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## November ballot can include nominees from both parties

### Resignation by district attorney creates contest

By BETH MILLER  
Staff Writer

District executive committees of both the Democrats and Republicans will each be able to place a nominee on the ballot for 31st and 223rd district attorney in the November general election, said Melinda Nicholas with the Secretary of State's Office.

District Attorney Harold Comer announced his resignation on Saturday, to be effective when his successor is appointed by Gov. Ann Richards. The person appointed by the governor will serve through the end of this year.

Nicholas said the county chairs for each party of the five-county 31st Judicial District, will get together sometime after they take office and 20 days after the runoff election date to make nominations for the November general election.

She said the provision was made for both parties to have a nominee under Section 45.036 of the Elec-

tion Code to give both parties an opportunity to fill a vacancy.

"Had this Democratic person not been running, then the Republicans might have run someone," she said of why the provision is in the Election Code.

In the meantime, a spokeswoman in Gov. Richards press office said the governor has not yet received Comer's resignation letter. However, the office would be interested in hearing from those who want to take Comer's position through the end of this year.

The spokeswoman said that normally after a resignation is accepted, the appointments division will begin hearing from those interested in the position.

"A lot of people that are interested will send in their applications," she said.

She said she did not know how soon an appointment would be made by the governor.

Comer also announced his intention to withdraw from the March 10 primary. He is the sole candidate for the district attorney's position in that election.

According to the Election Code, he will have to withdraw his name after the primary because a candidate for nomination may not withdraw from the general primary elec-

tion after the 62nd day before the general primary election day.

Votes for Comer will be counted and entered on the official election returns in the same manner as for

other candidates, County Clerk Wanda Carter said.

The district attorney's position on the November ballot will be a four-year term, beginning Jan. 1, 1993.

### Comer hearing set

A Gray County grand jury is still scheduled to report at 10 a.m. Thursday, although its services may not be required to consider the investigation of District Attorney Harold Comer, said 286th District Judge Andrew Kupper today.

Kupper said a hearing is set for 8:30 a.m. Thursday. He said he is under the assumption some sort of agreement has been reached by Comer and the Attorney General's Office, which has been conducting an investigation into the district attorney.

The assigned judge said that if a plea bargain recommendation is made, he will have the final say. He also said no one has confirmed to him that the hearing is for a plea bargain recommendation.

"That (plea bargain) is not binding on me. I have to accept it or reject it and I will consider the whole thing once it is presented to me," Kupper said today.

Comer announced his resignation and withdrawal as a candidate for re-election in a statement on Saturday. He has declined to comment on whether his resignation is related to a possible plea bargain in the case. He refused to comment when contacted today.

Assistant Attorney General Shane Phelps has been appointed special prosecutor in the case and had requested that a new 223rd grand jury be impaneled on Thursday.

After District Judges M. Kent Sims of the 31st District and Lee Waters of the 223rd District recused themselves from the case, Kupper was assigned to handle the case.

- Beth Miller



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

DPS Trooper Jim Bishop investigates a one-vehicle accident today east of the city.

### Accidents injure four

Two separate vehicle accidents sent four persons to Coronado Hospital emergency room.

A 63-year-old Pampa man was transported to an Amarillo hospital with multiple fractures following an early-morning accident today.

A collision at 7:20 p.m. Monday sent three people to Coronado Hospital, where they were treated and released.

Dale J. Smotherman, 315 Ballard, was taken by AMT Paramedic Service to Coronado Hospital early today and later transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Smotherman was injured in the one-vehicle accident when he ran a stop sign, went through a ditch and fence and the vehicle came to stop in a field, according to a report by Department of Public Safety Trooper Jim Bishop.

The 6:30 a.m. accident occurred on a paved county road (Halliburton Road), 2.9 miles east of Pampa. Smotherman was traveling south on

the road when he reportedly failed to stop at the stop sign at U.S. 60, traveled across the highway and through the fence.

Smotherman was cited for no driver's license, no proof of liability insurance and running a stop sign.

Police reports indicate a 1989 Pontiac driven by 17-year-old Shelly Stubblefield, 1103 N. Duncan, collided with a 1986 Ford driven by 22-year-old Christopher Smith, 2721 Navajo, as the Smith vehicle was pulling into a parking lot in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Accident reports show Smith was heading south and turning across traffic when the vehicle he was driving was struck from behind.

Stubblefield, Smith and a passenger in the Stubblefield vehicle, 15-year-old Erin Rohrbacher, 2232 Williston, were all taken to Coronado Hospital by AMT Ambulance. Deborah Musgrave, hospital spokesperson, said all three were treated and released.

### Supreme Court reluctant to throw out proposition

By JAMES H. RUBIN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court was urged today to throw out California's Proposition 13, product of a late 1970s tax revolt, on ground that it unfairly punishes owners of recently purchased property. The justices seemed reluctant to do so.

During an hour of arguments in the case, the justices said there may be inequities in what was described as California's unique property tax system. But they expressed doubts that the disparities violate the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection under the law.

Justice Antonin Scalia, eliciting laughter from the packed courtroom, said the system "is rough and ready, not perfect but close enough for government work."

Most of the justices expressed similar skepticism that California's voter-approved system is unconstitutional.

Carlyle Hall, a lawyer representing a woman who is challenging Prop 13, argued that the system unfairly penalizes new home buyers by making them pay higher taxes to subsidize those who have owned their homes longer.

"The authors (of the system) said someone had to bear the burden. New buyers were a convenient target," said Hall.

But Rex Lee, representing Los Angeles County in his defense of Prop 13, said California did nothing unconstitutional when it "unhitched the property tax system from the current value" of the real estate. "These types of anomalies, inequities, windfalls abound in the federal tax system."

The court is expected to announce a decision in the case by July.

Billions of dollars in tax revenue are at stake in the fight over

California's ironically named "welcome stranger" tax provision. California's property tax system raised about \$17 billion a year.

The "welcome stranger" provision was challenged by Stephanie Nordlinger, who bought her first home in 1988 with money saved while she rented for 25 years.

She paid \$170,000 for a home in the middle-income Baldwin Hills area of Los Angeles. Her property tax bill for the first year was \$1,700, or 1 percent of the purchase price.

By contrast, those who have owned comparable homes longer are paying far less in taxes because of the cap imposed by Prop 13, an amendment to the state Constitution overwhelmingly approved by voters in 1978.

Prop 13 switched the state's property tax system from one based on current value to one based on the property's value when purchased.

The system used 1975 as the base year. Thus, anyone who bought a home that year or before is taxed 1 percent of its 1975 value, plus annual increases of no more than 2 percent.

Those buying more recently start off by paying taxes equal to 1 percent of the purchase price. Their taxes are disproportionately higher since property values have soared since 1975, rising far more rapidly than 2 percent a year.

Ms. Nordlinger said the Prop 13 system has produced enormous inequities.

For example, her appeal to the high court said recent home buyers who can afford only tiny bungalows in a crime-ridden and depressed area of Los Angeles like Watts are paying as much in property taxes as the owners of \$1 million homes in the wealthiest sections of Santa Monica or Beverly Hills.

A California appeals court that upheld the "welcome stranger" provision said, "There is no requirement that property of equal current value must be taxed equally."

## Hospital corrects unit problems

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

Officials with Coronado Hospital and the Texas Department of Health confirmed today that problems in the extended care unit have been rectified and the program is no longer threatened with loss of Medicare eligibility.

An evaluation of health care facilities around the state released by the Texas Department of Health this week stated TDH was recommending de-certifying the extended care unit.

Administrator Bruce Reinhardt said today the report is a mistake and the problem that led to several repeat inspections has been corrected.

Officials in Austin with TDH said there were repeat problems which they did not specify but said they have apparently been corrected.

The TDH report recommended "proposed decertification or denial of certification" for an unspecified

problem at the hospital's extended care unit. The report covers inspections from Jan. 25-31.

"The (TDH) staff member who was here last week said they are recommending us for our annual certification," said an angry Reinhardt. "It (the problem) was related to our restraint policy and some new standards that came out from Medicare. But they told us full certification was pending. This is a mistake for us to be in that report."

Reinhardt stated, "They have to give us time to correct problems. It is a major mistake on Medicare's part to release this. We met with the person from the Texas Department of Health and they gave us a clean bill of health last week."

TDH contracts with Medicare to conduct inspections of Texas care facilities, officials with TDH and Coronado Hospital explained.

Reinhardt said, "They threaten to release these deficiencies to the media if you don't clean them up. That's their hammer. But we did

correct the policy, so this should never have been made public."

The deficient policy deals with the number of times you must release restraints on elderly patients who tend to pull out their I.V.'s, Reinhardt said. He said patients are only put in restraints under doctors' orders.

According to the TDH report the hospital was inspected on Jan. 10. Of that report the TDH said, "(We) propose to deny certification effective April 2, 1992, due to one repeat deficiency."

"It means that if they were to deny certifying us, we couldn't treat any Medicare patients on that unit," Reinhardt said. "That is a 14-bed unit that is 100 percent Medicare, so that has a major impact. We have 10 days to send a plan of correction and we did that the day after the report. They recommended us for another year of certification. I confirmed that with our chief nursing officer."

Charles Stevenson of the TDH

licensing and certification division in Austin said it was not a mistake that the information on the proposal for decertification was sent to the media.

However, he also confirmed the situation has now apparently been cleared up.

"We sent them a letter on Jan. 23 proposing to deny their certification effective April 2, if the deficiency was not cleared by that time," Stevenson said. "They were out of compliance on some policy and one of our staff members went out there last week and found they are now in compliance. We recommend they now be re-certified."

Stevenson said it is important to remember the report did not say the hospital was losing its Medicare rating, only that it was recommended they lose it in April.

"That is public information that is sent to the media one week after the information is sent to the facilities," he said. "But now that (deficiency) has been cleared up."

## Kerrey, Harkin battle in South Dakota

By KAREN BALL  
Associated Press Writer

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - Democrats Bob Kerrey and Tom Harkin dismissed predictions that today's South Dakota primary could be their last stand in the wide-open presidential race that has yet to tag a clear front-runner.

"I'm not worried about a 10-point victory or eight points. I need a lift out of here to carry me into Colorado. I expect to get it," Kerrey said.

"I don't expect that this campaign's going to be over" for several weeks, he said.

Harkin planned to spend most of primary day in Maryland; his spokesman said the dire expectations for Harkin were premature.

"There has to be an element of reality here. When South Dakota has voted, we will have elected less than 1 percent of the delegates," said Harkin aide Barry Piatt.

Nevertheless, today's primary, the first real contest for the Democrats outside New England,

was widely seen as critical for Kerrey and Harkin - senators from bordering Nebraska and Iowa, respectively - because both needed a rebound after poor showings in New Hampshire and Maine.

South Dakota was also a chance for front-runners Paul Tsongas and Bill Clinton to regain momentum after Maine's confounding results. Sunday's caucuses rewarded Jerry Brown with a virtual tie with Tsongas.

Clinton, the Arkansas governor, has yet to chalk up a win, placing second in New Hampshire and fourth in Maine. He concentrated on his native South, where his support and organization were strong.

Regardless of today's outcome, Harkin and Kerrey vowed to continue, hoping to maintain their campaigns' pulses, no matter how faint, if Tsongas or Clinton faltered.

All the contenders except Brown inundated the airwaves in the last frenetic days leading up to today's primary. For many voters it was

their first view of the candidates, who have concentrated on New Hampshire until now.

The only recent South Dakota poll found Kerrey with the lead, but even more remained undecided.

"I'm completely on the fence," Dan Rieck, a band instructor at Northern State University in Aberdeen, said Monday.

"I haven't found anybody that I really, truly believe in," Rieck added while waiting for a Kerrey appearance. He planned to watch a videotape of Sunday's Democratic debate.

In South Dakota's ad wars, Kerrey took shots at the farm records of Clinton and Tsongas, while Tsongas ribbed the middle-class tax cut supported by Kerrey and Clinton.

Harkin, meanwhile, focused on Kerrey, attacking him for voting for a fast-track trade agreement and against putting defense dollars into health care.

After South Dakota, the campaign moves into a crowded two-week primary stretch, including the March 3 primaries in Maryland, Colorado and Georgia, then on to South Carolina March 7 before the Southern-dominated Super Tuesday March 10.

Asked if a Harkin win in South Dakota would be the death knell for his campaign, said, "I don't know. My campaign is not about trying to figure out at the moment where I am in this race."

A South Dakota victory could

help Harkin and Kerrey jumpstart their straggling fund-raising efforts. "We're not down to bake sales yet, but we're close," Kerrey said.

Brown, buoyed by his showing in Maine, focused his attentions on Colorado, which holds its primary March 3.

"This is about taking back the country," he declared at a Denver news conference Monday. "This campaign will go all the way to the convention."

Clinton returned to Little Rock for a special legislative session on Arkansas' child welfare system.

Meanwhile, Republican challenger Patrick Buchanan said in Atlanta that the White House and the GOP establishment was trying to silence him and frustrate his campaign by denying him spots on ballots and freezing him out of party events.

"We equal access and we want to be treated like first-class citizens within the Republican Party. We're not being treated that way now," Buchanan said.

President Bush appears alone on the South Dakota GOP ballot.

Buchanan appealed for support from both Republicans and Democrats in the March 7 open Georgia primary.

If he does well in Georgia and other upcoming primaries, Buchanan said Bush should just "step aside. He's had the job for three years."

Bush, meanwhile, pushed his economic recovery plan at a business rally in Washington.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time today.

## Obituaries

### DENNIS E. COCKRELL

**GROOM** — Dennis E. Cockrell, 44, died Monday, Feb. 24, 1992. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. at Panhandle Cemetery with the Rev. Mark Metzger, pastor of Groom United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Home of Panhandle.

Mr. Cockrell was born Dec. 13, 1947, in Moorehead, Minn. He was a Carson County resident for seven years. He was a Baptist. He married Bobbie Kelso in 1968 at Barstow, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Todd and David of the home; one daughter, Barbara of the home; seven brothers, Bud and Kenneth, both of Panhandle, Everett of Barstow, Calif., William, David, Jerry and Larry, all of Brownsville, Ore.; four sisters, Delores Hansin of Cal-Neva, Nev., Arlis Renecker of Leesville, Ore., Carol Renecker of Panhandle and Sandra Jarrell of Brownsville, Ore.

### AL HENLEY

**WINTERS** — Al Henley, 72, father of a Pampa resident, died Thursday, Feb. 24, 1992. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Henley was preceded in death by his wife, Rose Henley.

Survivors include his daughter, Jaye Smith and son-in-law Danny Smith of Pampa; two grandsons, Justin Smith of Pampa and Hilton Brown of Dallas.

### DR. MARVIN C. OVERTON JR.

**AMARILLO** — Dr. Marvin C. Overton Jr., 88, died Monday, Feb. 24, 1992. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church in Pampa with Dr. John Judson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Inc.

Dr. Overton had lived in Amarillo for the past 8 1/2 years. He was born in Lubbock on April 29, 1903. He was a commander in the Navy during World War II. He practiced medicine in Slaton for three years. He moved to Pampa where he practiced medicine for another 47 years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Largent Overton, in 1982.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Marvin C. Overton III of Fort Worth and Dr. Todd H. Overton of Amarillo; two sisters, Nan West and Ruth Carlock, both of Lubbock; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

## Fires

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

### MONDAY, Feb. 24

3:57 p.m. — Dumpster fire in the 1100 block of East Harvester. One unit and two firefighters responded.

7:29 p.m. — Medical assist in the 1900 block of North Hobart for car accident. Two units and five firefighters responded.

## Calendar of events

### VFW

Pampa chapter of Veteran's of Foreign Wars will meet at 7 p.m., tonight, Feb. 25, at the Post home, west of Pampa on Texas 152.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.		
Wheat	3 7/8	
Milo	4.24	
Corn	4.64	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		
Ky. Cent. Life	8 1/8	dn 1/8
Serfo	1 7/8	NC
Occidental	19 1/8	NC
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Magellan	69.30	
Puritan	14.58	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
Amoco	45 5/8	up 1/8
Arco	102 1/2	dn 5/8
Cabot	38 7/8	NC
Cabot O&G	10 3/8	dn 1/4
Chevron	60 3/8	dn 3/8
Coca Cola	79 1/4	dn 1/4
Enron	33 7/8	dn 3/8
Halliburton	27 1/2	dn 3/8
HealthTrust Inc.	21	NC
Ingersoll Rand	64 3/4	dn 1/2
KNE	23 1/2	NC
Kerr McGee	37	dn 1/8
Limited	29 1/8	dn 1/8
Mapco	60 1/2	dn 3/8
Maxus	7 1/2	up 1/4
McDonald's	42 1/2	dn 1/4
Mobil	60 7/8	dn 1/8
New Atmos	20 1/2	up 1/8
Packer & Penley	12 3/4	dn 1/4
Penney's	58 3/8	dn 5/8
Phillips	22 1/8	dn 1/4
SLB	59 7/8	up 1/8
SPS	30 7/8	dn 1/4
Tenneco	38 1/4	dn 1/2
Texasco	58 1/2	dn 1/4
Wal-Mart	51 1/8	dn 5/8
New York Gold	350.40	
Silver	4.11	
West Texas Crude	18.05	

## Hospital

<b>CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions</b>		Kimberly Barbee, White Deer
Joann Andrews, McLean	Betty Lou Christenson, Borger	Pauline Lilley, Skellytown
Deann Bivins, Pampa	Paul Pleicher, Pampa	Geneva Mae Schroder, Pampa
Sarah Ellen Dickerson, Groom	Carolyn Sue Hefley, Wheeler	Layne Anthy (extended care), Pampa
Matthew King, Pampa	McDonald Russell, Pampa	Katherine Sue Smith, Pampa
<b>Births</b>		Michael Chancellor, Shamrock
To Mr. and Mrs. Steven Smith of Pampa, a boy.	Lettie Coleman, Shamrock	Alice Faulk, Shamrock
<b>Dismissals</b>		

## Police report

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

### MONDAY, Feb. 24

Albertson's, Coronado Center, reported a theft at the business.

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

### TUESDAY, Feb. 25

Police reported child abuse from neglect. (See related story)

## Sheriff's Office

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

### MONDAY, Feb. 24

Ann Prentice, 534 Harlem, reported a theft of \$200-750.

## Accidents

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

### MONDAY, Feb. 24

3:35 p.m. — A 1981 Datsun driven by Timothy Griffith, 943 E. Francis, collided with a 1975 Volvo driven by Richard Steele, 1908 Evergreen, in the 100 block of East Randy Matson. Griffith was cited for unsafe backing.

7:20 p.m. — A 1989 Pontiac driven by Shelly Stubblefield, 1103 N. Duncan, collided with a 1986 Ford driven by Christopher Smith, 2721 Navajo, in the 1900 block of North Hobart. Stubblefield was cited for following too close. Stubblefield, 17, and Erin Rohrbacher, 15, of 2232 Williston, a passenger in the vehicle, were transported by AMT Paramedic Service to Coronado Hospital, as was Smith, 22. All three were treated and released.

### DPS-Accident TODAY, Feb. 25

6:30 a.m. — A 1980 Mercury, driven by Dale J. Smotherman, 63, 315 Ballard, was traveling south on a paved county road and ran a stop sign at U.S. 60, 2.9 miles east of Pampa, and went through a ditch, a fence and came to a stop in a field. Citations will be issued. Smotherman was transported to Coronado Hospital by AMT Paramedic Service with multiple fractures and was later transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

## Correction

In a recent Precinct 1 Justice of Peace court report, Dean's Pharmacy vs. Stan Mathis was erroneously printed as a default judgment. Default was withdrawn — court error, according to Justice of the Peace Bob Muns.

## Clarification

A cutline describing two photos on page 3 Monday did not clearly state that Pampa Independent School District sponsored a recent workshop for area teachers and that presenters were furnished by four book companies, including Scholastic and Houston Mifflin Co. The workshop also covered six scholastic areas.

# Iraq pledges cooperation, asks for lifting of sanctions

By PETER J. MESSIPIELMANN Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iraq said today it will cooperate with U.N. weapon inspectors and the dismantling of its military industries if that paves the way for the lifting of economic sanctions.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Ahmed Hussein sent a lengthy letter to the Security Council and the secretary-general responding to the weekend visit of U.N. envoy Rolf Ekeus, who went to Baghdad to secure the complete cooperation of Saddam Hussein's government on the weapons issue.

Hussein's letter accepted the inspections of its weapons facilities and said Baghdad would cooperate with the longterm plan to dismantle its military industries, as called for in U.N. resolutions ending the Gulf War.

However, the letter also called for a "balance" between Iraq's cooperation and the lifting of economic sanctions imposed by the Security Council after Saddam's troops invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

Baghdad is seeking target dates for the lifting of sanctions in exchange for its full cooperation

with the U.N. Special Commission that is dismantling Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

Hussein said experts from the United Nations and Iraq should work out details for modifying Iraqi industries to make sure they cannot have any future military purposes prohibited by the Security Council.

## The sanctions are in force until Iraq complies with cease-fire demands, including elimination of its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as its ballistic missiles.

He said the United Nations should then declare "Iraq is in substantial compliance with its obligations" under the Security Council resolutions that ended the Gulf War. He asked the council to "draw a fair balance between the level of progress achieved at this stage and the position on the sanctions with a view to lifting them."

Ekeus indicated Monday that no agreement had been reached dur-

ing his trip to Iraq but refused to elaborate until after he reports to the Security Council.

A senior Iraqi delegation plans to come to New York in March, when the chairmanship of the Security Council passes from the United States to Venezuela.

The 15-nation council said last week that Iraq's failure to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors, to disclose information and to agree to future monitoring nearly a year after end of the Gulf War represented a "material breach" of cease-fire terms.

The sanctions are in force until Iraq complies with cease-fire demands, including elimination of its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as its ballistic missiles.

About 30 U.N. inspection teams have visited Iraq. The Security Council has complained the information they have gathered is incomplete because the Iraqis are not cooperating.

U.N. officials have not ruled out the use of force. U.S.-led allies sanctioned by the Security Council crushed Iraq's occupation of Kuwait in an offensive that ended last Feb. 28.

# Braun waives jury trial in Kansas

GARDEN CITY, Kan. (AP) — A Kansas man charged in a string of killings in Oklahoma and three other states has asked that a judge rather than a jury hear Kansas' case against him.

Gregg F. Braun's attorney made the request Monday in a hearing before District Judge Philip C. Vieux. Braun's trial is to begin March 23.

Braun, 30, of Garden City is charged with kidnapping and murdering Barbara Kochendorfer and Mary Rains in 1989 after robbing the convenience stores

where the two women worked.

The judge took the defense request under advisement, along with others by the defense to bar cameras from the courtroom, move the trial out of Garden City and require separate trials in the two killings.

Braun has been convicted of murdering a clerk at a convenience store in Springer, N.M., and is charged with killing one person in Pampa, Texas, and another in Ardmore, Okla. All the deaths occurred between July 19 and July 23, 1989. State law requires that the judge,

defense and prosecution all agree to have a case tried by the judge rather than a jury.

Finney County Sheriff Grover Craig said Monday that for a second time, a double-edged razor blade had been found in Braun's cell in the county jail.

The blade was found Friday when jailers searched the cell before moving some prisoners, including Braun, who was in Topeka for a mental evaluation. The blade and two 3-inch strips of a tinlike metal were stuck in a crevice of a steel desk, Craig said.

# Police investigate child neglect report involving 13-year-old

Pampa police are investigating allegations of child abuse from neglect in connection with a 13-year-old child, Chief Jim Laramore confirmed today.

A police incident report on Monday indicates the child lives at two locations in the city.

Laramore said the child apparently lives at both houses at various times, moving with his mother. "The abuse itself involves not requiring the child to attend school and failure to provide a proper environment for the child," Laramore said. "DHS (Department of Human Services) is already involved in this doing their own investigation."

Based on a review of police reports, Laramore said the child was caught shoplifting at a local business Monday during school hours. He said an interview with the child to determine why he wasn't in school led to further reports of neglect.

Laramore said the police investigation is continuing and will be turned over to prosecutors for a decision on what charges could be filed.

"Texas has a compulsory attendance requirement," Laramore said. He explained that parents who do not assure their children are attending school regularly can be subject to criminal penalty.

# Deadline set for re-registering of marks and brands

All marks and brands registered prior to Aug. 30, 1991, must be re-registered by 5 p.m. Friday to remain in effect, said Gray County Clerk Wanda Carter.

Beginning March 2, any brand not re-registered by its current owner can be taken by someone else, Carter said.

Horse and cattle brands are recorded in the office of the county clerk on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse. Office hours through Friday will be 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# City briefs

**BRICK REPAIR:** Harley Knutsen 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.

**THATCHING, SCALPING,** Fertilize, Evergreens and Cedars shaped. Senior discount. Bobby 669-6357, Howard 665-0688. Adv.

**CHAMBER OPEN** House, for the new Chamber director, February 27, 4:30-6 p.m. Chamber building. Adv.

**SPECIAL, NAILS \$25,** pedicures \$15. 669-3338 ask for Ann. Adv.

**PEGGY BAKER** welcome back to Pampa Travel Center. Call Peggy at 665-2394. Adv.

**\$99.95 CELLULAR** Bag Phone. Borger Radio Shack Only! Lowest air times rates on Pampa B-side phone numbers. 274-7077 or 665-6779 and leave message. Adv.

**CALF FRIES** at Moose Lodge February 27. Members and guests. Adv.

**AIR DUCT Cleaning.** Dale Sprinkle, 665-4229. Adv.

**THE COUNTRY** Loft Wednesday Special, Chicken Crepes with garden salad. Cheese rolls. 201 N. Cuyler, 665-2129. Adv.

**BETTE'S WINTER** Sale 1/2 of 1/2! Sale ends Saturday. 708 N. Hobart. Adv.

**TUESDAY: GIANT** Cheeseburgers or salad only \$3.99. Feed a friend for \$2.99. Wednesday all day Pampa's best Chicken Fried Steak regular \$4.95 only \$3.95. JC's restaurant. Adv.

# Survey: Soviet food prices stabilizing

MOSCOW (AP) — Nearly eight weeks after Russia launched price reforms, the cost of food and goods is no longer rising as rapidly and supplies have improved some, an Associated Press survey showed Tuesday.

Consumers also have changed their buying and eating habits because of the higher prices. Sausage, cheese, butter, eggs and some other staples that were hard to find before the Jan. 2 price increases are now readily available, but at prices that force shoppers to buy less.

Spot shortages of some goods, such as cooking oil, continue.

"Since the prices rose, the lines are longer, but the food is no more or less plentiful than it was," said Leonid Leyin as he paid 50 rubles Tuesday for a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of fatty meat. That price is seven times more expensive than it was before Jan. 2.

Leyin said he used to buy meat more often, "but now I buy it only occasionally, maybe once every two weeks."

The price of butter, which jumped from 10 rubles a kilogram before

Jan. 2 to 52 rubles on Jan. 14, seems to have leveled off at 56 rubles, according to the AP's "Moscow Marketbasket" survey of selected stores in the capital.

Sugar remains scarce. Milk, nearly impossible to find in the first weeks of January, now is more available. But of seven stores checked Tuesday, only three had some milk for sale.

While that is slightly worse than last week, consumers and store managers say milk seems to be arriving with greater regularity. Milk is one of the few goods still under price controls, and its cost has risen only about three times: from 64 kopecks a liter before Jan. 2 to 1.95 rubles this week.

Irina Kuznetsov, 70, left one store with 10 liters of milk Tuesday after waiting in a line of 50 people.

"This is not unusual for me," said Kuznetsov, who uses it to make "tvorog" — similar to cottage cheese — for the five members of her family, instead of buying meat.

Shoppers have learned when milk is delivered, and it sells out in quick-ly. Sugar is even harder to find, per-

haps because it can be hoarded more easily. At Confectionary Store No. 104, manager Yulya Olinkova said that when sugar arrives, "we have a line out the door and it vanishes in one day."

The price of sugar rose in January from 2.40 rubles a kilogram to 8.40 rubles, and it was found in only one of the seven stores.

The sanctions are in force until Iraq complies with cease-fire demands, including elimination of its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as its ballistic missiles.

What they are cutting back on is protein-rich foods, according to the Russian Commission on Statistics. Consumption of dairy products fell 25 percent from December to January; meat consumption fell 14 percent; and fruit and vegetable consumption fell 10 percent, the newspaper Evening Moscow reported.

Anatoly Neshutov, who tracks the supply of goods for the Russian Ministry of Economics, said the amount of food in Moscow's stores has not risen substantially since January, and he blamed producers.

# Weather focus

## LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the upper 20s and northwesterly winds 5-10 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny with a high in the upper 50s and northwesterly winds 10-15 mph. Monday's high was 46 degrees; the overnight low was 25 degrees.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
West Texas — Fair area-wide tonight and mostly sunny Wednesday. Highs Wednesday in the 50s but a little warmer Wednesday. Lows tonight mid 20s north to near 40 Big Bend.

North Texas — Decreasing cloudiness with precipitation ending east this evening. Mostly sunny area wide Wednesday. Lows tonight 27 west to 35 east. Highs Wednesday 53 to 58.

South Texas — Cold tonight with decreasing clouds from the west. Fair skies and cool Wednesday. Lows tonight from the 30s north to the 40s south. Highs Wednesday mostly in the 60s.

**EXTENDED FORECAST**  
Thursday through Saturday  
West Texas — Texas Panhandle, Thursday through Saturday, fair to partly cloudy each day with a

warming trend. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 50s Thursday and Friday warming into the 60s on Saturday. Permian Basin, Concho Valley-Edwards Plateau, partly cloudy each day with a warming trend. Lows mostly in the 30s. Highs in the 50s Thursday warming into the 60s Friday and Saturday. Far west Texas, a slight chance of showers Thursday, otherwise partly cloudy with a warming trend.

Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 50s Thursday warming into the 60s Friday and Saturday. Big Bend area, a slight chance of showers Thursday, otherwise partly cloudy with a warming trend.

Mountains, lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s with highs in the 50s Thursday warming into the 60s Friday and Saturday. Lowlands, lows in the 40s with highs in the 60s Thursday warming into the 70s Friday and Saturday.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central Texas, mostly fair skies. Lows in the 30s Hill Country to the 40s South Central Texas. Highs in the 60s. Near 70 Saturday. Texas Coastal Bend, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s inland to the 50s coast. Highs in the 60s Thursday, 70s Friday and Saturday. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and

plains, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s inland to the 50s coast Thursday, in the 50s inland to near 60 coast Friday and Saturday. Highs in the 60s Thursday, 70s Friday and Saturday. Southeast Texas and the upper Texas coast, mostly fair skies. Lows in the 40s inland to near 50 coast. Highs in the 60s Thursday, 60s to near 70 Friday and Saturday.

North Texas — Partly cloudy and mild. Highs in the 60s. Lows Thursday mid 30s west to low 40s east, warming to the low to mid 40s area-wide by Saturday.

## BORDER STATES

Oklahoma — Mostly clear and cold tonight. Sunny and a little warmer Wednesday. Lows tonight mid 20s to around 30. Highs Wednesday mostly mid and upper 50s.

New Mexico — Tonight partly cloudy with a slight chance of mainly snow showers. Chances for snow showers decreasing over the north late tonight. Lows from near 5 to 20 mountains, 15 to 30 at the lower elevations. Wednesday partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain or snow showers south. Highs mostly in the 40s mountains and 50s to low 60s at the lower elevations.



# Greenspan: Nation's economy improving

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said today he is cautiously optimistic that the economy is mounting a sustained recovery, but he warned there is still danger the upturn could "peter out."

Greenspan, testifying before the Senate Banking Committee, gave his most optimistic assessment to date on the prospects of the American economy, saying that there were "distinct financial indications of improvement at this time."

Greenspan said among the hopeful signs he had detected were shedding of debt by both households and businesses, stronger balance sheets for the nation's financial institutions and faster growth in the nation's money supply.

He said all of these improvements were pointing to a pickup in business activity that should lead to the

economy gaining momentum as the year progresses.

As he has in the past, Greenspan stressed that the economic outlook was "particularly uncertain" at the present time and the central bank stood ready to lower interest rates again should there be any signs of faltering.

However, analysts believe that Greenspan's newfound optimism, some of which was evident in congressional testimony he gave last week, means that the Fed will not move anytime soon to cut interest rates further.

In his prepared testimony today, Greenspan tried to strike a balance between the optimistic signs he sees of a turnaround and the dangers that the 1992 recovery could falter just as a fledgling 1991 rebound did.

"The prospective incipient recovery could peter out, as indeed the much more vigorous recovery of last spring petered out," Greenspan said.

The Fed last pushed rates down on Dec. 20 when it cut its discount

rate — the interest it charges commercial banks — to a 27-year-low of 3.5 percent.

The Bush administration, worried about economic weakness and rising unemployment in an election year, has kept up pressure on the central bank to cut interest rates further.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and Michael Boskin, the president's chief economic adviser, have both argued that the absence of inflationary pressures at present means the Fed has plenty of leeway to push rates down to stimulate demand without worrying about triggering higher inflation down the road.

The Fed's control of interest rates has been basically the only tool Washington has had to fight the recession, given the stalemate in Congress and the administration over the size and scope of tax cuts that would be useful to stimulate demand.

Greenspan's appearance last week and today was part of his semiannu-

al reports to Congress on the Fed's conduct of monetary policy and its estimates for economic growth.

Greenspan's prepared statement today was almost identical to last week's statement before the House Banking Committee except for comments inserted at the beginning in which he listed the various signs of strength he was seeing in the economy while also including the warning that the upturn could falter.

The Fed has come under criticism from some economists for keeping interest rates too high and thus helping to push the country into the recession that began in July 1990.

While the administration has kept up a steady drumbeat of criticism of the Fed, it acted last summer to reappoint Greenspan to a second four-year term as chairman. The Senate Banking Committee is expected on Wednesday to endorse the appointment, sending it to the full Senate, where Greenspan is likely to win approval with little dissent.

# Richards pleased with progress on school finance reform plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards feels "pretty good" about progress being made on school finance problems, but she still hasn't decided when to summon legislators into special session to again overhaul the law.

"We're working," Richards said Monday. "It's the toughest question I've had to deal with since I've been in office."

The Texas Supreme Court last month threw out — for the third time — the state's system of funding public schools.

The court gave lawmakers until June 1993 to write a new plan. But Richards has said she expects

to call a special session this spring or summer to do it.

More than 50 property-rich school districts and some individual taxpayers challenged the most recent law. It was designed to shift hundreds of millions of local property tax dollars from wealthier to poorer school districts within new education taxing regions, made up of one or several counties.

Richards said she has been talking with House members and will continue doing so this week. The governor said she also plans another meeting with House Speaker Gib Lewis and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

# Blood test reveals Justice Steven's cancer

By PAUL RECER  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new test led doctors to early detection of prostate cancer in Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, giving the jurist a good chance of surviving a disease that may strike 132,000 American men in 1992.

An announcement from the Supreme Court on Monday said Stevens, 71, was expected to recover after radiation therapy.

The prostate tumor was found after a physical examination that included a blood test for prostatic specific antigen, or PSA. The mildly elevated PSA led to a biopsy, which detected the cancer and allowed doctors to determine that it was confined to the prostate.

Dr. E. David Crawford, a University of Colorado professor and the chairman of the National Prostatic Cancer Education Council, said that, based on the public description of Stevens' condition, he has "a very good" chance of recovering fully.

"When the cancer is confined to the prostate, it is curable," said Crawford. He has not examined Stevens, but he said the released information suggests an optimistic outcome.

The prostate is a walnut-sized gland at the neck of the urethra that produces the fluid portion of semen. In most men, the gland enlarges with age and eventually can squeeze against the urethra, obstructing the

flow of urine. The gland also is an increasingly likely place for cancer.

For that reason, annual physical examinations of older men usually include the dreaded digital examination in which physicians probe through the rectum for signs of an enlarged or diseased prostate.

Though digital exams can detect cancer, Crawford said that by the time the tumor is large enough to be felt, the cancer often has spread beyond the prostate, usually to the lymph nodes and bone or lungs.

That's where the PSA test is proving to be a life saver.

"We found that the PSA test is twice as accurate as the rectal exam in picking up cancers of the prostate," said Crawford.

PSA is a normal part of semen formation and is usually elevated early in the process of a prostate becoming enlarged or diseased.

As a result, when there is a rise in PSA doctors usually make other, more involved tests to examine the prostate. In Stevens' case, the court said he had a biopsy, which confirmed the cancer. Other tests determined that it was localized to the prostate.

Crawford said a biopsy confirming a cancer generally would be followed up by a bone scan, a chest X-ray and perhaps a CAT scan, all imaging tests that can detect tumors.

If a tumor is found to be confined to the prostate, Crawford said, treatment could either be by radiation,

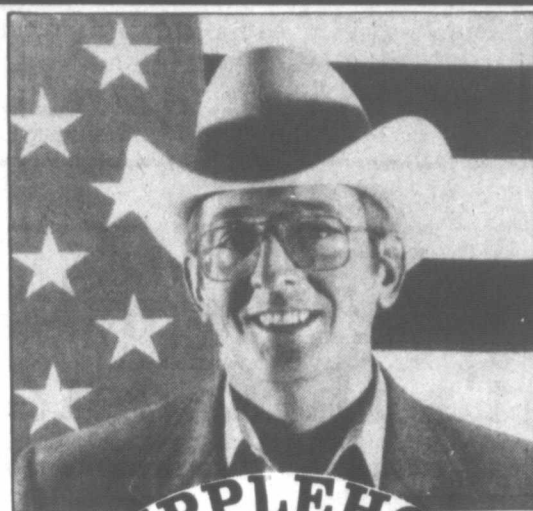
which kills the tumor, or by surgery, in which the prostate is removed.

"Both are good ways to treat the disease and the cure rate for both is very high," said Crawford. "A man that age (Stevens is 71) should have close to a normal survival rate."

The doctor said studies have shown that the survival rate is about equal for surgery or radiation up to 10 years, but after that the survival rate is slightly better for patients having had surgery.

Radiation, which Stevens is receiving, can be given over six weeks, with five treatments a week. Side effects, said Crawford, are usually "minimal."


Prostate cancer was detected in 106,000 American men in 1989, but Crawford said the rate of the disease has increased sharply and there are expected to be 132,000 new cases in 1992. Prostate cancer is now more common than lung cancer in men, he said.



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# Peace talks continue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli and Arab delegations returned to the State Department today to resume Mideast peace talks against the backdrop of a U.S. demand for an end to new Israeli settlements on predominantly Arab land.

Israel has been seeking to draw attention from the settlement dispute and toward its proposed self-rule for the 1.7 million Palestinians living under Israeli military government in the West Bank and Gaza.

The Israeli delegations to the talks, which began last October and started their fourth round Monday, this time includes specialists on various aspects of the self-rule plan.

But the Palestinians and the Bush administration are unwilling to overlook the settlements that Israel has been building at a growing pace in recent months.

President Bush, speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One today, acknowledged there were political risks in his administration's position that Israel must stop new settlements. "But I'm not going to shift the foreign policy of this country because of political expediency. I can't do that. I would not have any credibility worldwide."

The Israeli teams were meeting again with Jordan today, as well as in separate talks with delegations from Syria and Lebanon.

The Palestinians on Monday presented Israel with a lengthy document detailing why the settlements, in their view, violate international law and must be stopped.

"While the settlements are going on, while the bulldozers are leveling our land, it is very clear that Israel is trying to dig the grave of the peace process," Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi said.

Ashrawi said she was pleased with the tough stand taken on the subject Monday by Secretary of State James A. Baker III, saying she saw in his congressional testimony a "glimmer of hope" that the administration wants the settlements stopped.

Baker told a House subcommittee that the administration would reject an Israeli request for \$10 billion in loan guarantees unless new settlement construction stops.

Moving over to a Senate Appropriations foreign aid subcommittee today, Baker rejected criticism that U.S. policy jeopardized Jews in the

former Soviet Union seeking to emigrate to Israel. Israel, he said, can ensure the success of the emigration by forswearing new settlements.

Sen. Robert Kasten, R-Wis., said the administration was making a "serious mistake" by linking the humanitarian program to the settlements issue when anti-Semitism was on the rise in the former Soviet Union.

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### Opinion

## It's better to ask, What's the cost?

"Buy American" has become more than a slogan. It is taking on the trappings of a commandment.

American consumers are facing increasing pressure to buy American products, even if a less expensive or higher quality import may be available. The federal government already does this with a web of import restrictions and tariffs which add an extra \$80 billion to the cost of the goods we buy each year. Increasingly, state and local governments and private companies are getting into the act.

One example, however, demonstrates the hazards of taking the Buy American bandwagon too far. In Greece, N.Y., town officials looking for a new dirt mover were determined to buy an American-made product. Town officials rejected the purchase of a \$40,000 dirt mover from Komatsu Dresser Co., after a Japanese politician called American workers lazy. Instead they paid an extra \$15,000 of their constituents' tax money to buy a dirt mover from that good ol' American enterprise, John Deere and Co.

But the reality of a global economy is not that simple. The John Deere dirt mover, it turns out, is mostly made in Japan. And the dirt mover made by Komatsu Dresser, an American-Japanese joint venture based in Lincolnshire, Ill., is 95-percent made in America.

Dirt movers are not the only products that can cause confusion. Many "American-made" automobiles, to cite one prominent example, contain a high percentage of foreign-made parts. Chrysler Corp. has for years sold Japanese-made Mitsubishi cars under its Dodge label, and many of its minivans are in fact built in Canada.

This is no knock against Chrysler, or any other American company that buys parts or finished products abroad and sells them under an American name. General Motors and Ford also market products in this country that are produced in whole or part in other nations. Even if an automobile is built entirely in the United States, it includes parts originating elsewhere on the globe. If a company believes it has found the best buy from a foreign producer, it owes it to its own customers and shareholders to get the most of its money.

That seems to be a basic fact that many America-first protectionists would ignore: In an economy where every dollar and every penny is harder to come up with, the basic guideline — for consumers, businesses and government entities — should be getting the best product for the best price and quality.

The same guideline should apply to town councils spending tax dollars, or families spending their own hard-earned income.

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# Democrats: Where's Cuomo?

Coming out of the New Hampshire primary and the Iowa caucuses, the Democratic Party seems hellbent on perpetuating Mr. Dooley's mournful assessment: "Th' Dimmycratic Party ain't on speakin' terms with itself."

Iowa native son Tom Harkin, the only avowed liberal presidential hopeful, walked off with the Iowa Democratic delegates, while the New Hampshire campaign left all Democrats salivating for an electable candidate.

All candidates are electable. Some are simply more electable than others.

Despite the New Hampshire outcome, two political facts of life are irrefutable: Bill Clinton's candidacy is a fatality waiting to happen, and the candidacy of Paul Tsongas is a happening waiting to fail.

I will confess, however, that the charismatic and solar-bright intellect of Clinton initially fascinated me.

With the collapse of his candidacy, Democrats desperately need a massive blood transfusion of credibility, beginning with their national party chairman, Ron Brown. The natty, oleaginous Brown inspires as much confidence in the party's fortunes as Little Orphan Annie reciting the Declaration of Independence outdoors in zero-degree weather at midnight.

The Democrats must also eventually master the art of nominating electable candidates. All candidates are electable. Some are more electable than others. And that electability is based on perception.

Current polls favor incumbent President Bush



Chuck Stone

over all Democrats. Given that scenario, the Democrats should be working overtime for the most electable candidate: Mario Cuomo.

When the New York governor disavows any interest in a presidential race, he is sincere. But recently, the statesmanship of his speech at Harvard revived a moribund national party.

Three questions must be asked:

• Can Cuomo win? Of course he can. Experienced as head of the Empire state, unapologetically liberal and ennobled with one of the most incisive minds in politics today, Cuomo brings class to the presidential dialogue.

And he writes and speaks with an inspiring authority. His Jan. 2, 1983, inaugural address ranks with Lincoln's and Kennedy's inaugural addresses as three of the most eloquent statements of what America is and can become.

• Can Cuomo bring back to the Democratic Party the Southern white males who have defected disproportionately more than any other groups?

That was Clinton's strongest suit as a Southerner. But the answer for Cuomo depends on how long

the South can tolerate Bush's decimation of middle-class families.

• Can an Italian-American win in the South in 1992?

"His being an Italian is not a problem," a distinguished publisher of one of the South's most influential newspapers laughingly replies. "But YAN-KEE Italian?"

But Southerners, like Northerners and Westerners, will join forces if they collectively decide that the Bush administration cares more about the stabilization of foreign nations than the destabilization of domestic families.

All of the candidates have rediscovered the middle class. Sometimes, it seems as if "middle class" is a code word for excluding the unemployed, the poor and minorities from the political dialogue.

Still, the 59 percent of black families who earn \$15,000 or more just as proudly envision themselves as middle class as the 83 percent white families in that economic range. When it comes to aspirations for a better life for their families, a good education for their children and domestic tranquility in their neighborhoods, all Americans are united as a middle-class nation.

Bush has spent his presidential first term playing Lemuel Gulliver abroad and Rip Van Winkle at home.

This nation needs a great man in the White House. "Great deeds are wrought at great risks," observed Herodotus.

Mario Cuomo offers America an opportunity to do both.

## Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 1992. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 25, 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect.

On this date:

In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1793, the department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1870, Hiram R. Revels, R-Miss., became the first black to serve in the U.S. Senate. He was sworn in to serve out the unexpired term of Jefferson Davis.

In 1873, opera singer Enrico Caruso was born in Naples, Italy.

In 1901, United States Steel Corporation was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.



# Remembering the hard times

Mama used to talk about hard times a lot. I didn't pay much attention to it back then.

I had plenty to eat, a nice warm bed and a dog who came when I called him.

But I can remember. I can remember Mama watching me open my Christmas gifts as a child.

I didn't get the air rifle or the expensive electric train I wanted one Christmas. Daddy was gone and Mama taught in the Georgia public school system in the '50s. That's why I didn't get the air rifle or the expensive electric train I wanted.

I seem to remember what I got instead was a pair of skates and some underwear. I probably showed my disappointment.

Mama noticed and said, "Son, all we used to have when I was growing up was hard candy Christmases."

Mama grew up on a family budget that was based on what a few acres of red clay could produce. What the family didn't eat, they sold or traded for other needs. A dozen fresh yard eggs for a bucket of syrup.

"All we got for Christmas," Mama went on, "were a few pieces of hard candy. Daddy just didn't have the money for anything more."

I can remember her talking with the other adults about the Great Depression, an Excedrin Recession.

"Times were hard, but I guess we were lucky," Mama would say. "We didn't have any money, but we had some chickens and a cow and Daddy was



Lewis Grizzard

still able to grow a few things. At least we didn't go hungry like a lot of other folks."

Hard times. They come and they go. These are really the hardest times most of the people alive in this country today have ever known. My generation, the babyboomers, haven't known any hard times before. I was able to pay for some of my college, but Mama saved shoeboxes full of ones and fives to help me get started.

Opportunities abounded when I graduated. I went to work for the *Atlanta Journal* for \$150 a week when I was 21 in 1968. My mother made \$120 a month teaching first grade in Senoia, Ga., in 1953.

Since I was 15, I've never been out of work, except when I chose to be out of work. I decided to devote all my energy to my tennis game back in 1974, so I quit my job at the *Atlanta Journal*. No problem. I'd saved a few shekels and my wife

worked for the apartment complex in which we lived. We got free rent. My forehead volley improved dramatically.

When I decided I'd never wind up on center court at Forest Hills, I went back to work. I had no problem finding another job. I got one at the *Chicago Sun Times* making \$28,000 a year in 1975.

And I'm still one of the lucky ones. I've still got a job today. A lot of other people don't, of course. Unemployment rates are up, to be sure, but we still can't compare these hard times to those of our parents and grandparents.

We're in a hole but not nearly as deep as a one as the country and its citizens have been in before.

What I'm wondering is, are we as stong and determined as our forebearers were? They held up and held on and went through hell to get out of the deep well they were in.

Can we stick it out and remove ourselves from a comparative pothole?

Perhaps it's easy for me to ask such questions. General Motors hasn't laid me off. My employer hasn't gone out of business.

But all of us have an example which was set by those who gave us life and reared us.

They blamed the politicians just like we're doing. Horrible Hoover. Do-nothing Bush. They hurt. They cried. They despaired.

But they survived, and we can, too. It's in our blood.

# Sharing couldn't hurt U.S., Japan

By SARAH OVERSTREET

I remember well the first stories I read about modern Japanese society, before the current round of intercontinental name calling started.

I was appalled at the lack of pleasures their careers brought the Japanese, despite their efforts: The 12- to 14-hour, six-day work weeks; the inability to buy even the tiniest, yardless houses; entire lives spent in small, spare apartments; a rigid educational system where even 60 percent of elementary students report fatigue and occasional stress headaches; and a fate called "karoshi," which sometimes befalls Japanese workers — death from overwork.

I'm sure enterprising Japanese journalists are able to make our culture sound as scary to the Japanese as theirs did to me — our high crime rate compared with their microscopic one; increasingly unruly and disinterested students, some of them carrying guns;

parents with better things to do than get involved with their kids' education; jobs where people work most of their lives only to be kicked out the door just before retirement (as opposed to Japanese companies where an employee is virtually promised a job for life in return for his loyalty).

It's not all that hard to take the worst aspects of a society and create a pretty grisly portrait, even if there are plenty of positive things to focus on, too. It's especially easy if you're a professional politician, more adept at shoveling poop than leading your country into ways of improving itself. So it's not surprising that the chief poop-purveyors in both countries have been working overtime bashing each other instead of studying things the other country does better so we can learn something.

This makes as much sense as someone like me looking at other writers who are making more money and getting more attention and criti-

cizing their cultures or lifestyles. "Hey, 'dya see that dangling participle in Ellen Goodman's last column? It's that decaying New England work ethic. She was too preoccupied with the weekend on Friday when she wrote it, and couldn't proofread it right Monday because she'd played too hard Saturday and Sunday. And why are those Missouri newspapers taking her column instead of mine? So what if hers is better and people would rather read it? I live here and buy Missouri newspapers, but all she buys is *The Boston Globe* and *The New York Times*."

I don't have time. I'm too busy reading everything an Ellen Goodman or a Dave Barry writes, trying to dissect their thought processes and figure out how they do what they do. I don't know a better way to become successful than to study the successful.

Imagine a culture that blends the successes of Japan and America! Companies that employed the egalitarian management style of the

Japanese, allowing each employee input in decision-making. Workers dedicated to working harder during boom times without expecting extra employees to be hired, knowing, as Japanese employees know, that they won't be laid off during leaner times.

School systems blending Japanese tenets of behavior and discipline with American encouragement of creative and free thought. A little less personal sacrifice from the stoic Japanese worker, a little more from the American.

I'm not sure how the average Japanese would view trading places with me, but I believe America offers a better chance to have the kind of life I want. Still, it's impossible for me to understand why we would risk losing any competitive edge we might have over the Japanese by not emulating them where we should. If they would rather bash us than copy our successes, that's their business.

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# GM reports \$4.5 billion loss

By FREDERICK STANDISH  
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Autoworkers who bucked the national union and offered to work the kind of hours that helped General Motors Corp. make a profit in Europe were the big winners as GM named 12 American plants getting the ax.

"We have a good background of being flexible, of being productive," said Dave Perdue, president of a 3,700-member United Auto Workers local at a plant in Arlington, Texas, that was spared. "We just sold ourselves."

GM Chairman Robert Stempel on Monday announced the closings by 1995 of two assembly plants — in Michigan and New York — and 10 parts factories. Among other things, GM will shift production of large, rear-wheel drive cars from the Willow Run plant in Michigan to Arlington. The Michigan plant will close next year.

The closings affect 16,000 blue-collar workers; white-collar operations will be streamlined, affecting an undetermined number of jobs.

GM also reported a \$4.5 billion loss in 1991, the worst annual loss ever for an American corporation. It included a \$1.8 billion one-time charge for closing plants through 1995. The loss pushed combined losses for GM, Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. to \$7.6 billion last year, the worst in automotive history.

The closings announced Monday were the first step in a plan outlined by Stempel in December to eliminate 74,000 jobs and 21 plants by

1995. At the time, Stempel said either the Arlington or Willow Run plant would close. But otherwise, he gave no indication until Monday which plants would get the ax.

Up until the last minute, many Willow Run workers believed the changes they made to cut costs and increase efficiency put them ahead.

"They dangled the cheese in front of us and when we reached out for it, they yanked it away," said Leo Laurin, a 22-year GM employee.

"People are pretty well disgusted. It's a damn shame. It's a sad sight. I hope nobody commits suicide over it," said Russ Brown, one of 4,014 workers at the plant, situated near the Detroit suburb of Ypsilanti.

The other assembly plant that will be closed is in North Tarrytown, N.Y.

Some UAW leaders said GM picked Arlington because it could get parts made cheaply in Mexico. However, Stempel seemed to support Arlington plant manager Art Hester's contention that flexible scheduling — and labor-management cooperation — were major factors.

"If you look at what we've been doing in Europe, one of the things we've done over there is used fixed facilities literally 24 hours a day," Stempel said. "Obviously it's the way we're going to have to go."

GM's European plants turned a profit last year.

In 1986, the Arlington UAW workers adopted a team concept in which workers learn each other's jobs. After the restructuring was announced, the Arlington workers

went against the national UAW, agreeing to consider four-day, 10-hour shifts and a 24-hour, three-shift-production schedule. The local government also offered tax breaks if the plant was expanded.

The national union got the message Monday, but leaders vowed not to make concessions that hurt workers.

"The UAW has no intention of accepting agreements at GM that lower the living and working standards of UAW members," President Owen Bieber and Vice President Stephen Yokich said in a statement.

GM stock fell 6 1/2 cents to \$37.75 on the New York Stock Exchange on Monday.

Laid-off UAW employees at GM are guaranteed 95 percent of their take-home pay until the three-year contract expires in September 1993.

About 38,000 hourly jobs and 20,000 salaried positions remain to be cut, through attrition, retirement and the elimination of four more assembly plants and three parts factories. Stempel said a decision on those plants won't be made for several months.

Analysts predicted that the world's largest automaker won't stop when it reaches its goal of eliminating 74,000 jobs.

"The company now has capacity to produce 44 percent of the cars and trucks in North America and only 35 percent of the demand," said John Casesa of Wertheim Schroder & Co. in New York. "They will do anything to bring those two numbers together as efficiently as possible."



(AP Laserphoto) Barbara Hull and Thomas Blakly celebrate the announcement Monday that Arlington's General Motors assembly plant will remain open in Arlington. Blakly has worked with the company 25 years.

GM's North American car and truck operations lost an estimated \$7 billion last year. The automaker said it earned \$2.1 billion over-

seas and that its computer services, aerospace electronics and financial subsidiaries added \$2.4 billion.

GM vehicle sales in 1991 fell 12.5 percent; U.S. sales last year for all automakers fell 11.4 percent.

## Counselor to attack media for HIV 'witch hunt'

DALLAS (AP) — A northeast Texas counselor who reported that a cluster of students had tested positive for the AIDS virus at Rivercrest High School has attacked the media in a television interview to be broadcast next week.

Dona Spence was in New York City on Monday to tape a segment for the television talk show Sally Jessy Raphael, *The Dallas Morning News* reported today.

State Health Department officials last week began reviewing the case management files of Ms. Spence, an AIDS/HIV counselor with the Ark-Tex Council of Governments.

On the television show, to be broadcast March 5, Ms. Spence says the media have "instigated a witch hunt — kind of a kill the messenger,

the person who brings the bad news."

Ark-Texas officials said they didn't know about Ms. Spence's plans to appear on the television show.

Janell Browning, Ms. Spence's direct supervisor, said the counselor called in sick Monday.

"We have asked her to refrain from speaking with the media until the (Texas Health Department) review is complete," Ms. Browning said. "Any interviews she has given in the past week were given without authorization."

Ms. Spence reported that six students at Rivercrest High School in Red River County had tested positive for the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS. Students

at several other Northeast Texas schools also reported infected.

Ms. Spence's qualifications have since been questioned, but an Ark-Tex spokeswoman has said the agency stands behind the counselor.

A Health Department spokesman said Monday that the agency is committed to letting the public know the accuracy of the Ms. Spence's reports.

"We are committed to having a response following our review of the files," said spokesman Doug McBride.

State Sen. Bill Ratliff had said a health department official told him Friday that an internal policy prohibited the agency from releasing community-specific

information on HIV-positive or AIDS patients.

"If they don't say anything, the assumption is that the cases are there. But there will always be a cloud," said Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

Ratliff had asked Gov. Ann Richards to overturn the decision, and she said she would look into the case.

"I'd like to talk to the Health Department about it first, before I say anything," said Richards, when asked Monday about specific results from the investigation.

"But regardless, I think the schools of this state and the parents of this state are going to have to get serious about the fact that AIDS kills," she said.

## State hires lottery consultant

AUSTIN (AP) — A consulting firm has been hired to review contract proposals for starting up the Texas lottery in response to the resignation of another lottery consultant amid potential conflict of interest charges.

Lottery officials on Monday awarded the \$90,000 contract to the independent, not-for-profit firm of Battelle Memorial Institute of Columbus, Ohio.

Battelle has no connections to various lottery vendors that are seeking Texas' business, state Comptroller John Sharp said.

"We wanted an objective and experienced company that is not working today — and has not worked for the past two years — for any lottery vendor. In Battelle, we found a firm that not only meets those standards but also prides itself on that kind of objectivity," he said.

The lottery's first outside consultant, the Georgia-based Lottery Support Group, resigned after reports surfaced that its president was related by marriage to an official of Scientific Games Inc., which is bidding on multimillion-dollar state contracts.

## Americans question U.S. product quality

By HOWARD GOLDBERG  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Many Americans harbor doubts about the quality of U.S.-made products, especially cars, but 72 percent in an Associated Press poll reject the charge by Japanese politicians that U.S. workers are lazy.

A third of those polled think Japan makes higher quality cars than U.S. companies do. Two in five give credence to the old saw that American-made cars built on Fridays have more mechanical problems because workers get careless.

Asked about differences in quality when American and Japanese companies both make a product, 28 percent of the 1,009 adults surveyed said U.S.-made products are better. Products made in Japan are rated better by 23 percent. Products of both countries seem about the same in quality to 43 percent.

When it comes to cars, just 32 percent say both countries' products are of the same quality. The percentage saying cars made in Japan are better is 32 percent, while 29 percent say American-made cars are of higher quality.

The poll taken Feb. 12-16 by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Quality is just one part of the decision of whether to buy an American car or an import. But a finding

that about a third of Americans think the Japanese make better-quality cars does not bode well for Detroit's Big Three, which lost a record \$7.6 billion in 1991 and are laying off tens of thousands of workers.

Of those polled, 16 percent said workers in the United States are more productive than the Japanese; 38 percent said Japanese workers are more productive. More than a third considered productivity about the same in the two economic superpowers.

The less money people make, the less frequently they rate Japanese products and worker productivity better than America's.

That could be because there are "more industrial workers in the lower income groups, people whose jobs are pressured by foreign imports," said Gordon Richards, an economist with the National Association of Manufacturers.

Lawrence Mishel, research direc-

tor for the Economic Policy Institute, a liberal think tank in Washington, said the public may consider productivity to mean hard work and long hours, but economists measure it differently.

"I think the evidence is that U.S. workers per hour are more productive than the Japanese. That's on average across all industries. That includes the service sector. In manufacturing, we're probably still more productive per hour, but there are some industries where they'd be ahead," Mishel said.

Doubts persist about slack workmanship, such as the unproven tale of carelessness on auto assembly lines on Fridays. In the poll, 4 percent called that perception absolutely true, and 37 percent said it was somewhat true. A quarter called it somewhat false, and 28 percent said it was absolutely false.

Since cars and their components are not tagged with their time of


manufacture, there's no way anyone other than the companies themselves could know if their assembly lines are not running on all cylinders certain days.

The latest version of the story, which also involved suspicions about cars built on Mondays, surfaced Feb. 3 in a Japanese Parliament member's comments about the faltering U.S. economy. Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa responded that Americans are losing their work ethic.


Weeks earlier, Yoshio Sakurachi, speaker of the Parliament's lower house, called American workers lazy.

Time magazine and CNN subsequently reported on a poll of 500 Japanese Jan. 28-29 that found just 15 percent would describe Americans as hard-working.

Seventy-two percent of Americans in the AP poll said they would describe most American workers as hard-working, and 17 percent would call them lazy.



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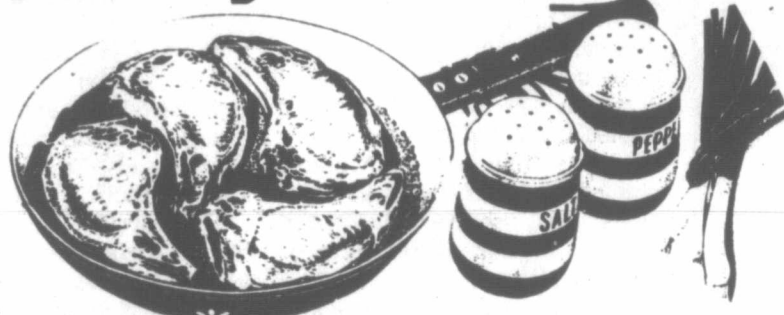
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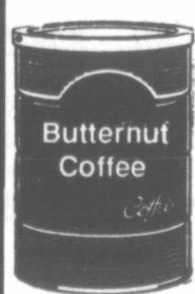
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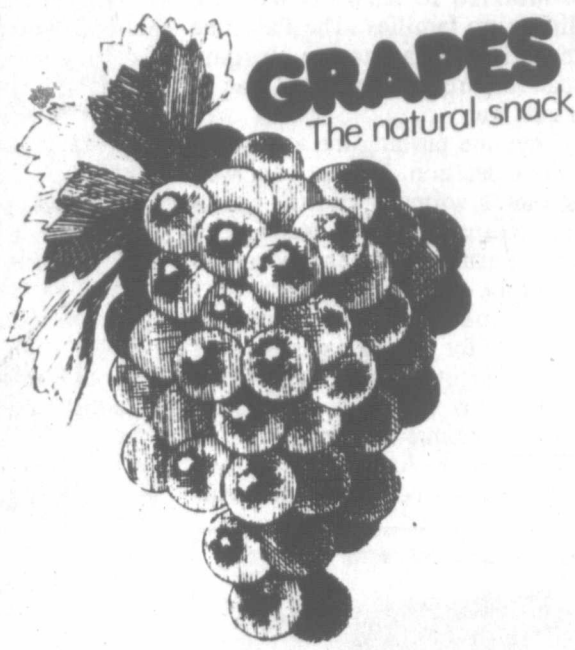
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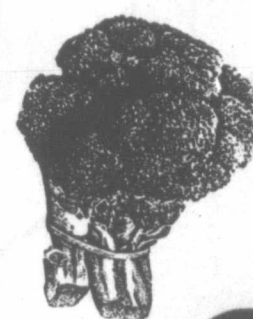
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# A year after war, Kuwait human rights record uneven

By NEIL MacFARQUHAR  
Associated Press Writer

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — On Saturday, a Palestinian journalist will kiss his two young daughters and wife of 17 years good-bye and board a plane for Jordan. He is being expelled by order of the government.

Across town, Filipino maid Rodrigua Albina is in her nation's embassy, nursing wounds she says were caused when her Kuwaiti mistress beat her with a rolling pin.

Ms. Albina and hundreds of other Asian workers have sought shelter in their embassies from abusive Kuwaiti employers.

A year after the Persian Gulf war, groups such as Amnesty International, the International Committee of the Red Cross and Kuwaiti rights organizations are raising new con-

cerns about the emirate's human rights record.

Investigators note that the wave of executions and torture that followed the February 1991 ouster of Iraqi troops largely ceased by July.

"But there are still serious human rights problems," said Jean-Philippe Lavoyer, head of the Red Cross delegation in Kuwait.

Among the major concerns: —Rights groups say new allegations of severe beatings in Kuwaiti detention centers are under investigation.

—Palestinians continue to be forced out of Kuwait against their will, especially the estimated 15,000 people from Gaza who taught in the emirate for decades. Lacking real passports, only Iraq is taking them.

—There has still been no solution for tens of thousands of stateless

Arabs living in Kuwait, once the core of the army and police force but now unemployed.

—Kuwait is expelling thousands of Iraqis, Palestinians, Jordanians, Sudanese and Yemenis even if they are married to Kuwaiti women, splitting up families. The Palestine Liberation Organization, Jordan, Sudan and Yemen supported Iraq in the Gulf war.

"They are pushing me to divorce by their decision. I know very well that this is wrong," said the Palestinian journalist who is planning to leave Saturday after living in Kuwait for more than 30 years.

He spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of harassment of his two daughters and Kuwaiti wife. His family is staying behind so his girls can continue in school.

—At least 30 Asian domestic servants flee daily because of maltreat-

ment such as rape, beatings and non-payment of wages. Some fleeing to police stations are beaten there, embassy sources said.

One day this week the embassies of the Philippines, India and Sri Lanka were sheltering a total of about 250 domestics.

"They should not be treated like a machine that has been bought," said A.P. Wickramasinghe, labor secretary at the Sri Lankan Embassy.

Maids are paid just \$150 a month for up to 19 hours of work a day, and employers charge around \$1,500 to break a contract when things go sour.

The Philippine Embassy says the body of a maid who committed suicide has been stuck in the morgue

for a month because her Kuwaiti family refuses to pay the several hundred dollars to ship her home.

Government officials dismiss most of these problems as minor or non-existent.

In a news conference on Monday, Deputy Prime Minister Sheik Salem al-Sabah said he had full confidence that Kuwait's justice system could handle any human rights problem fairly.

Salem said the Kuwaiti government would help provide whatever documents needed for Palestinians to leave, but expressed little sympathy for up to 5,000 women being split from their husbands.

"If she loves him and married him out of love, she should go and follow him," Salem said.

As for the domestic servants, Assistant Foreign Minister Suleiman al-Shaheen said, "It is not a large figure compared to the large community we have here."

The number of foreign workers has shrunk to about 800,000 from about 1.5 million in a prewar population of 2.1 million, with the Palestinian community down from 450,000 to about 30,000.

Some see the source of the human rights violations as a psychological problem stemming from the lack of involvement by so many Kuwaitis in the fight to evict Saddam Hussein's forces.

"It's a transfer of anger. They can't get back at the source of the anger — Saddam," psychologist Fawzia Dora'i said.

## Cole duet, 'Robin Hood' ballad competing for Grammy awards

By DAVID BAUDER  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — R.E.M., the darling of the rock underground before it finally went mainstream with "Losing My Religion," competes for honors at tonight's Grammy Awards along with such stars as Natalie Cole and Bryan Adams.

The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences will hand out its 34th annual awards beginning at 8 p.m. on CBS. Whoopi Goldberg will be host of the show.

Cole's "Unforgettable," a duet with her late father, Nat "King" Cole, that was spliced together in the recording studio, will compete

for record and song of the year. Cole, who won a Grammy for best new artist in 1975, has four nominations this year.

Adams' "(Everything I Do) I Do It for You," from "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves," and former gospel singer Amy Grant's "Baby Baby" are also in the running for best record and song. Adams has six nominations, Grant four.

R.E.M. leads with seven nominations for its album "Out of Time" and the song "Losing My Religion."

"If you had asked me two months ago I would have bet lots of money that we were never going to be nominated for a Grammy," said guitarist Peter Buck. "Now we have more

nominations than anybody else and it's kind of mind-boggling."

Grant, Adams, Cole, and R.E.M. will battle with Bonnie Raitt's "Something to Talk About" for record of the year, which honors the performing artists. The song of the year award honors the songwriter.

Nominees for best album are Grant's "Heart in Motion," Raitt's "Luck of the Draw," R.E.M.'s "Out of Time," Paul Simon's "The Rhythm of the Saints" and Cole's "Unforgettable."

Singer-songwriter Marc Cohn is nominated for best new artist, along with four acts that made their biggest impact on dance floors last year: Boyz II Men, C&C Music Factory, Color Me Badd and Seal.

## Reporter refuses to divulge Thomas source

WASHINGTON (AP) — A National Public Radio journalist is refusing to identify the sources who told her about sexual harassment allegations against Justice Clarence Thomas.

Reporter Nina Totenberg appeared under subpoena Monday before Senate special counsel Peter E. Fleming Jr., who was hired to investigate news leaks.

She told reporters after the closed-door questioning that she refused to cooperate in the leak investigation in part because of "personal honor."

She said, "I gave my word and I will not break it."

But "most important is the first principle of the Bill of Rights — the First Amendment," which guarantees press freedom, she said.

Fleming was hired, in part, to discover who leaked law professor Anita Hill's allegations that she was sexually harassed by Thomas, who now is an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

Ms. Totenberg and Timothy Phelps of Newsday, a Long Island newspaper, were the first journalists to reveal Ms. Hill's allegations.

Phelps was questioned by Fleming Feb. 13 and said he refused to reveal his sources.

In her statement to Fleming, Ms. Totenberg said she obtained the affidavit filed by Ms. Hill with the Senate Judiciary Committee but "at no time did I receive a copy of any FBI report with respect to the Thomas nomination."

"Within the next day or two, I destroyed all notes, copies of documents, phone logs or anything else that might lead to the identification of the source or sources of my story," Ms. Totenberg said.



(AP Laserphotos)

Two stamp designs depict Elvis Presley at different stages of his entertainment career. One of the stamps is expected to be issued in 1993.

## American public to choose Elvis stamp

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Is Elvis Presley best remembered as the sneering, hip-swiveling rock 'n' roller or the middle-aged legend in a white sequined suit?

The Postal Service is leaving it up to the American people.

The service unveiled two stamp designs Monday, one showing the King in his "Hound Dog" and "Heartbreak Hotel" years. The other shows Elvis during his later Las Vegas years. Presley died in 1977 at age 42.

Five million ballots will be available to the public in post offices April 4-26.

The winning stamp, expected to be issued in 1993, will be announced in May, probably at the Presley's Graceland estate in Memphis, Tenn.

"This lets the American public become involved in a very unique way," Postmaster Anthony Frank said. "He broke new ground. The American people have deep feelings for him."

## Fox chief Barry Diller resigns from network

By JOHN HORN  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fox Inc. studio chief Barry Diller, who took on television's Big Three with a scrappy fourth network and such shows as "The Simpsons" and "Married ... With Children," stunned Hollywood by quitting.

Diller, 50, who announced his resignation Monday as chairman and chief executive, said he will pursue his own entertainment company.

"It's a great feeling to do this when you're both young enough and old enough," he said. He would not elaborate.

Since Diller took over in 1985, Fox launched the Fox Broadcasting Co., which has nipped at the major networks with such shows as "In Living Color" and "Beverly Hills 90210."

"This is an earthquake over here," said a Diller associate who spoke on condition of anonymity. "Barry is the company. He is the vision of the company. He will be sorely missed."

The Fox network is expected to post a \$40 million profit this year.

Diller boldly scheduled his hit TV shows against those of the other networks, such as pitting "The Simpsons" against NBC's "Cosby Show."

Under Diller's stewardship, Fox released "Home Alone," the most successful comedy in Hollywood history. The 1990 release has amassed \$285 million at domestic theaters.

Recent Fox pictures have done poorly at the box office, including "For the Boys," "The Super" and "Shining Through."

Diller said his job would not be filled. Instead, Rupert Murdoch,


chairman and chief executive of Fox's parent, Australia-based News Corp., will assume permanent control of the Fox companies.

"He has been a great and visionary leader for the Fox companies and has achieved extraordinary success," Murdoch said in a statement. "I have known for a long time his intentions to make this move and respect his decision."

Associates speculated Diller might make a bid for NBC. NBC spokeswoman Sue Binford refused to comment.

Before he joined Fox, Diller headed Paramount Pictures Corp. for 10 years. Paramount tripled in size and churned out such TV hits as "Happy Days," "Mork and Mindy" and "Cheers."

Diller also was head of programming at ABC, where he created the movie-of-the-week and miniseries formats.



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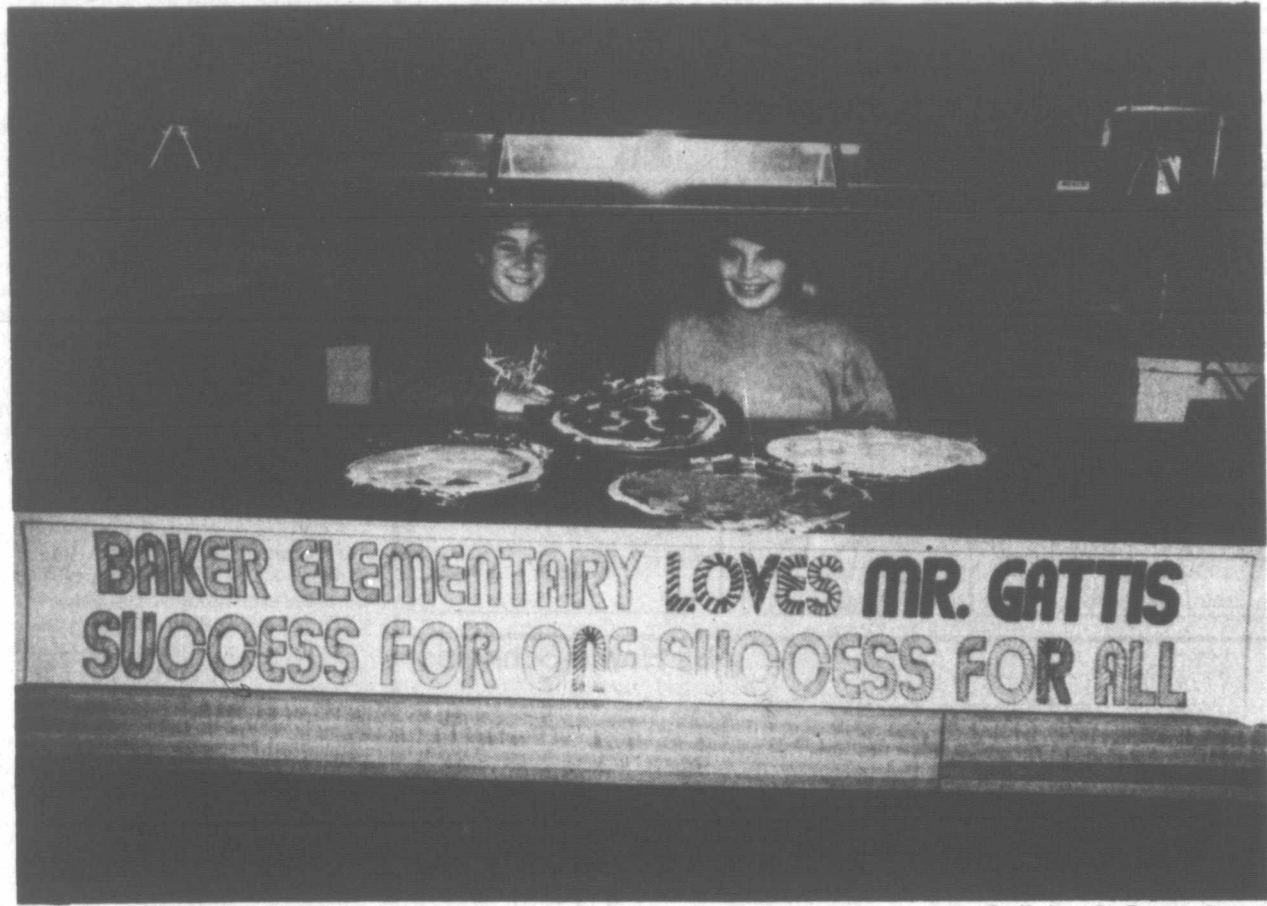
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# Lifestyles

## May I eat pizza?



Mr. Gatti's Pizza adopted Baker Elementary School. Left, are fifth graders Kelby McClellan and Annette Botello, about to enjoy pizza.

(Staff photo by Bonnar Green)

## Hopefully, can we, like, improve our language?

**DEARABBY:** What has happened to the English language? The excessive use and misuse of the word "like" is an abomination! To utter the incoherent, "I was, like, you know, going home," incriminates the user; as does, "it was, like, Saturday." "Like" is a substitute for "about," "approximately," "similar to," "it may have been," or many other terms or expressions.



**Dear Abby**  
Abigail Van Buren

And "I go" and "he goes" are stupid contortions for "I said, stated, noted, observed," and other correct usages.

"Hopefully" is used far too often and invariably ungrammatically. And athletes, especially, seem incapable of stumbling and fumbling through even a half sentence without a "hopefully." This incorrect redundancy could be replaced with "I hope," "I would hope" or "we will attempt to."

The sports announcers are the worst. We can surely do without the "hey" and "guys" in every other sentence. They are so infuriating, I turn them off and walk the dog.

**KENNETH F. EMERICK,**  
SHIPPENVILLE, PA.

**DEAR KENNETH:** You have found a soul mate in Marcie Mitchell. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** Will you please make another attempt to improve the atrocious and horrid misuse of our language? Much of it is inarticulate, appallingly sloppy and infuriating to the listener.

It is maddening to hear "you know, you know, you know" from so many of the celebrities (and athletes) who are interviewed on TV talk shows.

One of the most annoying habits is ending every sentence with "OK?"

Some people end every sentence with "Right?"

I know you dealt with this problem several years ago, but it wouldn't hurt to print a reminder. And there are dozens of other speech irritants.

**MARCIE MITCHELL,**  
ROLLING HILLS, CALIF.

**DEAR MARCIE:** Over the years, I have invited my readers to send in their pet peeves with regard to the misuse of words and other speech irritants. Readers, what are yours?

**DEAR ABBY:** The letter from the nursing home administrator about families who ignore their mothers, fathers and grandparents who reside in nursing homes hit a sore spot I've had for years.

I have cared for seniors, too, and some family members who "visit" do not stay for even 10 minutes. They come in saying, "I can only stay a few minutes — I'm on my way to my bridge club (or some other event) but I wanted to see you."

Abby, there is never an offer to

take the person for a ride, or out to eat, or for an ice cream cone.

Some of these seniors had entertained their kinfolk in their homes for years, but of course that is all forgotten.

Parents care for their children for years, but these ungrateful children would not even consider taking their aging parents for a weekend.

**CAREGIVER, U.S.A.**

**CONFIDENTIAL TO YOU: I, who seldom watches TV, am positively hooked on "Homefront" (ABC) on Tuesday night.**

**DEAR ABBY:** "On the Fence in Waukegan" must be thinking with her hormones.

This well-educated, successful, career woman needs to take a good hard look at the man with whom she's considering spending the rest of her life. She says he's somewhat immature, is still very attached to his buddies, and enjoys the bar scene — then she hastens to add, "Two beers is his limit." Can't she see the handwriting on the barroom wall? She admits that perhaps this man may be "too simple" for her, and she might grow bored.

Abby, I think "On the Fence" should have signed herself, "Off My Rocker."

**SAN ANTONIO READER**

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## Adult blemishes can have medical origins

By REDBOOK  
For AP Special Features

To banish beauty blemishes, skip the cosmetics counter and go directly to your doctor's office.

Many skin blemishes are medical problems, according to an article in the current issue of Redbook, and your physician has a variety of simple techniques and medications that can help.

Just because you are out of your teens does not mean you have escaped acne — adults can get rosacea or adult acne, a red rash along the cheeks, nose and forehead. Fair-skinned women are particularly vulnerable.

The cause is unknown, says Dr. Diana Bihova, a dermatologist at New York University School of Medicine. Stress, sunlight, spicy foods and alcohol are among the triggers. Rosacea can progress from redness to the formation of raised bumps and pimples and broken blood vessels, resulting in damaged skin.

Your doctor can prescribe Metrogel containing topical metronidazole, the first drug designed specifically for rosacea.

Spider veins are actually swollen capillaries. Most are hereditary or caused by sun exposure. Pregnancy, alcohol and smoking can add to the problem, said Dr. Ronald E. Sherman, a dermatologist at New York Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Until recently spider veins were

removed by electrodesiccation, using a low electric current delivered through a needle to seal off the blood vessel. Now there's a better tool — the copper vapor laser.

Using a penlike stylus, a doctor shines a laser on problem areas, vaporizing them. Sherman said there is less chance of recurrence, no scarring and less discomfort than with a needle.

Liver spots, also known as age spots or lentigines, usually can be removed with a prescription bleaching preparation, a copper vapor laser or a light chemical peel.

Moles must be watched carefully. New moles, or any that change size, shape or color or that bleed, could indicate skin cancer and should be seen by a doctor. Raised moles with no roots below the surface can be shaved off with a scalpel. Flat moles, those with roots and skin cancers, can be cut out.

Skin tags, stalklike bits of excess skin that often form on the neck and eyelids, can be snipped off by the doctor using a scissors.

Sebarrheic keratoses are dark warty-looking growths that appear from middle age on. Your doctor can scrape them off or remove them with liquid nitrogen, electrodesiccation or acid.

Two other facial growths could be a sign of trouble. Solar or actinic keratoses, precancerous growths brought on by years of sun exposure, may start off as a pink or

slightly raised patch, then progress to a scaly red or brown lesion.

If only one or two appear, they can be scraped off or treated with Retin-A or 5-fluorouracil, a prescription cream.

Facial warts are viral growths that spread rapidly if they are not promptly removed.

There is also a new alternative to Retin-A for reducing wrinkles — alpha-hydroxy acids, made from natural substances in fruits, vegetables and sour milk.

Dr. Eugene Van Scott, of Hahnemann University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, who did pioneering research on the substances, said they treat wrinkles and help remove small scars, liver spots and other discolorations and growths.

While still very new, they appear to be safe. Their only drawback may be the need for ongoing treatment in cases of wrinkles or severe dry skin.

Dandruff can be one of two conditions. Fallout from simple dry scalp can be treated by using a gentle shampoo, a moisturizing conditioner and changing styling habits.

True dandruff is caused by an oily scalp and an overgrowth of yeast microbes, Dr. Robert Walker, director of dermatology at New York's Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, told Mary-Ellen Banashek in Redbook. It can be treated with special shampoos and/or antifungal medication.

## Emergency fix-its available until help arrives

By READER'S DIGEST BOOKS  
For AP Special Features

Our homes are never more vulnerable than during a natural disturbance. High winds can blow off roof shingles or break windows, heavy rains can cause basement flooding and severe cold can freeze pipes.

Fortunately, there are some quick stopgap measures that you can take to limit damage until permanent repairs can be arranged. These quick fixes not only solve the immediate problem but may also limit the extent of repairs later.

**Damaged Roof**  
If your house has an open, unfinished attic, you can often temporarily patch a leak from the inside:

— If the hole is small, let it dry. Then, fill it with roof cement or caulking compound. Coat the surrounding area as well.

— Cut a board to fit snugly between the rafters. Position it over the patch and drive nails through it at an angle into the rafters.

If there are missing or damaged shingles:

— Cover the damaged area with plastic sheeting. Double the edges and staple the sheeting to the roof. Then caulk around the edges of the sheeting.

— If high winds may return, tack wood strips along the edges of the

plastic and at intervals in between. Let the roof dry before making permanent repairs.

**Broken Window**  
— If you can't shutter or board over windows before a storm, tape large panes to reinforce them and prevent shattering. Use cloth-backed tape, such as duct tape, and make an X on the inside of each pane.

— If a window cracks, put duct tape over the crack to prevent it from spreading and producing a larger break.

— If a window breaks, wear heavy gloves to avoid cuts, and use a sturdy container to dispose of the pieces. Remove all loose pieces by working from the top down. After removing the broken glass, staple or tape polyethylene sheeting or a heavy-duty plastic trash bag over the window, doubling the edges.

— If it's windy, back up the plastic by tacking a sheet of cardboard or a couple of boards over the stapled sheeting.

**Flood Damage**  
— Enter a house only if you're sure it is structurally sound and the gas and electricity are off. Shovel and hose out the mud and silt before they dry, and scrub and disinfect the floors and woodwork. Afterwards, open windows to speed drying. If a window is stuck, remove the inside stop and push in the sash from the outside.

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— Rid the basement of water with a gasoline-driven pump. To prevent cave-ins, lower the water level by only two feet a day.

— If a wall is waterlogged, remove the plasterboard and insulation to well above the waterline. Trim the edges of the plasterboard with a handsaw. Before replacing wall coverings and insulation, let the house dry thoroughly. This may take months.

— Unplug and dry all appliances. Spray them with moisture-displacing lubricant. Have a repairman check the appliances before using them.

**Frozen and Leaky Pipes**  
— The fastest way to thaw an exposed metal pipe is by using a propane torch with a flame spreader head. Heat the frozen pipe by constantly moving the flame. Open a faucet and work from it toward the frozen area.

Caution: Take care not to let the metal pipe get so hot that you can't touch it with a bare hand. Never use a propane torch on plastic pipe, near a gas line or flammable material, or without a flame-proof back sheet; use a hair dryer or heat lamp instead.

— If a frozen pipe is inside a wall, thaw a walled-in pipe slowly with a heat lamp clamped to a chair or ladder and set a few inches from the wall.

## Panhandle-Plains Museum offers historic views of canyon

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum announces the March 1, 1992, opening of "Canyon Landscapes: Historical and Contemporary Views," exhibited in celebration of the Columbus Quincentenary. The exhibit will continue through January, 1993, and is located in the photography Gallery on the first floor of the main museum building.

The earliest images of the canyon

are the lithographs of H. Lawrence, which were published in Randolph B. Marcy's report to the U.S. Congress on the exploration of the Red River of Louisiana in 1852. The Marcy expedition was the first exploration of the upper Red River and Palo Duro Canyon made by Anglo-American explorers, according to a press release from the museum.

Artist Frank Reaugh, noted for his paintings of longhorn cattle, vis-

ited the canyon in the late 1800s and made photographic studies for later use in his Dallas studio. In the early years of the 20th century, M.S. Lusby, a professional photographer, captured scenes in the canyon at the behest of the citizens of Canyon City, who had begun a drive to make Palo Duro a national park.

T.M. Caldwell, an Amarillo pho-

tographer, captured his scenes in the Canyon during the decade of the 1950s.

The colored images are the works of Scott Burgan of Amarillo, whose interest in the Indians of the Southern Plains and love of the canyons led him to explore and capture the scenes on film during the 1980s.

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**WALNUT COVE**

By Mark Cullum

I think the feminists are right. It is an outrage that we don't have any pictures of women on U.S. currency.

It's like we don't take them seriously, you know?

And there are so many accomplished women to choose from! The least we can do is pick one of them to be on a dollar bill or something.

Who do you think it should be?

You know that brunette who wears the tank top in the Bud Light commercials?

**ARLO & JANIS**

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By Tom Armstrong

TIMES SURE HAVE CHANGED, DEBBIE

BACK WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE, I SPENT HOURS READING BOOKS ABOUT RAISING MY CONSCIOUSNESS

NOW, WHEN I'M LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE A SPARE MINUTE OR TWO...

I READ BOOKS ABOUT RAISING MY KID

**MARMADUKE**

By Brad Anderson

"I don't fling sticks!"

**KIT N' CARLYLE**

By Larry Wright

**ALLEY OOP**

By Dave Graue

WE GOT 'EM NOW, BOYS! LET'S KNOCK OFF THE WOUNDED ONE FIRST!

READY... AIM... STOP!

YOU SO MUCH AS TOUCH MY FRIEND, AND THE WRATH OF GORGON WILL FALL UPON YOU!

IT...IT TALKS!!

**WINTHROP**

By Dick Cavalli

EVERYBODY SAYS I'M A BULLY... WHAT DO YOU SAY?

YES, I'D SAY YOU'RE A BULLY.

IT'S NICE TO KNOW YOU'RE APPRECIATED.

**SNAFU**

By Bruce Beattie

"We aren't really golf fanatics, are we?"

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

By Bil Keane

"Daddy, can we paint our front walk yellow?"

**CALVIN AND HOBBS**

By Bill Watterson

SHOVEL THE WALK! SHOVEL THE WALK! THAT'S ALL I'M GOOD FOR AROUND HERE.

WHAT ABOUT MY POWERFUL INTELLECT? MY BUDDING GENIUS IS BEING SQUANDERED! I ASPIRE TO MORE THAN BRUTE SLAVE LABOR!

THESE HANDS! THESE AMAZING HANDS ARE DESTINED TO CREATE UNDREAMT-OF WONDERS. YET HERE THEY'RE WORN TO THE BONE IN UNFULFILLING DRUDGERY! WHAT A MONSTROUS INJUSTICE!

GEEZ, DON'T TELL ME LUNCH ISN'T READY!

**THE BORN LOSER**

By Art and Chip Sansom

GOOD AFTERNOON, BRUTUS!

HOW ARE YOU AND THE MRS. TODAY?

WE'RE FINE.

YOU'RE LOOKING FIT... IT APPEARS YOU'VE LOST A FEW POUNDS... WELL, YOU HAVE A LOVELY DAY!

I LIKE HER A LOT BETTER WHEN SHE OWNS ME MONEY

**FRANK AND ERNEST**

By Bob Thaves

REINCARNATION REASSIGNMENT DESK

IT FIGURES... IN MY PREVIOUS LIFE I WAS AN EAR AND NOSE SPECIALIST.

**PEANUTS**

By Charles M. Schulz

THIS IS MY REPORT ON... RAINWATER!

**GARFIELD**

By Jim Davis

I'VE INVENTED THE DOGSWATTER!

WITH THE HELP OF MY LOYAL ASSISTANT HERE.

**Astro-Graph**  
by bernice bede osol

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Achievement of an objective you previously thought was out of reach is possible today. If you know you can do it, that's all the motivation you'll need. Pisces, tend yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Pisces' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Conditions in general should be quite favorable for you today, owing to your philosophical outlook. And if you happen to lose, you'll know it's really victory in disguise. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Something profitable could develop for you today through an unexpected change. You'll be able to recognize its worth yet still know it in its elemental stage.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** A partnership could produce mutual benefits today, provided your counterpart is a wise risk-taker and at least bolder than you. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** A new market can be opened at this time regarding a product or service you have to sell. Rework your list of prospects, and don't be afraid to make cold calls.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** If you are involved in an endeavor with several others, don't reorganize things today without their approval. You might not allow for contingencies with which they're familiar.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Timing is very important today, so don't attempt to finalize issues that still require more time. If you do, you could create your own logjam.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your ability to get along with people from all walks of life is your greatest asset today. Instinctively, you'll know what to say, when to say it — and when to button your lip.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Something you're presently involved in can generate more substantial returns than you're now receiving. If you study this matter today, your chance at figuring out how is excellent.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** It's imperative today you don't let the control of important situations slip through your hands. Everyone is apt to do better in arrangements where you're holding the reins.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Something good might pop up for you today, and you'll be anxious to talk about it to others. However, it might be wise to let it develop further before you spread any news.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** There's justification for your optimism today, provided it pertains to something you want to do yourself and not to situations where you have to rely on others.



# Sports

## Harvesters begin first leg of playoff journey

The No. 1 ranked Pampa Harvesters, with their sights set on a second consecutive trip to the Class 4A state tournament, begin the first leg of the journey at 7:30 tonight against Lubbock Estacado.

The bi-district tilt will be played at West Texas University Fieldhouse, better known as "The Box" in Canyon, with the winner advancing into the area round of the state playoffs.

The Harvesters, 29-2, have won 12 consecutive games, including an 86-71 win over Class 5A Lubbock Monterey in a warm-up game last Friday night.

"Monterey has an awfully good team and it was a good opportunity to get to play them. Our kids enjoyed playing that extra game. That's one of the benefits of being in the playoffs," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale.

The Estacado Matadors have a 16-15 record and finished second to Levelland in the District 2-4A race.

"Estacado has good, overall

quickness and when a team has quickness they like to get up and down the floor," Hale said. "Estacado has good size and they rebound pretty good."

Although Estacado didn't make the playoffs last season, the Matadors haven't missed much post-season action.

"I've been here six years and I know Estacado has been to the playoffs three times during that period. That's pretty good pickings. Their coach (J.J. Wood) has been around a long time and he knows what it's all about," Hale said.

Both clubs employ a fast break offense and a pressure defense to keep the opposition off-balance.

"We just want to make sure we don't go off and try something we haven't done before," Hale said. "We want to make sure they adjust to what we're doing and we're hoping we don't have to adjust too much to them."

The Harvesters won their four straight district championship under Hale this season.

## Texas Tech on the brink of post-season tournament bid

### Dickey making believers out of his critics

By CHIP BROWN  
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Nine months ago, it seemed first-year Texas Tech basketball coach James Dickey was stopping by every local meeting this side of the Pecos River.

For 20, 10 or even two minutes, Dickey would try to convince area residents and Tech alums of a bright future for the Red Raiders.

After a 5-22 season in 1989 and an 8-23 mark in 1990, Dickey wanted to make it clear that this Tech team would be different.

Nine months later, Dickey has taken a team projected to finish near the cellar of the Southwest Conference to the brink of a post-season tournament bid.

But many were critical at first, saying that Dickey may have been part of the problem during his one year as an assistant under then-Tech coach Gerald Myers in 1990.

Even the Tech administration was lukewarm towards Dickey.

After Tech athletic director T. Jones recommended the former assistant under Eddie Sutton at Arkansas and Kentucky, the board of regents requested a more extensive search before finally offering Dickey a two-year contract.

While most major college coaches start out with at least a four-year deal, Dickey was unfazed, saying, "I am simply happy to have an opportunity."

Tech's 105-98 upset of Rice Saturday comes after crucial victories earlier this year against New Mexico, Texas Christian and then-undefeated Tulane.

Coaches in the SWC are calling Tech's rise a source of pride for the entire conference. And some are even saying it's time to reward Dickey with a contract extension.

"Unless you're an interim coach, you should get a four-year contract from the start," Texas coach Tom Penders said Monday. "I would



(AP Laserphoto)

Texas Tech basketball coach James Dickey has guided the Red Raiders to a possible post-season tournament in his first year at the helm.

think Tech is going to reward him with a long-term contract. He has proven himself under adverse conditions."

"He is one of the names you are going to hear in the 'hot young coach category,' and people are going to be after him," said Penders, whose Longhorns (18-9, 9-2) sit atop the SWC.

Jones said Monday he hoped a contract extension will be agreed upon by Dickey, the athletic department and the school's board of regents at the end of the season.

"He has exceeded all the early expectations we had for him as coach," Jones said. "The more I am around him, the more I see he is one of the bright young coaches in America."

Dickey has preached poise to his team on its way to a 13-10 mark, which matches the Red Raiders' victory total over the past two seasons.

With a healthy Will Flemons, who is among the SWC's scoring leaders, and overachieving performances from a team without a starter taller than 6-7, Tech may be in the hunt for a berth in the National Invitation Tournament.

"We can't think about post-season play right now," Dickey said Monday. "We have to think about Houston and then each game at a time. We are not talented enough to be thinking about anything but the game at hand."

Tech, which is 5-6 in conference play, will be the underdog against Houston (18-5, 7-3) Tuesday night in Lubbock. But the Raiders hope to finish strong in their final three games at Northern Illinois, at Texas A&M and home against TCU.

"We can't look ahead," said freshman Lance Hughes, who led Tech with 31 points against Rice Saturday. "Of course we would love to win the Southwest Conference

Tournament and get into the NCAA Tournament. But right now we are just trying to get as many wins as possible."

Houston coach Pat Foster said the Cougars are not taking Tech lightly.

"James Dickey has done a great job with the team," Foster said Monday. "He has a great coaching background so his success thus far is no surprise to the people that know him."

"It may be a surprise that he could do it that fast, but he has the players playing well together right now. They are for real."

Penders said the entire conference should be proud of Tech's resurgence.

"I think it is great for the league to have that type of success story," he said. "Dickey has turned around a struggling program into a possible post-season tournament team. Anyone who does that is doing a helluva job."

## Former Soviets suffer worst Winter Olympics

By BRIAN FRIEDMAN  
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Following its worst Winter Olympics in a quarter-century, the team once feared as a "soulless machine" glorifying communism now elicits compassion and sympathy from other nations, a newspaper said Monday.

"In all probability, they will never dominate the Winter Olympics as the former Soviet Union managed to do," the newspaper Izvestia said in a blunt assessment of the Unified Team's showing in Albertville.

Four years ago at the Calgary Olympics, the Soviet Union won a Winter Olympics record 29 medals, but this year, the Unified Team representing the former Soviet republics won just 23 medals, nine of them gold.

It was the first time in 24 years and only the second time since they first played in the Winter Games in 1956 that they had not won either the most golds or the most overall medals.

"Formerly the Soviet team was admired but at the same time perceived as a powerful and soulless machine whose parts were meant to serve the glory of the Soviet state

and to thank 'our own' party and government for their records," Izvestia said.

In Olympics past, sport was "one of the main propaganda weapons" used to prove "the superiority of the Soviet man over other homo sapiens," it said.

"Today, we have become just like the other teams and cause other feelings: sympathy, compassion and empathy," Izvestia said. "We are still valued for our brilliant victories, but also liked for our human weakness."

Because of the disintegration of the Soviet Union, its athletes competed under the Olympic flag and heard the Olympic anthem whenever they struck gold.

The coach of the gold medal-winning ice hockey team, Viktor Tikhonov, told the ITAR-Tass news agency that he used this to fire up his team before its 3-1 victory over Canada in the finals Sunday.

"I told the players: 'In Albertville we are called a team without a flag, without an anthem and without a motherland. This is not so. Each of us has a home, a family and a motherland.'"

"Millions of our compatriots are watching us and we cannot ruin their expectations," he said.

## Sonics capture Optimist boys' tournament championship

The Sonics defeated the Blazers, 23-16, last weekend to win the Optimist Boys' Basketball League A Team Tournament.

Shawn Young was top scorer for the Sonics with 12 points. Others scoring were Lynn Brown with 6, Gabe Wilbon 3 and Shannon Reed 2.

Brian Waldrip topped the Blazers with 14 points. Shane Flynn and Juan Portillo had 1 point each.

The Blazers were seeded No. 1 in the tournament after defeating the Sonics, 36-31, on Feb. 21, giving the Blazers a perfect 8-0 record in league play.

The Sonics finished 7-1 in the league for second place. The Blazers made it to the finals by beating the Knicks, 43-35, and Bulls, 41-32.

The Sonics made it to the finals by defeating the Mavericks, 52-23, and the Sixers, 47-17.

The championship game between the Sonics and Blazers turned out to be a defensive battle.

In the first quarter, Shannon Reed made the only basket to give the Sonics a 2-0 lead.

In the second quarter with the Sonics leading, 8-1, Brian Waldrip of the Blazers made two field goals and one free throw to narrow the gap to 8-7 at the half.

The Blazers outscored the Sonics, 5-4, to tie the game after three quarters at 12-12.

In the fourth quarter, Shawn Young scored eight of his game-high 12 points to help give the Sonics the win.

In the Sonics win over the Mavericks, Gabe Wilbon led the scoring with 18 points, followed by Shawn Young 14, Lynn Brown 8, Shannon Reed 6, Kevin Velez 4 and Leo Ramirez 2.

Scoring for the Mavericks were Casey Shock with 17, Jeremy Miller 4 and Kevin Osborn 2.

Against the Sixers, Gabe Wilbon, Shannon Reed and Lynn Brown scored 12 points each, fol-

lowed by Kevin Velez 8 and Shawn Young 3.

Scoring for the Sixers were Brent Phelps with 6, Stephen Price 4, Justin Roark 2, Jarrod Hoover 2, Billy Rushing 2 and Joe Ramirez 1.

**Tournament scores**

**First round** — Bulls 37, Nuggets 21; Sixers 32, Heat 31; Sonics 52, Mavericks 23; Knicks 36, Spurs 27.

**Winner's bracket** — Blazers 43, Knicks 35; Sonics 47, Sixers 17; Blazers 41, Bulls 32.

**Losers' bracket** — Spurs 38,

Heat 28; Mavericks 37, Nuggets 20. **Consolation finals** — Mavericks 44, Spurs 42.

**Championship finals** — Sonics 23, Blazers 16.

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In the final regular-season game on Feb. 21, the Blazers defeated the Sonics, 36-31.

Scoring for the Sonics were Gabe Wilbon with 18 points, Shawn Young 9, and Lynn Brown 4.

Scoring for the Blazers were Brian Waldrip with 30 points, Shane

Flynn, Juan Portillo and Marty Field 2 points each.

**A League scores** — Blazers 41, Bulls 39; Nuggets 42, Spurs 35; Mavericks 38, Heat 28; Knicks 52, Spurs 25; Blazers 52, Sixers 28; Heat 45, Nuggets 27; Blazers 36, Sonics 31; Bulls 44, Spurs 28.

**B League scores** — Bulls 34, Blazers 9; Spurs 18, Nuggets 12; Mavericks 23, Heat 20; Spurs 18, Knicks 16; Sixers 33, Blazers 22; Nuggets 20; Heat 17; Sonics 20, Blazers 10; Bulls 37, Spurs 22.



(Special photo)

The Sonics won the A Team Tournament title and placed second in the Optimist League standings this season. Front row, l-r, Brian Doss and Shannon Reed; second row, l-r, Lynn Brown, Leo Ramirez, Kevin Velez and Jason Davis; third row, l-r, Barry Brauchi, Shawn Young, Justin Thomas, Corey Sharp, Gabe Wilbon, Kevin Harris and coach Phil Groves.

## Embattled Tarkanian sees UNLV rise in rankings

By TIM DAHLBERG  
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Jerry Tarkanian's turmoil-filled world brightened a bit Monday, with news

of his team's new No. 7-ranking bringing a smile to his face and a quip to his lips.

"That's amazing," Tarkanian said. "I didn't even know my wife was on the poll."

Lois Tarkanian wasn't, but enough voters were impressed with UNLV's 21-game winning streak to boost the Runnin' Rebels five places in The Associated Press poll with two games remaining in the season and perhaps in Tarkanian's career.

The leap in the polls figures to be the only reward, however, for this improbable team, which is banned from the NCAA postseason tournament as a resolution of a 13-year battle Tarkanian waged with the NCAA.

"We're kind of upset about the rankings," said forward Evric Gray. "We would have been the No. 1 or No. 2 team in the West seedings if we were in the tournament. Now the rankings mean nothing, we can't even get in the tournament with it."

That this team has come this far is remarkable enough, considering the circumstances.

Only one of the players had ever started a Division I game, and all were following in the rather large footsteps of a team that went undefeated last year before losing to Duke in the national semifinals.

Midway through the season, leading scorer J.R. Rider was arrested for obstructing a police officer and questions were raised about the propriety of the new car he was driving.

And, of course, Tarkanian has been in open warfare with the school's administration, a battle whose stakes were raised Sunday when Tarkanian announced he

would rescind the resignation he claims he was forced to offer last summer.

"You've been in this program long enough, you've seen everything," Gray said. "But I thought we would be pretty good. It took us awhile, but we're one of the best now."

News of the ranking had Tarkanian positively giddy at an afternoon practice on the UNLV campus, despite the commotion caused by his announcement a day earlier that he would fight to stay on as coach.

He was particularly impressed with the three first place votes his 24-2 team garnered.

"I was shocked when I found out we were No. 7 in the country," Tarkanian said. "I was even more shocked that three people voted us No. 1."

Tarkanian said the ranking is more meaningful to his team this year because it won't be able to play in the tournament, barring an effort by players to sue the NCAA for a right to compete.

"We probably would have won the whole thing," Tarkanian joked. "It's easy to say that when you're not going to the tournament. When you are, all you say is how tough every team that made the tournament is."

Tarkanian gathered his team around him on the practice floor to announce the news and urge them to play hard Thursday against Fresno State and next Tuesday in his final game against Utah State.

	WHO: A Mild Mannered Reporter	
	WHAT: Having a Birthday	
	WHEN: Today	
	WHERE: Sports Department	
	WHY: Because He'd Rather Forget It!	
	Love, Lois & Shawn	



# Rangers sign Presley, invite Price to camp

## Spring training

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Third baseman Jim Presley, who started last season with the San Diego Padres, was signed Monday by the Texas Rangers to a contract with Oklahoma City of the Class AAA American Association.

Presley, 30, hit .136 in 20 games last season before being released in May. He signed with Oklahoma City last July-18 and batted .271 with 6 home runs and 29 RBIs in 51 games for the 89ers the remainder of the season.

Over his career, Presley's major league average is .247 with 135 homers and 495 RBIs in 959 games with Seattle, Atlanta and San Diego.

The Rangers also announced they have invited veteran left-handed pitcher Joe Price to their minor league camp in March as a free agent. Price, 35, split last season between Rochester in the Baltimore organization and Las Vegas in the San Diego organization.

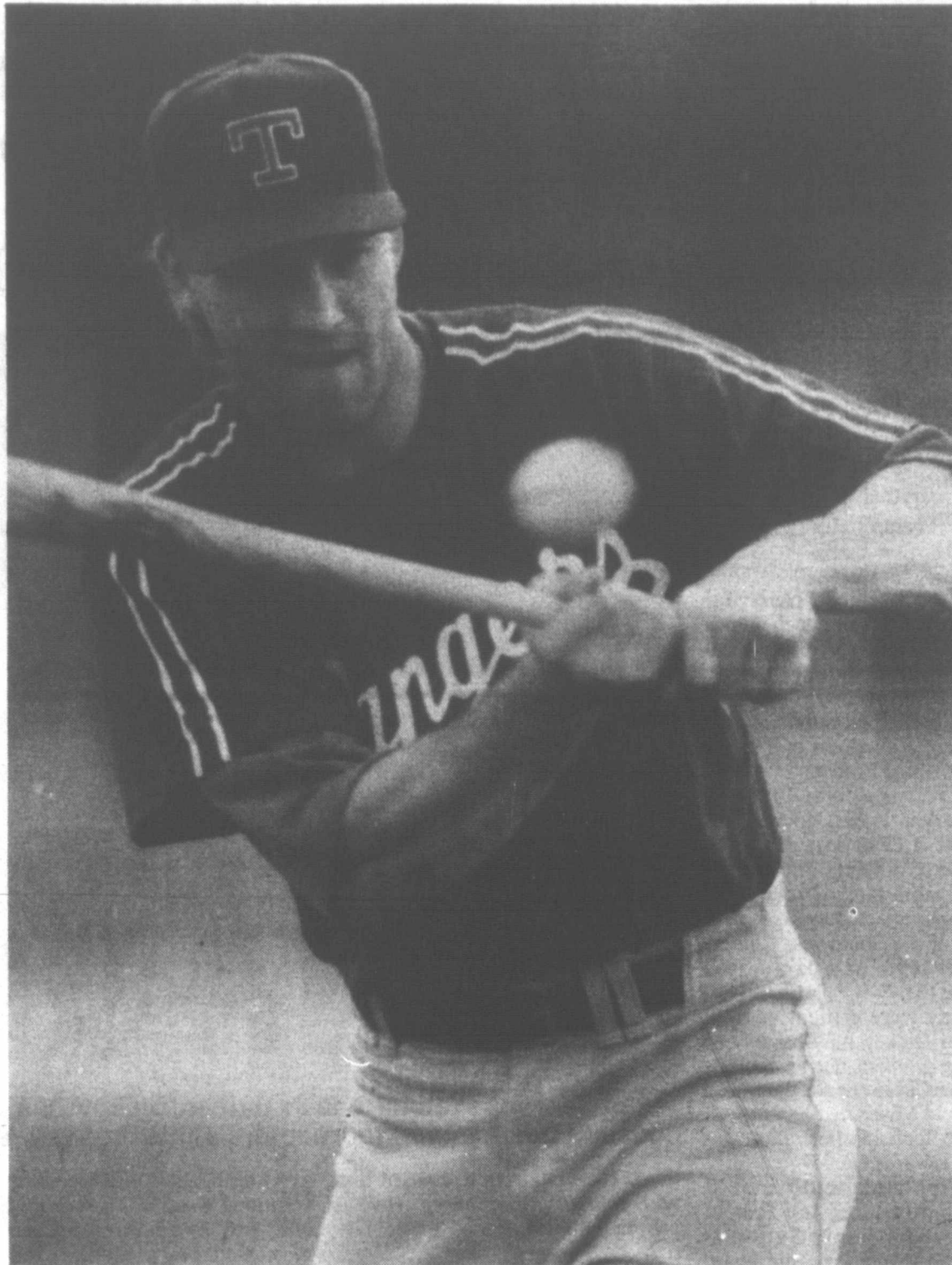
Barry Winford, a non-roster invitee to the major league camp on the Oklahoma City roster, informed the club of his retirement as an active player because of recurring back problems.

Every spring training, a major injury seems to hit somewhere. This year, far from the baseball field, Carlos Quintana became the first victim.

The Boston Red Sox began the spring Monday and found out that Quintana, their starting first baseman, would be out for about four months after breaking his left arm in an automobile accident in Venezuela.

Quintana was hurt Sunday in Caracas while rushing two brothers to a hospital after they were shot at a party. The shooting, which a family friend said stemmed from a longstanding argument, left one of the brothers wounded in the hand and the other in the leg. Quintana's wife broke both legs in the accident.

"Right now my first concern is with Carlos and his family. From what I hear, his brothers have had a pretty rough time too and that's going to have an effect on him," new manager Butch Hobson said.



Rangers' pitcher Bobby Witt hits some grounders to teammates during Monday's opening workouts for pitchers and catchers in Florida.

## Pampa hosts Palo Duro in 1992 baseball opener

The Pampa Harvesters open the 1992 baseball season at 4 p.m. today against the Palo Duro Dons at Harvester Field.

The game was originally scheduled for 4:30 p.m., but the coaching staffs agreed to start the opener a half-hour earlier.

Senior righthander Tarin Peet is scheduled to start on the mound for the Harvesters.

Pampa's batting order will be Tony Cavalier, sec-

ond base; Donnie Medley, center field; Tarin Peet, pitcher; Brad Smillie, catcher; Chris Poole, first base; Darren Jones, left field; Kyle Parnell, shortstop; Ryan Parnell, right field; Buddy Plunk, designated hitter. Plunk will be the DH for third baseman Matt Garvin.

The Harvesters open the District 1-4A season April 4 at home against Amarillo Caprock.

## No. 13 is lucky number for West Virginia women's team

By The Associated Press

Thirteen wasn't an unlucky number Monday for West Virginia's women's basketball team.

The Mountaineers jumped two spots in the Associated Press poll to No. 13, their highest ranking ever, and then clinched a first-place tie in the Atlantic 10 with a 61-60 victory over No. 15 George Washington on Monday night. The Mountaineers are 13-0 in the Atlantic 10.

"Early in the year when we lost to Western Kentucky, we were 3-2, and I told our players to go out and win the next 20," West Virginia coach Scott Harrelson said.

The school-record winning streak is now at 19. Meanwhile, Virginia ranked No. 1 in the poll with another near-unanimous vote total. The Cavaliers (24-1) received 69 of the 70 first-place votes and 1,748 points from a nationwide panel of 70 women's coaches. Tennessee (22-2) remained No. 2 with 1,675 points.

## Sutton returns to sidelines, but Cowboys drop in polls

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Doctors gave Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton some medication to deal with his stressful job at court. What they couldn't prescribe was an antidote for his team's ills.

After being hospitalized briefly last week for chest pains, Sutton returned to coach the Cowboys to their fourth straight defeat. The loss to Missouri on Sunday dropped the Cowboys to No. 14 in The Associated Press poll.

"A victory would probably help me more than anything right now," Sutton admitted during Monday's Big Eight coaches briefing.

The 55-year-old coach's own bill of health looked bright, he said. "I think I came out of the examination in good shape," he said. "There are a couple of things I need to do — watch what I eat, exercise a little more. There was a slight problem, but with medication it can be corrected."

Sutton said he was surprised more coaches didn't suffer health effects from the high-stress game. "Basketball is such an emotional game. I would be real interested in seeing different coaches, what their blood pressure really is on the sideline in a 40-minute game," Sutton said.

"I'm sure it goes up and down like a yo-yo."

Sutton said Byron Houston might be back on the court for Oklahoma State Wednesday after missing the Missouri game because of an ankle strain.

## Sutton returns to sidelines, but Cowboys drop in polls

"It was very evident in our game against Missouri that we desperately need him," Sutton said. "Hopefully, he can play some Wednesday night."

Missouri, minus Big Eight leading scorer Anthony Peeler, pulled off a 66-52 victory.

Peeler was suspended one game for skipping class. He didn't show up to cheer the Tigers from the sidelines against Oklahoma State, prompting some speculation he might not play Wednesday against Iowa State.

But Missouri coach Norm Stewart said otherwise. "I would anticipate that he would play," he said. "We have a rule ... if you miss a class assignment, tutoring session or study hall, that you miss practice. That's the first penalty. If you do it again, you miss a game."

"As soon as you serve the penalty, you start over."

Stewart also said he was caught by surprise Monday at the retirement of Missouri athletic director Dick Tamburo, with whom he had feuded in the past. The 25-year Missouri coach said he isn't interested in becoming a candidate for the job.

Meantime, Kansas State coach Dana Altman said he called Roy Williams of Kansas on Monday morning to apologize for the unruly crowd behavior following Kansas' 54-52 victory Saturday before the largest K-State crowd in Bramlage Coliseum history.

## Pampa Takedown Club members compete at state mat tournament

Twelve wrestlers from the Pampa Takedown Club qualified for the Texas AAU State Tournament held earlier this month in Grand Prairie.

Two Pampa youngsters, Josh Larkin (54-pound class) and Charlie Craig (50-pound class) won rookie state titles in the 8 and under Division Two category. Larkin placed fourth at the state meet.

In Division I (6 and under), Craig Hunter (50-pound class) was seventh in the state meet while Johnny Story (46-pound class) was third at both state and the Cotton Bowl. Matthew Woodruff (42-pound class) was eighth at state.

Others competing in the 6 and under division were Kyle Cambern, Jay Gerber and Eric Scroggins, who was third in the rookie state meet in the 56-pound class.

In Division Two (8 and under), Chase Carpenter, who was entered in the 54-58 pound class, was fifth at state and sev-

enth in the Cotton Bowl. David Jenkins (58-pound class) was 13th at state, Brian Sealman (108-pound class) was fourth; Joe Wilson (50-pound class) was fifth and Jake Woodruff (108-pound class) was seventh. Others who competed were Andrew Cambern, Caleb Cambern, Derrick Conner, Blake Lackey and Casey Meharg.

In Division Three (10 and under), Joel Barker (78-pound class) was ninth at state. Also competing were Josh Johnson, Brady Lackey, Alan Parker and Jimmy Story.

In Division Four (12 and under), Josh Austin (92-pound class) was fourth at state. Bert Luna and Aaron Maldonado also competed.

Matt Archibald and Josh Calfy participated in Division Five (15 and under) and Rick Mungia was entered in Division Six (18 and under).

## Pampa's Venal wins eight events at Lubbock swim meet

Bobby Venal of Pampa won eight events in the West Texas Short Course Swimming Championships held last weekend in Lubbock.

He achieved TAGS times in all nine events.

Venal, who competed for the Amarillo Swim Team, came in first in the 500 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 50 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, 100 backstroke, 100 intermediate and 200 intermediate. Venal, who was entered in the

11-12 boys' division, also placed second in the 100 flystroke.

Chris Podzemny, Talitha Pope and Zach Pope of Pampa also competed in the Lubbock meet. Podzemny and Talitha Pope are both members of the Amarillo Swim Team while Zach Pope represented the WTSU Swim Club.

## College basketball

How Top 25 Fared

By The Associated Press

1. Duke (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Wednesday.  
2. Indiana (20-4) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Sunday.  
3. Kansas (21-3) beat Oklahoma 84-65. Next: vs. No. 14 Oklahoma State, Monday.  
4. UCLA (21-2) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Southern Cal, Thursday.

5. Arizona (20-4) did not play. Next: at Oregon, Thursday.  
6. Missouri (19-4) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Wednesday.  
7. UNLV (24-2) did not play. Next: at Fresno State, Thursday.  
8. Ohio State (17-5) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Wednesday.

9. Arkansas (20-6) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Wednesday.  
10. North Carolina (18-5) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Florida State, Thursday.  
11. Kentucky (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina, Wednesday.

12. Michigan State (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Ohio State, Saturday.  
13. Southern Cal (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 UCLA, Thursday.

14. Oklahoma State (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Nebraska, Wednesday.  
15. Tulane (19-4) lost to South Florida 81-76. Next: vs. Louisville, Thursday.  
16. Alabama (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Wednesday.

17. Michigan (17-6) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Wednesday.  
18. Georgetown (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall at the Meadowlands, Wednesday.  
19. Cincinnati (20-4) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Thursday.

20. St. John's (17-7) beat Providence 72-68. OT. Next: at Notre Dame, Saturday.  
21. DePaul (18-6) did not play. Next: at St. Louis, Saturday.  
22. Florida State (18-8) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 North Carolina, Thursday.

(tie) Syracuse (16-7) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Tuesday.  
24. Connecticut (17-6) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Tuesday.  
25. Nebraska (17-6) did not play. Next: at No. 14 Oklahoma State, Wednesday.

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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.

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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, 1500 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

WHITE Deer Land Museum: Pampa, Tuesday thru Sunday 1:30-4 p.m. Special tours by appointment.

ALANREED-McLean Area Historical Museum: McLean. Regular museum hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.

DEVIL'S Rope Museum, McLean, Tuesday thru Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Open Monday by appointment only.

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LAKE Meredith Aquarium and Wildlife Museum: Fritch, hours Tuesday and Sunday 2-5 p.m., 10 a.m. Wednesday thru Saturday, closed Monday.

MUSEUM of The Plains: Perryton. Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekends during Summer months, 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

OLD Mobeetie Jail Museum. Monday-Saturday 10-5. Sunday 1-5. Closed Wednesday.

PANHANDLE Plains Historical Museum: Canyon. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, weekends 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

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### 2 Museums

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### 5 Special Notices

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TOP O Texas Lodge 1381, Tuesday 25th, E.A. Proficiency, F.C. Degree, 7 p.m.

### 10 Lost and Found

FOUND Brittainy Spaniel mix, male, white legs, Hidden Hills Golf Course. 665-5745.

13 Bus. Opportunities

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### 14n Painting

PAINTING and sheetrock finishing. 35 years. David and Joe, 665-2903, 669-7885.

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TREE trim, yard clean up. Lawn aeration, dethatching, fertilizing. Kenneth Banks. 66



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**21 Help Wanted**

WE'LL PAY YOU to type names and addresses from home. \$500 per 1000. Call 1-900-896-1666 (51-49 minute/18 years plus) or write PASSE-1336 A, 161 S. Lincolnway, N. Aurora, IL 60542.

**30 Sewing Machines**

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

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**62 Medical Equipment**

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**69 Miscellaneous**

**RENT IT**  
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**RAILROAD TIES**  
for sale, 665-0321.

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CAKE Decorating Lessons. For more information call 665-5921.

DIAMOND dinner ring, total weight 1 1/4 carat. Paid \$3700, asking \$2700. 669-0228 after 5.

SEASONED Firewood. Call for types and prices. 665-8843 between 9 and 5, 665-3109 after 5.

SOLOFLEX Machine: Top condition. Cash only. \$975. Around \$400 cheaper than ordering. Call to see. 665-6850.

**69a Garage Sales**

ELSIE'S Flea Market Sale: Telephones, old Norelco Razors, antique enamel kitchen table, paper backs 10-51. Barbeque grill, smoker, new selection of Men's Shirts, ladies blouses \$2. Wednesday Spring dresses. 10 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday. 1246 Barnes.

J&J 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  
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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**

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**98 Unfurnished Houses**

1, 2, and 3 bedroom houses for rent. 665-2383.

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2 bedroom, garage, \$9500. Good condition. 904 S. Sumner. Call Roberta Babb, Quentin Williams Realtors, 665-6158, 669-2522.

2 bedroom, 309 Naida (needs roof work) \$7000. 2 bedroom, 418 N. Sumner, \$12,500. 400 N. Sumner, \$3000, needs work. 701 N. Banks, 3 bedroom, \$7500. 700 N. Christy \$5000. 2 acres W. Kentucky, 5 room house \$20,000. Small down will carry note. 665-8745 Tuesday, after Friday call 903-572-5174.

2 bedroom, very new kitchen, dishwasher, range. Triple carport, double drive. Shed Realty, Marie Eastham, 665-5436, 665-4180.

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3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home, S. Cherokee. 665-1617, after 5 call 669-9939.

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**104 Lots**

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**106 Commercial Property**

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513 S. WEST, office building with central heat and air, large lot under fence. MLS 2249-C. Shed Realty, Milly Sanders 669-2671.

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# Supreme Court rejects plea to halt Haitian repatriation

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — An accord seeking to reinstate President Jean-Bertrand Aristide has angered some right-wing activists, but calls for calm by a coup leader suggest the military may not oppose the settlement.

Few officials, however, predicted a quick resolution of Haiti's political crisis under the pact reached Sunday between lawmakers and Aristide, who was ousted in a Sept. 30 coup.

Among the unanswered questions is when Aristide may return from exile.

The United States, meanwhile, continued to return thousands more Haitian refugees after the Supreme Court on Monday rejected a plea to halt the repatriations.

More than 12,000 Haitian fled the nation on boats after the coup and were intercepted by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The accord, mediated by the Organization of American States in Washington, calls for creation of an interim government headed by moderate Communist Rene Theodore, who would work to restore Aristide to power.

In exchange, the OAS would end

a punishing trade embargo that has crippled the economy of Haiti, the hemisphere's poorest nation.

"It's promising but very uncertain in that there are forces at play in Haiti that haven't come to terms in the agreement, including the army," said Arthur C. Helton, who monitors Haitian affairs for the New York-based Lawyers Committee for Human Rights.

More than 200 right-wing Haitians on Monday staged a demonstration outside parliament to protest the pact, which still must be ratified by the full parliament.

The protesters called for the arrest of lawmakers who signed the accord.

"They are guilty of high treason," shouted far-right Protestant preacher Vladimir Jeanty.

When the crowd began shaking the building's gates and threatening to break in, metropolitan police chief Joseph Michel Francois appealed for calm.

"As chief of police, I won't tolerate the invasion of parliament. I didn't accept Aristide's illegal

actions either," said Francois, a leader of the coup.

A parliament member, Jean-Claude Roy, said Francois' actions showed the military would accept the accord.

The police is a division of the army, and Francois and other important officers had previously said Aristide would never be permitted to return.

The agreement calls for army reforms, but dropped a demand by Aristide to purge the current command.

After the coup, parliament appointed Gen. Raoul Cedras as army commander-in-chief. Aristide had previously insisted Cedras must go.

Former Senate President Eudrice Raymond, an Aristide supporter,

said the exiled president had no choice but to accept Cedras. "Otherwise he would have ruined his chances of returning," Raymond said.

The agreement also includes an amnesty for participants in the coup, but Aristide backer said this does not apply to criminal acts.

In Washington, the Supreme Court voted 8-1 to allow the

refugee repatriations, accepting the Bush administration's arguments the Haitians were economic refugees who would not be singled out for persecution when they returned.

Another 517 refugees were dropped off in Port-au-Prince on Monday by two Coast Guard cutters. Since the coup, 5,985 Haitians have been repatriated.

## Olson settles with Patriots

BOSTON (AP) — A sportswriter who alleged a New England Patriots player exposed himself in the locker room and taunted her while teammates egged him on has settled her sexual harassment lawsuit for a reported \$250,000-plus.

The settlement of Lisa Olson's lawsuit against members of the football team was announced Monday.

Terms were not disclosed, but *The Boston Globe* said it learned from a source it did not identify that the Patriots agreed to pay her about \$500,000.

*The Boston Herald*, where Olson worked at the time of the incident, quoted sources as saying the sum ranged from at least \$250,000 to more than \$700,000.

Olson had alleged that while she was interviewing a player in 1990, Zeke Mowatt exposed his genitals and made sexual remarks while two teammates egged him on. The incident stirred debate over women writers in the locker room.

"Hopefully, some good will come

of this," the 27-year-old Olson told the *Herald*. "I hope in 10 years' time, no person, man or woman, will have to go through this just for doing his or her job."

She said she will use the money to establish a journalism scholarship at her alma mater, Northern Arizona University.

Olson had sued Patriots owner Victor Kiam, Mowatt and other members of the team and its front office.

Kiam said he was happy the issue was resolved.

"Many people have unfairly suffered through this process, and many reputations have been harmed by careless and erroneous allegations and distortions of the facts," Kiam said in a statement. "As the evidence unfolded, the merits of our case became even more clear and assured."

Olson is on leave from the *Herald* and is working in Australia for a newspaper operated by *Herald* owner Rupert Murdoch.

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