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THURSDAY

Group launches opposition to 'Robin Hood' school plan

AUSTIN (AP) — A group of business and political leaders today launched a grassroots campaign to oppose a share-the-wealth plan to equalize school funding.

The group, calling itself Texans Against Robin Hood Taxes and headed by Rep. John Culberson, plans to spend half a million dollars on the effort, which will include radio and television ads and bumper stickers reading, "Vote No!"

Culberson, R-Houston, led the opposition to the so-called Robin Hood plan the Legislature approved in February.

The proposed constitutional amendment, which would allow the state to shift some local property tax money from wealthier to poorer school districts, goes before voters in a May 1 special election.

Lawmakers are trying to meet a June 1 deadline to pass a constitutional plan to equalize funding, or face a court-ordered cutoff of state public education money.

Tom Pauken of Dallas, a former Reagan Administration official and member of the coalition, said Gov. Ann Richards and other Robin Hood supporters are trying to sell voters a tax increase when there are other ways to solve the problem.

"There are plenty of sensible alternatives available to the governor and the Legislature to address the problem short of this massive tax hike," Pauken said.

The coalition said taxes could increase more than \$1 billion a year under the plan.

But Richards' spokesman Chuck McDonald said the proposed constitutional amendment does mandate a tax increase.

"It's not a tax increase in disguise. That is absolutely false," he said.

Democratic leaders have organized a bipartisan committee, headed by consultant Jack Martin, to sell the school funding plan to voters. McDonald said the Democratic committee includes lawmakers, education officials and a large part of the business community.

"So while certainly some opposition was to be expected, it's a pretty small group (Texans Against Robin Hood Taxes) are representing," he said.

Judge rules in Erdmann case

AMARILLO (AP) — A federal judge, saying evidence shows prosecutors tried to retaliate against three critics of a discredited pathologist, today issued a preliminary injunction stopping cases against them.

Georgia defense attorney Millard Farmer and Lubbock police officers Bill Hubbard and Pat Kelly claimed they were indicted — on charges ranging from perjury to tampering with records — for speaking out against former forensic pathologist Ralph Erdmann.

The three men sued a dozen law enforcement officials, including

the district attorneys in Lubbock and Randall counties, to stop the prosecution.

"The Plaintiffs have offered substantial evidence that the prosecutions were brought in bad faith and for purposes of retaliation against the Plaintiffs for the exercise of their constitutional rights," U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson wrote.

She ordered district attorneys Travis Ware of Lubbock and Randy Sherrod of Randall County to stop the cases "until a final determination of a permanent injunction is made."

Twenty-eight witnesses testified during a six-day hearing last month in Ms. Robinson's court.

Witnesses for the plaintiffs said the trio would never have been indicted if they had not criticized autopsies Erdmann performed in 40 West Texas counties.

Last year, Erdmann pleaded no contest to seven felony counts of falsifying autopsies in three counties. Prosecutors frequently used his testimony in murder cases, even though some defense attorneys and authorities now say Erdmann botched autopsies and lied.

First-time jobless claims jump

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans filing first-time claims for unemployment benefits jumped by 26,000 in the week ended Feb. 20, the largest increase in seven weeks, the government reported today.

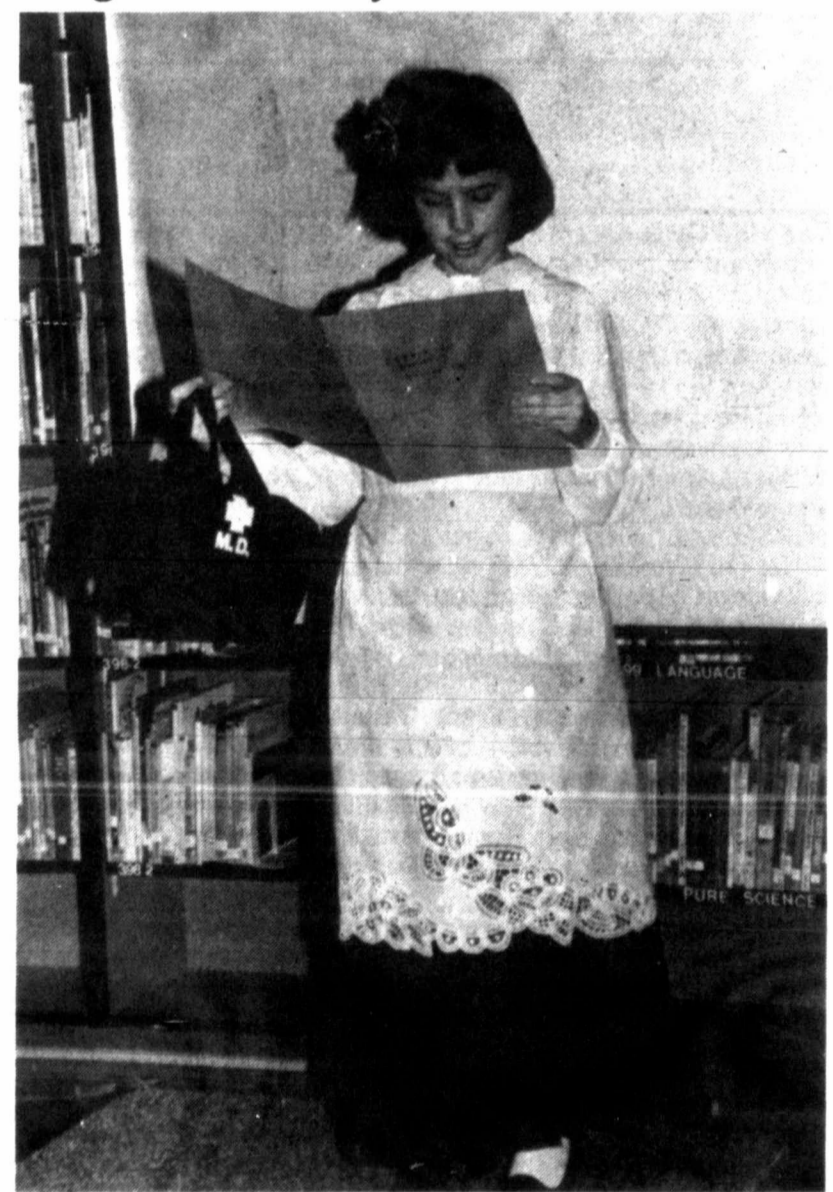
The advance was the second straight weekly increase, following three weeks of declines, and was greater than many private economists had anticipated.

The Labor Department said new applications for jobless benefits

totalled 351,000, up from 325,000 a week earlier. Twenty-five states and territories reported increases; 28 posted declines.

In addition to the regular weekly benefit claims, the Labor Department reported that 21,204 other jobless people filed applications for unemployment insurance under a federal emergency program during the week ended Feb. 20. That was down slightly from 22,405 filed a week earlier, it said.

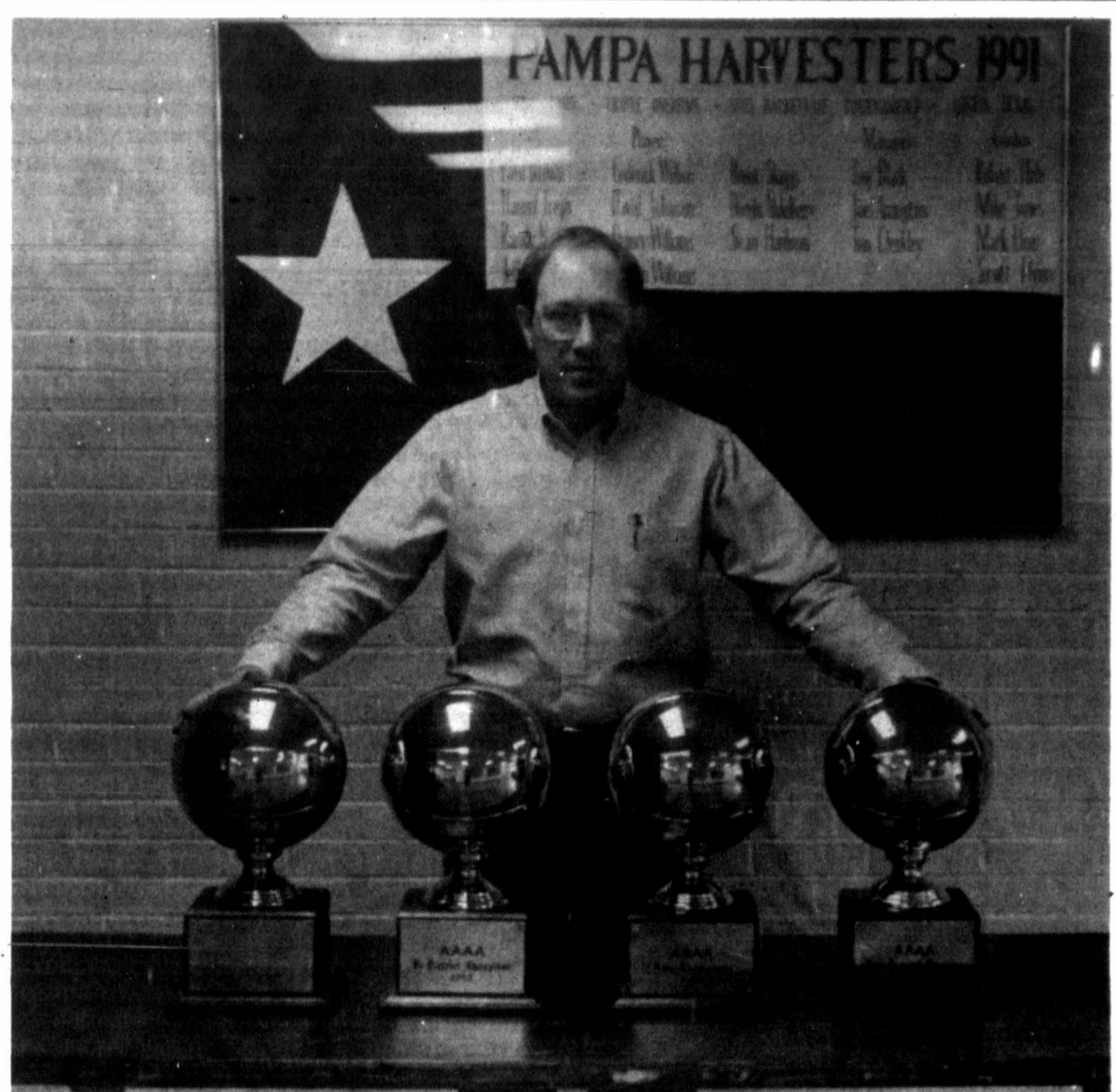
Angel of Mercy



(Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Lisa Wilson, third-grade student at Austin Elementary School, might easily be mistaken for nurse Clara Barton, as she delivers her "costumed biography" for an audience of parents Wednesday in honor of Texas Public Schools Week.

The emergency program, for those who have exhausted their standard 26 weeks of benefits, is due to expire at midnight on Saturday. The Senate on Wednesday passed a \$5.7 billion package extending the program for another 26 weeks. A final House vote on the legislation was expected today.



(Staff photo by Dan Fromm)

Pampa High School basketball head coach Robert Hale displays on Wednesday the championship trophies the Harvesters have won this season.

Hale to the Harvesters

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Tickets for the Pampa-Plainview boys' Class 4A regional basketball finals are on sale today at the Pampa High School athletic office.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

The game will be played at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M., starting at 7 p.m. Saturday (CST) in Greyhound Arena.

"We had talked about playing at West Texas State again, but Plainview is bringing a bunch of fans and, along with our fans, that gym just wouldn't hold everybody," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale. "The gym at Eastern New Mexico is a big place."

Pampa will be the home team and Plainview will be the visiting team.

Cal Farley Coliseum in Amarillo was also discussed as a possible

playoff site, but that location was booked for another activity.

The Harvesters played two years ago in Greyhound Arena, defeating Lamesa, 74-64, in the regional finals. This will be Plainview's first appearance in Greyhound Arena.

The sixth-ranked Harvesters have a 26-5 record and are on a roll in the playoffs, whipping Lubbock Estacado, 83-75, in bi-district; Sweetwater, 68-57, in the area round and Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 69-53, in the regional semifinals.

During the past three seasons under Hale the Harvesters have posted a 93-12 record, going 10-2 in the playoffs. The Harvesters have won five straight District 1-4A titles.

Plainview, 28-5, dropped from Class 5A to 4A this season and won the District 2-4A championship. The Bulldogs soundly whipped Justin Northwest, 88-59,

in the regional semifinals Tuesday night in Vernon.

Pampa played Plainview once last year with the Harvesters coming away with a 76-61 win. The Bulldogs were ranked among Class 5A's top 20 teams at that time.

Carl Irlbeck, Plainview's veteran coach, feels his Bulldogs will make a better showing against the Harvesters this time around.

"We've got some of our good players back from last year and some good ones to go with them," Irlbeck said. "We're going to be a lot more experienced than we were last season."

The Pampa-Plainview winner advances to the UIL state tournament March 11-13 in Austin.

The Harvesters are seeking their third straight trip to the state semifinals. Last season, Pampa lost to Georgetown, 65-64, in overtime. Alamo Heights handed the Harvesters an 88-77 triple-overtime loss in 1991.

Authorities dig in at sect compound

WACO (AP) — Authorities locked in a standoff with a doomsday prophet and his armed cult this morning won the release of another child, the 20th to leave the sect since a bloody siege began five days ago.

In addition, law officers plan to pick up a body about 350 yards from the cult's compound that was spotted from a helicopter, FBI agent Jeffrey Jamar said in a morning news briefing. He did not identify the body.

Negotiations with those inside the Branch Davidian sect led by David Koresh have become focused on bringing out more children, Jamar said.

"It's not a bargaining. It's not a bartering at all," he said. "It's a matter of they agree together that the children should come out."

Koresh is deciding which children are released, the agent said. Eighteen children and 90 adults are believed to still be inside the cult compound.

A boy who left Wednesday carried a box of 12 puppies. The puppies' mother was killed in a shootout Sunday between federal agents and cult members and the puppies had not been fed since. Local residents adopted the puppies.

Four federal agents were killed in Sunday's gun battle. A federal source speaking on condition of anonymity said at least 10 cultists had been killed.

Koresh has said he was wounded in the gunfight and seemed to scream in pain during a radio interview Sunday night.

Asked today about Koresh's

health today, Jamar said, "He seems to have recovered miraculously."

The Houston Chronicle, citing a federal agent anonymously, reported authorities plan to cut off electricity and telephone service. They also plan to "fell" a ham radio antenna at the site, the paper reported.

Jamar declined to comment specifically about the report, but he said cutting off electricity is an option in many standoff situations. A Texas Utilities Co. truck drove into the secured area near the compound this morning.

The siege began Sunday after a 45-minute battle when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to search the cult's compound for weapons and arrest Koresh.

Law officers on Tuesday had struck a bargain with Koresh, who has said he is Jesus Christ, to surrender after the nationwide broadcast of an hour-long religious message.

Koresh later told authorities that he'd broken his promise after receiving a "message from God" instructing him to wait.

"Koresh refused to honor his promise and has indicated he will keep his promise to come out when he receives further instruction from God," Jamar said Wednesday.

Authorities are not thinking about storming the compound, he said.

A second cult member was killed later Sunday in a short gunfight as three members tried to leave the compound 10 miles east of Waco.

Two of the 11 ATF agents who were hospitalized after the gunfights left Waco Wednesday to be treated

at hospitals in Little Rock, Ark., where both are based.

Two elderly women have also left the compound and were initially charged for participating in the first gun battle. The charges were dropped Wednesday but the women — Margaret Lawson, 75, and Catherine Mattson, 77 — remained jailed as material witnesses.

ATF spokeswoman Sharon Wheeler would not comment on why the charges were withdrawn.

The cult is a well-trained, committed fighting force with a "massive weapons cache" at its disposal, ATF Special Agent Earl K. Dunagan said in an affidavit filed in their case.

Lloyd Sandstrom, who lives near

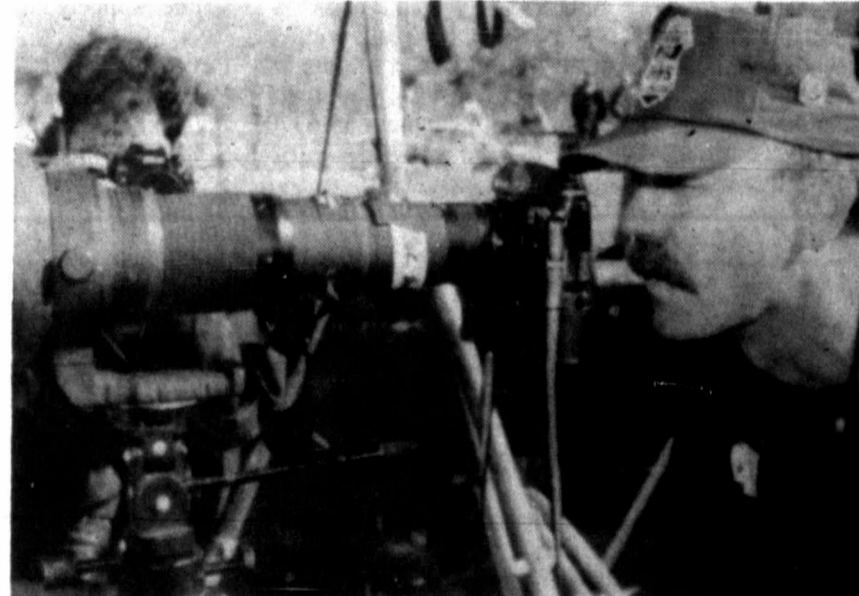
the compound, said he saw cult members buy about \$3,000 worth of food at a warehouse club two weeks ago.

"I'm sure they've got to be stocked pretty well for this," Sandstrom said.

Koresh's mother, Bonnie Halde-man, a frequent visitor and former member of the cult, said its members frequently buy in large quantities since there are so many people to feed.

"When you're buying food for that many people, I'm sure you have food to last for awhile," she said.

"Our impression is that they're very self-sufficient," Dan Hartnett, an ATF leader said Wednesday.



(AP Photo)

An ATF tactical operations officer views the compound Wednesday with a camera.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BELLAMY, Dr. Russell Milton — 2 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.
LAIN, Helen Moye — 2 p.m., Gaskill Funeral Chapel, Shawnee, Okla.

Obituaries

DR. RUSSELL MILTON BELLAMY

Dr. Russell Milton Bellamy, 91, died Wednesday, March 3, 1993, at Panhandle. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Joe Bixenman, pastor, and the Rev. Francis J. Hynes, CM, pastor of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Sweetwater, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Dr. Bellamy was born May 5, 1901, in Toledo, Ohio. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas in 1921 and received his medical degree from Baylor Medical School in 1925. He served his internship at Parkland Hospital in Dallas from 1926 to 1928. He came to Pampa in 1929 as a physician with the Pampa Clinic and served until his retirement in 1983. He was also the examining physician for Cabot Corp. for many years. He married Daisy Elizabeth Stumpf on June 15, 1926; she preceded him in death in 1967. He married Dorothy Evelyn Ethridge on April 10, 1969. He was a lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Air Force, serving from 1942 to 1946. He was a charter member and fellow of the Fellow American Academy of Family Physicians, the Texas Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Top O' Texas Medical Society, the Industrial Medical Association, the American Geriatrics Society, and the Fifty Year Club of American Medicine. He was a member of the Pampa Rotary Club, the Knights of Columbus, and a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy of the home; a son, William H. Bellamy of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a daughter, Mary E. Norton of Oakland, Calif.; two stepsons, Ronald Ethridge of Houston and Edgar Ethridge of Winnetka, Ill.; a brother, Dr. Lloyd C. Bellamy of Dallas; four grandchildren; a niece; and six nephews. Memorials may be made to St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle or to a Pampa charity.

HELEN MOYE LAIN

Helen Moye Lain, 62, died Wednesday, March 3, 1993. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Gaskill Funeral Chapel in Shawnee, Okla. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery in Shawnee by Gaskill Funeral Home. Local arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lain was born on April 3, 1930, in Earlsboro, Okla. She moved to Pampa in 1963 from Shawnee, Okla. She had been an office manager at Marie Foundations for many years before retiring. She was active in women's bowling leagues in Pampa for 28 years. She was a member of University Baptist Church in Shawnee.

Survivors include her husband, Darrel E. Lain of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Paul Grubaugh of Meeker, Okla., and Terri and Rodney French of Shawnee, Okla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Ross and Sarah Coleman of Shawnee, Okla.; a stepdaughter and husband, Debi and Mike Britain of Shawnee, Okla.; her mother, Ora Bell Crowover of Shawnee, Okla.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Arta and Kenneth Gibson of Van Buren, Ark., and Billie Ann and Don Cleere of Earlsboro, Okla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Butch and Shirley Crowover of New Berry, Fla.; 16 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2782, Pampa, Texas 79066-2782, or the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Accidents

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

WEDNESDAY, March 3

3:10 p.m. — A 1989 Chevrolet driven by Rhonda Lee Ferguson, 20, 1012 E. Browning, collided with a 1976 Buick driven by Harry Walter Fielding, 79, 418 Carr, at the intersection of Starkweather and Kingsmill. No injuries were reported. Ferguson was cited for failure to control speed and for disregarding a stop sign.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check is offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Blood sugar tests are offered the first Friday of each month. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

'THE CURIOUS SAVAGE'

ACT I will present "Curious Savage" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the ACT I theatre at Pampa Mall. For reservations call 665-3710.

PEWS

Petroleum Engineers Wives Society plans to meet Tuesday at Pampa Country Club. Reservations are needed by Friday. For membership information call Jean Andrews at 665-0155 or Pat Leach at 665-6370. Membership in PEWS is open to any wife whose husband is in a petroleum related industry.

Sheriff's Office

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

TUESDAY, March 2

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported an escape from arrest one mile south of Pampa.

WEDNESDAY, March 3

Jerry Fleming reported theft of property at 415 W. 2nd, McLean.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported an agency assist/drug dog search at White Deer.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, March 3

Frank Dennis Palmieri, 43, Houston, was arrested on charges of forgery and theft over \$750/under \$20,000.
Floyce Lee Jackson, 42, no address listed, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa			
Wheat	3.11		
Milo	3.41		
Com	4.11		
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:			
Ky. Cent. Life	2 1/4	dn 3/8	
Serico	4 9/16	NC	
Occidental	20 1/4	dn 1/8	
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:			
Magellan	66.99		
Puritan	15.63		
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Ed-ard D. Jones & Co. of Pampa:			
Amoco	55 1/4	dn 5/8	
Arco	118 1/4	dn 3/8	
Cabot	38 3/4	up 1/8	
Cabot O&G	20 1/4	NC	
Chevron	78 1/8	up 1/8	
Coca-Cola	42 3/4	NC	
Enron	57 7/8	dn 5/8	
Halliburton	35 3/8	dn 3/8	
HealthTrust Inc.	14 1/4	dn 1/4	
Ingersoll Rand	33 5/8	dn 3/4	
KNE	32 3/8	NC	
Kerr McGee	47	up 1/8	
Limited	24 1/2	dn 1	
Mapco	51 1/4	up 1/8	
Maxus	8 5/8	NC	
McDonald's	51 1/4	up 1/8	
Mobil	67 7/8	up 1/4	
New Atmos	25 7/8	NC	
Parker & Parsley	19 7/8	up 1/8	
Penney's	80 7/8	dn 1	
Phillips	28 7/8	dn 3/8	
SLB	60	up 1/2	
SPS	33 3/8	up 1/8	
Tenneco	45 3/4	dn 1/2	
Texaco	62 7/8	up 5/8	
Wal-Mart	32 7/8	dn 7/8	
New York Gold	327.70		
Silver	3.53		
West Texas Crude	20.48		

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, March 3

4:31 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assist at 833 S. Barnes.

7:59 p.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a false alarm at 227 Henry.

8:16 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assist at the Jordan Unit, but were unable to enter the prison to assist.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, March 3

Angela Christy Wildcat, 126 S. Sumner, reported a hit and run at 1233 N. Hobart.

Betty Gordon, 1811 Charles, reported criminal trespassing.

The Open Door Church of God in Christ, 402 W. Oklahoma, reported a burglary.

Lee Douglas Myers, 700 N. Naida, reported criminal mischief.

Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather, reported a theft of under \$20.

The city of Pampa, 201 Kingsmill, reported criminal mischief at Recreation Park.

TODAY, March 4

Randall County Sheriff's Office issued a wanted outside agency report.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, March 3

James Brian Everson, 27, 1013 S. Dwight, was arrested on an outstanding warrant and transferred to the Gray County Jail. He was later released on bond.

Jerry Lee Hicks, 27, 1109 Varnon, was arrested on a charge of theft under \$20.

Eric Edward Masais, 22, 429 N. Christy, was arrested on five outstanding warrants.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions

Cletis Goodman Butcher, Pampa; Julian P. Carlson, Pampa; William H. Miller, Pampa; Myra Belle Pasley, White Deer; Leo Robinson, Pampa; Harvey Ray Brown (extended care), Pampa; Emma Dell Jones (extended care), Pampa.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Juan Martinez of Pampa, a boy.

Dismissals

Ellanora Jones, Pampa; Olga C. Talbert, Pampa; Birdie M. Derrick (extended care), Pampa.

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions

Manuela Narvaez, Memphis; George Angton, Shamrock.

Dismissal

Julia Emmert, Shamrock.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Curry files for re-election

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Pampa school board incumbent John Curry says he is seeking re-election to the board to promote continuity in administration of the school district.

"I feel real good about what has been going on in the last six years, and I feel like I can add to continuing those positive things by staying on the board another three years," said Curry, 45, who has served on the school board since May 1987.

Curry filed on Tuesday for Place 3, the position he currently holds, in the May 1 election for school board. No other candidate had filed for Place 3 as of press time today, said Jack Bailey, assistant superintendent for PISD.

The incumbents in the two other positions that expire May 1, school board president Keith Teague (Place 1) and vice president Lonnie Richardson (Place 2), have said they do not plan to seek re-election. All three positions in the election will be filled by a districtwide vote; the term for each position will be three years.

In addition to Curry, two candidates have filed for school board, Bailey said today. They are Jim Baker, 39, 1925 N. Wells, a pharmacist at Northcrest Pharmacy, who has filed for Place 2; and Pat



John Curry

Kennedy, 55, a homemaker, Route 1, who has filed for Place 1.

The deadline for filing in the race is 5 p.m. March 17 at the school district administration office, 321 W. Albert St.

Curry, a Pampa native, lists among his accomplishments on the Pampa school board the contributions he has made toward its setting goals for the school district such as having more National Merit Semifinalists and National Merit Finalists and lowering the high school dropout rate.

Curry noted that about four years ago during his two-year tenure as president of the Pampa school board, the Texas Association of School Boards named it an honor board.

The Pampa High School graduate cites as his qualifications a bachelor's degree in history from Southwestern University in Georgetown and a master's degree in theology from Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Curry, who is owner of a welding and industrial supply business in Pampa, also cites his business management background, which he said is "very important to the financial operation of the school district."

In addition, Curry noted that he has a long history of civic involvement in Pampa. Curry is currently serving as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop #414 at First Presbyterian Church and Sunday school teacher at First United Methodist Church. He is past president of the Pampa United Way and past vice president of Pampa Boy Scout Council.

Curry is married to Faustina Curry, a homemaker who is active in civic affairs, and they have two children, Faustine Curry, a seventh-grader at Pampa Middle School, and Stewart Curry, a first-grader at Horace Mann Elementary.

Jury recommends 'thousands of years' in rape

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A judge says jurors gave the "appropriate" sentence when they recommended thousands of years in prison for two men convicted of raping and sodomizing a woman they had run off the road.

The Tulsa County jury convicted the pair Wednesday and urged the judge to sentence one to 4,275 years in prison and the other to 2,200 years.

Allan Wayne McLaurin, 26, and Darron Bennaford Anderson, 24, were convicted in the Jan. 4 attack on a woman as she drove home from Tulsa International Airport. A third suspect remains at large.

Authorities said the woman's car was forced off the road and she was taken to a motel, where she was repeatedly raped and sodomized. Her

attacker then returned her home, where she tricked them into allowing her to call police.

McLaurin and Anderson told jurors that the woman consented to sex after their car accidentally hit hers.

"The most preposterous story you can ever imagine," prosecutor Tom Gillert said. "Only the Martians were missing. It is hard to imagine a more terrifying nightmare for a woman. For four hours, hell on earth."

The woman, who wept and smiled after the jury made its recommendations, later appeared on local television and allowed her name to be used.

"I am so relieved they are locked up," she said. "I just feel like you need to come out and talk about it, go straight to the police, take this to

court and get these men locked in jail."

District Judge Clifford Hopper, who will formally sentence the men later, told jurors their recommendation was "appropriate" and reflected "your disgust at the nature of the crimes committed."

Jurors recommended McLaurin be sentenced to 500 years each on four counts of first-degree rape and four counts of sodomy. They said he should get 100 years for assault with a dangerous weapon, 125 years for robbery and 25 years for burglary.

The jury recommended Anderson be sentenced to 500 years on each of two counts of first-degree rape and two counts of sodomy. It said he should receive 150 years for robbery and 50 years for burglary.

Winning Lotto ticket sold in Houston store

AUSTIN (AP) — A winning ticket in Wednesday's \$11 million Lotto drawing was sold at a Houston store, a spokesman for the Texas Lottery has reported.

Lottery spokesman Steve Levine said Thursday the winning ticket is actually worth more than \$11 million, but additional details were not immediately released.

No one had called to claim the prize Thursday morning. The numbers drawn were: 11-13-17-31-40-44.

In addition, 111 people matched five of six numbers for \$2,266 each; 7,619 matched four

numbers for \$118; and about 160,000 matched 3 of 6 numbers for \$3.

Sales for Wednesday's drawing totaled \$10.4 million, Levine said.

The Lotto has so far grossed \$222 million, he said.

The next drawing will be Saturday. The estimated jackpot is \$3 million.

LOTTO

Wednesday's winning numbers are:
11-13-17-31-40-44

City briefs

WATER WELL Service, Doug Kennedy, 665-4088. Adv.

BRICK REPAIR, Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.

TAX SERVICE, Glenda Brownlee, 1433 Dwight, 665-0310, 274-2142. Adv.

FRANK SLAGLE Electric. All electrical services, 665-3748. Adv.

PRE-EASTER Sale at Sand's Fabrics, come in and draw an Egg for Total Ticket Discount, beautiful Spring fabrics arriving daily. Adv.

ALL ITS Charm announces the addition of the Year cards for friends and family. 109 W. Francis. Adv.

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP Church will be meeting in the new facility at 1200 S. Sumner this Sunday, March 7 at 10 a.m. Everyone welcome. Adv.

EASY'S POP & Cheese Shop, 32 ounce fountain drinks 59 cents, Coke 8 pack 20 ounce bottles \$3.59, 3 liter Coke \$1.89. Having a party? 12 inch cheese tray \$11.95. Come see us! Adv.

IMAGES FULL line of Estee' Lauder fragrance, make-up and skin care. Also Lauder for men. 123 N. Cuyler, 669-1091. Adv.

PERSONAL TOUCH Last Week for fall items 50, 60, 75% off. Great sale at \$10. Hurry 2 more days left! Adv.

FINAL CLOTHING Clearance 50 cents each. Everything else 25% off. Elsie's Flea Market, 1246 Barnes. Adv.

LOST: GLASSES in Blue case, 665-1464. Adv.
At 42, I still love you! Happy Birthday Elaine! Adv.

TAX SERVICE Mary J. Mynear, 669-9910, 1040A S25, 1040EZ S15. Electronic filing. Adv.

ACT I will be holding auditions for "The Drunkard - An Old Fashioned Melodrama" on Monday, Tuesday, March 8, 9th, 7 p.m. in the Act I Theater, Pampa Mall. Performances April 16, 17, 23, 24th. Roles - 3 men and 2 women, several vaudeville acts (singing, telling jokes, etc.) Auditions open to everyone. Information, director Carolyne Smith 665-5158. Adv.

PAMPA CHRISTIAN School is needing donations for Saturday's Garage Sale. Will pick-up. 669-7830. Adv.

CITY LIMITS + Carol, Archie, Brad, Dennis, Monty Jo and Doug = Brush Fire. Friday and Saturday Dance, 669-9171. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, clearing with a low of 25 and northwesterly winds 5 to 10. Friday, mostly sunny and warmer with a high in the low 50s and northerly winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday's high was 52 degrees; the overnight low was 31 degrees.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, clearing. Lows in the lower to mid-20s. Friday, mostly sunny and warmer. Highs in the lower to mid-50s. Friday night, fair. Lows in the 20s. Extended forecast: Saturday and Sunday, no precipitation expected. Lows in the mid-20s to lower 30s. Highs from the mid-40s to mid-50s. Monday, continued dry. Lows in the 30s. Highs from 60 to 65. **Texas South Plains:** Tonight, fair. Lows from the upper 20s to lower 30s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs from the mid-50s to around 60. Friday night, fair. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Extended forecast: Saturday and Sunday, no precipitation expected. Lows in the

30s. Highs in the 50s. Monday, continued dry. Lows, 35 to 40. Highs in the 60s. **Permian Basin:** Tonight, fair. Lows from the upper 20s to lower 30s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs from the upper 50s to lower 60s. Friday night, fair. Lows in the 30s. Extended forecast: Saturday and Sunday, no precipitation expected. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 50s. Monday, continued dry. Lows, 35 to 40. Highs in the 60s.

South Texas — Texas Hill Country and South-Central Texas: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the 30s Hill Country, near 40 South Central. Friday, partly cloudy. High in the 60s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Low in the 30s. Extended forecast: Saturday through Sunday, fair skies. Low near 30 Hill Country, in the 30s South Central. High in the 60s. Monday, continued fair. Low in the 30s to near 40. High in the 70s. **Texas Coastal Bend:** Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the 40s inland to the 50s coast. Friday, mostly cloudy with occasional light rain or drizzle. High near 70. Friday night, partly cloudy. Low near 50 coast, in the 40s inland. Texas Lower Rio Grande

Valley and Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the 50s. Friday, mostly cloudy with occasional light rain or drizzle. High in the 70s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Low in the 50s coast, in the 40s inland.

North Texas — Tonight through Friday night, partly cloudy. Low tonight and Friday night in the 30s. High Friday in the 50s. Extended forecast: Saturday, mostly cloudy. High mid 50s to low 60s. Sunday and Monday, partly cloudy. Low upper 30s to mid-40s. High upper 50s to mid-60s Sunday, and mid- to upper 60s Monday.

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New Mexico — Tonight, partly cloudy east with mostly fair skies west. Lows 5 to 25 mountains with 20s to lower 30s at lower elevations. Friday and Friday night, mostly fair skies. Highs 40s to mid-50s mountains with mid-50s and 60s elsewhere. Lows teens to mid-20s mountains with mid-20s to mid-30s at lower elevations.

Oklahoma — Tonight, becoming partly cloudy. Lows in 30s. Friday, partly sunny. Highs from the upper 40s to mid-50s.

Congressional committee sets oil, gas hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional committee will travel to Houston to hold a field hearing on the state of the domestic oil and gas industry and to hear from energy producers.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing Friday will focus on the continuing decline in domestic production and the resulting increase in dependence on imported energy sources.

The hearing, to be held in the Houston City Council chambers,

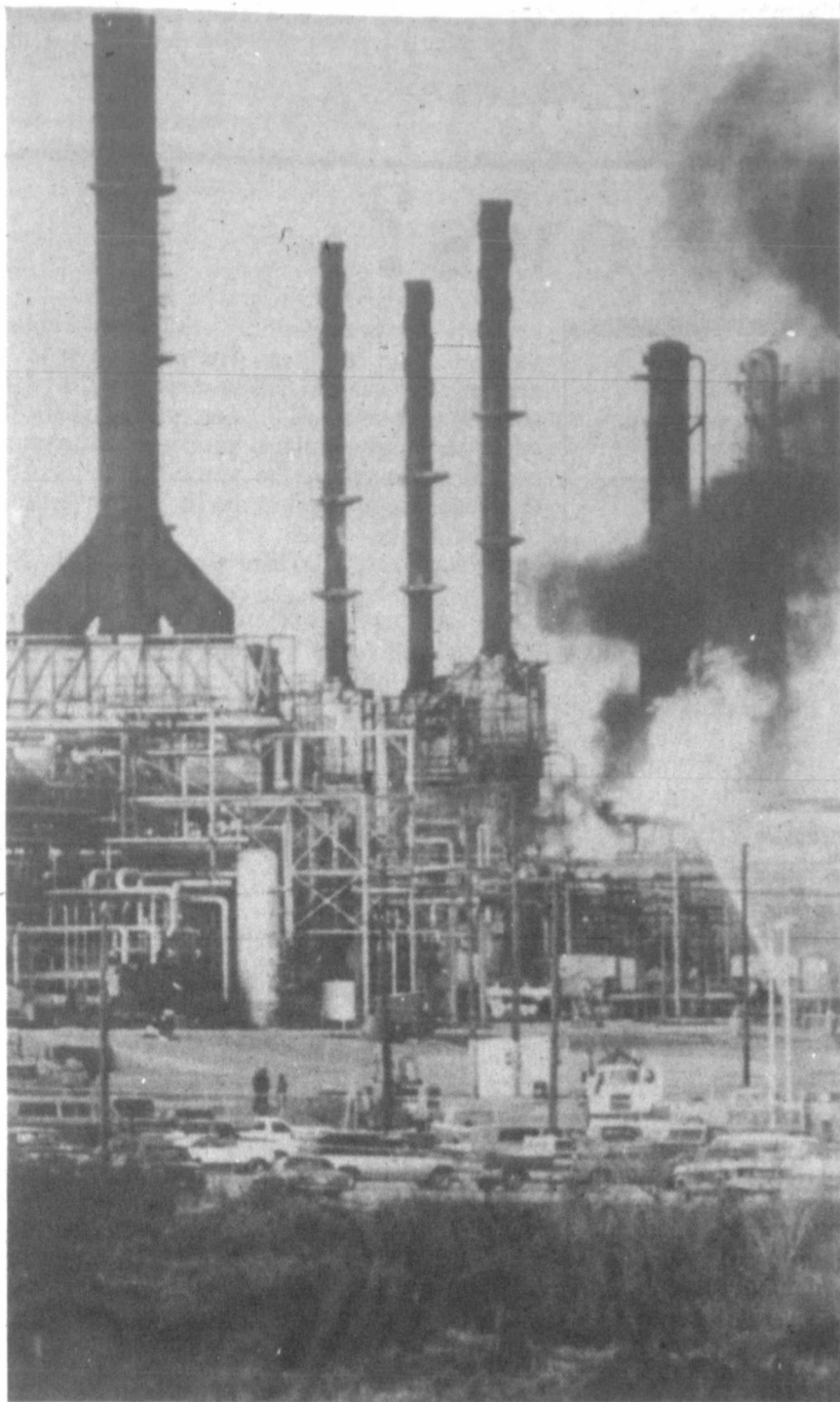
also will examine potential federal initiatives to stimulate domestic production. Bills sponsored by committee chairman Bennett Johnston, D-La., and committee member Bob Krueger, D-Texas, also will be discussed.

One measure pushed by Johnston and Krueger calls for a variable oil import fee to maintain a floor price for crude oil of \$25 per barrel. A second bill would provide an incentive to boost oil and gas production from the Outer Continental Shelf by allowing

producers operating in depths greater than 200 meters to recover capital costs of drilling before paying federal royalties on production.

Scheduled to testify are: Thomas D. Coffman, president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners; Gene Ames Jr., chairman of Venus Oil Co.; William C. O'Malley, chairman and CEO of Sonat Offshore Drilling Co.; and Robert Keiser, president and CEO of Oryx Energy.

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Flames and black smoke rise Wednesday at the Fina Oil and Chemical Company.

Fina refinery fire finally burns out

BIG SPRING (AP) — A fire that rocked the Fina Refinery east of Big Spring burned itself out after about four hours, officials said.

Flames shot 200 feet high through the refinery about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. No one was injured in the explosion, but a firefighter received minor injuries when some debris fell on him, authorities said.

Police Sgt. Drew Bavin said Wednesday that the cause of the explosion was unknown.

About 70 people were inside the refinery when the explosion occurred, according to the Big Spring Herald.

Haze hung over the eastern edge of the city. Black smoke and soot fell on cars on nearby Interstate 20, which remained open during the fire.

Fina Manager Jeff Morris said the fire, concentrated around a reformer unit, had expected the fire to burn itself out Wednesday evening.

Vets: Targets for future cuts?

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bob Moran, a double amputee since he stepped on a land mine in Vietnam in 1970, calculates he and his family will receive well over \$1 million in veterans benefits if he lives to be 80.

As a 100 percent disabled vet, Moran gets free medical care and more than \$2,000 a month in compensation. The government helped pay for his education and provides \$400 a month for his daughter's college costs.

He received \$25,000 to configure his first home to meet his special needs, mortgage loans and thousands of dollars worth of prosthetic equipment. He also has a job with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the source of his benefits.

"I think they've been pretty fair," the 42-year-old resident of Silver Spring, Md., says. "I feel very comfortable knowing that I served my country."

The nation's commitment to care for those who put their lives on the line in its service is longstanding — a result of a nation's gratitude and of tough lobbying by veterans' groups.

And while veterans' programs so far have escaped President Clinton's proposed budget cuts, critics continually question the costs of the unique benefit system in an age of soaring budget deficits.

Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., said an annual vote on cost-of-living adjustments for veterans' benefits has become a "Christmas tree" for other programs. "We cannot continue to irresponsibly pass legislation that we cannot pay for," he said in opposing a late 1991 bill to expand treatment for Vietnam-era veterans with stress problems.

VA Secretary Jesse Brown, whose agency spends \$34 billion a year and runs the nation's largest medical system to care for 2.5 million vets with service-connected disabilities, suggests that veterans would accept some cost-saving measures.

"They understand that it is to their best interest to get this deficit spending under control," he said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

Still, he added, "You can't balance the budget on the backs of veterans." Brown was wounded as a Marine in Vietnam and spent 26 years as an official of the Disabled American Veterans.

Under Clinton's stimulus pack-

age, the VA would receive \$235 million to upgrade its medical and cemetery systems.

Budget cutters have looked first to the hospital network, little changed since it was crafted out of World War II military hospitals.

In the past few years, experts and commissions have recommended that underused facilities in rural areas be shut down or opened to non-veteran patients.

They have urged more sharing of equipment with military and private hospitals, giving greater priority to home care and geriatrics to serve the large World War II veteran population and downgrading some surgical units.

The VA has reduced the scope of surgery done at a half-dozen facilities, out of 33 recommended by the department's inspector general, but even that modest move drew protests from Congress. The Senate, with strong pressure from veterans groups, last year overwhelmingly defeated a plan that would have opened up two VA hospitals to non-veterans on a trial basis.

John F. Heilman, national legislative director for the Disabled American Veterans, said veterans could accept a delay or reduction in the cost-of-living increase in the bene-

fits disabled veterans and survivors receive each year. "But we will not stand for being treated unfairly," he said.

A COLA freeze could save hundreds of millions a year. The Congressional Budget Office has also estimated that \$10 billion could be saved over five years if the VA ended compensation for veterans with minor disabilities and new veterans with disabilities unrelated to military duties.

It said one-quarter of patient stays in VA hospitals may be inappropriate or unnecessary, and \$2.4 billion could be saved through more efficient management of health care delivery.

Jim Mayer, who lost both legs below the knee when he stepped on a booby trap near the Cambodian border in 1969, said veterans realize the budget deficit can't be ignored. "When you read the numbers, you know something has got to give," he said.

But Mayer, who also works at VA headquarters in Washington, said entitlement reform must consider the special services veterans have rendered. "I have real strong feelings that if you're sent off to combat, the government ought to stand by you," he said.

Andrews pushes bill to raise cigarette tax

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Smokers should pay more for their cigarettes to help defray the \$24 billion taxpayers spend every year for smoking-related illnesses, a Texas congressman says.

"It's only right that the tobacco industry in this country be asked to contribute to part of those costs," Rep. Mike Andrews, D-Houston, said Wednesday.

Andrews and Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., are pushing for legislation that would quadruple the federal cigarette tax from 24 cents a pack to \$1.

The estimated \$10 billion that would be generated by hiking the tobacco tax mainly would go to health care, Andrews told a news conference.

That's hardly music to the ears of the tobacco industry.

"Many people have a problem with using the tax code to discour-

age behavior others don't agree with," said Tom Lauria, a spokesman for the Tobacco Institute, the main lobbying arm of the tobacco industry.

Andrews and Bradley cited findings that 435,000 Americans die each year from smoking. While Lauria disputed those figures, he said the Washington-based institute had no numbers of its own.

Andrews, who ranks among the leading health care experts on Capitol Hill, didn't dispute contentions that the tobacco tax hike would adversely affect the lower-income. "Those that argue that this tax is regressive, well they're right, but it's regressive on the very people that we need to send a message to, young teen-agers," he said.

"It's a very price-sensitive product, and we know quantitatively, by increasing that tax just a modest amount, we discourage thousands of young children from taking up the habit of smoking."

But, countered Lauria: "Kids

seem to have disposable income for almost anything that they want other than expensive cars; and the Centers for Disease Control indicates kids are smoking less than ever."

The U.S. Surgeon General has estimated that for every 10 percent increase in the cigarette tax, there's an estimated 4 percent drop in consumption.

But Lauria questioned that assumption. "Taxes have gone up 50 percent since 1991," he said. "We have not seen a 25 percent decrease (in smoking) using their formula."

Under the legislation Bradley and Andrews plan to introduce this week, 80 percent of the new revenue would be earmarked for providing health care for the poor. Another 10 percent would go to states, cities and counties to offset revenue losses due to the federal tax increase. The remainder would finance general health-prevention programs, counter tobacco advertising and help

tobacco growers find substitute crops.

The measure was hailed by the American Society of Clinical Oncology, which has worked with Andrews to craft the legislation.

"If the increased tax stops people from smoking who are already smoking, that's a health benefit not only to them, but to those around them," said McAllen, Texas oncologist Joseph S. Bailes, who chairs ASCO's committee on smoking.

Andrews and Bradley contended that their measure stands a good chance of being enacted this year. "History would argue the tobacco lobby is well organized, well financed, and ruthless," Bradley said. "And that means that if you're going to succeed, you have to have very strong support from the people of this country, and it has to be a reason beyond simply putting a tax on it."

But said Lauria: "There is little political will to gouge Joe Six-pack as we head into an election year."

Miami and Fort Lauderdale top list in study of Medicare bills

By JOHN PACENTI
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Miami and Fort Lauderdale topped a survey of the most expensive areas in the country for elderly people to fall ill, and doctors here say that's because their patients are older, sicker and too quick to sue.

"You don't find many 85-year-olds in Boston," said Robert Cline, vice president of the Broward Coun-

ty Medical Association. "If they are still alive, they are in Florida."

Researchers at the Urban Institute in Washington reported that the metropolitan areas with the highest Medicare payments to doctors are Miami (\$1,874 per patient) and Fort Lauderdale (\$1,636). The cheapest was San Francisco (\$872).

"It suggests to us that there are differences in the community practice standards," said Dr. Mark E.

Miller, one of the researchers who worked on the study. It was published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

The researchers weren't sure why the variations exist and said they found no differences in people's overall health that could explain their findings.

But South Florida doctors said they serve more of the oldest, sickest patients because so many retirees settle there. Florida has about 2.5

million retirees 65 or older. "Their problems are much more complicated," Cline said.

Doctors also said Florida residents have a propensity to sue that has driven up costs. Malpractice insurance in Florida is among the most expensive in the nation.

"We have more people figuring a way to clip some money from doctors in the Miami area than any other area," said Dr. N. Ralph

Frankel, president-elect of the Dade County Medical Association.

Cline added that Florida's retirees are more likely to seek out specialists.

"In some areas in the country, when someone gets a urinary infection they go to a family practitioner. Here they go to a urologist," he said. "The attitude is: 'I don't care where I'm going, Uncle Sam's paying for it.'"

Norton Sinert, a 64-year-old

retiree in Boca Raton, agreed: "If I'm on Medicare, I don't care how much the hospital charges."

Other study findings: —States with the highest payments were Florida, Louisiana and Michigan. The lowest were the Western states along the Canadian and several of the Rocky Mountain states.

—Charges were lower in places with relatively more family doctors and fewer specialists.

Instructor says police used excessive force on Rodney King

By LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three policemen violated department policy when they clubbed and kicked a fallen Rodney King, and their sergeant made a "gross tactical error" in failing to stop the beating, a police instructor testified.

"An officer should use only the force that is reasonable and necessary to overcome a suspect's resistance," Sgt. Mark Conta, the officer in charge of physical training and self-defense at the Los Angeles Police Academy, testified for the

prosecution Wednesday at the policemen's federal civil rights trial.

The witness pointed out scenes in the videotape of King's beating and said, "The picture I see is that of a beaten man who is not combative or aggressive." He said the force became excessive 32 seconds into the 81-second beating.

Conta did not testify last year at the officers' state trial, which ended in acquittals that touched off the deadly riots in Los Angeles.

Conta condemned all four defendants — Sgt. Stacey Koon and Officers Lawrence Powell, Timothy Wind and Theodore Briseno — but

saved his harshest words for Koon, accusing him of passing up several "golden opportunities" to stop the violence.

"It's a gross tactical error that resulted in excessive force later on," Conta said.

Koon testified at the state trial that he considered the beating a reasonable and controlled use of force on a threatening suspect.

Conta said that Powell's baton blow to King's chest as the motorist lay face up on the ground was "the most flagrant violation" on the videotape.

The witness, who spent 17 years

on the streets before becoming a trainer, was the first witness to appear in a Police Department blue uniform.

Asked whether his opinion would change if the officers believed King was under the influence of PCP, a key defense contention, Conta said, "It would not." He noted he had dealt with some 250 PCP suspects during his career.

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Opinion

Fraud prone

In the summer of 1977, Rep. Robert K. Dorman, R-Calif., got his picture pasted on several ID cards, but with the name "Thomas P. O'Neill" written underneath. Newspapers across the country put pictures of the fake IDs on the front page.

House Speaker Tip O'Neill and the other congressional leaders were outraged. They had carefully prepared the country to accept a scheme allowing anyone to register to vote with any ID card. The new Democratic president, Jimmy Carter, supported the scheme to manufacture votes.

The Dorman stunt dramatically showed how easy it would have been for anyone — literally anyone, with any name — to register to vote under the scheme. A thousand people could have registered to vote as "Thomas P. O'Neill" and then voted on Election Day.

Once made aware of the scheme, citizens wrote and called their lawmakers to protest the legislation. Congress backed off.

It's 15 years later, but here we go again. The congressional leadership is proposing a new version of the scheme, dubbed the "motor-voter" bill, to make voter registration instantaneous. It has passed in the House and is backed by a new Democratic president, this time Bill Clinton.

The motor-voter bill would automatically register someone to vote whenever he applied for a driver's license, welfare papers or unemployment compensation. And like the 1977 bill, it would allow anyone to register on Election Day; notarization would be prohibited.

The bill would override the 50 states' constitutional right to establish and control their own voting procedures. To implement the bill, the cost to state taxpayers would run to \$200 million.

Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., calls it the "auto-fraud" bill and describes what would happen. "At first glance," writes Livingston, "the combination of more easily achievable registration with prohibitions on verification raises the prospects for voter fraud. A closer look convinces the observer that this is the intent of the bill."

The auto-fraud bill would make it easy to register undocumented immigrants and even dead people. Corrupt political machines could use the auto-fraud bill to manufacture election victories.

It's easy to see why the congressional leadership and the Clinton administration support the auto-fraud bill. When their tax-and-waste economic plan crashes, they will need every trick in the books to get re-elected in 1996.

Dorman and some like-minded colleagues should repeat the tactic they used in 1977. Americans need to be alerted to the true nature of the auto-fraud bill.

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Good economic news?

Ever since he was elected president, Bill Clinton has heard nothing but bad economic news, by which of course I mean good economic news. He was supposed to pull the nation out of a recession, but every day it becomes clearer that the economy is booming without the slightest assistance from him.

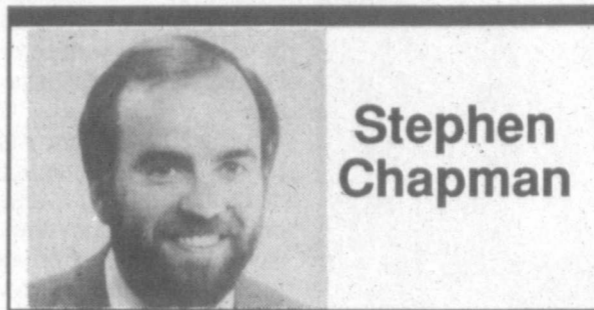
This creates two serious problems. The first is that it deprives Clinton of his best excuse for enacting all sorts of spending programs and tax breaks that appeal to traditional Democratic impulses, which he had been hoping to slip through under the guise of an urgently needed "fiscal stimulus."

Why apply a fiscal stimulus that will add \$31 billion to the swollen federal budget deficit — the same deficit we are all about to be taxed more to reduce — when the economy grew at a robust 4.8 percent annual pace in the last quarter of 1992?

"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick," said the man from Nazareth. The man from Hope, however, thinks that if medicine is good for the ill, it must be even better for the healthy.

The second problem is that Clinton stands to get no credit for the things that are going right. And a vexing number of things are going right. Inflation is staying down, mortgage rates have dropped to the lowest levels in 20 years, productivity and retail sales are rising, business failures are on the decline and the recession is a rapidly fading memory.

It's hard to square these developments with the Democratic campaign theme that George Bush's policies were callously wrecking the economy. Some wreck. In fact, the events since November suggest that Bush was right in thinking that only time was needed to restore economic health. The favorable news certainly doesn't vindicate the view



Stephen Chapman

that every downturn demands energetic meddling by Washington.

If the improvement had occurred six months later, it would be ascribed, rightly or wrongly, to Clinton's potent healing powers and Congress' willingness to expend tax dollars. Instead, as an anonymous high Federal Reserve official recently told *Newsweek*, "The Clinton administration has inherited a very nice environment. All Clinton can basically do about this is screw it up." Not only that, but he has four years in which to do it.

Amid all the sunshine, the president sees only rain. In his State of the Union address, he did his usual bleating about the disgraceful shortage of work for those who want it. "Some say we're simply not creating jobs. And there is no recovery worth its salt that does not begin with new jobs."

Actually, there is no recovery, salty or not, that does begin with new jobs. Unemployment is always a lagging indicator, since businesses don't start firing people as soon as sales dip or start hiring them back the very instant customers reappear. Jobs don't multiply until a recovery is well underway.

But never mind the president's dim comprehension of economics. The simple fact is that this

recovery has been dutifully creating new jobs for the better part of a year. The unemployment rate peaked last June at 7.8 percent and has fallen steadily ever since, to 7.1 percent in January. This rate is too high, but it's hardly the horrendous tragedy portrayed by the administration, and with the recent acceleration of the recovery, it will soon be much lower.

Anyway, there is no assurance that a "fiscal stimulus" will do anything to boost the expansion. The Keynesian theory embraced by Democrats for generations holds that increasing the deficit pours money into the economy, thus generating growth and jobs. But if federal red ink were good for growth, there would never have been recession: The deficit has been getting bigger for years.

Clinton thinks the need to stimulate the economy only strengthens the case for something we ought to do anyway, namely raise spending on "public investment," such as infrastructure. But it's not accurate to say, as he does, that we've been negligent. Infrastructure spending in the United States rose by 41 percent in the last decade.

Noting that we spend less on public projects today than in the 1950s — when we were creating an interstate highway system and building schools for all the kids born in the baby boom — like noting that we spend less today on defense than during the Korean War, true, but not regrettable.

If Clinton is truly serious about getting control of the federal budget, why does he cling to a fiscal stimulus that isn't needed and will put us deeper in debt? It's not as if he has had trouble abandoning other commitments when they became inconvenient. By sticking so stubbornly to this one, he brings to mind the old definition of a fanatic: someone who won't change his mind and won't change the subject.

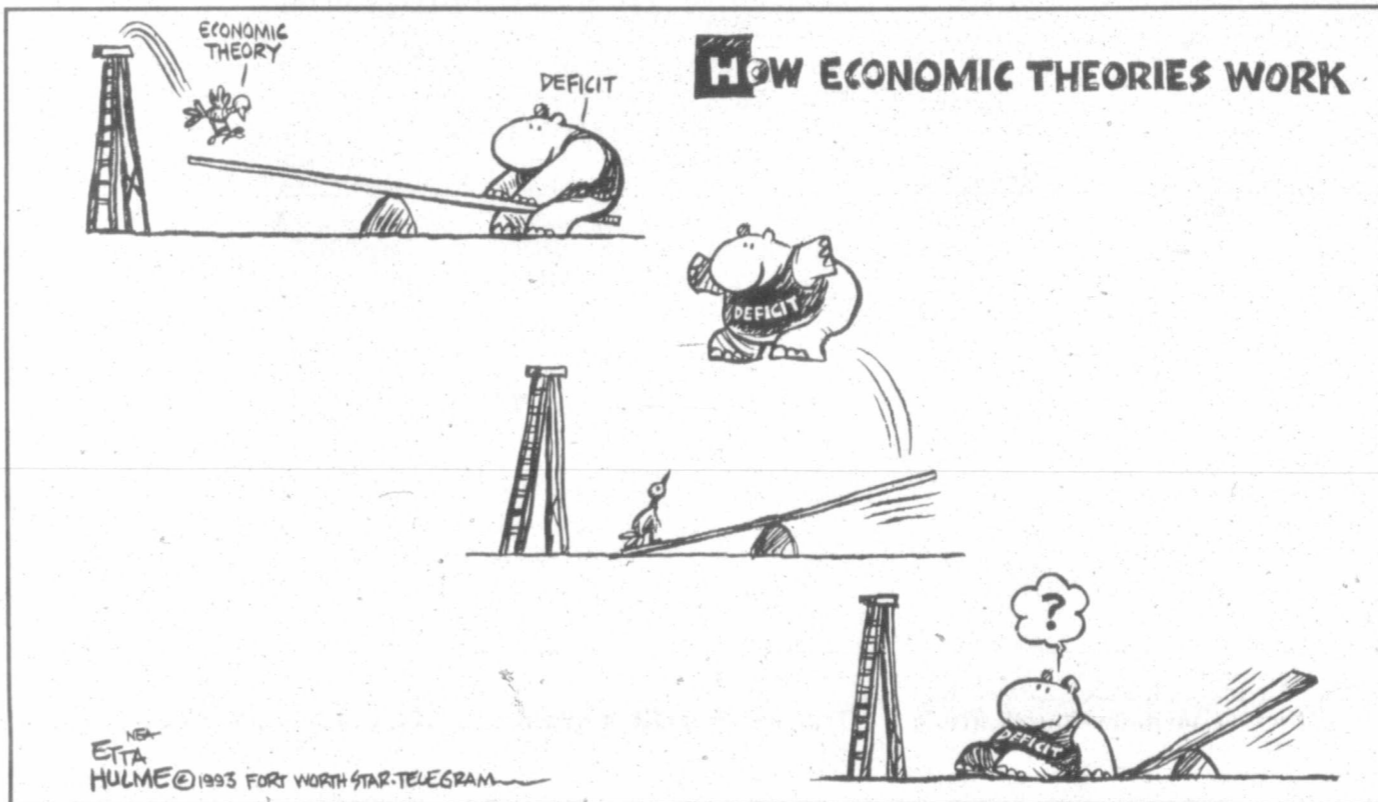
Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 4, the 63rd day of 1993. There are 302 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on March 4, 1943, "Mrs. Miniver" won six Academy Awards, including best picture and best actress for Greer Garson (whose 5 1/2-minute acceptance speech became the butt of industry jokes). James Cagney won best actor for "Yankee Doodle Dandy"; Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" won best song.

On this date: In 1793, 200 years ago, George Washington was sworn in for a second term as president of the United States. In 1829, an unruly crowd mobbed the White House during the inaugural reception for President Jackson.



Madonna's sexual fantasies

It used to be you really had to search to find anything that resembled smut.

I saw my first official smut in the 4th grade when a classmate came to school with a deck of cards that featured black and white photographs of men and women having sex with one another.

The classmate's older brother had come home on leave from the Navy and had brought the cards with him.

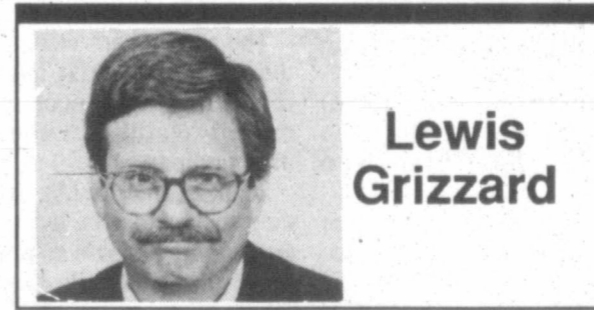
A group of us went down behind the collapsing grandstand of the school baseball field and passed around the cards.

"Why do these people have black bars across their faces?" Alvin Bates, the class nerd, asked. "So their mothers won't recognize them," somebody answered.

Other than the cards, all that was available to titillate was a calendar with a girl in a bikini on it down at the service station and the women's underwear section of the Sears & Roebuck catalog.

Even when Playboy came along, you didn't get to see it all. I think it was better that way. When you did find something of an explicit nature you appreciated it a great deal.

Today, smut is everywhere. There's Playboy, which finally was forced to show it all in order to remain competitive with other such publications as Penthouse, High Society and Hustler.



Lewis Grizzard

Sexually explicit movies of the X-rated variety are available in your living room on cable, and you can go down to your local video store and rent everything from "Deep Throat" to "Debbie Does the Entire Southwest Portion of the United States, including the Gadsden Purchase."

I bring up all this as a means of asking, What's the big deal about Madonna's book "Sex," which from what I've been hearing on the news includes photographs of this woman acting out her sexual fantasies?

They're getting \$50 for this book and it's a runaway best seller. I could understand this perhaps if it were 1958 and your older brother had to come home from the Navy before you could see any raunch.

But \$50 in this day and age to see Madonna naked and strapped to the hood of a 1971 Cadillac

to act out her desire to be a hood ornament?

Come on. In the first place Madonna isn't exactly a goddess. Kim Basinger naked and strapped to the hood of a 1971 Cadillac might be worth a few bucks to see, but not Madonna.

Meryl Streep is better looking than Madonna, and Meryl Streep would have a hard time finishing third in the annual Collard Festival Beauty Contest in Lard Bucket, Ala.

In the second place can't everybody see the scam here? The publisher seals the book like what's inside are state secrets or the formula for Coca-Cola and then sets the price at half a hundred to indicate further what's between the covers is the damndest thing since soap.

Frankly, I don't care what Madonna's sexual fantasies are. I've already seen her strutting around on television singing in her underwear.

The only thing about Madonna and "Sex" I'm interested about is, What does her father think about all this?

That's his little girl. In his worst nightmares did he ever think his little girl would grow up as a smut peddler and wouldn't have the decency to at least cover her face with a black bar?

"Sex." That starts with S, and that stands for Sucker. I'll just wait for the next Victoria's Secret catalog.

Diverse city needs diversity

In recent weeks New York City was in danger of becoming one more monochrome, monotone, monotonous metropolis. The *New York Post*, one of the so-called "racy tabloids," almost died. I offer here a belated Valentine and a Get Well card to an old friend.

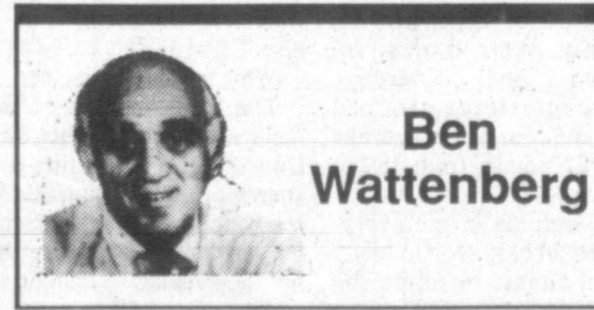
When I was a boy in the Bronx in the 1940s my father (now 93) brought the *Post* home every evening, along with *The New York Times* and a Yiddish paper. I would grab the *Post* from him, flop down on the floor, and consume it, cover to cover, sports first, then the gossipers, the news and the great columnists.

(I wanted to be like Brooklyn Dodger center-fielder Pete Reiser when I grew up. Later, I wanted to be like the *Post's* Jimmy Cannon, the supreme sportswriter of the time. Now I appear in the *Post*, on the op-ed page, but even there it is an honor.)

The *Post* is known for its screaming and poetic front-page headlines: "Headless Body in Topless Bar" and "Best Sex I Ever Had" (Marla Maples on Donald Trump). But its uniqueness is found on the editorial and op-ed pages.

In the '40s New York had nine newspapers. The *Post* was the only one that could be called "liberal." Today only *The New York Times* is stable; the *Daily News* almost perished, but is recuperating; *Long Island's Newsday* is moving in, slowly. And only the *Post* could be called "conservative." There are a lot of New Yorkers, and Americans, who have made a similar political journey.

Being a conservative paper in a liberal media town means, for example, supporting the citizen



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revolt to oust Joseph Fernandez, the chancellor of New York's public schools. Fernandez bought the politically correct proposition that first-graders deserve books pushed by the gay lobby, with titles like "Heather Has Two Mommies," "Daddy's Roommate" and "Gloria Goes to Gay Pride." The other papers supported Fernandez. But he is now history, dumped by affronted parents.

Being a conservative paper in a liberal media town means voicing outrage and pushing the story of a black activist boycott of a Korean store, and winning awards for it. It means being the only paper to support the non-liberal 49 percent loser in the 1989 mayoral race (Rudolph Giuliani, a likely winner in 1993).

Since 1950, while the population of the U.S. grew by about 40 percent, the number of daily newspapers declined by 12 percent. Many big cities have lost their alternative voice. Los Angeles is now a one-paper town; so is Dallas, St. Louis, Buffalo, San Antonio, New Orleans, Cleveland, Austin, Oakland and Miami, just for starters. These

communities can offer, in print, only a one-way vision of what's going on.

New York may be the most parochial-insulated-liberal spot in America. Alas, it is also home for the three big television networks, whose outlook is inevitably shaped by what appears in the papers. If it became a one viewpoint city, Americans everywhere would sense it in their living rooms.

Indeed, television has caused much of the grief of newspapers. Video can give us the news quickly. But it hasn't figured out a way to have an editorial page or an op-ed page.

After a brush with death-by-debt, it looks as if the *Post* will survive. One of the heroes was Gov. Mario Cuomo, a frequent target of the *Post*, who led a search for a last-minute buyer. The unions cooperated. A moment before termination an investor was found, Steven Hoffenberg. He too had financial troubles, but now he has a healthy partner, Abraham Hirschfeld. Hoffenberg says the paper is now ready to go into "fast forward."

The tough editorial policy will remain in place, directed by Editorial Page Editor Eric Breindel. The new editor-in-chief at the *Post*, super-star columnist Pete Hamill, is no conservative. Hamill has always written like a dream, and believes he can make a tabloid sing the song of the city. And why can't a noisy paper also entertain and educate? I think he can do it.

New York, like many of our big cities, is tense, violent and polarized. The frustration level is sky-high. When all sides get their views heard, it's better. Cacophony beats monotony.

Classroom Corner



Mindy Holtman, Gold Key finalist

Rachael Beck, Gold Key finalist

Pampa High artists take top awards

Two Pampa High School art students were Gold Key finalists in the Scholastic Art Competition held Feb. 6 in Amarillo. The competition, sponsored by the Amarillo Fine Arts Association and Amarillo Independent School District, featured 2,000 works by students in 32 counties.

Rachael Beck and Mindy Holtman who earned finalist positions, will have their work shipped to New York City to compete with art works from across the United States. Their winning entries, "Z" books, were in the three-dimensional commercial art category.

Other Gold Key winners were

Chris Keller in watercolor; Mario Silva and Chris Thompson with three-dimensional "Z" books.

Certificates were awarded to Jeremy Morris for a one-half mechanical and one-half animal commercial art design and to Bryan Stout for a marker and pen drawing.

Gold Key finalists earn a gold key and Gold Key winners earn a silver key.

The students are taught by Celeste Duncan. She noted that this most recent competition was the first time commercial art entries have been accepted.

"It is extremely difficult to break

away from the "old" mold and move into something new and more innovative as well as lucrative," Duncan said. "Commercial art is an extremely versatile field — limited to only as far as the imagination can stretch."

Students participating were Jackie Jameson, Johnny Blackwood, Matt Clark, Kasha Lewis, Brian Phelps, Paul Telcamp, Bryan Stout, Carl Wine, Astrid Pepi, Jennifer Hulsey, Hugo Echeverria, Jason Laramore, Kilyn Shelton, Ryan Handley, Jeremy Baker, Cory Stone, Art Botello, Katie Thomas and Kelley Dewey.

Travis Elementary reports UIL results

Travis Elementary students competed in University Interscholastic League competition on their campus. The objective of the competition is to enhance the educational experience.

Earning ribbons were:

Storytelling-second grade — first-Steven Nelson; second-Cameron Cargill; third-Jessica Leos; fourth-Betsy Gossman; fifth-Matt Jameson; sixth-Cameron Hanks.

Storytelling-third grade — first-Stacie Carter; second-Marsha Donnell; third-Tiffany Lucas; fourth-Lindsay Courtney; fifth-Kristen Robinson; sixth-Rickey Morgan.

Ready writing-third grade — first-Kayli Winton; second-Nathanael Hill; third-Jon Brooks; fourth-Brian Klein; fifth-Heather

Lee; sixth-Jessica Montgomery.

Spelling-third grade — first-Heather Parry; second-Zach Rogers; third-Justin Waggoner; fourth-Michelle Gomez; fifth-Jeremy Green; sixth-Karen Kirkwood.

Picture memory-fourth grade — first-Kim Grice; tie for second-Holly Broadus and Ryan Chambers; third-Tony Beck.

Oral reading-fourth grade — first-Stephanie Hanks; second-Katherine Zemanek; third-Kim Grice.

Ready writing-fourth grade — first-Daniel R. Abernathy; second-Bonnie Schiffman; third-Tara Deaton.

Spelling-fourth grade — first-Tara Deaton; second-Ryan Chambers; third-Aaron Childress.

Number sense-fifth grade —

first-Lindsey Donnell; second-Kyle McCullough; third-April Rodgers.

Picture memory-fifth grade — first-Bree Ann Dennis; second-Lindsey Donnell; third-Lisa Estrada.

Oral reading-fifth grade — first-Lacy Plunk; second-Bree Ann Dennis; third-Sherrie Turner.

Listening-fifth grade — first-Kerry Turner; second-Kevin Kidd; third-Courtney Lang.

Ready writing-fifth grade — first-Courtney Lang; second-Lindsey Donnell; third-Lacy Plunk.

Music memory-fifth grade — Colby Kenner, Courtney Lang, Michelle Qualls, Amber Rogers, Tracy Shelton, Kerry Turner.

Spelling-fifth grade — first-Kerry Turner; second-Maggie Cowan; third-Shane Flynn.

Three qualify for state forensic tournament

David Loyd, Verna Martin and Lesley Montgomery qualified for the Texas Forensic Association State Tournament set for March 4-6 at Lewisville High School. The students earned qualification by placing at area TFA qualifying events.

Loyd, who qualified in United States extemporaneous speaking, placed fourth at the Dumas High School tournament. He competes in cross-examination debate and is a consistent finalist, according to coach Barbara McCain. This is Loyd's second year to attend the

TFA tournament in extemporaneous speaking.

Martin, a second year qualifier in humorous interpretation, placed first at Midland Lee Tascosa High School tournaments. She placed second at the Amarillo High School tournament. She also competes in prose and poetry interpretation. Martin performs a cutting from the play, "The Wiz."

Montgomery, a senior, is a second year qualifier to TFA state. He plans to compete in foreign extemporaneous speaking. He placed third at San Angelo Central and

Tascosa High School tournaments. He competed last year in cross-examination debate. He is a frequent finalist in extemporaneous and cross-examination debate events, McCain added.

Eric Kirkpatrick is Pampa High School's entry in the TFA Student Congress. McCain explained that each school may enter one student in this event which allows students to debate bills and resolutions like a real congress.

Students who advance beyond the preliminary rounds into quarter finalist earn all-state honors.

Ecology awareness program presented to kindergarten and first grade

Members of Austin Elementary School's transitional first grade and kindergarten students participated in an ecology awareness program Feb. 8-19. The program developed by Modern Woodmen of America,

was designed to build awareness of the science of ecology and its application to environmental issues, the program included experiments, study topics and opportunities for taking an active role in

improving and protecting the environment.

Kent Meyer of Modern Woodmen donated educational supplies including coloring sheets, seeds, litter bags and pencils.

Honor Roll

Lefors Independent School District announces honor roll students for the third six week grading period.

Lefors Elementary

A honor roll - First grade - Katie Barnes, Julie Davenport, Todd Howe, Marke Shook, Sarai Sawyer, Savannah Smith. Second grade - Amanda Daugherty, Johnathan Tiney, Cory Jackson, Josh Jackson. Third grade - Arron Brown, Tommy Davenport, Amanda Woodard, Ray Turpen. Fifth grade - Shanna Elkins, Candid Ray, Melody Seely. Sixth grade - Heather Brantley, Kody Franks, Gwen Nolte, Shelly Murray.

A-B honor roll - First grade - Wanda Hughes, Andrew Klein, Colt

Cox. Second grade - Mase Ferguson, Ian Spencer, Mark Murray. Fourth grade - Codee Bowman, Dustin Danford, J.W. Mains, Bradley Sawyer, Lindsey Cox, Caleb Barnes. Fifth grade - Michael Brown, Miranda Danford. Sixth grade - Heather Howard, Dana Crutcher, Alisa Mata, Penny Summers, Tobee Bowman.

Lefors Junior High and High School

A honor roll - Juniors - Ginger Hannon. Eighth grade - Tennille Franks. Seventh grade - Angie Davenport.

A-B honor roll - Seniors - Michelle Shedeck, Andy Swires. Juniors - Dennis Williams. Sopho-

mores - Renea Gilbert, Shawna Lock, Jason Winegeart. Freshman - Bryan Bockmon, Shelly Davenport. Seventh grade - Nikki Bockmon, Misty McMullen, Melissa Gilbert, Katisha Jackson, Daryl Shook, Tracy Tucker.

West Virginia coal town boy cleans up Hartford school

EDITOR'S NOTE — With all the hand-wringing about deplorable conditions in inner-city schools, here's a school principal who took matters into his own hands. Not only did he clean up his elementary school and establish order and discipline, he's done much to clean up the surrounding neighborhood. Meet James Parham, an extraordinary educator.

By STRAT DOUTHAT
Associated Press Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — James Parham grew up in a West Virginia coal town, but says he really hadn't seen the terrible effects of poverty until he began teaching in the Hartford school system.

Parham has spent the past 20 years in Hartford's inner-city schools, teaching some of the nation's poorest children. Now, the Bluefield, W.Va., native has a school of his own, and he's determined not only to give his kids a quality education, but also to transform the terrible environment that surrounds their school.

J.C. Clark Elementary, where Parham is the principal, is located in Hartford's impoverished north end, a neighborhood blighted with crack houses, jobless people and trash-filled streets. The school's students are so poor that 97 percent of them — 669 of 685 — qualify for federal breakfast and lunch subsidies.

But the students say that now, thanks to their new principal, they have something they didn't have last year — a safe, clean learning environment when they come to school.

Judith Cosgrove has taught fourth-grade at J.C. Clark for the past six years. She says she wouldn't have believed such a transformation was possible.

"It's like day and night," she says. "For the first time since I've been here, I feel empowered to teach. I went up to Mr. Parham and thanked him for that."

Last year, she says, her classroom often was out of control, with the kids swearing at her if she told them to do something.

"Now, all I have to do is mention

Mr. Parham's name and they straighten their spines. If they act up, they know he'll not only put them out of school, but he'll also personally take them home and deliver them to their parents."

The big change began last summer after Parham, a 1974 graduate of Bluefield State College, was named principal at J.C. Clark. Parham recalls visiting the school and finding filthy floors and walls, and a playground littered with discarded furniture, crack vials and broken whiskey bottles.

Instead of despairing, the 41-year-old bachelor rolled up his sleeves and went to work, along with a team of volunteers from a local civic club.

He went around the neighborhood, asking residents to quit piling their trash on the school grounds.

"I asked them not to do it for the sake of the kids," he says, "and they responded."

Next, he confronted the men who congregated each evening on the playground, drinking whiskey and smoking crack. They went away.

"They could see that I respected myself, and what I was doing," he says. "People respond to that."

When crack dealers at a house across the street failed to see the light, Parham called the police. The crack dealers moved to a house in an adjoining block.

Two days before school opened, Parham was aghast to see that the street in front of the school was filthy. Inside, the school was sparkling clean and he had erected a big sign that read: "Welcome Back! We Care About The Children At J.C. Clark School."

Unable to bear the thought of the dirty street, Parham called the mayor — on her Sunday radio program. The street was swept and cleaned the next morning.

The first week of school, Parham saw kids coming through the door eating candy they had purchased at a little shop on the corner. He put out an edict: "No More Candy For Breakfast," and held fast despite the store owner's complaint that Parham had, in effect, ordered a boycott of his store.

In his speech to the faculty at the beginning of school, Parham said: "There will be no more cursing of teachers. No wavering. You are in charge of that classroom. You set your rules and you don't waver."

He also said he expected at least 30 minutes of homework each evening, and blackboards that each day contained new vocabulary words. He himself, he said, would see to discipline in the halls and the cafeteria.

Now, nearly six months into the school year, the children quietly walk down the halls in neat lines. They cheerfully say hello to visitors and greet their principal with a chorus of: "Hello, Mr. Parham."

And, while the school once was isolated in a grimy part of the city, Parham has reached out and received invaluable help from Hartford's business and civic communities. Aetna Life & Casualty Co. has donated thousands of dollars worth of office equipment. Northeast Utilities has launched a one-on-one program between its employees and the school's pupils, and the Hartford Rotary Club has taken on an extensive, long-term partnership project with the school.

"We've got to get our children involved with the working world," Parham says. "We've got to let them see a different world from the one they see at home. Our next move is to begin changing this neighborhood because, in my mind, a lot of the problems we see in school actually start at birth."

He envisions buying a building near the school and putting in a pre-natal health center and a preschool learning center. He wants books in the homes of the children, and is encouraging illiterate parents to come to the school's adult education program.

Asked whether he agrees that a single individual can bring about change, Parham considered the question for a moment, then said:

"I think a person — a person with a vision — can bring about change, but only with the help of many other people. And that's what is happening at J.C. Clark Elementary."

Mobile classrooms bring cows to school

SULPHUR SPRINGS (AP) — In parts of Texas, kids have never seen a cow. So the Southwest Dairy Center's Mobile Dairy Classroom brings the cows to the kids.

Serendipity, a 4-year-old Jersey milk cow, is one of the stars of the mobile dairy classroom. Owned by a local dairyman, she spends most of her time out in the pasture. However, several times a week, Serendipity and compa-

ny comprise one of four "classrooms on wheels" that circulate throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and parts of Tennessee and Missouri.

Equipped with customized trailers containing portable generators and milking machines, the mobile classrooms and their crews put on milking demonstrations — including basic bovine anatomy lessons — for wide-eyed schoolchildren and their teachers.

The goal of the mobile dairy classrooms is to teach kids about the importance of milk and dairy products in their daily diet, said Robbie Watson of the Hopkins County Dairy Museum.

"A lot of times, the teachers will plan the whole day around our visit," she said. "They'll have a 'farm day' or a program that will make it special for the kids."

Cross examination debaters qualify for state UIL

David Loyd and Lesley Montgomery qualified for the 1993 University Interscholastic League cross-examination state meet the week of March 15-20 at the University of Texas at Austin.

Mark Allen and Eric Kirkpatrick placed third at the district meet held Feb. 20 at West Texas State University and are alternates to the state meet.

Andrew Berzanskis and Mark Mont-

gomery competed in the event also. By winning first place in district, Loyd and Montgomery have continued the five-year district championship record for Pampa, according to coach Barbara McCain.

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Civilians flee Serb onslaught in Bosnia

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Thousands of Muslim civilians, many weakened by hunger and trudging through deep snow, are fleeing a Serb onslaught in eastern Bosnia, their pursuers preventing U.N. aid from reaching them.

Scores are said to have been killed in the tank-led Serb offensive that began Monday just as the first U.S. relief pallets were parachuted in.

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that there were no plans to halt the airdrops but added, "It's under continuous review."

At the U.N. late Wednesday, the Security Council condemned the Serb offensive and called for U.N. forces to be sent to the region to protect civilians. But the council was vague on whether troops would be dispatched.

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TSG Roy C. Brown of Louisville, Ky., of the 165 Air Squadron, reaches underneath one of the eight bundles with attached parachutes late Wednesday on board a U.S. C-130 cargo plane.

— was given guns to fight for their lives," he said, quoting local ham radio operators. "What is obvious is that the Serbs won't let us in until they finish their work. They will kill them until they surrender."

Levinson said one group of 800 refugees was said to have fled the enclave for Tuzla, and other groups could follow.

Bosnian Serb forces have repeatedly refused to allow aid convoys into Cerska, but U.N. officials in Belgrade said an 11-truck convoy reached Gorazde, a southeastern

Meetings to spotlight health care problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House plans a "town meeting" blitz this month to dramatize America's health care problems as policy-makers work in private on possible remedies.

Health care forums are tentatively scheduled for mid-March in Florida, Iowa and Michigan, with the hearings to wrap up March 26-27 in Washington, D.C., White House officials said Wednesday.

The forums are being planned by a presidential task force headed by Hillary Rodham Clinton and will be financed and sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The hearings, designed both to gather information and highlight problems with the current system, come as the White House is trying to build public support for the details-to-come health care plan in the face of expected opposition from special interest groups.

The task force is to adopt a plan by May for submission to Congress.

Some lawmakers feel, however, that Congress will have a hard time approving a comprehensive health care bill anytime soon.

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, believes passing comprehensive health care legislation this year is "extremely unlikely," according to his spokesman, Jim Jaffe.

Rostenkowski, D-Ill., has cited the complexities of reforming the massive health care system and the time necessary to get the huge bill through numerous congressional committees.

Mrs. Clinton, in an interview Wednesday with four Louisiana radio stations, said it would "take a lot of public support to beat back the powerful lobbies and special interests that are already lining up to defeat any plan we develop."

She said President Clinton is "intent on getting a plan into place as soon as he possibly can" and that the task force plans to meet its mid-May deadline.

The task force is asking various interest groups and organizations to suggest possible participants for the town meetings, including "victims" who can relate health care horror stories, said Patricia Smith, a health issues expert at the American Association of Retired Persons.

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala said the health reform plan will have to be flexible enough to help rural areas where managed competition may not work.

"We'll need different strokes for different folks," she said in an interview.

No decisions have been made on the overall package, Shalala said, but "we obviously are beginning to get a feel for what will sell politically."

She defended the secrecy in which the task force has been working and pointed to the upcoming public hearings.

The task force's work is guided by principles Clinton laid out during the election campaign calling for a plan that offers all Americans access to affordable care without setting up a nationwide government-run system.

Under the plan, a national board would set a standard package of health benefits and employers would be required to pay a percentage of the costs of coverage for their employees and dependents. Unemployed workers and others would be able to buy coverage on a subsidized basis through a state-based health cooperative.

According to a work plan drafted by Clinton health care adviser Ira Magaziner, the task force has seven "toll gates" to pass through en route to its final plan.

Right now, the task force is collecting ideas from hundreds of experts in a mushrooming set of working groups that now numbers more than 30. It is still in what Magaziner calls a "broadening phase" where the list of options keeps expanding.

Several lottery indictments returned

AUSTIN (AP) — A Travis County grand jury has returned several indictments in criminal cases related to the Texas Lottery, the District Attorney's Office has announced.

One indictment was returned against Richard Rushing of Austin, who has been charged with aggravated assault against a lottery security investigator, George Spriggs.

Spriggs in January was investigating allegations of stolen lottery tickets at an Austin store when Rushing, who had been redeeming the stolen tickets, grabbed him and pushed him into a counter.

In another case, William Donaldson of Austin was indicted for theft of two trucks from a car dealership. Donaldson allegedly convinced the dealership to sell him the trucks by saying he was a lottery jackpot winner.

Other indictments went to Darwin Gene Bagley of Fort Worth and

Allen Eastman of Austin, who are charged with claiming lottery prizes by means of fraud and deceit. Bagley allegedly altered a lottery ticket, in an attempt to collect a \$5,000 prize, while Eastman tried to redeem a stolen ticket.

A special unit of the Travis County District Attorney's Office, established under an agreement between State Comptroller John Sharp and District Attorney Ronald Earle, is investigating any cases related to the lottery.

"We will continue to investigate and prosecute cases such as these to the fullest extent of the law," Sharp said Wednesday.

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Lifestyles

Inspire children to physical fitness

By PARENT'S DIGEST
For AP Special Features

Maybe you have one of these type children at home: Slightly overweight, they can often be found sitting in front of the TV set. The only muscles they exercise with any regularity are their thumbs — by pushing the buttons on their video games or their arms — by reaching into a bag of potato chips.

How do you inspire a kid to get and remain interested in sports and physical fitness? *Parent's Digest* magazine suggests the following ways to motivate your kids:

— Understand your child's developmental age. Some are early bloomers, others are late bloomers, says Dr. Kenneth Cooper, an aerobics expert, and author of "Kidfitness: A Complete Shape-up Program from Birth Through High School" (Bantam, 1991). Some develop basic skills, like catching or hitting a ball, at 4 or 5 years of age. Others won't be ready for that until they're 10 or 11.

— "A child's ability to play competitive sports well, or to engage successfully in any physical activity is determined more by his developmental age than by his chronological age," Cooper says.

But too many parents see their child lagging behind others in class, unable to throw a ball or run fast, and they say, "Well, the kid's just not athletic." Pretty soon, the kid gets the message. He stops trying — and will never experience the joy that fitness can bring as well as the possibility that later on, he just may turn into a standout ballplayer.

"By the third grade, we start to see a trickle of dropouts," says Cooper, "and by the seventh grade, a torrent — especially among the girls."

At the same time, be sensitive to the type of equipment you buy for your child. Many parents don't realize the importance of age- and development-appropriate equipment. A short, chunky bat for a 3-year-old, a lowered basketball hoop, pedals that short legs can reach easily can make the difference between feeling good and quitting.

— Make it fun. The primary reason boys and girls cite for playing sports is that they enjoy it. Once anything stops being fun — perhaps there was too much practice drilling, too rigid an organization or too much emphasis on performance — they quit.

"Parents should encourage involvement, not winning," says Cooper.

Be careful about sending mixed messages. Don't emphasize the joys of athletic pursuits and learning a new skill, then ask the score the second your Little Leaguer sets foot in the door. Better say: "Did you have a good time?" Shift the emphasis away from winning.

"I'd like to see parents inspire their kids to do their best, not be the best," says Cooper.

When the goal is another medal, trophy or team letter, kids forget why they started playing in the first place.

— Don't assume history will repeat. Maybe you were a terrific tennis player. Or maybe you spent most of your high school years on

the bench. Again, don't assume your child is as athletic — or as klutzy — as you were. Let him or her sample a variety of sports, and don't put pressure on them to stay with it if they really don't want to. It's perfectly normal for school-age kids to jump from one sport to another.

"Maybe having fun for your child doesn't mean team sports," says Cooper. Perhaps he will enjoy running, biking, skiing or tennis.

— Practice what you preach. Do you make fitness and healthy eating a part of your daily lifestyle? If so, your children will be more likely to make it a part of their routine, too.

— Don't forget community sports programs. Organized runs, basketball, soccer or hikes are not only fun, they're something everyone can do together. To find out what's happening in your area, call your local parks and recreation department.

— Be a savvy parent. When looking for a program or sports team for your child, ask questions before you sign them up. What's the coach's philosophy on how much, and how often, each child gets to play? Does he emphasize sportsmanship and social skills as well as batting skills?

— Investigate your school's programs. If your child's school has a fitness program, does it provide at least one period a day of physical activity? Do they screen kids for obesity, flexibility and coordination and monitor them throughout the year? If not, meet with other concerned parents and speak to administrators, to see if another solution can be worked out. Maybe parents can volunteer to coach and organize after-school activities.



Mary Grace Fields looks over "Children of Many Lands" traveling exhibition.

'Children of Many Lands' travels to Pampa

"Children of Many Lands Came to Texas," a traveling exhibit produced by the Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio, will be on display at Lovett Memorial Library from March 15 to 22.

Funding and sponsorship for the exhibit are courtesy of the Pampa Lovett Library Foundation.

While in Pampa, the exhibit will be shared with six Pampa Independent School District campuses. It is at Austin Elementary today and Fri-

day. The display will travel to Mann Elementary on Monday through Wednesday; Wilson Elementary on March 10-12; Baker Elementary on March 23-25; and Lamar Elementary on March 25-26. The display was available at Travis Elementary Monday through Wednesday.

The exhibit will feature the faces and stories of more than 100 children from 30 ethnic backgrounds.

"Children of Many Lands Came

to Texas" is one of many exhibits available from the Institute for public display.

Part of the University of Texas System, the Institute of Texan Cultures is a learning and communication center concerned with the history and diverse cultures of Texas. The Institute houses a 50,000 square foot exhibit floor where many aspects of Texas culture are depicted through displays and interpretive areas.

Cyclists dislike attractive nuisance status

DEAR ABBY: If Malcolm Forbes were alive, he would be on the phone to you as a friend and motorcycle rider in response to your latest stand on bikes being a "nuisance." Since he isn't alive, may I express my feelings?

Bikers come in all sizes, ages and walks of life. We raise money for charities, teach rider safety in schools, pay property taxes, gas taxes, street taxes and insurance. We are good citizens. We care for our safety, that of our passengers, and the non-riding public. We ride for a variety of reasons, and our feelings about this pastime are strong and valid.

I think you owe motorcycle riders an apology for what appears to be an insensitive public statement and an apparent stereotype with which we have been labeled. If a child or an adult admires (or wishes to sit on) my bike in my presence in a parking lot, it's my pleasure to be an ambassador of understanding about the equipment and responsibilities that come with owning and operating a motorcycle. I'll bet all of us feel this responsibility. How about a second look?

YOUR NEPHEW,
RON BRODKEY IN OMAHA

DEAR RON: Thank you for your candid letter. As you prob-



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

ably know, I personally select the letters for my column. I chose the letter signed "Barbara in Dallas" in which she said, "You would be doing bike owners an enormous favor if you would print my letter."

I thought her letter had merit, so I printed it. In my response to her letter, I stated that a motorcycle might be legally termed "an attractive nuisance," meaning that it attracts people to it, just as a set of swings, a swimming pool, etc. does, and unless it is "fenced in" and made inaccessible to the curious public who may want to touch and examine it — the owner had better be well-insured.

The bikers wrongly assumed that I was calling their bikes "a nuisance," and the hate mail — some containing vile and filthy language — was shocking. My mistake was in using the legal term "attractive nuisance," which bikers interpreted literally.

P.S. As a gesture of friendship and goodwill, the Gold Wing Road Riders Association invited me to be their special guest at their 15th Annual International Convention in Louisville, Ky., in June. Unfortunately, because of a previous commitment, I was unable to accept.

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"AFRAID IN WASHINGTON, D.C.": Heed the wise words of Dorothy Fosdick:

"Fear is a basic emotion; it's part of our native equipment, and like all normal emotions, it has a positive function to perform."

"Comforting formulas for getting rid of anxiety may be just the wrong solution. Books about 'peace of mind' can be bad medicine. To be afraid when one should be afraid is good sense."

Gardening is a pleasure for the kid set, too

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (AP) — Youngsters like to join in the garden for the sheer fun of digging in the dirt: That was the belief of Gertrude Jekyll, an English garden designer at the turn of the century.

She advised parents to let the little ones join in regular garden chores and in time be given plots to create gardens of their own.

There are many gardening projects that a child can handle — even planting a tree — observe specialists at the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center, who agree that youngsters should be included in gardening activities.

Children are fascinated by saplings, they say, possibly because trees start out small and grow tall, like themselves.

But they suggest checking first about how tall a tree will result, how fast it will grow, and whether it will make a mess in the yard. Mulberries, for example, grow quickly but drop berries for about six weeks each summer. If your child has his heart set on a mulberry, however, he can choose one of the new fruitless varieties.

Let the youngster pick the site, but help him visualize how big and tall the tree will be. Make sure he knows how to prepare the hole (3 feet wide and 18 inches deep), that there

should be good drainage (add gravel or other drainage material), how to stake the tree during early growth, and to remember to water it well when planting and over the winter.

But to what the youngsters' immediate interest, let them try planting bulbs in the fall. The Netherlands group points out that bulbs for tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and others are almost fail-safe growers and can be easily handled by children.

Bulbs can be laid out in quantities in large trenches or individually in small holes. Interesting patterns can be achieved by trench planting — the child might spell out his name in crocuses of different colors, for example, or create a design.

Or the youngster can create a natural look by throwing handfuls of bulbs around, then planting them where they fall. Bulbs even can be planted right in the lawn.

Make sure the youngsters choose planting spots with good drainage; to plant large bulbs (tulips and daffodils) 8 inches deep and small ones (crocuses and snowdrops) 5 inches deep; plant before the first ground-freezing frost; and remember, the pointed side of the bulb goes UP.

The youngsters might enjoy forcing bulbs indoors in pots during winter.

Essentially, the trick is to fool the

bulb into thinking winter is over and it's time to bloom. Paperwhite narcissus and amaryllis hippeastrum are easiest to force, according to the Netherlands group. Paperwhite bulbs can be bought loose or in a forcing kit.

Here's how your child can force paperwhites:

— Find a shallow pot or bowl with no drainage holes. Fill it two-thirds full with gravel, stones, or even clean seashells or marbles.

— Put as many bulbs, pointed side up, as will fit on the gravel. Then fill in with gravel, leaving tops exposed. Add water up to the base of the bulbs, and maintain the water at this level.

— Put the container in a cool place. In a few days, roots will start and sometimes push the bulbs up. When green shoots appear, move the pot to a cool, sunny spot. Shoots will develop rapidly, and in about three weeks, masses of heavily scented white flowers will appear.

This project can be replicated for little gifts by simply using a single bulb in a disposable plastic cup.

Paperwhites and amaryllises can be forced without pre-chilling. Most other bulbs need to be kept in a refrigerator or cold garage for a few weeks before forcing.

Club News

Worthwhile Extension Homemakers Club met with Beulah Terrell as hostess for the February meeting.

Plans were made for the coming year including help for the community. The program was a group discussion on "Rest, Relax and Release," given by Terrell. The next meeting is set for 10

a.m. March 22 at the Gray County Annex. Donna Brauchi will discuss "Women Traveling Alone."

For more information contact Terrell at 665-1589.

Pampa Art Club met March 2 and corrected the invitation mailing list for the Guest Day Tea. The invitations will soon be available for

addressing. Work is progressing on the mosaic.

Francis hall conducted the program. She instructed a hands on workshop about painting snow scenes in oil. Virginia Archer was hostess.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. March 16 with Lynn Ray as hostess.

Arts and crafts festival scheduled for April

Tip Top of Texas Arts and Crafts Festival (formerly the market and craft day) is set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 3. It will be held at the new Sherman County Exhibit Barn,

Stratford. Door prizes will be awarded hourly.

For more information call Stephanie Helton at 948-4508 or Barbara Schoonover at 727-4596.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Something in which you're presently involved has much greater potential than you may realize. Re-evaluate this development so that you are aware of its maximum benefits. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for Pisces' Astro-Graph predictions today 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) Today you may be required to make a decision without appreciating its full significance at the time. Fortunately, your judgment will be good, and the results should be advantageous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This can be a very worthwhile day for you, providing you are motivated to be industrious and productive. Conversely, if you waste your time, you'll regret it later.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Friends tend to view you more favorably than usual today. Members of the opposite gender may find you especially charming and appealing. Make the most of it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your instincts to serve and cherish others could be very pronounced today. You will be at your best if you have someone to love, so that you can fuss over and spoil this person a bit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A plethora of solutions may suddenly be available to you today regarding a matter that has been on your mind. Abide by today's decisions. It could bring you luck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something rather fortunate in the material sense could transpire for you today, and you might not even be aware of it. It will be engineered by someone who is looking out for your interests.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You could be luckier than usual today in ventures or endeavors that you either have originated or personally control. Do not delegate authority in matters that you are well-equipped to handle yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your intuitive perceptions should be permitted to guide you today in matters that affect your reputation, finances or career. Do not be foolish and discount them as too good to be true.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In general, conditions are favorable for you today, but you're likely to be luckiest in involvements you have with friends, especially one who has helped you previously.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be alert at this time for ways and opportunities to increase your earnings through a second source. You are now in a cycle where good things could happen for you in this area.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) An extremely important objective can be achieved in this time frame, due to the assistance of someone who shares this interest. Be assertive and keep your focus on the prize.

Sports

Rice, SMU tied for first in Southwest Conference race

Teams have one game left

By The Associated Press

The Rice Owls and Southern Methodist Mustangs are tied for the Southwest Conference championship with one game remaining.

David Holmes scored 8 points in overtime Wednesday night to give the Owls (17-7 overall and 11-2 in SWC play) an 89-78 victory over Houston.

Mike Wilson scored 34 points to lead SMU 19-6 overall and 11-2 in SWC play to an 81-74 victory over Baylor.

The Owls close out play Saturday night by hosting Texas A&M. The Mustangs wind up their SWC schedule with a game against the Texas Longhorns Saturday afternoon.

In other SWC action Wednesday night, Texas Tech defeated Texas A&M 72-53 and Texas defeated Texas Christian 102-84.

Marvin Moore scored 24 points for Rice and Scott Tynes and Brent Scott had 18 each. Holmes finished with 13 points.

Houston, 18-7 and 8-5, was led by Charles Outlaw with 23 points and 13 rebounds. David Diaz had 19 points and Jesse Drain 14.

It was the first time since 1945 that Rice has won as many as 11 conference games and the first time ever Rice has swept a season series from Houston. It's Rice's 11th straight home victory.

Rice coach Willis Wilson praised Holmes' overtime play.

"That's the best five minutes of basketball he's play all year long," Wilson said.

Houston's coach Pat Foster was

disappointed in his overtime effort.

"Something obviously happened to us in the overtime period. I was really disappointed with the way we played in the overtime. I thought we got a great chance to come back from the dead, but obviously we didn't take advantage," Foster said.

Wilson scored 11 of his points during a 17-5 stretch run for SMU.

SMU, seeking its first conference regular-season title since the 1987-88 season, trailed by as many as nine points in the second half before Wilson heated up.

His layup with 3:09 to play put the Mustangs ahead 69-67, giving them a lead they would not relinquish.

Baylor (15-10, 6-7) pulled to within 77-74 with 32.4 seconds remaining on Nelson Haggerty's 10-footer, but Chad Allen converted four free throws over the final 26.2 seconds to preserve the victory.

Alex Holcombe led the Bears with 26 points and Aundre Branch added 21 points.

Wilson, who grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds for SMU, scored 16 points in the first half, but SMU shot only 38 percent and was behind 43-36 at halftime.

But the Mustangs regained control in the second half, especially with Wilson successfully challenging taller foes.

"I thought Mike Wilson was the difference tonight for SMU," said Baylor coach Darrel Johnson. "We just couldn't cover him. We tried about four or five different players on him but nobody could do anything with him. He's strong, quick and very physical."

Koy Smith scored 17 points to give Texas Tech a 72-53 victory over Texas A&M.

The victory gave Tech a 15-10

record (6-7 in the conference) while A&M dropped to 9-16 (4-9).

The Raiders fell behind early and had to play catch up, going ahead for the first time at 21:20 on a 3-point goal by Koy Smith. The Raiders stayed in front the rest of the way gradually opening the lead to 20 points on three occasions.

Tech took advantage of 27 A&M fouls, to sink 32 of 41 free throws, while A&M was held to 12 of 16. The Raiders hit 40 percent for the game and A&M hit 38 percent.

For the first time in his basketball career, Will Flemons, the leading scorer in the conference, was held without a field goal and managed only seven points on 10 attempts on the free throw line. But Flemons led the rebounds with 10 while Tech held a 36-28 edge.

Texas' lone senior Michael Richardson exploded for 30 points in his final home game, sending the Longhorns past Texas Christian 102-84 and avoiding a tie for the conference cellar.

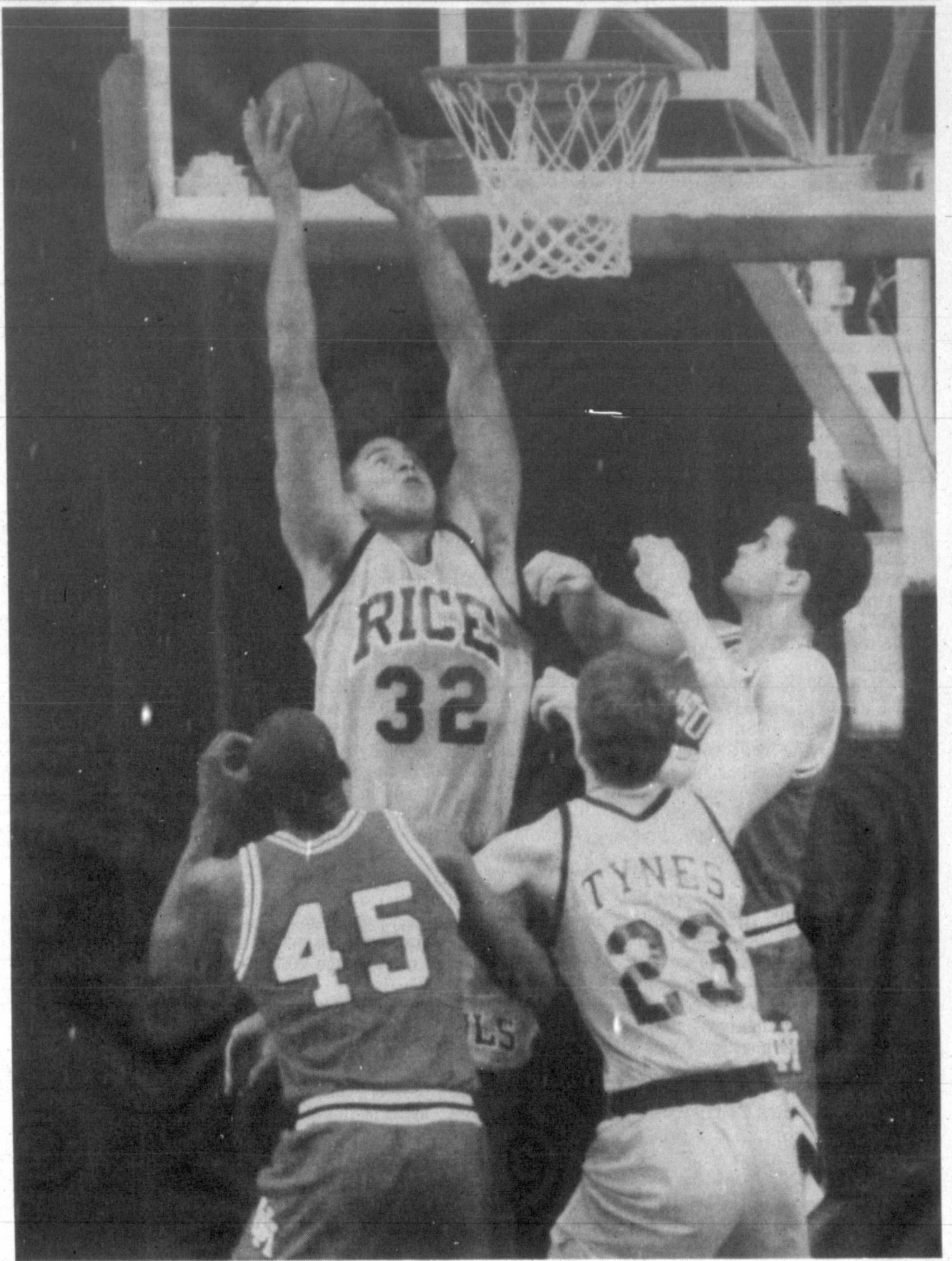
Richardson was unstoppable, throwing down four monster dunks and sinking two 3-pointers as the Longhorns (10-15 overall, 4-9 in SWC play) assured themselves of, at worst, a seventh-place finish in the SWC.

The Horned Frogs (5-20, 2-11 SWC) have locked up last place, despite a career-high 31 points by Eric Dailey, who also grabbed 16 rebounds.

Tony Watson led Texas on a 29-12 run over the first 10 minutes of the second half, scoring 14 of his 26 points during the surge.

B.J. Tyler added 16 points for the Longhorns and freshman center Sheldon Quarles added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

TCU received 18 points from freshman guard Jentry Moore and 17 from Myron Gordon.



Rice's Brent Scott (32) gets set to dunk over Houston's Rafael Carrasco. (AP Photo)

Hurley sets assists record in Duke victory

By The Associated Press

Now there's no one for Bobby Hurley to pass.

Duke's point guard supreme became the NCAA's all-time assist leader Wednesday night with 12 in his final home game. He also scored 19 points in a 95-79 victory over Maryland.

His fifth assist of the game, an entry pass to Erik Meek with 11:02 left in the first half, gave Hurley 1,039 for his career and moved him past Chris Corchiani of North Carolina State.

"I don't think anyone thought before the game that it would be Erik," Hurley joked. "He had a high target and I was able to get him the ball. It wasn't anything that we ran. It was Erik. He wanted it, he made the play, and I just delivered."

Hurley has been the director of the Blue Devils since the first game of his freshman season and he has taken them to three straight national championship games and consecutive NCAA titles. He has an NCAA tournament record of 17-1 and with Duke ranked sixth will get a chance to improve that mark in a couple of weeks.

"I'm glad that Bobby broke the assist record here," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "It's something that we all share in."

"It's kind of crazy. He's done something that no one else has done. What a neat thing to be able to coach a kid who has done something that no one else has done."

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 1 North Carolina 83, No. 14 Wake Forest 65; No. 5 Kentucky 98, Mississippi 66; No. 8 Kansas 94, Nebraska 83; No. 10 Seton Hall 79, Boston College 61;

No. 13 Arkansas 88, Louisiana State 75; and No. 24 Purdue 61, Michigan State 58.

Duke (23-5, 10-5 ACC) had this one wrapped up by halftime, leading 53-29 at intermission. There was good news for the Blue Devils before the game when Grant Hill appeared in uniform for the first time since he sprained the big toe on his left foot Feb. 13. Although Hill participated in pre-game warmups, he did not play for the fifth straight game.

"This has been a long stretch without Grant," Krzyzewski said. "They've performed unbelievably well."

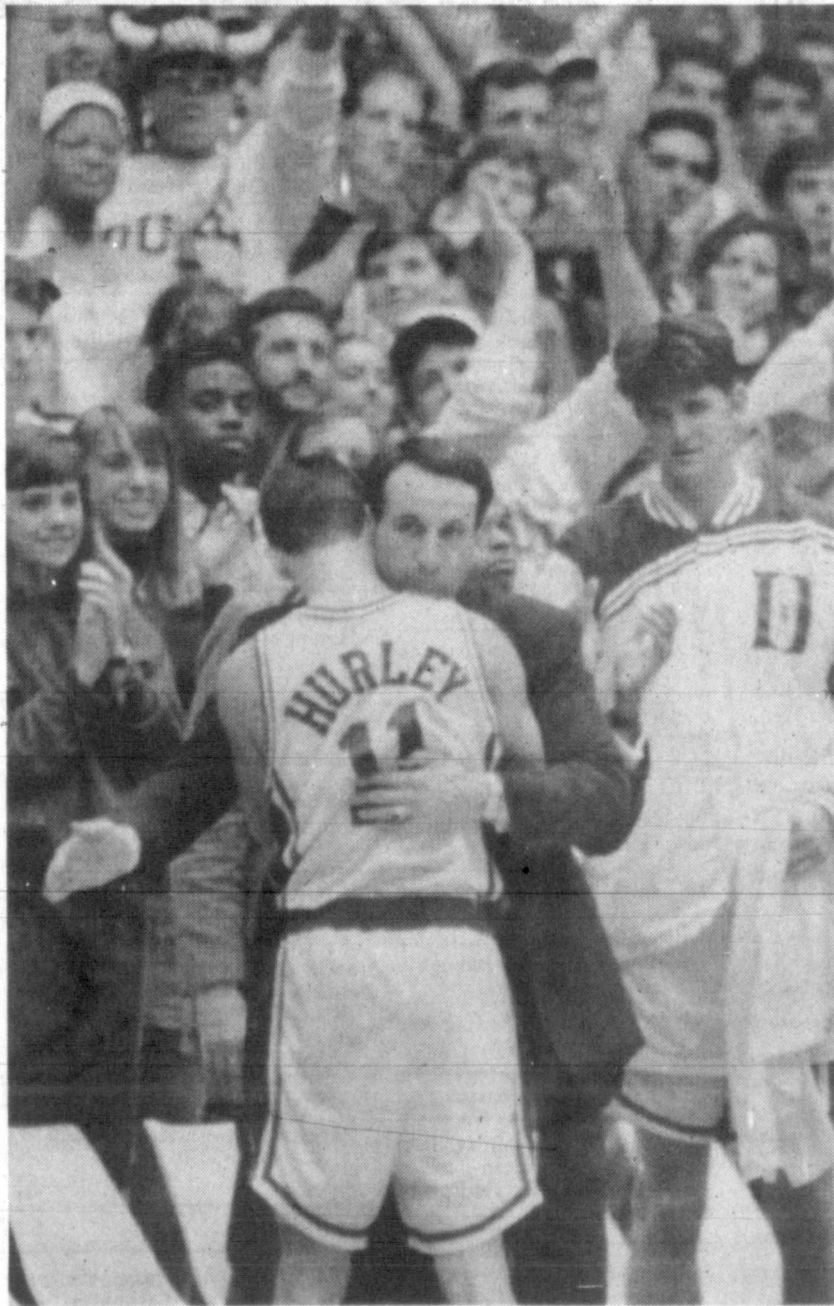
Especially Hurley, who has averaged 14 points and 13.8 assists — including four straight double-doubles — since Hill went down.

"It's something I'll always remember," Hurley said of the record. "With all the player's who've played the game, I'll be the only one who'll be able to say they're the top assist leader — at this point anyway."

Maryland (11-14, 2-13), which hasn't beaten Duke since 1988, was led by Kevin McLinton's 22 points. No. 1 North Carolina 83, No. 14 Wake Forest 65

The Tar Heels (25-3, 13-2 ACC) earned at least a share of the regular-season title for the 14th time as they beat Wake Forest at home for the 11th consecutive time. Eric Montross missed only one of seven shots and had 17 points as North Carolina won its first game as the No. 1 team in the country and its eighth in a row.

The Tar Heels, who reached 25 victories under coach Dean Smith for the 16th time, used a 19-1 run in the first half to break it open.



Duke's Bobby Hurley gets a hug from coach Mike Krzyzewski after the senior point guard set an NCAA career assists record. (AP Photo)

Rockets continue win streak

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon had 30 points and 13 rebounds Wednesday night as the Houston Rockets won their eighth straight game, 89-86 over the Sacramento Kings.

Leading by one point following Wayman Tisdale's jumper for the Kings with 8:25 left in the game, the Rockets used a 10-2 run for an 82-73 lead.

Sacramento, which lost its fourth straight home game, closed to 87-86 on Rod Higgins' 3-pointer with 6.1 seconds remaining.

Kenny Smith, who scored 15 of his 22 points in the second half for Houston, followed with two free throws one second later as the Kings were forced to foul. Walt Williams missed a 28-foot jumper at the buzzer for Sacramento.

Williams finished with 18 points for the Kings, who produced their lowest point total of the season.

Houston played without starting

forward Otis Thorpe, who injured his kidney during the Rockets' victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Tuesday night.

Duane Causwell, who missed the past 17 games with a broken left foot, returned to score eight points for the Kings.

Olajuwon scored 17 points in the first quarter as the Rockets built an 11-point lead.

Causwell's short jumper gave the Kings a 58-54 lead with 5:24 left in the third period. Sacramento's largest cushion of the game.

Smith, however, scored 11 points in the quarter, helping the Rockets take a 2-point edge into the fourth period.

The Kings reversed the 11-point deficit and led 44-42 after Higgins' 3-pointer with 45 seconds left before halftime.

The Rockets made only 4 of 19 shot in the second quarter, but Smith's two free throws with 0.1 seconds left tied the game 44-44 at halftime.

PHS soccer teams play Palo Duro on Saturday

The Pampa High soccer teams are scheduled to play Palo Duro in District 4 matches Saturday, beginning at 2 p.m. at Amarillo's Southwest Park.

Heath Stevens scored two goals as the Pampa boys defeated Canyon, 4-1, in a non-district match Tuesday.

"It was a good win for us. Their only goal came on a penalty kick," said Pampa coach Daniel Barker.

The Harvesters led 3-1 at the half. Other goals for Pampa came from Jesus Lopez and Assencion Anguillano.

The Harvesters are 3-1 in district play and 5-4 for the season. Amarillo High, 5-0, is the district leader.

The Pampa girls are 0-4 in the district standings and 1-6 overall.

The next home matches for the Pampa teams are 4:30 p.m. Tuesday against Amarillo Tascosa.

Players seek court ruling on National Football League's new free agency

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

The NFL and its players haven't left the courts behind, despite their agreement on the new free agency.

Four days after the plan took effect, the case was back in court when two of the 10 "franchise players" decided to challenge it before Judge David Doty, who retains jurisdiction over the league's labor plan.

Doty, who presided over the myriad suits that led to the agreement, gave preliminary approval to the proposal last week. But he also gave anyone objecting until April 2 to file motions and set April 16 for a hearing on those objections.

Already, linebacker Wilber Mar-

shall of the Washington Redskins has filed a motion before Doty in Minneapolis objecting to the provision in the agreement that doesn't allow him to seek offers from other teams. And the lawyer for San Diego defensive end Leslie O'Neal said O'Neal also plans to object to the agreement.

The response was remarkably uniform from two sides who have been at odds for five years.

"None of this is particularly unexpected," said Jim Quinn, the lawyer for the players and their chief negotiator in the deal that led to free agency. "We think the settlement is eminently fair and that it will be upheld."

"The current agreement serves the overall best interests of the play-

ers and the league," said Joe Browne, NFL vice president for communications and development. "Objections are not unexpected, but Judge Doty will make the last determination."

One player who won't challenge the plan is Reggie White of Philadelphia, who is the Eagles' franchise player but is free to move because he was a plaintiff in one of the suits.

"I don't like everything in the settlement," White said on a national conference call. "I could have shut the whole thing down because I had to sign off on it. But I can't shut something down for 1,599 other players because of a few things I don't agree with."

White said he hasn't had a con-

crete offer although he will visit Cleveland this weekend.

So far no players have signed with new teams, although agents have claimed they've received numerous phone calls. That irritates some team officials, like general manager George Young of the New York Giants, who responded to inquiries about the status of his free-agent punter Sean Landeta by saying:

"Agents are trying to set the market. I hope we don't have to spend the off-season being preoccupied with a punter. There are football players out there."

Under the new system, teams can name a franchise player, plus two "transition players" this year and one more the next.

A franchise player can't get any offers from other teams and must be paid among the top five players at his position or receive a 20 percent raise over his previous salary, whichever is more. A transition player must be paid among the top 10 or get a 20 percent increase.

O'Neal is one of the few players who would invoke the 20 percent rule.

He made \$1.5 million next year, and the average for the top five defensive ends is \$1.71 million. So the Chargers must make him an offer of at least \$1.8 million, or 20 percent more than his salary last year. Marshall, who made \$1.3 million last season, must be offered at least \$1.6 million, the average for linebackers.

But their objections are different.

Theresa LaVoie, O'Neal's attorney, said that her client, who filed a suit separate than those handled by Quinn under the auspices of the NFL Players Association, deserves more money than the \$245,000 per ceiling per player set by the court settlement. That money comes from a pool of \$195 million created by the teams for players who have been damaged by free agency.

"We feel the damages should run into the millions," LaVoie said.

Marshall, on the other hand, presumably wants a chance to market his services, as he did in 1988. Although the Redskins have a reputation for paying well, the market price for top outside linebackers is likely to exceed \$1.6 million.

Contracts remain chief topic in spring training

By The Associated Press

Contracts are still at the forefront of baseball news, but most of the numbers being discussed at this time of year are thousands, not millions.

The Atlanta Braves have threatened to renew Deion Sanders' contract today. The Braves negotiated with Sanders' agent, Eugene Parker, until late Wednesday night but couldn't agree on either a one-year or multi-year deal.

The Texas Rangers renewed 1992 home run champion Juan Gonzalez's contract after the two sides could not agree on a deal.

"The difference in proposals between the two sides on a one-year contract was so great that we were unable to reach an agreement," Texas general manager Tom Grieve said.

Rodriguez made \$525,000 last season when he hit 43 home runs.

"A renewal is not something that we wanted to do, but under the circumstances, that was the only way to resolve the situation," Grieve said.

Gonzalez, who hit .260 with 109 RBIs in 155 games last year, will be eligible to file for salary arbitration after the 1993 season.

Outfielder Moises Alou of the Montreal Expos also had his contract renewed. Alou, runner-up in National League Rookie of the Year voting last year, refused to sign for the club's last offer of \$210,000, so he was renewed at what he and his agent predicted would be a smaller figure, possibly \$200,000.

"I've never been involved in a more difficult negotiation in my life," Bill Stoneman, the club's vice president, said Wednesday. "It's been a wearying process."

Alou followed through on a threat to boycott the start of spring training Feb. 27, holding out for two hours. He then joined workouts after being coaxed by his father and Expos manager Felipe Alou.

Also having their contracts renewed by the Expos were pitcher Brian Barnes, first baseman Greg Colbrunn and catcher Raul Santana.

American League Rookie of the Year Pat Listach agreed to terms with the Milwaukee Brewers on a one-year deal worth a reported \$350,000.

Carlton Fisk, the 45-year-old catcher, signed a contract in the face an ultimatum by chairman of the board Jerry Reinsdorf to report by Wednesday — the mandatory reporting date — or risk having the \$800,000 offer rescinded.

Injuries are also a big part of the early March baseball picture.

Dave Fleming, Seattle's winningest pitcher, is undergoing tests to determine the cause of recurring discomfort in his pitching elbow. So far, bone chips have been ruled out, but a magnetic resonance imaging test will determine if the left-hander sustained ligament or tendon damage.

Boston reliever Jose Melendez was hit on his pitching wrist by a line drive from John Marzano during batting practice Wednesday. Melendez, who had ice taped to his arm in the clubhouse, said he was fine.

Kansas City pitcher Mike Boddicker underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee and is expected to be out two to four weeks.

Pittsburgh center fielder Andy Van Slyke had his sore right knee examined Wednesday, but the MRI was inconclusive. He will have a CAT scan Thursday.

Indians catcher Sandy Alomar says he has regained full feeling in his foot and is experiencing no pain in his lower back, which he strained nearly two weeks ago while driving from Cleveland to Winter Haven, Fla.

Bo Jackson, playing baseball for the first time in almost a year after hip replacement surgery, was hobbled by a strained right hamstring as he trotted out two ground balls in a Chicago White Sox intrasquad game.

"The dirt out there was too soft," Jackson said. "At least I can see the ball. I'm swinging the bat a lot better than I did last year."

Jackson may play in Thursday's exhibition opener against the Pittsburgh Pirates. However, rain is in the forecast.

Perry caught in tug of war between Rams, Raiders

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Offensive tackle Gerald Perry is at the center of a tug of war between the Los Angeles Rams and the Los Angeles Raiders.

The Rams, his old team, expected to re-sign the unrestricted free agent. The Raiders, however, claim Perry now belongs to them since he apparently signed a three-year contract.

That kind of talk has the Rams furious, and the team has asked NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue to investigate their suspicions of tampering.

If Perry did sign with the Rams, he could become the first high-profile player to change teams under the NFL's free agency period.

The Rams said they have been advised by Perry's wife that he has signed with the Raiders, although they had a "handshake agreement" with him on a three-year contract.

John Shaw, the Rams' executive vice president, said the team has been advised by various sources, including Perry, that the Raiders began courting him two weeks before the March 1 date for teams to begin talking with free agents.

"I talked to his wife this morning, and she revealed that he had signed with the Raiders," Younger said. "I felt kind of hurt. I've been behind him all the time. I thought the kid had more character than that. I know character has been an issue with him, but I thought he had a little left."

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agent, signed with the Raiders Monday night.

"We signed a three-year deal with the Raiders," she said, adding that her husband has gone fishing for the week.

"There was no handshake agreement with the Rams. It was late on Sunday night — after midnight — when the Raiders first called."

"The Rams knew we were not happy with the numbers," she said. "They were not supporting us as we would have liked. They did not protect us in free agency, did not respond as if Gerald was valuable to them. I told them we wanted to talk with other teams and see what was available."

As for the Rams' suggestion that the Raiders had jumped the March 1 deadline to talk with Perry, she told the newspaper, "Get out of here. We were talking to the Rams exclusively."

Player Younger, the Rams' director of player relations, said the Rams reached an agreement with Perry on a three-year contract calling for \$1 million in 1993 last Friday. Perry drew a base salary of \$420,000 last season.

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Optimist basketball roundup

Results of the B team tournament in the Optimist Club boys' basketball league are listed below:

First Game
Blazers 28, Sonics 20
B — Joshua Larkin 14, Tanner Hucks 9, Jeremy Hall 3, Shawn Stowers 2; S — Matt Bolch 8, Kevin Harris 6, Daniel Abernathy 2, Brent Carroll 2, Craig Stout 2.

Second Game
Pistons 26, Knicks 16
P — Colby Hale 12, Bryce Jordan 8, Aaron Cochran 4, Barry Sims 2; K — Jonathan Bolz 8, Johnny Salazar 4, Kirk George 4.

Third Game
Bulls 32, Heat 9
B — Jeremy Silva 9, Kyle McCullough 9, Andy Feruik 6, Lonnie Henshaw 4, Matt Rains 2, Shawn Davis 2; H — Marcus Ross 8, Jeff Holland 1.

Fourth Game
Sixers 36, Nuggets 16
S — Jason Roark 14, Russell Robben

10, Jason Hall 8, Jordan Holmes 2, Cory Searl 2; N — Trevor Muniz 6, Matt Hunter 4, Ryan Chambers 4, Jacob Lewis 2.

Fifth Game
Spurs 34, Blazers 18
S — Shawn Strate 11, Colby Brazille 8, Tommy Lozano 8, Heath Keeton 3, Kerry Turner 2, Aaron Haynes 2; B — Tanner Hucks 11, Sean Stowers 4, Jeremy Goode 2, Carl Dunn 1.

Sixth Game
Mavericks 33, Pistons 16
M — Eric Bennett 10, Greg Lindsey 6, Jeff Warren 6, Brent Coffee 4, Ryan Sells 3, Jason Kogler 2, Chris Jewett 2; P — Bryce Jordan 8, Aaron Cochran 4, Colby Hale 2, Jeff Adkins 2.

Seventh Game
Knicks 32, Heat 18
K — Kirk George 12, John Bolz 9, John Salazar 7, Travis Lancaster 2, Lane Baker 2; H — Ryan Black 6, Jeff Holland 6, Steven Portillo 4, Marcus Ross 2.

2 Museums

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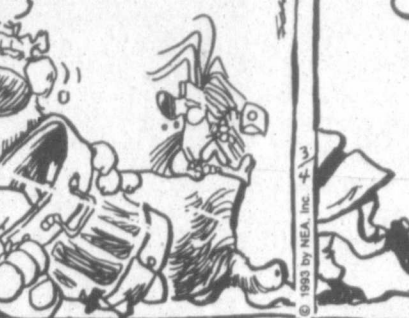
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FBI source: Serbian group focus of bombing probe

By LARRY McSHANE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Investigators in the World Trade Center bombing are said to be focusing on the first claim of responsibility received: a call from a Serbian group that knew the site of the blast before the public did.

"That's the most likely direction and that's the first place they're looking," said an FBI official speaking on condition of anonymity.

The caller, who said he was a member of a previously unknown group called the Serbian Liberation Front, was the first of dozens to claim responsibility for the blast that rocked the twin towers and killed at least five people.

The caller was credible because he "seemed to have information that hadn't been out there," including the garage level where the bomb went off Friday, the FBI official said Wednesday.

But at a news conference Wednesday, James Fox, head of the FBI's New York office, said of the call: "There was no unique information in it. The only thing the guy said was, 'This is no accident.'"

No calls warning of the blast were received, investigators have said.

Radovan Karadzic, the leader of Bosnian Serbs and a delegate to

U.N. talks in New York aimed at bringing peace to the former Yugoslavia, has denied that his people were involved.

However, in an "open letter" to Americans, he said U.S. intervention in the conflict could result in the United States being targeted by terrorists, The New York Times reported.

"The tragic and deplorable terrorist incident at the World Trade Center is fresh testimony to the extraordinary volatility and immediate dangers of direct involvement," the Times quoted Karadzic as saying.

That comment was not included in versions of the letter carried by Serbian media in Belgrade, which said the U.S. airdrops of relief supplies to Muslims that began Monday could "cause the spreading of the local conflict into a Balkan or even another World War."

New York *Newsday* reported today that investigators have turned up fragments of a rental van stolen the day before the blast that could have carried the bomb.

The charred pieces were scattered around the perimeter of the blast site, indications that the van might have held the explosives, unidentified sources told *Newsday*.

The FBI was interviewing the manager of a Ryder truck rental company in Jersey City, N.J., where

the van was stolen, the newspaper said.

Fox said finding the culprits will probably take a long time.

"Bombing investigations in the past, where we didn't have a real breakthrough, have taken years," he said.

The threat of a cave-in brought excavation at the trade center to a halt Wednesday. Workers hope to be back removing the rubble Friday night.

"There's so much rubble beneath your feet that you don't trust where you're watching," said Anthony Shorris, deputy executive director of the Port Authority, the trade center's owner. "I don't even think the dogs would go down there to sniff around for bodies."

Among Wednesday's other developments: —Investigators were considering the possibility that the bombers died in the blast, based on a smell of bodies at the crater. But Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly noted the smell could be from the one trade center employee still missing.

—Authorities said the 110-story towers wouldn't be open until April.

—The Muslim fundamentalist group Hamas issued a statement in Jordan denying involvement in the blast and requesting an apology.



Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI examine a car that was pulled Wednesday from the World Trade Center.

Fox had mentioned the group as being among several under investigation.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher also said that the Popular Front for the Liberation of

Palestine, a group also mentioned as under investigation, was probably not linked to the blast.

Confrontations with extremists sometimes end peacefully

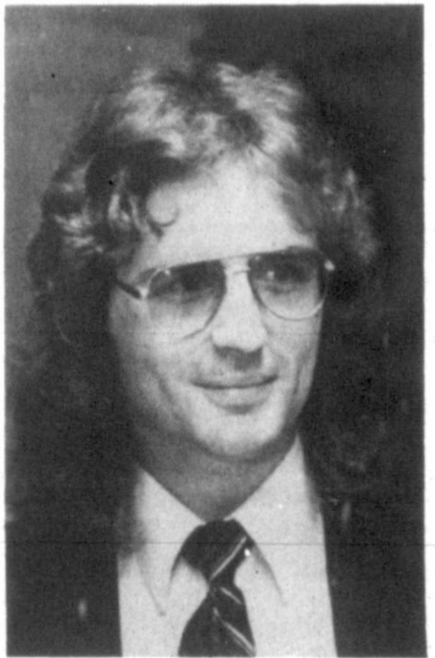
WASHINGTON (AP) — Heavily armed extremists and law enforcement. A combustible combination, it seems, but not always.

The cases people remember are the bloody confrontations such as last August's 11-day standoff in the wilds of northeast Washington state that began with the shooting deaths of a federal agent and the teen-age son and wife of fugitive white supremacist Randy Weaver.

The current standoff near Waco, Texas, fits that mold. It began with a gunfight launched by people inside the compound led by David Koresh, who claims to be Jesus Christ. In minutes, four federal agents were killed, and an unknown number of Koresh's cult followers lay dead or dying.

Another confrontation — this one involving a group called The Covenant, The Sword and The Arm of the Lord — shows how a situation doesn't always have to go bad.

The white supremacist, anti-Semitic group had created a compound in a remote area near the



This is a 1987 file photo of David Koresh.

Arkansas-Missouri border to prepare for what its members saw as the impending breakdown of society.

The federal government's aim there in April 1985 was similar to that in Waco now: to arrest the group's leader on a firearms charge and serve a search warrant on the property where authorities expected to find a cache of weapons.

"The general principle is to try to keep them occupied, to talk to them as much as possible, to be non-threatening, to take advantage of as much time as possible, to avoid forcing a confrontation," James Fyfe, a Temple University professor of criminal justice, said in an interview Wednesday.

Fyfe said most hostage and barricade situations are resolved peacefully.

The Arkansas case, unlike the Waco situation, started out low-key. There was no attempt to raid the 224-acre mountain compound of scattered stone buildings and a radio tower.

Instead, federal authorities asked Arkansas State Police Lt. Gene Irby, then a criminal investigator, to let the residents know they wanted to

arrest founder James Ellison and search the place.

"They approached me because I was familiar with the individuals," Irby said Wednesday, recalling how he went alone to the compound's gate to meet Ellison's No. 2 man, Kerry Noble, and discuss the situation "one on one."

Irby gave Noble a time limit for Ellison's peaceful surrender.

When Irby returned the next day, Noble told him Ellison wasn't ready to give himself up.

"I said, 'You know what's going to happen,' and he said, 'Yep.' So we sealed it off and we started negotiating over the phone from that point on."

And that's how it went for much of four days.

No one from the encampment went in or out. Meanwhile, the densely wooded area around it was crawling with rifle-toting, camouflage-clad officers.

As in Waco, the officers knew women and children were inside.

But they didn't know that the out-

post had become a haven for fugitive members of The Order, another white-supremacist group that recently had been involved in several killings, including that of an FBI agent.

Nevertheless, the compound remained quiet.

"We're not here to create a war," Dan Kelly, then assistant head of the FBI in Arkansas, said at the time. "We're just here to serve a warrant. It's that simple. ... I think it could become war if people lose their patience or their common sense."

The patience, said Irby, was born

of the knowledge that "he was there and he wasn't going anywhere." The few days provided "a cooling-off period where they realized ... that they were going to have to surrender."

After Ellison and his gang gave themselves up, authorities seized more than 100 weapons, including an anti-tank rocket and an armored vehicle, Irby said.

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Union workers ratify new labor agreement at Pantex Plant

AMARILLO (AP) — Union members have voted to approve a new contract covering employees of the Pantex Plant, ending the threat of a strike at the nuclear weapons plant.

The proposal offered to members

of the Metal Trades Council by contractor Mason & Hanger-Silas Mason Co. was approved Wednesday night by a majority of the workers, a union official said.

The council is made up of 12 unions and represents about 1,100

members of the plants's 2,700 employees.

Pantex, located about 17 miles northeast of Amarillo, is the nation's primary assembly and disassembly facility for the nation's nuclear weapons. It is operated for the Ener-

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Ronnie Payne, president of the Metal Trades Council, said the total package was worth about \$5.5 million and included improvements in retirement benefits, including establishment of a 401K plan.

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