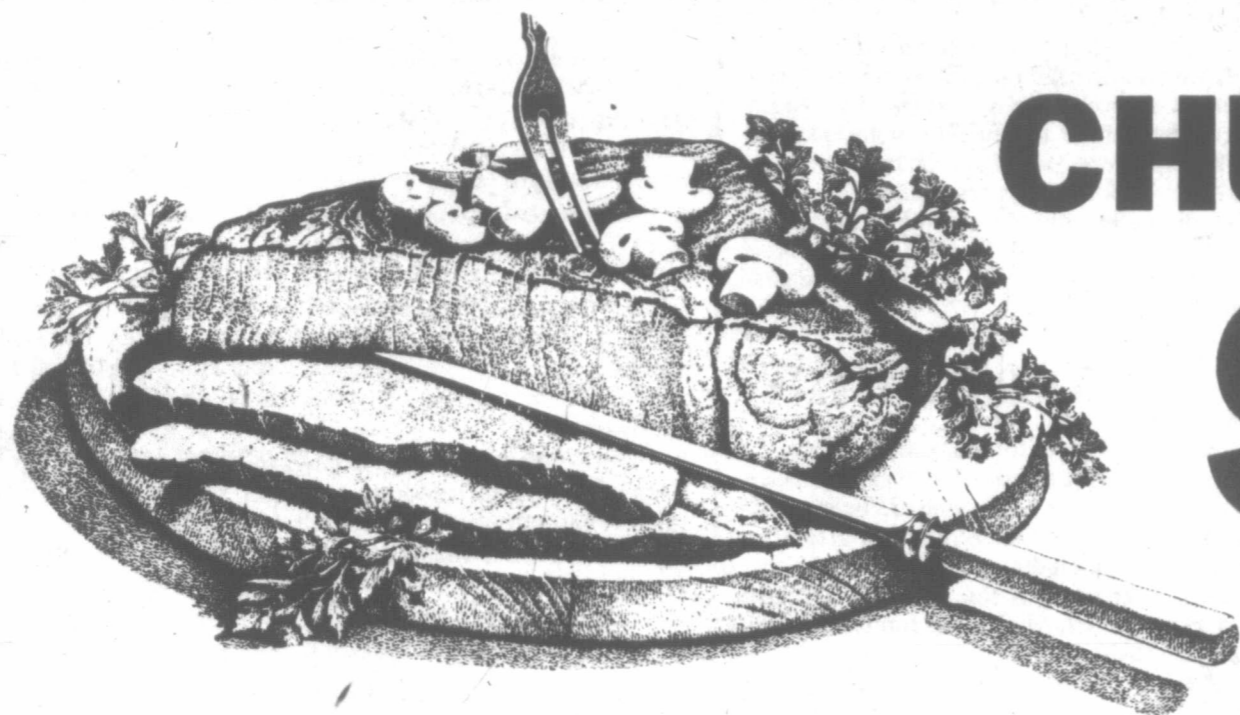
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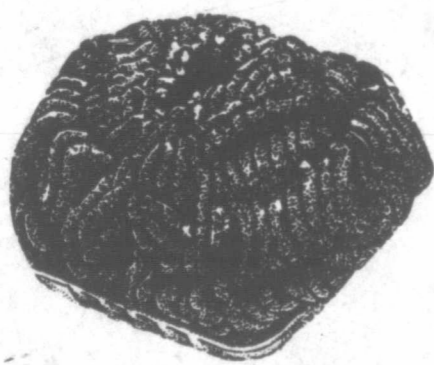
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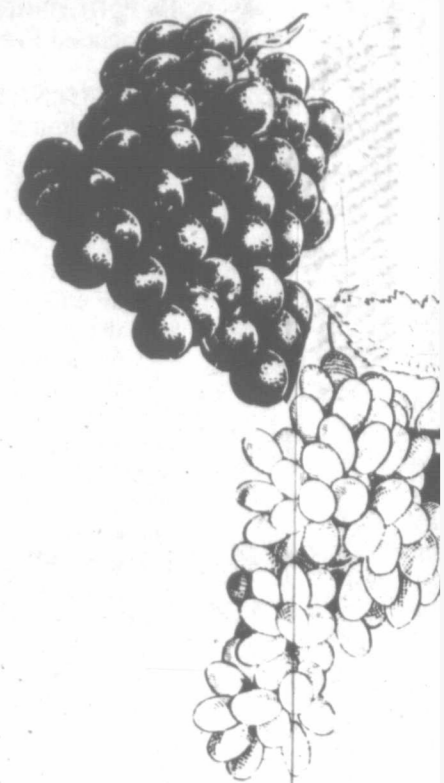


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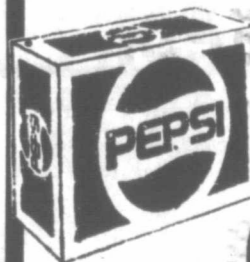
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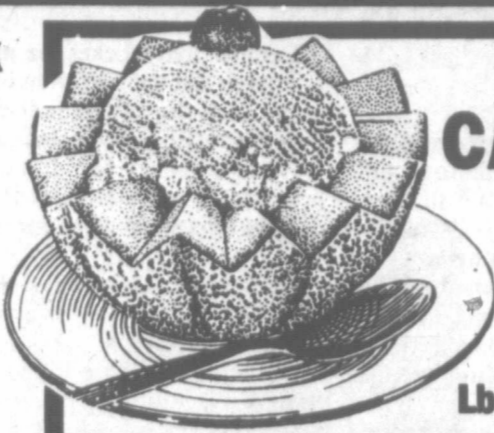
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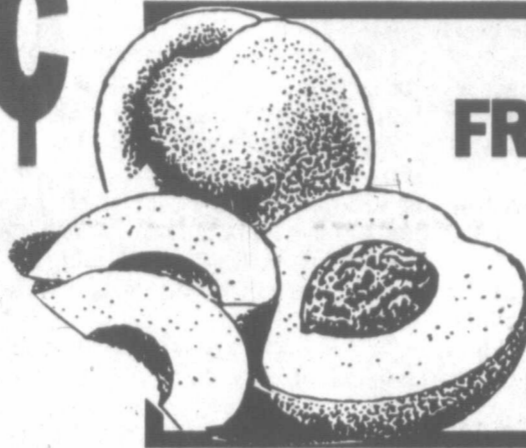


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Robert T. Rylee, chairman of Dow Corning's health care businesses, stands before a cluster of microphones at a Washington news conference Monday where Dow released an 800-page book of internal documents about breast implant problems.

Dow Corning Corp. reveals company knew of leaks in silicone breast implants

By RICHARD L. VERNACI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dow Corning Corp. named a new chairman after revealing it long has known about complaints that its silicone gel breast implants leak.

The company took both actions Monday while continuing to insist the devices pose no threat of cancer or other life-threatening complications. Dow Corning voluntarily pulled the implants from the market late last year pending further study of their safety.

Dow Corning did acknowledge, however, that if leaking silicone gel works its way beyond the scar tissue that normally surrounds an implant, it can cause "persistent tissue inflammation."

In a display rare in corporate America, Dow Corning released an 800-page book of internal documents Monday that showed the company not only knew of implant problems for decades, but that some of its own employees were seriously worried — if not extremely angry — about them.

And, after the financial markets closed, the company announced separately a shakeup at its top — with Keith R. McKennon replacing John S. Ludington as chairman of the board. Ludington becomes chairman emeritus with no day-to-day authority.

Earlier, standing before a cluster of microphones in Washington, Robert T. Rylee, chairman of Dow Corning's health care businesses, said the public disclosure of company documents was excruciating but necessary.

"In some of them there will be what some consider to be inflammatory language," Rylee said. "Obviously, we're not happy about that, but we believe that there's understanding and explanation for each one."

An example: On April 29, 1980, salesman Bob Schnabel wrote to the home office in Midland, Mich., to relay a doctor's complaint about a batch of implants that appeared to be leaky.

"To put a questionable lot of mammaries on the market is inexcusable," Schnabel wrote. "I don't know who is responsible for this decision but it has to rank right up there with the Pinto gas tank." — a reference to the Ford Pinto automobile.

Dow Corning said it checked that particular lot of implants and found nothing wrong with them.

"The memo was written by a salesman who had an unhappy customer," Rylee said. "While we're not happy about the memos, we have nothing to hide."

Still, it was a day of mea culpas for Dow Corning, and by sunset, the boss was out. The company's announcement said the Ludington-McKennon shift was to "focus full-time top executive attention to both the complex issues related to silicone breast implants as well as the ongoing management changes."

The stocks of the two companies that formed Dow Corning were mixed for the day. Dow Chemical closed up 1.38 at 57.25, while Corning was down 2.50 at 60.75.

Rylee said the company remained committed to the breast implant business even though it had not made any money from it in years.

An estimated 1 million women in the United States have had silicone breast implants.

The implants have been voluntarily withdrawn from the market while the Food and Drug Administration examines new information on their safety. An FDA advisory panel is to consider the information and offer its advice next week.

The company repeatedly has told doctors and the government that the implants are safe, and it reiterated that assurance Monday. But the documents show concern within Dow Corning as well.

In one 1985 memo, Bill Boley, a company scientist, warned that more testing was needed to determine whether a particular formula of the silicone gel caused cancer. He wrote, "Without this testing, I think we have excessive personal and corporate liability exposure."

Lawsuits and consumer groups have alleged that silicone gel leaking from the implants can cause a host of health problems, including cancer and damage to the body's immune system.

But the company said the implants are safe, and the studies released in the book did not show any definite link between silicone gel and cancer or immune system problems.

But the company, in an explanation that accompanied the documents, acknowledged that silicone gel in the body can cause problems.

Dahmer escaped one close call after another

By MICHELLE WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Police questioned Jeffrey Dahmer on at least four occasions and entered his apartment twice during his string of slayings without learning his grisly secret, according to records and testimony at his trial.

Records show Dahmer was questioned in connection with a robbery, a sexual assault, drunken driving and his relationship with a dazed, naked teen-ager during the years he was killing and dismembering 17 boys and men.

According to testimony, Dahmer was stopped on suspicion of drunken driving in Ohio in 1978 while taking the body of his first victim to a dump. But he talked his way out of trouble even after police shined a light on the plastic bags.

Dahmer also was linked with a missing person's report and a complaint about foul odors coming from his apartment. But both times investigating officers went to the wrong address.

And in another case, police never followed up on a teen-ager's report that Dahmer hit him in the head with a mallet.

Two police officers testified Monday at the serial killer's sanity trial that they found nothing unusual about Dahmer when they questioned him in 1988 about a man's claim that Dahmer robbed and drugged him.

"He seemed normal. He wasn't hesitant," said Detective Don Yockey of the suburban West Allis Police Department. "I felt there was no problem. I believed his story."

Dahmer told Yockey he met the man at a gay nightclub and the two went back to the West Allis home of Dahmer's grandmother, where he was living. He said the two drank and fell asleep.

He told Yockey he put the man on a bus a few hours later, and he claimed he never robbed or drugged the man. Police eventually dropped the case.

But Dahmer told police after his arrest in July that he had drugged and robbed the man and would have killed him if his grandmother hadn't seen him. He said he killed another victim — his third — at the home days later.

Dahmer has pleaded guilty but insane to 15 slayings in Milwaukee. The jury's verdict will decide whether he goes to prison or a mental hospital.

He is not charged with one Wisconsin murder for lack of evidence, and he will stand trial later for one Ohio slaying later.

Testimony in the trial, now in its third week, showed how Dahmer first dodged police when he killed 18-year-old Steven Hicks, his first victim, at his boyhood home in Bath, Ohio. Dahmer said an officer flashed a light in the back seat of the car and asked what was in the plastic trash bags.

"He told them he was upset about his parents' divorce and was taking a late night drive," psychiatrist Dr. Frederick Fosdal testified for the prosecution. "He said he decided to take the trash to the dump."

Dahmer was allowed to drive away. Other testimony detailed these close calls:

— Two Milwaukee police officers found a naked and dazed 14-year-old on the street and returned him to Dahmer in May after Dahmer convinced them he and the boy were lovers having a spat. Dahmer said the officers dropped the boy on a couch in his apartment.

"In the next room, there was a dead body," Fosdal testified Monday. The officers were later fired.

Dahmer later told police he killed the boy after the officers left and four other men before he was arrested July 22. He said if officers had looked in the next room, they would have found skulls, frozen body parts, severed heads, torsos in an acid-filled vat and preserved genitals.

—Milwaukee police Lt. Scott Schaefer said Dahmer helped officers search his apartment for evidence after being arrested in 1988 for sexually assaulting a teen-age boy. Dahmer was later convicted and served nine months in jail.

Dahmer has since said a victim's skull was in a closet at the time. Officers had no reason to check the closet, Schaefer said.

—Dahmer told Fosdal a neighbor complained last spring about the stench in his apartment building and police knocked on the door of an adjoining apartment but never questioned him.

—Dahmer admitted hitting a 15-year-old boy on the head with a rubber mallet after luring him to the apartment in 1990. The boy reported the attack to police, but records show they never questioned Dahmer about it.

"I lucked out," Fosdal quoted Dahmer as saying.

First meals served in Moscow from U.S. relief efforts

By LARRY RYCKMAN
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Another giant C-5 U.S. Air Force transport plane flew relief supplies to Russia today, and the first meals of donated food — including pork chops and mashed potatoes — were served at a Moscow soup kitchen.

The U.S.-led airlift that began Monday will meet only a fraction of the need — the first plane load had 100,000 meals for Moscow, a city of 9 million. The \$78 million effort is small compared to the more than \$80 billion in aid the European Community has sent since 1990. Germany alone has sent \$45 billion.

"It's a little shameful that my country has come to this. But what can you do? That's life," said Pvt. Andrei Chernyi, a 19-year-old recruit helping unload supplies from a U.S. cargo plane.

Salvation Army volunteers today began dishing out the first of the donated meals at a cafeteria in southeastern Moscow. The soup kitchen, which began operations Jan. 1 with the help of private sponsors and the Red Cross, usually feeds 300 people a day.

About 30 people — mostly elderly, invalids, and poor with large families — were the first to be served today. The menu was cream of chicken soup with dark Russian bread, followed by pork chops, mashed potatoes, corn, juice and vanilla pudding.

"Oh, we're very grateful. That's very good. It's wonderful when people look after and respect old people," Olga Korolyova, an 86-year-old pensioner, said of the meal. President Boris Yeltsin of Russia,



U.S. military personnel, left, from a C-5 transport plane, trade pins of the former Soviet army for packs of chewing gum with a Ukrainian soldier, right, after unloading humanitarian aid Monday in Kiev. The U.S. airmen are stationed in Riverside, Calif.

who has chastised the West for slowness to respond to his country's need for food, expressed thanks Monday but skirted the question of whether he was satisfied with the two-week-long airlift.

"We cannot judge whether it is sufficient or insufficient," he said on television. "One must just express gratitude that it is coming, that at such a difficult time people wholeheartedly want to give some sort of assistance to Russia."

The American food supplies — mostly rations left over from the Persian Gulf War — will provide only a few days worth of meals to people unable to keep

up with rising food prices. For Russians, the cuisine may be as unfamiliar as the sight of American GIs. Translators were put to the test to explain chili con carne, dehydrated fish sticks, beef with gravy and apple pie filling.

Also donated are B-rations, bulk containers of food that had been stored in Spain and Italy since the war ended early last year.

"It's all stuff that will make mouths water in Moscow," said Salvation Army Capt. Sven-Erik Ljungdahl.

He said guards were stationed to prevent theft. "We will watch every pallet, every can, to be sure it gets

where it's supposed to," said Ljungdahl.

The airlift, dubbed "Operation Provide Hope," began with flights from Germany and Turkey, and continued today with one flight from Germany. More than 64 flights are planned to carry about 2,000 tons of food and medicine to 23 points across the Commonwealth of Independent States.

"The Cold War is over, and now it is time for all to join in building a new peace," Secretary of State James A. Baker III said Monday.

Baker hinted Washington may be willing to discuss a multibillion dollar fund to stabilize the ruble and allow a fixed-rate currency exchange. But he said such a plan would first require a workable economic reform plan and Russian membership in the International Monetary Fund.

American officials acknowledge the U.S. relief will be quickly exhausted.

"This is very insignificant in terms of the total need. It's only a symbolic gesture," said Tom Brennan of the U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance.

To meet the real needs of the commonwealth would take an effort "1,000 times bigger," he said.

The airlift is part of a relief effort designed at a 47-nation conference in Washington last month. Aid from Germany, Japan, Turkey and Italy also was shipped Monday.

The United States has pledged \$5 billion in aid in all, mainly credits for purchases of American grain. Japan has pledged \$3 billion; Saudi Arabia \$1.5 billion, and many other nations are contributing.

Russian translators toil to explain what airlift was carrying

RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Germany (AP) — Russians may find the chili con carne shipped in on U.S. relief flights tasty. But what do they call it?

That's where a team of translators more at home with weapons technology than recipes comes in. It has been called in to explain to former Soviets exactly what they are getting out of Operation Provide Hope.

"Beans with meat and hot sauce"

was agreed upon as the translation for chili con carne.

Other stumbers included dehydrated shrimp, instant mashed potatoes and non-dairy creamer. Not to mention the drugs, many of which do not exist in the Commonwealth of Independent States.

"We had a list of typically American products and medicine, and then we had to put that into a language that would be comprehensible to the people," said Alan French, normally

a translator for the Defense Department's On-Site Inspection Agency, which monitors arms treaty compliance.

"It was amazing some of the things we had to translate."

Instant mashed potatoes were deemed "potato puree sublimated (powder)."

Non-dairy creamer, which prompted lengthy debate, was explained as "artificial, dry cream without a milk base."

French, four other agency translators and three native Russian speakers brainstormed nearly around-the-clock over the weekend after they were recruited at the last minute to apply their language skills to the relief effort.

Their instructions — definitions of food items based on ingredients and detailed, simple instructions for medicine — were included among the tons of food and supplies flown to the former Soviets on Monday.



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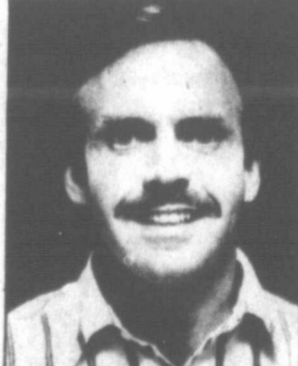
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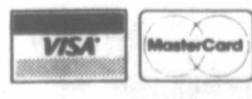
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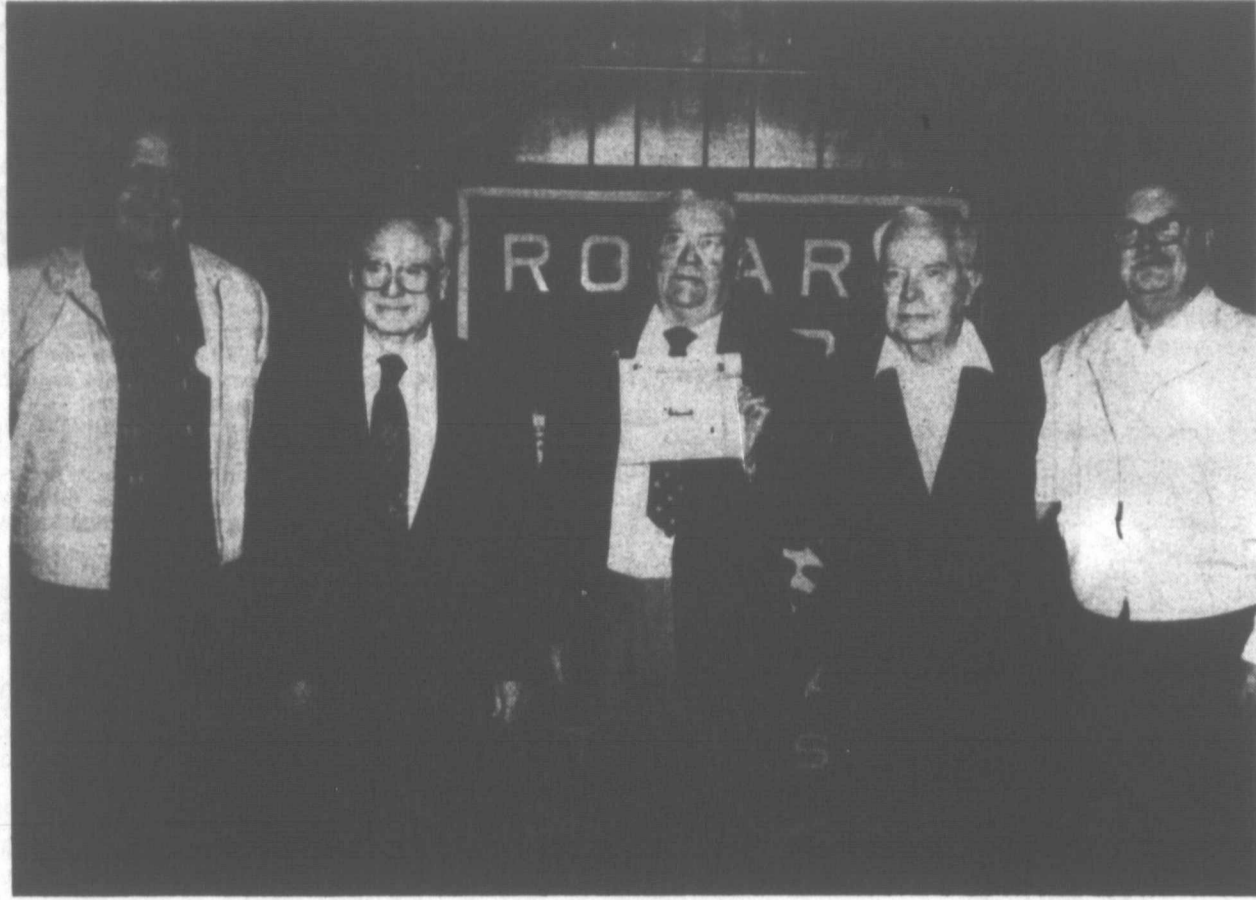
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Lifestyles

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 Chuck LaBarr, president of the Rotary Club of Pampa, pictured center, is with those named as Paul Harris Fellows by the club. From left, are Milo Carlson, Otis Nace, LaBarr, Bill Ragsdale, and Judge Don Cain. Not pictured is Jerry Carlson, also a Paul Harris Fellow honored by the club.

Love takes wing after gal reaches out to guy

DEAR ABBY: Kudos to you for saying, "If a man and woman are attracted to each other, it doesn't matter if the man calls the woman or the woman calls the man. Women are people, and people shouldn't play games."

Eighteen years ago, I was an airplane pilot for a large corporation and I did a lot of traveling all over the USA. During the early years on that job, I met Patsy. There was an unmistakable mutual attraction. We exchanged telephone numbers because we both wanted to see each other again and get better acquainted. Well, I lost her telephone number. I tried to locate her, but to no avail. Meanwhile, I couldn't get Patsy out of my mind.

About a year later, after returning from a long trip, I found this message on my answering machine: "Hi, Handy ... this is Patsy! Call me and let's get together. Here's my telephone number ..."

I called her immediately, and we got together. Our instincts were right ... we were made for each other, and we have been together for 17 wonderful years.

Thank heavens for women who are secure enough to call men if they want to see them again. —
 HANDY ELLIS, DAPHNE, ALA.



Dear Abby
 Abigail Van Buren

DEAR HANDY: Congratulations! My mail was heavy on the subject of who should call whom. Most readers agreed that it's OK for a woman to call a man. Few did not. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The 35-year-old single woman who signed her letter "Don't Call Me, I'll Call You" is no lady. If she were, she would not have to solicit dates. Her mother was right — a lady never calls a gentleman.

A lady is a woman of virtue, wisdom and refinement. Those attributes are more than sufficient to ensure that she will never lack suitors. Such a lady stands head and shoulders above the rest. She knows that virtue attracts virtue, and men

of character will vie for her hand.

It is preposterous to imagine a lady aggressively pursuing men, telling them they are attractive, and asking for their telephone numbers.

I fear that the general moral decay in America has produced a population of desperate, shameless women who will stop at nothing to get a man.

Your advice encourages women to be aggressive and pursue men. I request that you do not refer to these people as "ladies" or "gentlemen." To do so not only condones their rapacious appetites, but insults those who are genuine ladies and gentlemen.

Your former president, Harry S. Truman, said, "I never give them hell, I just tell them the truth, and they think it's hell." My guess is that you probably think this is a letter from hell, so I am enclosing my card in case you want to defend yourself. I would be quite surprised if you printed this letter.

MGW, SEOUL, KOREA
 DEAR MGW: I don't know which one of us will be more surprised—you to see this letter in print, or me to have discovered the last viable Victorian male hiding out in Southeast Asia.

Transplant method decided by roots of tree selected

Proper planting of your newly-selected trees is a wise practice. Procedures vary depending upon whether you select bare-root, container-grown or balled-and-burlapped trees.

Bare root trees. It is important to dig a hole large enough to allow the root system of the bare-root tree to spread naturally. The hole, however, need not be much larger than the roots.

Probably the number one reason for failure with bare-root plants is that the roots have been allowed to dry out. If transplanting a bare-root plant yourself, consider wrapping the roots in wet burlap or plastic. If it will be more than a few hours before the tree is to be planted, heel-in the specimen in moist soil, wood shavings, pine bark or a similar material.

When ready to plant, cut back any broken or damaged roots; for most trees, it is a good idea to remove one-third to one-half of the top growth to compensate for root loss. This usually increases the vigor of the tree and reduces transplanting shock.

Mound topsoil in the bottom of the hole to form a core over which the roots may be spread. For tap-rooted trees make sure the tap root is pointed straight down. Backfill the hole about three-quarters full with soil worked firmly about the roots and settle the soil by watering thoroughly. This should eliminate air pockets. Fill the remaining space with additional topsoil. If your topsoil lacks organic material, it is a good idea to mix about one part peat moss, compost or similar material to two parts topsoil.

A watering basin may be created with additional soil that will facilitate irrigation during dry periods. During times of high rainfall or in poorly-drained areas, the basin should be removed. A 2- to 3-inch mulch at the base of newly-planted trees not only conserves moisture, but lowers soil temperature during summer and reduces weed problems.

It is safest to use the bare-root transplanting method during the dormant period, which usually occurs from December through March. Trees are sometimes sold bare-root, but due to handling problems, this method is not as popular now as in the past. Mail-order nurseries still utilize this method mainly because of



For Horticulture
 Joe Van Zandt

the practicality and economy of shipping plants without soil. It is also sometimes necessary to transplant trees growing in sandy soil that is unsuitable for balling by this method.

Balled-and-Burlapped and Container-Grown Trees. Larger trees are usually transplanted by the balled-and-burlapped (B&B) method. The root system is relatively undisturbed unless the root ball is broken. Handling B&B trees by the root ball rather than the trunk helps avoid such problems.

Container-grown plants are rapidly increasing in popularity because of their ease of handling and relative lack of shock.

Occasionally a tree may have been allowed to remain in the container too long, becoming root-bound. This condition is apparent when a mass of roots has spiraled around the bottom and sides of the container.

If you discover that the tree you have purchased is root-bound, begin by removing the container and thoroughly soaking or immersing the root ball in water for 15 or 20 seconds. Then, pry or loosen the root mass or cut some roots. Unless this is done, the tree may not outgrow its ball and may never become established. If you have significantly damaged the roots, it is wise to prune the top portion of the tree to compensate for any root loss.

It is important not to plant your tree too deeply. Actually, the hole need not be deeper than the ball itself, so that the tree can be placed as high or slightly higher than it was originally growing. It may be helpful, however, to dig the hole 12 to 18 inches wider than the ball, saving the topsoil to mix with about one part peat moss, pine bark or other organic

material to two parts soil. In heavy clay soils having poor drainage, little or no organic material may be preferred except in the final third of the backfill.

Container-grown and B&B trees can be successfully planted any month of the year in Texas. They usually require less maintenance during their first year, however, if planted during the cooler seasons. Planting during our hottest summer weather is practical as long as someone will be close at hand to provide water when necessary.

Staking. Most trees taller than 4 feet should be staked at planting time. Small- to medium-sized trees can be supported by two strong stakes driven well into the ground about a foot from the trunk. The tree may be attached to the stakes by heavy wire run through old garden hose to prevent damage to the trunk and limbs of the trees.

Heavily-branched or large trees may require guying. At least three guy wires extending to the lower branches of the tree at about a 45 degree angle from stakes in the ground are required. Old garden hose should again be used to protect the tree from the abrasion of the wires. Turnbuckles are a practical addition since they provide a convenient way to keep the wires taut.

If your tree has sparse foliage or is exposed to the full sun, wrap the trunk to prevent scalding. Special tree-wrap paper is available from nurseries and garden centers, but strips of burlap or similar materials can also be used.

A deep root system can be encouraged by watering thoroughly but not too frequently. If transplanting during hot, dry periods, frequent watering may be necessary, but after the first few weeks of establishment it is good to let the soil dry slightly before irrigating. A 2- or 3-inch application of mulch is a good way to reduce soil temperature and conserve moisture.

It is very easy to damage or kill your newly planted tree with fertilizer. For this reason, we recommend allowing a full growing season for the roots to become established before applying any type of fertilizer. For trees growing in a lawn area that is kept well-fertilized, it is usually unnecessary to provide additional fertilizer applications for the trees.

Careless rollerbladers headed for injury

By DR. RAMESH GIDUMAL
 New York University School of Medicine

NEW YORK — In-line skating, a relatively new American skating sport, has gained widespread popularity — and has also created some new business for hospital emergency rooms.

Unlike conventional roller skates, in-line skates — popularly called rollerblades — have all four wheels positioned in a single line, simulating the feel of ice skates. They were originally used as a training tool for ice hockey players in the summertime.

However, it appears some rollerbladers not only try to skate beyond their ability, but also at dangerous speeds.

It is estimated that about one million people now engage in "blading," resulting in a new rash of injuries.

Like roller skating, blading is a good form of exercise. It helps build strong leg, back, and abdominal muscles. It is aerobic, burning almost as many calories per minute as running or cycling.

It is also a "low-impact" exercise that doesn't cause undue stress to the bones, muscle, and tendons — unless you fall.

It is much easier to lose control and much harder to stop on in-line skates than on conventional roller skates. Part of the reason is that people can go faster on in-line skates — well over 20 mph. A fall can cause injury to the head, arms, wrists, or knees.

Occasionally, people skate in the street and get hit by cars. In many cases, they were wearing transistor radios and not paying attention to traffic or pedestrians.

Here are some important precautions that should be taken:

- Wear a helmet. It is the most important piece of protective gear, but many people don't wear one.
- Wear knee pads. They can protect against some types of traumatic knee injuries. Wrist guards or gloves should also be worn.
- Practice. Learn to control your movements before doing any fast skating in places that require maneuvering. Most accidents happen to people with little or no training.

- Avoid public streets and traffic. Instead, try a playground, empty parking lot or a park.
- Avoid hills and wet or bumpy surfaces. At high speeds, they could cause you to lose control.
- Avoid skating at night.
- Most importantly, pay attention.

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Sports

PHS aims to 'Bop' Borger

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

After shooting down Randall, 111-59, Friday night, the top-ranked Pampa Harvesters will be gunning for their fourth consecutive playoff berth tonight in a District 1-4A clash with Borger in McNeely Fieldhouse.

A victory over Borger would clinch a post-season playoff spot for the 25-2 Harvesters, who remain Class 4A's No. 1 ranked team in this week's state-wide poll.

Likewise, Pampa's Lady Harvesters can wrap up a playoff spot with a win in the girls' game against Borger's Lady Bulldogs.

The Harvesters, 7-0 in district play with three regular-season games remaining, may have set a school record in surpassing the century mark at the Randall High School gym.

"It's my understanding that it was the first time in the history of Pampa basketball that a Harvesters team has scored 100 points or better on the road," said PHS head coach Robert Hale. "We weren't really going for 100, but we got caught up in the atmosphere. The game was really a big deal over there. There was a standing room only crowd with bells ringing and bands playing. Anytime a game is promoted the way that one was, I would think the kids would enjoy playing. That's certainly what our kids did. They enjoyed playing in the game and they played well."

Five Harvesters scored in double figures against Randall, led by Jeff Young, who tossed in 24 points; David Johnson had 19 points, Cedrick Wilbon, 18; Randy Nichols, 14 and Ryan Erwin, 10.

Borger came close to reaching the 100-point mark in a 91-43 win over Dumas Friday, but the Bulldogs were humbled by Pampa, 87-57, in the first-round game on Jan. 24.

Hale doesn't have any doubts that Borger will pull out all the stops in trying for an upset in tonight's second meeting, which tips off at 8 p.m.

"It's the kind of year where everybody gets up to play us. We don't have any illusions. We're not out to prove or disprove anything. We just want to try to play good basketball and play better every game and every day," Hale said.

Borger, 13-14 for the season and 4-3 in district action, received a 30-point performance from Ryan McNellis in the lopsided win over Dumas.

The Lady Harvesters (17-8 overall, 7-2 in district) had a four-game win streak halted by fourth-ranked Randall, 73-63, Friday night. However, coach Albert Nichols' Pampa crew can clinch the district's No. 2 seed in the playoffs with a win in tonight's girls' tilt, which tips off at 6:30 p.m.

Randall's win over Pampa clinched the Lady Raiders' third straight district title.

Borger (21-10, 6-3) blew past Dumas, 69-41, last Friday night to remain one game behind Pampa in the district race. A Borger victory tonight would set up a one-game playoff against Pampa with the winner advancing to the state playoffs.

"We're fired up and ready to play," said Lady Harvesters' head coach Albert Nichols. "We've got a lot of things motivating us besides it being a Borger game. It will be the last home game for six seniors, we've got a chance to go to the playoffs again and a chance to win 18 games or better. We've had Pampa teams win 18 games at different times, but we've never had a team to win more than 18 games. We've got a chance to top that 18-win mark if we get into the playoffs."

Two other motivating factors for the Lady Harvesters is the opportunity for junior guard Christie Jones to break the all-time school assist record and the return of senior guard Bridgett Mathis to the lineup.

Jones needs only five assists to break the school record set by Christa West last season. Mathis, who has been sidelined with a serious knee injury for most of the season, has been practicing the last two days and is ready to go, Nichols said.

Nichols also announced that 5-10 senior Nikki Ryan, the Lady Harvesters' leading scorer, has been nominated by Spaulding as a first-team, all-state post player. Spaulding is a national firm which sells various sports products.

Whichever team becomes the district's No. 2 seed will play Levelland in the bi-district game, tentatively scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday in Canyon's West Texas University Fieldhouse.

"We want to avoid having a playoff game against Borger again because that would mean we would probably play this Saturday night and then have to play the bi-district game Monday," Nichols said.

Pampa and Borger finished in a tie for second place last season, forcing a one-game playoff. The Lady Harvesters won the playoff game to advance into post-season play for the first time in school history.

Despite defeating Borger, 44-36, in the first-round game on Jan. 24, the Lady Harvesters are ranked No. 15, two spots below the Lady Bulldogs (No. 13) in the last Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

Tonight's district doubleheader has a 'Bop Borger' theme and all students are urged to come to McNeely Fieldhouse dressed in 1950's attire.

Tyson, boxing lose big fight

By ED SCHUYLER JR.
AP Boxing Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Life after Tyson.

That's what the world of boxing faces in the wake of former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson's conviction Monday night on a charge of rape and two charges of deviate sexual conduct.

"It means absolutely nothing to boxing," said Bob Arum, an arch-rival to promoter Don King, who is Tyson's promoter. "In some way it helps boxing because it eliminates someone who is perceived to be a bad apple in the mix."

That's not how Seth Abraham sees it.

Abraham is president of Time-Warner Sports, and Time-Warner is the parent company of HBO, which presents cable television boxing

shows, and of TVKO, which presents pay-per-view boxing telecasts.

TVKO was set to telecast Evander Holyfield's defense against Tyson Nov. 8, which was cancelled when Tyson sustained a rib injury while training in October. That fight was expected to gross more than \$100 million.

"The most profound effect, obviously, is on the heavyweight championship, and that connects with the other divisions," Abraham said. "As the heavyweight division goes, so goes boxing."

The sport, however, mirrors the people who fight or make a living from boxing. It is a survivor.

Also, when the heavyweight division is in decline, smaller fighters come to the fore.

"Other divisions got attention when Muhammad Ali was out (from

1967 to 1970 because of his conviction for refusing induction into military service)," Abraham said.

It was smaller fighters who starred between the title loss of Jack Johnson in 1915 and the championship win of Jack Dempsey in 1919, from the retirement of Dempsey in 1928 until the rise of Joe Louis in 1936, and from the retirement of Louis in 1949 until the rise of Rocky Marciano in 1951.

"There's enough big fights," Arum said. "George Foreman-Holyfield (in a rematch) is big enough," Arum said. "There will be more big combinations in the years ahead."

There, however, will be no single attraction like Tyson, who is a major draw no matter the caliber of the opponent.

"He is a legitimate cash register," Abraham said.

Without Tyson, there is not a real

leader in the heavyweight division, which badly lacks depth.

"It is open season without Tyson," said 42-year-old Larry Holmes, a former champion, who admittedly wants no more to do with Tyson, who knocked him out in 1988.

Holmes, however, would like a title shot against anybody else. And Holmes and the 43-year-old Foreman are attractive, especially against one another, to the nostalgia crowd.

Then there are prospects such as Riddick Bowe and Lennox Lewis, whose popularity as yet does not reach beyond boxing fans.

Holyfield is an unbeaten champion, but in his fights against Buster Douglas and Foreman, it was the opponent who was the major attraction. It would have the same story if he had fought Tyson.

Austria dominating Winter Games

By DAVE CARPENTER
AP Sports Writer

ALBERTVILLE, France (AP) — Hubert Strolz ran into heartbreak today on his way to Olympic history and a gold-medal role in the Winter Games that Austria has turned into its own big skiing and slidding party.

Barely five seconds from the finish line, Strolz skidded and missed a slalom gate en route to an apparently successful defense of his Olympic title in the men's Alpine combined.

He was bidding to become the first Alpine skier ever to win the same event in two Winter Olympics.

Italy, led by two medalist Josef Polig, captured the top two spots in the event and Switzerland took the bronze as two other countries in the Alps region finally got on the medals board on Day 4 of the Albertville Games.

"I could not believe my eyes when Strolz dropped out," Polig said. "He made me a great gift. It was like winning the lottery."

U.S. Olympic officials were still basking in the glow of Bonnie Blair's repeat gold medal in the 500-meter speedskating on Monday, and Cammy Myler provided more American medal hopes today by placing a strong sixth in the first two runs of the women's singles luge.

Besides Strolz's costly slip, Austria suffered another setback today when top skier Sabine Ginther was hurt in a spectacular accident in a training run and knocked out of the women's combined beginning Wednesday. So was U.S. skier Wendy Fisher, not a medals candidate, who sprained her knees in a separate spill.

Missed opportunities or not, Austria's unexpected dominance in the French Alps has been the story of the Games so far.

The Austrians, who totaled 11 medals in the previous two Winter Games combined, lead the medals race here with seven and moved into strong position today to claim four more. Austrian women were poised to sweep the luge Wednesday after placing 1-2-3 in the first two runs, and countryman Klaus Obermayer moved into the lead of the Nordic combined event at the halfway point.

"It's a very optimistic moment," Jungwirth Heinz, secretary-general of Austria's Olympic committee, said. "Everybody is performing with very high motivation."

Russians competing for the Unified Team today captured two of the first three medals ever awarded in the women's biathlon. Anfissa Reztsova won the 7.5-kilometer race and teammate Elena Belova took the bronze medal. Antje Miserskay of Germany claimed the silver.

Blair, America's quadrennial sweetheart, helped erase the disappointment of some early letdowns and ensured that the U.S. team has a

golden opportunity to surpass its 1988 total of six medals, including two gold.

"This is great for her and great for us," said Mike Moran, spokesman for the U.S. Olympic Committee, which retooled its Olympic training program in embarrassment at the poor showing in Calgary four years ago.

"It lifted a lot of apprehension," Moran said. "We think we're on track now."

Apparently taking the cue, Myler slid her way into medals contention by completing two runs down the 5,905-foot luge track in 1 minute, 34.023 seconds — .195 seconds faster than teammate Terwilliger. Austrian sisters Doris and Angelika Neuner were first and second.

Myler, although weakened by the flu, is at least in position to match the best previous American finish, sixth by Bonny Warner of Palo Alto, Calif., at Calgary. Warner was 18th in today's competition.

"Cammy's runs were very competitive," said assistant U.S. coach Claire Sherred. "She could jump up into the medals tomorrow with two good runs."

An international race jury rejected a protest by the Italians and Americans that the Austrians gained an unfair aerodynamic advantage from elastic pointing devices they wore in their boots to help keep their feet straight.

Strolz had taken the lead of the Alpine combined this morning with the fastest time in the first of the two slalom runs, and was only four gates from a gold medal when he slipped off-line on the rutted course.

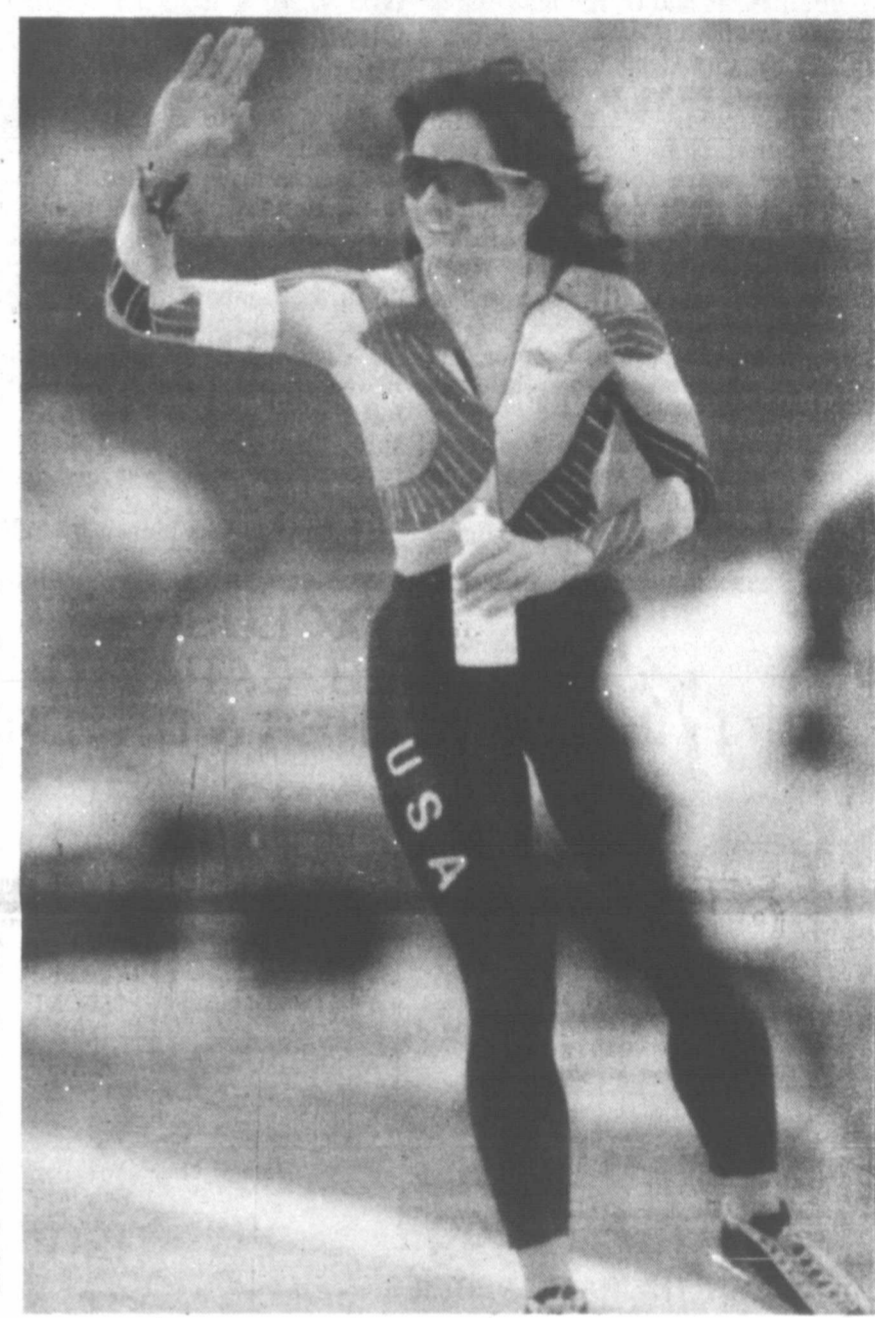
"It was very hard to keep my line and my concentration in the first part of the course," he said. "I got better in the middle of the race and then I made this deadly mistake."

World Cup leader Paul Accola of Switzerland, the favorite after Monday's downhill portion of the event, missed some gates and fell out of contention, and Monday's leader, Jan Einar Thorsen of Norway, was a whopping 6 1/2 seconds behind Strolz in the first slalom run.

A.J. Kitt of Rochester, N.Y., was 10th after Monday but did not start in today's slalom because of a bone bruise on his right shin, sustained in Monday's competition. A U.S. ski team official said he is still expected to compete in the super-giant slalom on Sunday.

Another U.S. skier, the 20-year-old Fisher of Incline Village, Nev., fell after flying too far left over a bump on the Roc de Fer downhill course, sliding 140 feet before her helmeted head smacked into the rock-hard surface. The slalom specialist suffered a broken left thumb, a mild concussion and sprains of both knees.

Perhaps Blair should have "Who you gonna call?" emblazoned on her skating warmups after once



(AP Laserphoto) Speedskater Bonnie Blair of Champaign, Ill., waves to the crowd Monday after giving the American team its first gold of the 1992 Winter Games in France.

again single-handedly busting the U.S. team out of a slump.

At Calgary, Americans earned only a single medal in the first week of Olympic competition — a bronze by Jill Watson and Peter Oppegard in pairs skating. It was a week remembered more for Dan Jansen's tumbles on the speedskating rink and some other missed opportunities.

The Albertville Games also appeared to be slip-sliding away from U.S. Olympians until Blair skated a nearly flawless race to win in 40.33 seconds on the Albertville oval's sun-baked surface.

Afterward, Blair tearfully dedicated the race to her father, who died in December 1990.

Was her first medal in 1988 more special?

"They were each better in their own way," she responded. "In '88, I was happy to win a gold medal. Now I'm very proud that I'm the first woman to win the 500 back-to-back."

She'll take that pride into the

1,500 meters on Wednesday and the 1,000 meters on Friday, and is a top contender in the latter race.

Americans fumbled or otherwise lost their medal hopes in the first two days in the men's singles luge, the men's downhill and the pairs skating.

Besides Blair, they harbor realistic gold-medal chances in at least four more events: Jansen in the men's 500 meters; Kristi Yamaguchi, Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan in women's figure skating; Christopher Bowman and Todd Eldredge in men's figures; odds-on favorite Donna Weibrecht in the women's moguls skiing.

In hockey today, 1988 silver medalist Finland remained unbeaten by blasting Poland 9-1. The United States, looking for its second straight victory, and Germany were scoreless after one period today.

Eric Lindros, a National Hockey League superstar-in-waiting, scored two goals and an assist Monday night as Canada also stayed unbeaten by routing Switzerland 6-1.

Optimist Club plans meeting

An organizational meeting for prospective coaches and managers in the Pampa Optimist baseball and softball programs this summer will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Optimist Youth Club building.

Prospective coaches or managers who can't attend the meeting must present an application or letter to the Pampa Optimist Club board of directors prior to Sunday or have a representative at the meeting to be eligible to coach.

Applications may be obtained

from Garry Moody or picked up at the secretary-treasurer's desk at the Optimist Club.

Any individual who wants to coach, but is not an Optimist Club member must attend the meeting.

Basic information regarding education sessions and coaches' responsibilities will be provided at the meeting.

Moody can be contacted at 665-3721 (extension 193) or 669-3969 for more information.

Team Pampa takes honors

Three members of Team Pampa won all-around honors at a district gymnastics qualifying meet held recently in Midland.

Katy Cavalier was first in all-around (34.35), first in vault (9.4), second in bars (8.0), second in beam (8.15) and first in floor (8.8). Katy competed in Level 7, age group 12 and up.

Aubrea Ward was first in all-around (32.80), first in vault (8.65), first in bars (7.95), third in beam (7.65) and first in floor (8.55). Aubrea competed in Level 6, age group, 8-11.

Chrissy Norris was first in all-around (34.80), first in vault (9.0), first in bars (7.8), first in beam (9.15) and first in floor (8.85).

Chrissy competed in Level 6, age group 12 and up.

Chrissy also competed in Level 6, age group 8-11, and was second in all-around (31.85), second in vault (8.60), third in bars (7.65), fifth in beam (7.40) and fourth in floor (8.20).

Andrea Clark was second in all-around (33.60), second in vault (9.25), first in bars (8.85), fourth in beam (7.30) and second in floor (8.2). Andrea competed in Level 7, age group 12 and up.

Team Pampa hosts the Level 7 (optional) and Level 8 District I Gymnast Championship Saturday at Gymnastics of Pampa. The meet starts at 10 a.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Bears' Thomas recovering

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Offensive lineman Stan Thomas of the Chicago Bears says even though he wasn't gravely wounded, getting shot in the head has given him a new perspective on life.

"I thought I was one of those big-time guys until I got hit by a bullet. It brings you down to earth

and makes you realize you can't take life for granted," Thomas said in an interview on KNSD-TV.

Thomas is recovering from a head wound suffered when someone fired several shots at his car in a drive-by attack. Police were still searching for suspects.

Barone, Aggies suffer through basketball misfortunes

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Tony Barone is one coach who can say that basketball teaches young athletes about life and make it sound like sparkling new wisdom.

Barone coached Creighton to three straight 20-win seasons and posted-season bids. But misfortune has delayed his plan of building the same kind of program at Texas A&M.

The Aggies were placed on NCAA probation for recruiting violations under former coach Kermit Davis, effectively cutting off recruiting for two years. The penalty was far more harsh than Barone expected and he said so.

A new arena was placed on hold. All that exists of the building so far is an artist's drawing on the back cover of the Aggie media guide.

Later, promising freshman Damon

Johnson was sidelined with a stress fracture in his foot and in a scary incident prior to a game at Baylor, the team suffered from carbon monoxide poisoning in the locker room.

But the toughest blow came two weeks ago when Barone's mother died following a brief illness.

"When I lost my mom, all the stuff that surrounds this program is insignificant to me now," Barone said. "They've (team) gone through this whole year with one disaster after another."

"My mom passing, that was a major effect on this team. They wonder what can happen next." Barone has never experienced a season like this one with his team struggling through a 3-15 season with 11 straight losses and he admits it's affected his thinking.

"Sometimes you anticipate disasters and that's not good either," Barone said. "I found myself looking to the future and wondering if anything else could happen. I'm more skeptical about the future than I have been."

"I always look on the bright side of things and I think you need to be positive and take approach that good things are going to happen. But we need the worm to turn here."

Barone's priorities have changed, but as long as there is air in the basketball, he is no less committed to rebuilding A&M's basketball program. He starts with separating fact from fiction about the Aggie basketball program.

"There's a very specific set of perceptions that we have to deal with at A&M," Barone said. "It's

been a fight since we walked in this door. First, you run into the standardized mentality of 'well, A&M is a football school and the SWC is a football conference.' You're still hammered with that mentality."

Barone has been on campus almost one year and yet he won't get to recruit until next year because of the NCAA sanctions. He watched with envy last week as head football coach R.C. Stocum raked in one of the best recruiting classes in the nation.

Barone wants his turn. "Somewhere along the line here we have to convince the really great kid that this is a great place to play basketball," Barone said. "You see what can be done in terms of the recruiting R.C. has done. We've got a long way to go before we can get to that point."

PHS wrestlers are state bound

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Although Pampa High's wrestling program is only in its third year, the Harvester grapplers have been performing like a veteran group.

Ten Pampa wrestlers competed in the Amarillo Region Championships two weeks ago at the Caprock Activity Center with seven of them placing in the 9-team event. Four Harvesters qualified for the state meet, scheduled Thursday through Saturday in Dallas.

"It was a great regional tournament for us. Our wrestlers really improved in going from the district to regional tournament. They stepped it up a notch," said Pampa coach Steve Kuhn.

Pampa's state qualifiers are heavyweight Phillip Sexton, Chad Chairez, 125 pounds; Tom Thompson, 160 pounds and Tadd Alfonsi, 189 pounds. Sexton and Chairez claimed first-place honors while Thompson and Alfonsi finished second.

The top two qualifiers in each class advance to the state meet.

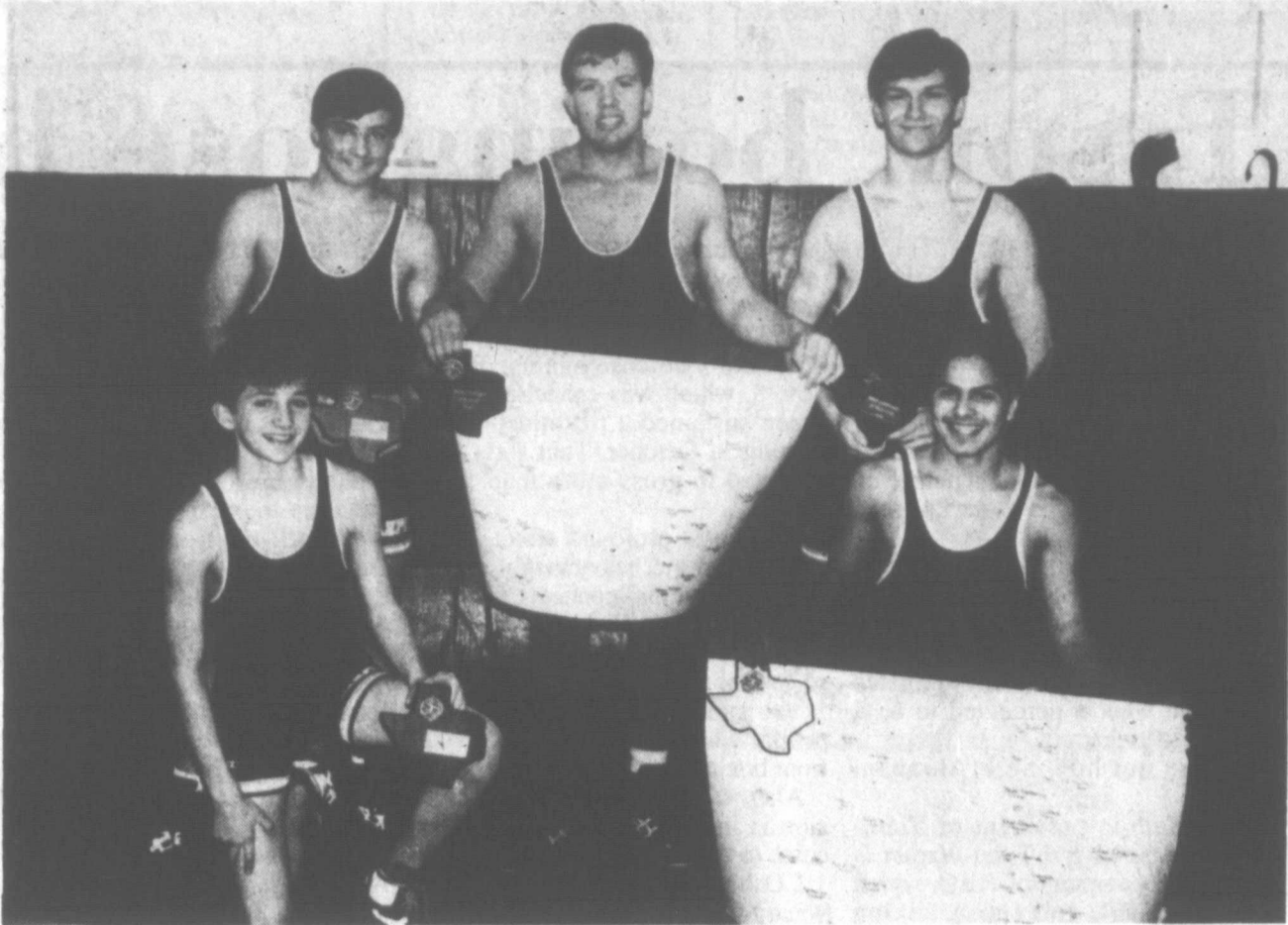
Corey Alfonsi of Pampa placed third at regionals in the 103-pound class and could go to state as an alternate if one of his teammates can't make it.

"We qualified two for state last year, so we've doubled the number going. We finished fifth in regionals as a team last year and we were fourth this year. I'm just really proud of all these guys, even the ones who didn't qualify," Kuhn said. "They stuck together and really rose to the occasion."

Kuhn said Sexton, a senior, has dominated the heavyweight class the past two years.

"Sexton finished third at state last year and I look for him to do well again," Kuhn said.

Sexton pinned Amarillo High's



Five Pampa High wrestlers, headed for the state meet Thursday through Saturday in Dallas, exhibit the brackets from the regional tournament, which was held two weeks ago in Amarillo. They are, front row, left to right, Cory Alfonsi and Chad Chairez; and rear, left to right, Tadd Alfonsi, Phillip Sexton and Tom Thompson.

Casey Springle in the regional heavyweight finals.

Chairez sustained a back injury in the district meet, but bounced back strong at regionals. He scored a 2-1 decision over Carlos Gancedo in the finals of the 125-pound class.

"Chairez hurt his back after his first win at district and he had to forfeit the next two matches," Kuhn said. "He was seeded fourth at regionals, so his win was kind of an upset."

Thompson was pinned by Felix

Hernandez of Boys Ranch in the regional finals, but earned a state berth by pinning Randall's Paige Baldwin in a wrestle-back.

"Hernandez has been one of our nemesis. We've always had trouble beating him, but Thompson came out and wrestled real well in the wrestle-back," Kuhn said.

Alfonsi was involved in a wrestle-back after being pinned by Tascosa's Jimmy Lucido in the finals. He came back to defeat Caprock's Tony Cain, 4-3, in the wrestle-back.

"Alfonsi did some great wrestling to get into the finals," Kuhn added.

Eric Dickson (180-pound class) and Josh Nix (171-pound class) each placed fourth for Pampa.

In the final team standings, the Harvesters collected 63 points to place fourth, compared to a fifth-place finish last year.

Boys Ranch, which won the district title a week earlier, also claimed the regional crown by scoring 111 points.

Willis 'broke his word'

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys plan to take their time in finding a replacement for placekicker Ken Willis, who decided money was worth more than the glory of playing in Texas.

Oral agreements and Plan B don't always work Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson has learned.

Johnson got the word Sunday night that Willis, who was salvaged off the free agent market in 1990, had broken his word and jilted the Cowboys for almost \$1 million.

The culprit?

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Johnson said Willis "broke his word" on a Plan B gentlemen's agreement that would have kept him with the Cowboys.

"I'm not disappointed as much about losing a player, because we can find another kicker, but I am disappointed that an individual compromised trust for money," Johnson said. "When someone gives me their word, that's stronger to me than a contract."

"I did give the Cowboys my word," Willis said. "But under the circumstances, to not leave would have been ludicrous."

The 25-year-old Willis was to have received \$175,000 with the Cowboys this year.

Willis, who got a \$100,000 signing bonus, will make about

\$800,000 over the next two years.

"I was surprised," Johnson said. "Ken did a good job for us. He called me Sunday night, told me he was going back on what he said, and I wished him good luck. I can tell you this, if clubs are going to start paying that kind of money in Plan B for a kicker we're not going to be that active in Plan B. I just hope players will start honoring their word."

Johnson had an oral Plan B agreement with Willis, punter Mike Saxon and several other players in which he would leave them unprotected but they would come back to the Cowboys.

"Your word is stronger than a contract," Johnson said. "Coaches and players redo contracts all the time. But handshake agreements are different. At least that's the way I was brought up down here in Texas."

Johnson said he doesn't plan to rush to the telephones to find a placekicker.

"We might even wait until the World League gets going playing," Johnson said. "It's doubtful we would use a high draft pick for a kicker. We might take one in the low rounds."

"There are a lot of kickers out there. Houston found one the week they played us (Al Del Greco) and he kicked two 50 yards against us. We'll have plenty of kickers in training camp. Willis was a free agent when we found him."

Courier ranks No. 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim Courier, who vaulted to the top of the tennis world with his victory at the Australian Open, officially became No. 1 Monday, the first American in 6 1/2 years to achieve that distinction.

The 21-year-old from Dade City, Fla., moved ahead of Sweden's Stefan Edberg in the ATP rankings with 3,721 points to 3,671 for Edberg, whom he beat in the Australian Open.

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Sports Scoreboard

NBA Standings

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE			Atlantic Division		
W	L	Pct.	GB		
New York	30	16	.652		
Boston	28	18	.609		
Philadelphia	23	24	.489	7 1/2	
Miami	23	25	.479	8	
New Jersey	19	28	.404	11 1/2	
Washington	16	30	.348	14	
Orlando	12	36	.250	19	

Central Division			Midwest Division		
W	L	Pct.	GB		
Chicago	39	9	.813		
Cleveland	31	14	.689	6 1/2	
Detroit	28	20	.583	11	
Atlanta	24	23	.511	14 1/2	
Milwaukee	22	24	.478	16	
Indiana	19	29	.396	20	
Charlotte	14	33	.298	24 1/2	

WESTERN CONFERENCE			Pacific Division		
W	L	Pct.	GB		
Utah	31	18	.633		
San Antonio	27	19	.587	2 1/2	
Houston	25	22	.532	5	
Denver	17	29	.370	12 1/2	
Dallas	13	34	.277	17	
Minnesota	8	38	.174	21 1/2	

Pacific Division			Sunday's Game		
W	L	Pct.	GB		
Portland	32	14	.696		
Phoenix	32	16	.667	1	
Golden State	29	15	.659	2	
LA Lakers	28	18	.609	4	
Seattle	24	24	.500	9	
LA Clippers	22	25	.468	10 1/2	
Sacramento	16	31	.340	16 1/2	

Monday's Games
All Star game
West 153, East 113
No games scheduled
Today's Games
Indiana at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

College Basketball

By Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press 1991-92 college basketball poll, with first place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 9, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and last week's rankings:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Duke (61)	18-1	1621	1
2	Oklahoma St. (2)	21-1	1529	2
3	UCLA (2)	21-1	1508	4
4	Indiana	17-3	1358	6
(tie)	Kansas	17-2	1358	3
6	North Carolina	17-3	1259	9
7	Arizona	17-3	1249	7
8	Ohio St.	16-3	1234	8
9	Missouri	16-3	1041	12
10	Syracuse	16-3	903	13
11	Arkansas	17-5	900	5
12	Michigan St.	15-4	790	11
13	Southern Cal	16-3	766	16
14	Tulane	18-2	704	14
15	UNLV	20-2	703	17
16	Alabama	19-4	670	15
17	Michigan	14-5	638	15
18	Connecticut	16-4	630	10
19	Kentucky	16-5	450	19
20	LSU	14-5	361	22
21	Texas-El Paso	18-3	279	25
22	N.C. Charlotte	16-4	220	20
23	Florida St.	15-6	195	23

HS Basketball

LUBBOCK (AP) — Here is the weekly Texas Association of Basketball Coaches high school basketball polls as compiled by the association and reported by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal with records and last week's ranking:

BOYS			
Class 4A			
1	Pampa 25-2 (1)		
2	Dallas South Oak Cliff 25-2 (2)		
3	Channelview 27-2 (3)		
4	Jacksonville 20-6 (4)		
5	Boerne 27-1 (5)		
6	Everman 24-5 (6)		
7	Lancaster 21-5 (8)		
8	Ennis 20-7 (9)		
9	Mount Pleasant 26-1 (10)		
10	Houston King 23-7 (8)		

Pampa Blue wins district tourney

Pampa Blue downed Borger Red, 57-35, in the finals to win the 7th Grade District Basketball Tournament last weekend in Borger.

Tim Fields led Pampa Blue's scoring attack with 18 points, followed by J.J. Mathis with 12. Pampa Blue held a 30-18 advantage at halftime.

Pampa Blue slipped by Valley View Blue, 47-44, in the semi-finals. Mathis was high scorer for Pampa Blue with 22 points while Fields chipped in 12.

Borger Red defeated Pampa Red, 41-37, in the other semi-final game. Damian Nickleberry and Derahian Evans had 12 and 11 points respectively for Pampa Red.

Pampa Red defeated Valley View Blue, 29-23, in a consolation game. Jerry Davis led Pampa Red with 8 points, followed by Nickleberry, 7.

Area golfer dies

J.R. Brown of Amarillo, who dominated area golf in the 1940s and 1950s, died Monday at age 88.

Brown was born in Minneapolis, Kan., and moved to Amarillo in 1939. He resided in Amarillo for 53 years.

Brown won the Tri-State Seniors Tournament, which is currently held at Pampa Country Club, in 1955, 1957, 1959 and 1962.

Brown was installed into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in 1988.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Blackburn-Shaw Memorial Chapel in Amarillo with the Rev. Margaret McLellan of First Presbyterian Church in Pine Bluff, Ark., officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery.

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ADULT Literacy Council, P.O. Box 2022, Pampa, Tx. 79066.
 AGAPE Assistance, P. O. Box 2397, Pampa, Tx. 79066-2397.
 ALZHEIMER'S Disease and Related Disorders Assn., P.O. Box 2234, Pampa, Tx. 79066.
 AMERICAN Cancer Society, c/o Mrs. Kenneth Walters, 1418 N. Dwight, Pampa, Tx.
 AMERICAN Diabetes Assn., 8140 N. MoPac Bldg. 1 Suite 130, Austin, Tx. 78759.
 AMERICAN Heart Assn., 2404 W. Seventh, Amarillo, Tx. 79106.
 AMERICAN Liver Foundation, 1425 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove, N.J. 07009-9990.
 AMERICAN Lung Association, 3520 Executive Center Dr., Suite G-100, Austin, Tx. 78731-1606.
 AMERICAN Red Cross, 108 N. Russell, Pampa.
 ANIMAL Rights Assn., 4201 Canyon Dr., Amarillo, Tx. 79110.
 BIG Brothers/Big Sisters, P.O. Box 1964, Pampa, Tx. 79065.
 BOYS Ranch/Girls Town, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Tx. 79174.
 FRIENDS of The Library, P.O. Box 146, Pampa, Tx. 79066.
 GENESIS House Inc., 615 W. Buckler, Pampa, Tx. 79065.
 GOLDEN Spread Council Trust Fund for Boy Scouts of America, 401 Tacosca Rd., Amarillo, Tx. 79124.
 GOOD Samaritan Christian Services, 309 N. Ward, Pampa, Tx. 79065.
 GRAY County Retarded Citizens Assn., P.O. Box 885, Pampa, Tx. 79066-0885.
 HIGH Plains Epilepsy Assn., 806 S. Brian, Room 213, Amarillo, TX 79106.
 HOSPICE of Pampa, P.O. Box 2782, Pampa.
 MARCH of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, 2316 Lakeview Dr., Amarillo, TX 79109.
 MEALS on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.
 MUSCULAR Dystrophy Assn., 3505 Olsen, Suite 203, Amarillo, TX 79109.
 PAMPA Area Foundation for Outdoor Art, P.O. Box 6, Pampa, Tx. 79066.
 PAMPA Fine Arts Assn. P.O. Box 818, Pampa, Tx. 79066.
 PAMPA Sheltered Workshop, P.O. Box 2806, Pampa.
 QUIVIRA Girl Scout Council, City Hall, Room 301, Pampa, Tx. 79065.
 RONALD McDonald House, 1501 Streit, Amarillo, TX 79106.
 SALVATION Army, 701 S. Cuyler St., Pampa, TX 79065.
 SHEPARD'S Helping Hands, 422 Florida, Pampa, Tx. 79065.
 ST. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorial/Honor Program FH, One St. Jude Place Bldg., P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 300, Memphis, Tenn. 38148-0552.
 THE Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1507 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.
 THE Opportunity Plan Inc., Box 1035, Canyon, Tx. 79015-1035.
 TRALEE Crisis Center For Women Inc., P.O. Box 2880, Pampa.
 WHITE Deer Land Museum in Pampa, P.O. Box 1556, Pampa, Tx. 79066.

2 Museums

PIONEER West Museum: Shamrock. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, Saturday and Sunday.
 RIVER Valley Pioneer Museum at Canadian, Tx. Tuesday-Friday 10-4 p.m. Sunday 2-4 p.m. Closed Saturday and Monday.
 ROBERTS County Museum: Miami, Summer hours, Tuesday-Friday 10-5 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m. Closed Saturday and Monday.
 SQUARE House Museum Panhandle. Regular Museum hours 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 1-5:30 p.m. Sundays.

3 Personal

MARY Kay Cosmetics, free facials. Supplies and deliveries. Call Dorothy Vaughn 665-5117.
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 1425 Alcock, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8 p.m., Monday thru Saturday 12 noon, Sunday 11 a.m. Women's meeting Sunday 4 p.m. 665-9702.
 MARY Kay Cosmetics and Skincare. Facials, supplies, call Theda Wallin 665-8336.
 BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics and skincare. Offering free complete color analysis, makeover, deliveries and image updates. Call your local consultant, Lynn Allison 669-3848, 1304 Christine.
 SHAKLEE. Vitamins, diet, skin-care, household, job opportunity. Donna Turner, 665-6065.
 IF someone's drinking is causing you problems, try Al-Anon. 669-3564, 665-7871.
 H.E.A.R.T. Women's support group. Meet 2nd and 4th Monday, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. 119 N. Frost, for more information 669-1131.

5 Special Notices

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 TOP O Texas Lodge #1381, Tuesday 11th Open meeting, Golden Trowel Award for Jim Jennings, meal at 6:30.
 \$500 Reward for information for return of records and files of Robert L. Hudson, executive financial services and the Gibraltar Investments corp. stolen from a Colorado auto, south of Lefors, January 23rd. Please we are in bad shape without these records. Call Collect 806-665-5614 or 303-858-7679. No questions will be asked. Arrange at your request as to how and where you receive the reward.
 FAST food drive-in restaurant for sale in Pampa. Interested? Reply to Box 14, Pampa News, P.O. Drawer 2198, Pampa.
 Income Tax Planning and Preparation Joseph G. Dickey, C.P.A. 806-665-2336-420 Florida
 REMODELING, additions, insurance repair. 20 years experience. Ray Deaver, 665-0447.
 RON'S Construction. Carpentry, concrete, drywall, fencing, masonry and roofing. 669-3172.
 OVERHEAD Door Repair. Kidwell Construction. 669-6347.
 ADDITIONS, remodeling, new cabinets, ceramic tile, acoustical ceilings, paneling, patios. 18 years local experience. Jerry Reagan 669-1408, Karl Parks 669-2648.
 CHILDERS BROTHERS, complete floor leveling, deal with a professional the first time 1-800-299-9563.
 NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost...it pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541. Free estimates.
 YOUNG'S Cleaning Service. Operator Jay Young. 15 years experience. Free estimates. Call for Special of The Week. 665-3538.
 COX Fence Company. Repair old fence or build new. Free estimate. 669-7769.

10 Lost and Found

IF it's broken, leaking or won't turn off, call the Fix It Shop. 669-3434. Lamps repaired.
 BLOW in attic insulation and save \$\$\$ all year! Free estimates. Reid Construction Co. 1-800-765-7071.
 MASONRY, all types brick, block, stone. New construction and repair. Ron's Construction, 669-3172.
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 WINK'S General Handyman Service Minor work to Major additions. References. Wink Cross. 665-4692.
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 14m Lawnmower Service
 PAMPA Lawnmower Repair. Pick up and delivery service available. 501 S. Cuyler, 665-8843.
 RADCLIFF Lawnmower - Chainsaw Sales and service, 519 S. Cuyler, 669-3395.
 14n Painting
 PAINTING and sheetrock finishing. 35 years. David and Joe, 665-2903, 669-7885.
 14r Plowing, Yard Work
 LAWN work, rototiller, lawn work, tree trimming, hauling, carpentry, general handyman. M&M's M-Preventions, 665-8320.
 YOUR Lawn and Garden. Mow, till, plow, tree trimming, hauling. Call 665-9609.
 14s Plumbing & Heating
 Builders Plumbing Supply 535 S. Cuyler 665-3711
 BULLARD SERVICE CO. Plumbing Maintenance and Repair Specialist. Free estimates, 665-8603
 LARRY BAKER PLUMBING Heating Air Conditioning Borger Highway 665-4392
 Sewerline Cleaning \$357 days a week. 669-1041.
 SEWER and SINKLINE Cleaning. 665-4307.
 JACK'S Plumbing Co. New construction, repair, remodeling, sewer and drain cleaning. Septic systems installed. 665-7115.
 14t Radio and Television
 CURTIS MATHES We will now do service work on most Major Brands of TV's and VCR's. 2211 Perryton Pkwy. 665-0504.
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GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr



14h General Services

Laramore Master Locksmith Call me out to let you in 665-Keys
 Snow Removal Chuck Morgan 665-7007
 CONCRETE work all types, driveways, sidewalks, patio, etc. Small jobs a specialty. Ron's Construction. 669-3172.
 FENCING. New construction and repair. Ron's Construction, 669-3172.
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21 Help Wanted

OUTREACH Health Services. RN Supervisory Position. Part-time. Travel required with mileage reimbursed. Applications available at 1224 N. Hobart, Ste. 10. Call 665-0294.
 PART TIME RN, 60 to 64 hours per month. Could work in more in future. Hours flexible, days flexible. Benefits possible. Wages competitive for the area. Contact Melba Marcum, Pampa Nursing Center.
 TELEMARKETERS needed to make appointments in Pampa area for growing home improvement company. Will consider disciplined person to work in their home. 1-800-256-6166 Wheeler.
 WAIT Staff needed. Apply in person. 9-11 or 2-5 p.m. Daily. JC's Restaurant, 123 N. Hobart.
 WAITRESSES Needed to work Split Shift 11-2, 5-10, Monday thru Saturday. Apply in Person. Danny's Market, 2537 Perryton Parkway, 9a.m. to 11 a.m. 669-1000.

30 Sewing Machines

WE service all makes and models of sewing machines and vacuum cleaners. Sanders Sewing Center. 214 N. Cuyler, 665-2383.

50 Building Supplies

HOUSTON LUMBER CO. 420 W. Foster 669-6881
 White House Lumber Co. 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

59 Guns

PISTOL "Firestar" small 9 MM. \$325 cash. 665-1939.

60 Household Goods

USED appliances and furniture, some like new. Antiques, beauty supplies, beauty salon and restaurant. Abby's Country Store, 201 N. Cuyler.
 RENT TO RENT RENT TO OWN We have Rental Furniture and Appliances to suit your needs. Call for estimate. Johnson Home Furnishings 801 W. Francis 665-3361
 SHOWCASE RENTALS Rent to own furnishings for your home. Rent by phone. 1700 N. Hobart 669-1234 No Credit Check. No deposit. Free delivery.
 JOHNSON HOME FURNISHINGS Pampa's standard of excellence In Home Furnishings 801 W. Francis 665-3361
 BEDROOM Suites, large gas heaters, gas dryers. Pool table, light and clock. Antiques, buffet, wash stand, large wardrobe, dresser, bedroom suite. 665-2667.
 GUARANTEED Washers and dryers. 536 Lefors St., 665-8949.
 62 Medical Equipment
 HEALTHSTAR Medical, Oxygen Beds, Wheelchairs, rental and Sales. Medicare provider 24 hour service. Free delivery. 1541 N. Hobart, 669-0000.
 69 Miscellaneous
 RENT IT When you have tried everywhere and can't find it, come see me, I probably got it! H. C. Eubanks Tool Rental, 1320 S. Barnes. phone 665-3213.
 CHIMNEY Fire can be prevented. Queen Sweep Chimney Cleaning. 665-4686 or 665-5364.
 3 Used Bairact Fishing Reels. 2-Daiwa Black Widow Rods. 1-Quantum 381 \$25. 1-Daiwa PM 335H \$40. 1-Garcia 4600C \$45. Rods: 1-\$20. 1-\$15. Prices Firm. See at 933 Barnard Wednesday-Sunday. Phone 669-3734. Cash Only No Checks.
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 SPACIOUS 3 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, Formal Dining room, Utility room. Double Garage. No Pets. Water Furnished. Call Jamie, Shed Realty, Inc. 665-3761.

69a Garage Sales

Elsie's Flea Market Sale. Large Men's Jeans 42-48 Waist, all winter clothes 1/2 Price. Paper Backs 6/51, Westerns .50. New Selection Linens, Hob Nail Milk Glass, Lamps, Nice TV Stand and Night Stand. 10:00 A.M. Wednesday through Sunday 1246 Barnes.
 INSIDE Sale: 725 N. Sumner, Tuesday-Friday, 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 J&F Flea Market, 409 W. Brown, 665-5721. Close out on all Fuller Brush 25%. Open 9-5 Wednesday thru Sunday. Watkins Products.

70 Musical Instruments

PIANOS FOR RENT New and used pianos. Starting at \$40 per month. Up to 6 months of rent will apply to purchase. It's all right here in Pampa at Tarpley Music. 665-1251.
 75 Feeds and Seeds
 Wheeler Evans Feed Full line of Acco feeds We appreciate your business Hwy.60 Kingsmill 665-5881

77 Livestock

ROCKING Chair Saddle Shop, 115 S. Cuyler. Now supplying animal health care products. See us for all your needs.
 80 Pets And Supplies
 For Sale Rottweilers 669-3647
 CANINE and Feline grooming. Also, boarding and Science diets. Roysie Animal Hospital, 665-2223.
 FREE cute puppies, large and small. Call 665-4767.
 GOLDEN Wheat Grooming and Boarding. Puppy daycare. 669-6357 Mona.
 Grooming and Boarding To Ann's Pet Salon 1033 Terry Rd., 669-1410
 GROOMING, exotic birds, pets, full line pet supplies. lams and Science Diet dog and cat food. Pets Unique, 910 W. Kentucky, 665-5102.
 SUZI'S K-9 World, formerly K-9 Acres Boarding and Grooming. We now offer outside runs. Large/small dogs welcome. Still offering grooming/ACC puppies. Suzi Reed, 665-4184.

95 Furnished Apartments

ROOMS for gentlemen. Showers, clean, quiet. \$35. a week. Davis Hotel. 11612 W. Foster. 669-9115, or 669-9137.
 1 bedroom, bills paid. \$55 a week. 669-3743.
 HERITAGE APARTMENTS Furnished, unfurnished 1 bedroom. 665-2903, 669-7885.
 CLEAN efficiency, \$175 month, bills paid. 665-4233 after 5.
 LARGE 1 bedroom, nice furniture, dishwasher, central heat/air, carpeted. 665-4345.
 ONE, two and three bedroom apartments, \$100 off first months rent. Fitness center, swimming pool, jogging trail, most bills paid. Come home to Caprock Apartments, 1601 W. Somerville, 665-7149.
 96 Unfurnished Apts.
 1 or 2 bedrooms, furnished or unfurnished, covered parking. No pets. Gwendolyn Plaza Apartments, 800 N. Nelson, 665-1875.
 ONE, two and three bedroom apartments, \$100 off first months rent. Fitness center, swimming pool, jogging trail, most bills paid. Come home to Caprock Apartments, 1601 W. Somerville, 665-7149.
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97 Furnished Houses

2 bedroom trailer. \$200 month, \$100 deposit. 669-9475.
 98 Unfurnished Houses
 1,2, and 3 bedroom houses for rent. 665-2383.
 1053 Prairie Dr., 2 bedroom. Fenced back yard. Attached garage. 665-3361, 665-7391.
 1108 Terry Road 837 E. Craven 665-7391, 665-8694, 665-3361.
 2 Bedroom 842 S. Sumner \$200, no deposit. 3 Bedroom 1148 Neal Road \$150, no deposit. 669-2118 after 3 p.m.
 2 Bedroom unfurnished, large fenced yard, washer/dryer hook ups. 669-2346. 1125 Garland.
 2 bedroom, central heat, 822 Murphy, no pets. \$200, \$100 deposit. 665-2254.
 3 bedroom, 1002 S. Christy. 665-5527.
 3 bedroom on Navajo. Call 669-9817.
 GOOD location, nice, clean 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, central heat/air, double garage. 669-6121.
 LARGE 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, dining room, single garage, stove, refrigerator. 911 N. Somerville. 669-7885.
 NICE 3 bedroom for rent. 665-3008.
 RENTAL properties available. Pickup list at Action Realty, 109 S. Gillespie.
 UNIQUE 3 bedroom, 1 bath, across from park for rent. 1120 Williston. Shown by appointment only. Call 915-683-3390.
 99 Storage Buildings
 MINI STORAGE You keep the key. 10x10 and 10x20 stalls. Call 669-2929.
 CHUCK'S SELF STORAGE 24 hour access. Security lights. 665-1150 or 669-7705.
 ECONOSTOR Now renting-three sizes. 665-4842.
 TUMBLEWEED ACRES SELF STORAGE UNITS Various sizes 665-0079, 665-2450
 HWY 152 Industrial Park MINI-MAXI STORAGE 5x10-10x10-10x15 10x20-20x40 Office Space for Rent 669-2142.
 Action Storage 10x16 and 10x24 669-1221

103 Homes For Sale

2 bedroom, very new kitchen, dishwasher, range. Triple carport, double drive. Shed Realty, Marie Eastham, 665-5436, 665-4180.
 3 bedroom, 1 bath, central heat/air, storage building, nice backyard. Will sacrifice for \$24,700 which is \$3000 less than assessed value. Best location in Pampa. 2318 Charles. Call 323-8486, Canadian.
 3 bedroom, 1 bath, den, 1132 Juniper. Call 817-937-8394 after 4 p.m.
 4 bedroom, 2 bath, utility room, 2 living areas, lots of closets, many extras. 665-1716. 2604 Comanche.
 TWILA FISHER REALTY 665-3560
 FOUR Rental houses for sell. Any cash offers considered. 512-492-4949.
 IN Skellytown two bedroom with large living room with fireplace and central heat. Dining room, large kitchen, one bath, new carpet. \$17,500. Call 848-2390. Approximately 1200 square feet.
 INTERIOR completely remodeled. 2 bedroom, central heat, fenced yard. Owner will carry. 665-4842.
 Let Us Show You The Town Jim Davidson 669-1863 Sandra Bronner 665-4218 First Landmark 665-0717
 MCLEAN, immaculate 2 bedroom, formal living and dining; also beautiful wood paneling with enclosed patio, 1 1/2 bath. \$22,000. Call 806-355-7000.
 NICE 2 bedroom brick, double garage, fireplace, stove, refrigerator, central heat, air. Close in on Duncan. \$25,000. 669-7665 or 669-7663 after 6.
 104 Lots
 1 lot with 2 vaults (upper/lower) at Memory Gardens. Selling below cost. 665-5551.
 FRASHER Acres East-1 or more acres. Paved street, utilities. Balch Real Estate, 665-8075.
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106 Commercial Property

DAIRY Queen Real Estate and equipment to be sold at Auction, Tuesday, March 3. Real estate to be sold at 10:05 a.m. on the Gray County Courthouse steps. Equipment from the Pampa Dairy Queen to be sold at 11 a.m. The equipment from the McLean Dairy Queen to be sold at 10:05 a.m. For a full descriptive brochure, contact Williams & Webb, Inc. Auctioneers at 806-335-9711.
 GREAT locations at 2115 and 2121 N. Hobart for sale or lease. Call Joe 665-2336, 665-2832.
 LEASE or sale shop building. Properties 2600, 2608 Milliron Rd. 669-3638, 669-1221.
 MOBILE HOME PARK- 14 spaces available and 3 mobile homes included. Meets FHA standards. Good income. M.L.S. 2246-C
 513 S. WEST, office building with central heat and air, large lot under fence. M.L.S. 2249-C. Shed Realty, Milly Sanders 669-2671.
 OFFICES for rent. Approximately 400 square feet. Call Paul Simmons 665-1677 or come by 1313 N. Hobart.
 RENT OR LEASE: Retail, high traffic location. Reasonable rent. Will remodel for tenant, 116 W. Foster. See Ted or John at 114 W. Foster. 669-9137.
 BILL'S Custom Campers, 930 S. Hobart, 665-4315. Pampa, Tx.
 FOR sale: 1983 Jayco Tent Trailer, \$1800. After 5 p.m. 665-5850.

115 Trailer Parks

RED DEER VILLA 2100 Montague FHA approved Wagner Well Service 669-6649
 CAMPER and mobile home lots. Country Living Estate, 4 miles West on Highway 152, 1/2 mile north. 665-2736.
 TUMBLEWEED ACRES Free First Months Rent Storm shelters, fenced lots and storage units available. 665-0079, 665-2450.
 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home. Open kitchen, dining, living area with bar. Includes stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, masonite siding, new skirting to match. Good condition! \$8500 or best offer. 669-0900.
 120 Autos For Sale
 CULBERSON-STOWERS INC. Chevrolet-Pontiac-Buick GMC and Toyota 805 N. Hobart 665-1665
 PANHANDLE MOTOR CO. 869 W. Foster 669-0926
 KNOWLES Used Cars 101 N. Hobart 665-7232
 Doug Boyd Motor Co. We rent cars! 821 W. Wilks 669-6062
 BILL ALLISON AUTO SALES Late Model Used Cars AA Rating 1200 N. Hobart 665-3992
 1957 Chevrolet 4 door, 1300 miles on engine, make an offer. Call 665-7878 please leave message on machine.
 1985 Bronco. Clean, in good condition. 1990 Camero, low mileage. 669-1440, 665-3585, 665-6158.
 1988 Buick Skylark, loaded, 43,000 miles, Am/Fm cassette, equalizer, excellent condition. 669-9821.
 1989 Jeep Cherokee. Loaded with extended warranty. \$13,800. 226-2085.
 1990 Mazda 626 DX for sale. Call 665-3271, After 6, 665-4866.
 Bill Allison Auto Sales #2 623 W. Foster Instant Credit. Easy terms 665-0425

121 Trucks For Sale

1979 Chevrolet 1/2 ton, 4x4. Very good condition. 665-1181.

Harkin owns first 1992 win; New Hampshire votes a week from today

By JOHN KING
AP Political Writer

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Democratic presidential candidates today opened an intense drive to court the big bloc of undecided voters in next week's showcase New Hampshire primary. "Things are fluid," said Sen. Tom Harkin following his favorite-son victory in the Iowa caucuses.

With the first trophy of the 1992 campaign in hand, Harkin was returning today for the finishing burst in New Hampshire, where his campaign has yet to command the kind of attention he received at home Monday night.

Harkin received almost 80 percent of the vote, a result he deemed "far better than I ever imagined." He dismissed his trailing position in the polls in this state and said in an interview on NBC's "Today" he could win here next Tuesday because "the people of Iowa are

a lot like the people of New Hampshire."

"All I can say is stay tuned, because things are happening in New Hampshire, things are fluid, almost 50 percent are undecided, they're making up their minds," he said. "... I am in this to the end and I believe you're going to be very, very surprised at what happens in New Hampshire."

His rivals skipped Iowa, forfeiting to Harkin and trying to deny him any claim to campaign momentum — even as they jockeyed for some of their own during Harkin's absence from New Hampshire.

"Iowa is discounted this year," said veteran Democratic strategist Thomas Donilon. "New Hampshire holds the keys to the kingdom."

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas duelled for the lead Monday. The latest CNN-USA Today Gallup poll showed Tsongas leading with 33 percent to Clinton's 26 percent. Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey followed

with 13, Harkin had 11 and former California Gov. Jerry Brown had 8. The tracking poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Clinton attended a New York fund-raiser Monday night that netted him at least \$725,000, a hit Clinton said should give pause to those who believe he is stumbling.

"The report of my demise ... as Mark Twain said, may be premature," said Clinton.

Tsongas dropped much of his prepared economic speech Monday night to tell a crowd of about 500 people how his battle with cancer reshaped his political philosophy.

"For me, purpose is in the conduct of the battle, not in the outcome of the battle," said Tsongas, seeking the high ground as his rivals directed more criticism his way.

But survey after survey shows a recession-battered electorate hesitant to make firm commitments to candidates yet.

Trying to head off any embarrass-

ment, President Bush took time Monday to do radio and television interviews with New Hampshire outlets. Challenger Patrick Buchanan said Bush's day on the air was evidence of a worried president, even though polls show a huge Bush lead.

New Hampshire's impact could be great: most of the Democratic campaigns are underfinanced and under-organized in the states that follow, and candidates will face a daunting challenge raising money if they fare poorly in the true leadoff event of the 1992 primary season.

With Harkin home to ensure his victory, his rivals fanned out across New Hampshire, their growing crowds a sign that voters are focusing in on their choices.

Clinton promised to "fight like hell" in the final week and said allegations about his personal life were products of a "Republican attack machine."

"Let's face it, too much of the last few weeks of this election has been

about me, or rather some false and twisted tabloid version of me, when it should have been about the people of this state, whose homes and health and jobs and kids are on the line," Clinton said after meeting with local residents facing possible foreclosure on their homes or businesses.

Kerrey promised struggling businesses he would get them desperately needed capital from banks and took a jab at Bush.

"America cannot afford to be led by the old ideas and old indifference, of old men of old money," Kerrey said.

Kerrey picked up the endorsement of fellow Nebraskan Evelyn Lincoln — who was President Kennedy's White House secretary.

"He may not be a John F. Kennedy but he's a close facsimile," Lincoln said at a Kerrey rally.

As Harkin prepared to rejoin the New Hampshire fray, he predicted a boost.

"It helps me not only in New Hampshire, but all over the country," Harkin said.

A veteran New Hampshire primary watcher was skeptical. Harkin has to date failed to garner much support outside his traditional base of labor and liberals, and New Hampshire has a history of ignoring Iowa's verdicts.

"It gives him a publicity boost," said University of New Hampshire political science professor Robert Craig. "I wouldn't count on that turning into a support boost."

They retch, they grunt, they fly apart: America's toys

NEW YORK (AP) — Figures that retch, dummies who lose their heads and the chance to bat George Bush around. The 1992 political season? No, the 1992 Toy Fair.

It's that once-a-year, weeklong bash where 10,000 toy buyers descend on New York to decide what your kid will be clamoring for this Christmas.

On opening day Monday, buyers crammed all 20 floors at The Toy Center, clipboards in hand, asking themselves the burning question: Will kids be begging for Blurr Balls, craving Incredible Crash Dummies or pleading for a

G.R.O.S.S. — a Gruesome, Rude, Obnoxious, Silly Scarfer?

Lest you think you already have one at home, rest assured this is a toy that makes repulsive guttural sounds, eats plastic bugs and has a clear stomach so kids can watch gastronomic chemistry in action.

Gross? Yes, and at \$30 retail, Tiger Toys predicts a big hit.

Lewis Galoob Toys also is betting on kids' fascination with things that fizz. The company is introducing — drum roll, please — the Trash Bag Bunch, toxic good guys and bad guys straight from the garbage heap.

Each figure comes in its own trash bag that dissolves when dunked in warm water.

"Ya never know what you're gonna get. That's the beauty of it," said Winnie from da Bronx, Galoob's pitchman. "Watch ladies, you dunk it and bah-dah-boom, bah-dah-bing, it's Garbageator!" Blood and guts was a definite theme.

The Ertl Co. offers the Blurr Ball, a collection of blood-spattered, eye-popping, hideous rubber balls that barf smaller, but equally repulsive projectiles across the room when squeezed.

The slogan for this toy marvel (which comes from those same crazy Cleveland guys who dreamed up the pigfaced, shotgun-toting Barnyard Commandos): "They retch it! You catch it!"

Also from Ertl: A collection of maniacal plastic figures called Sock-et Poppers.

"These are really sick," spokeswoman Patricia Story said with glee. "You just tear an arm off like this," she said, reaching into a heap of little robots and purple bug men, "and you can put this guy's head in this one's leg socket, see?" Afraid so.

Scientists building vault for L. Ron Hubbard's works

PETROLIA, Calif. (AP) — If human beings destroy civilization and have to start over, they may not have law or technology. But they could have the writings of Church of Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard.

The organization is completing a huge, cylindrical vault, 14 feet beneath a pasture, as the repository of Hubbard's voluminous work,

a newspaper reported today.

The vault is designed to last 1,000 years and may preserve Hubbard's words on audio discs made of gold, according to The Press Democrat of Santa Rosa, which cited documents filed by Scientologists with Humboldt County.

According to the documents, the concrete-clad steel vault is as wide

as the cabin of a Boeing 747 and longer by 140 feet. All that's visible under a hill above the ocean are the exposed end and a ventilation tower.

Residents of Petrolia, a logging and ranching town about 200 miles north of San Francisco, speculated Scientologists would freeze corpses of church members, perhaps even Hubbard's body, to be revived later.

GM worker calls owner to apologize for error

COLUMBIA, Md. (AP) — A man who complained about faulty brakes on his 1992 Buick got an apology, but not the one he expected. It came directly from the auto worker responsible for the mistake.

"I would never have believed it. I'm just amazed," said John F. Jacobs, 48, an electrical engineer. "It appears to be that they're paying attention to quality control."

Rich Richardson, a foreman in the Flint, Mich., plant that built Jacobs' LeSabre, thought he was calling a dealer when he dialed Jacobs' number last week. When he realized he had the car owner on the phone, he decided to go ahead with the call.

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