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The magnificent seven

Pampa's Hustlin' senior Harvesters

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

It's the kind of thing of which movies are made: three black guys, their four white friends, an orange basketball and a golden opportunity.

The plot - a quest for an elusive state championship. Win three games and the title is theirs. Opponents are green with envy.

Title the flick *Pampa's Magnificent Seven*. Quiet on the set. Action: Even before they went undefeated as eighth graders at Pampa Middle School, this group of high school seniors - the nucleus for Texas' No. 1-ranked Class 4A team - were identified by basketball fans as something special.

Cederick Wilbon, a contender for McDonald's All-American Team, and Sammy Laury, also a football stand-out, had become best friends all the way back in first grade. Across town, Randy Nichols and Jeff Young also became inseparable elementary school buddies.

The formula quickly came to include David Johnson, Brent Skaggs and Ryan Erwin.

On and off the court, in January or July, they spend virtually every waking hour together as a group, honing both their friendship and their basketball skills.

The movie: kids in Prairie Village Park are shooting buckets until it's too dark to play any more. Fade to a pizza party or a Saturday in Amarillo with the gang.

"If you have a team that has the kind of friendship we have, it doesn't matter that you don't have a Michael Jordan," Wilbon, barely six-foot-tall, said. "We have total togetherness and it is hard to beat us. Our friendship will never end. We have a bond."

It shows in both their 32-2 record - 10-0 in district - and the way they talk about each other.

Johnson said, "The people who don't want us to succeed or win say we shouldn't hang out with blacks. We laugh at it because that's not even an issue with us. We never even think about what color we are. We are friends and that's it. Period."

Karen Skaggs, Brent's mother, said it's common for her son to come in from practice with six other Harvesters in tow; all of them hungry. The class of the senior class has arrived.

"They started playing basketball in third or fourth grade in Optimist Club," she said. "As a mom I see they are not jealous of each other's accomplishments. They would just as soon pass the ball and let the other person score. They work together on everything, even as friends."

"They play basketball all summer. They play probably four nights a week. They go out and eat, they go to the mall in Amarillo and to



Marquee matchup in Abilene

No. 1-ranked Pampa (32-2) meets Everman (29-6) at 7:45 p.m. Saturday in Abilene for the right to advance to the Class 4A state tournament in Austin.

The Class 4A regional championship game is scheduled to be played at Moody Coliseum on the Abilene Christian University campus.

A pep rally and send-off is set for 5 p.m. Friday at the parking lot next to McNeely Fieldhouse. According to organizers, Harvesters basketball coach Robert Hale is scheduled to speak. The PHS band and cheerleaders plan to attend and everyone is invited to arrive early and visit with the players.

Pampa defeated Brownwood, 86-59, and Everman downed Andrews, 58-51, in semifinal tilts Tuesday night.

The Harvesters met Everman in the semifinals of the Fort Worth Lions Club Holiday Tournament in December and came away with a 78-67 win.

each other's houses. They like to come over and watch our basketball videos. They watch them over and over."

Johnson described the camaraderie in terms of a total team effort:

"We don't go and do things, just one or two of us," he said. "When we go to get a pizza or something, it's all of us. We're a team, on and off the court."

That friendship became especially dear when Brent's grandmother, Mary Alice Skaggs, died recently.

"She liked to cook and they like to eat," Mrs. Skaggs said. "They would all go over to her house and do yard work or whatever and she would fix them things to eat. She died very suddenly and it was hard on all of them."

At the funeral, there next to Brent were his teammates and best friends.

"Brent needed us," Wilbon said. "So we were there."

Within a week another tragedy hit as they prepared for the big game.

Paul Brown, the eighth member of the group, was arrested in a surprise drug raid. Police allegedly found 17 rocks of crack cocaine and several hundred dollars in his possession.

"If we had seen it coming, we would have done something," Wilbon said. "It was really hard because I grew up across the street from him and he was in the first grade with me and Sammy."

Members of the team responded like always in times of trouble, on or off the court: they held a team meeting, no coaches allowed.

"We get things straightened out among ourselves," Wilbon said. "We are friends and we talk it out. Only if we can't settle it among ourselves are the coaches called in."

Those close to the team say that doesn't happen very often.

Always foremost in their minds, according to Wilbon, is academics, even over hoops.

"Coach (Robert Hale) has always told us that if you don't make the grades, you don't play the

game," he said. "You've got to keep it in perspective."

Pat Farmer, an assistant principal at the high school, has watched the team grow up. Eleven years ago, as a first grade teacher at Lamar Elementary, she had three of the boys in her class.

"To me, these fellows epitomize 99 percent of our high school," Farmer said. "They come to school, do their work, take care of their business."

Does that mean they are common? Refreshingly so, she insists. In a day of athletic egos that come with a pump, Farmer noted, "You can watch these guys walk down the hall and they don't have that cocky attitude you sometimes see. They really are humble about what they have done. They don't act like the number one team in the state might act. They are just nice people who take care of business."

With basketball and academics and more basketball in their daily schedules, when is there time for the distractions of youth, like, say, girls?

"Some of us have girlfriends," Nichols responded. "But the team comes first and they have to understand that, especially during season. Jeff and I have gone to school together ever since I moved here. Brent and I played in Optimist Club and middle school. We are all pretty close. People know that. We're a team and have been for a long time."

Back to the movie: the friends are in the heat of battle; the score is close against an equally quick and talented team. Advantage Harvesters.

"We have played so long together, we know just about everything the other one is going to do before they do it and just what kind of pass they will make," Nichols stated.

Close scene with shot of scoreboard and Harvesters' nearby celebrating a decisive win over a much taller team.

So how does the movie end? Nobody's sure; it's still in production.

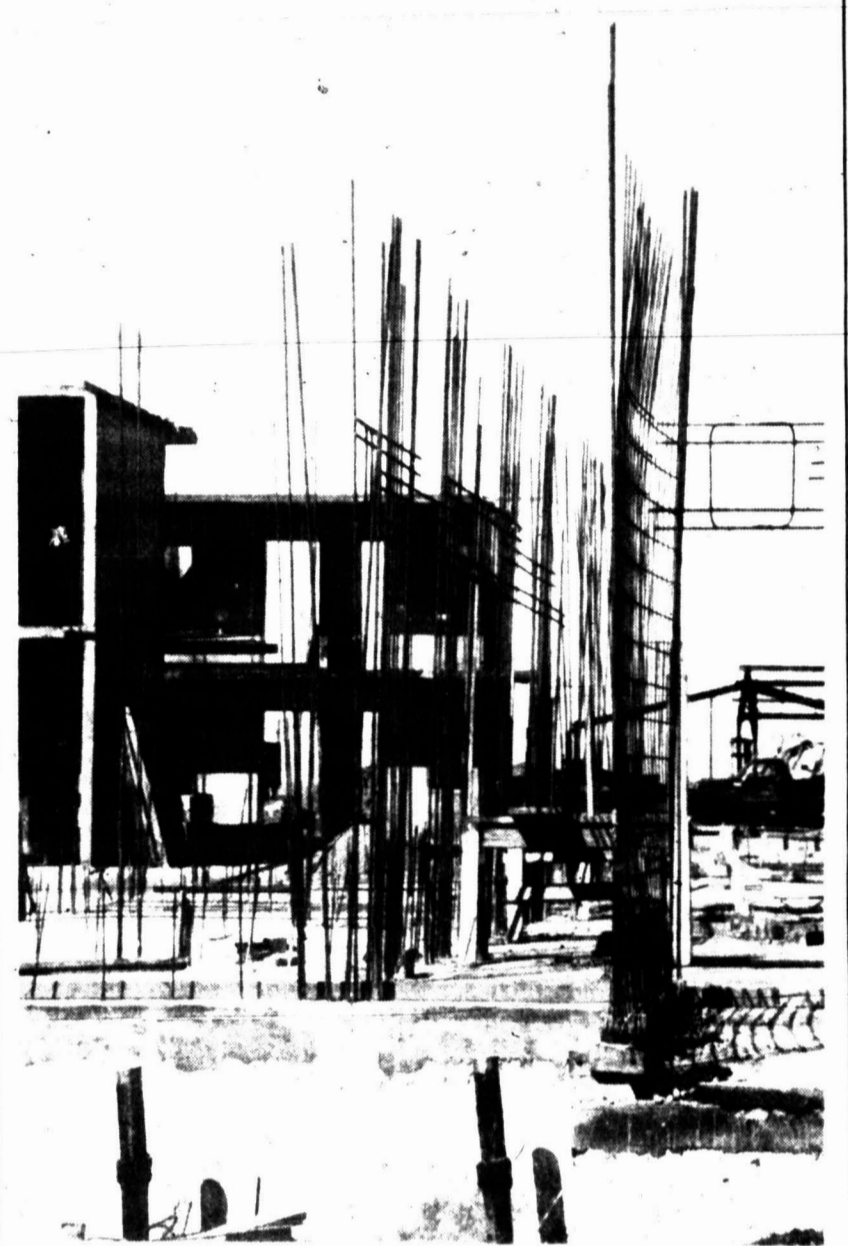
Supporting cast members Dwight Nickelberry, his brother Lamont, Justin Collingsworth, Sean Hardman and Severn Wallace certainly might have a hand in the script writing.

Director/Coach Robert Hale won't speculate on the finale. "We take it one game at a time," he insisted for the 100th time this season. "What I do know is that this is one of the finest groups of boys I've ever coached. They're really are something special and special friends."

Perhaps that's the only ending that's important, after all. Friendship. In season or out, without regard to color, friendship that takes a group of talented athletes and makes them one awesome, often unstoppable unit.

Music up. Roll credits.

Prison bars



(Staff photo by Bonner Green) Construction at the new Rufe Jordan prison unit east of Pampa resembles modern art as reinforcement bars are set prior to pouring concrete. The corrections facility is scheduled to open by October.

Plan set to dismantle damaged I-40 bridge

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

ALANREED - A bridge overpass on Interstate 40 at Alanreed will likely be dismantled within the next week after a Wednesday morning accident which cracked supports on the overpass making it unsafe, according to highway officials.

The accident occurred about 6:40 a.m. at Interstate 40 and FM 291 when a 1991 Freightliner, driven by Albert Joseph Blakeley, 32, of Longdale, Okla., collided with the overpass column, said Department of Public Safety Trooper J. B. Snider.

Snider, the investigating trooper, said heavy fog was present at the time of the accident. The tractor-trailer went off the road into the center median into mid and the tractor sideswiped the south edge of the overpass column and the safety retainer on the trailer hit the column, as well.

The vehicle, traveling west, came to rest at the site of the overpass, which has a clearance listed at 16 feet, 5 inches.

Jim Moss, district engineer of the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation at Amarillo said today, "I'm sure we'll have to replace it. We're getting estimates today on how long I-40 might be closed. We're hoping we can get in there and jerk that thing down and it will be a matter of a few days."

However, Moss said the highway department has also asked for bids on trying to salvage part of the bridge, which he said would take considerably longer.

"If we do that, I'm afraid it might keep the interstate closed too long," he said. "Detours always cause problems as well as being an inconvenience. It's very doubtful we can salvage any of it anyway."

Moss said that after the fractured overpass columns and the bridge is removed, the bridge will be rebuilt with traffic on the interstate.

"We're having to take a long,

hard look at even how to pull that thing down to keep people from being hurt," Moss said of the project.

The DPS trooper said of the collision, "The impact shook the entire bridge. The highway department people said it sunk approximately three feet."

Ron Hillier, assistant district engineer with the highway department, said the construction costs of the bridge was \$270,000. Highway department officials said they would not know how much it would cost to dismantle and rebuild the bridge until the bids are received.

Moss said the trucking company's insurance would be billed for the dismantling and rebuilding.

Hillier said "We have eastbound and westbound traffic on frontage roads and we have flagmen out there 24 hours a day," he said.

Snider said the vehicle, leased by J.S. Trucking Inc. of Frigid, was traveling with the empty trailer to a Department of Transportation inspection in Amarillo. The trailer normally carries cryogenic gases, he said.

The trooper said the driver of the rig reported the fog was thick and "he felt a bump and the next thing he knew he hit the bridge overpass column."

Blakeley and his co-driver, John Wayne Clark, 38, Corpus Christi, were transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where they were treated and released for minor injuries.

Snider said the accident is still under investigation. Assisting with the investigation are Snider's partner, Trooper Don Lundy, and Trooper Randy Ratzliff of the license and weight division.

Because many drivers are accustomed to traveling 65 mph on that stretch of Interstate 40, DPS and Highway Department officials urge caution to drivers traveling on the interstate near Alanreed.

Staff Writer Bear Mills contributed to this report.

Kerrey throws in the towel

By JILL LAWRENCE
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey dropped out of the Democratic presidential race today after a string of setbacks, telling a roomful of cheering supporters and Senate colleagues, "we ran out of gas."

In a wistful news conference, Kerrey said he was ending his once promising candidacy "with regret but with great pride ... this is no retreat and this is no surrender."

"While we have plenty of potential and plenty of enthusiasm, unfortunately, we do not have plenty of money," said Kerrey, whose campaign is about \$1 million in debt.

His announcement left four major contenders still standing as the Democratic race heads into crucial primaries in the South and industrial states over the next two weeks: Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas, Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin and former California Gov. Jerry Brown.

Kerrey endorsed none of them, but said he would support any of them in the fall campaign. He said President Bush is "the only unelectable candidate."

That seemed a bouquet tossed in

the direction of Clinton. Kerrey said last week in Georgia that questions about Clinton's use of a Vietnam era draft deferment would make him ripe as a "soft peanut" for Bush in the fall. Today, he said he would "campaign feverishly" to help elect the Arkansas governor if Clinton is the nominee.

In his valedictory address, Kerrey offered a reprise of the themes he stressed in his campaign: "American leaders need to wake up," he said, and recognize the need to treat children better, to provide national health insurance and address other concerns.

Kerrey was flying home to Nebraska later in the day for a campaign-style rally meant to bolster his standing in his home state, where his Senate term expires in 1994.

He became the second dropout in the race. Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder ran briefly, but folded his campaign before the first ballots were cast.

On paper, Kerrey was an attractive candidate, a wounded Vietnam veteran, a popular former governor of Nebraska serving his first Senate term. He launched his quest for the White House saying he wanted to become the leader for a new generation of Americans, and made national

health insurance the centerpiece of his campaign.

But except for a victory in South Dakota's primary on Feb. 25, he fizzled everywhere. He came in a weak third in New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary, and came away from last Tuesday's eight primaries and caucuses in debt and without a single victory to his credit.

"After Tuesday I felt like the Jamaican bobsled team," he quipped. "We had a lot of spirit but unfortunately we didn't get a lot of medals."

He said he caught a few bad breaks along the way, conceded that a few were self-inflicted, but said that even so, "I consider myself the luckiest man in the world."

Kerrey gave way in good humor, joking that he could remain in the Senate, but a Nebraska newspaper reporter who covered his national travels would have to go home and "cover county commissioners now."

He made clear he is ready to resume the political wars in the Senate. "For me the fight is simply going to move on to new arenas," he said.

Kerrey's friends counseled him in recent days to think about his political future, said a senior adviser who spoke only on condition he not be

identified. The general tone was that "things look too bleak to risk the future by going on," the adviser said.

Democrats had long considered Kerrey prime presidential material. He won a Medal of Honor in Vietnam and lost part of his leg there. He went on to build a successful restaurant business. He unseated a Republican governor on his first try for office, and unseated a Republican senator on his second. No small part of his appeal was that he had dated actress Debra Winger.

But Kerrey never caught on with voters, for a combination of reasons.

He was off to a rocky start after open microphones picked up a joke he told another candidate about lesbians, and the Labor Department cited his restaurant chain for numerous child labor violations.

And his outspokenness, which can be disarming, was disconcerting in a presidential campaign. He conceded one of his campaign ads had backfired and rarely tried to put a good face on a bad showing. He talked openly of new taxes.

"If I intend to spend some money, I'm going to tell you where I'm going to get it," he told a group of New Hampshire teachers. "That's my nature."

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Services tomorrow

FULLER, Enoch — 2 p.m., Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ.

Obituaries

JACK R. HOWARD

Jack R. Howard, 70, died today, March 5, 1992. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Howard was born May 13, 1921, in Lindsay, Okla. He moved to Pampa in 1953 from Midland. He married Leny Lawson on Sept. 13, 1944, in Oklahoma City. He worked for Atlantic Richfield for 37 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a former member of the Pampa Evening Lions Club. He was a member of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM.

Survivors include his wife, Leny, of the home; two daughters, Jane Steele of Pampa and Jackie Hess of Littleton, Colo.; one brother, Otho Howard of Lindsay, Okla.; three sisters, Jessye Lindsey and Edith Lawrence, both of Duncan, Okla., and Oleta Jordan of Lindsay, Okla.; his twin sister, Jill Barnett of Lower Lake, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Heart Association.

JEWELL SKINNER SMITH

VERNON — Jewell Skinner Smith, 86, of Pampa, died Tuesday, March 3, 1992. Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. today at Wilbarger Memorial Park with John Roberts, minister of Wilbarger Street Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements are by Sullivan Funeral Home of Vernon.

Mrs. Smith was born April 19, 1905, at Mount Pleasant. She married Glenn B. Smith on June 2, 1956, in Wichita Falls; he preceded her in death on Sept. 16, 1981. She was a former Vernon resident, moving to Snyder, Okla., in 1970, and to Pampa in 1984. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a stepson, Lloyd Smith of Altus, Okla.; a stepdaughter, Glenda Bentley of Duncanville; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.		
Wheat	3.59	
Milo	4.42	
Com.	4.82	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		
Ky. Cent. Life	8 3/8	dn 1/8
Serico	2 3/8	NC
Occidental	18 7/8	up 1/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Magellan	69.74	
Puritan	14.67	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
Amoco	44 1/8	up 1/8
Arco	102 3/4	dn 1/2
Cabot	38 1/4	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	10 5/8	up 1/4
Chevron	61 1/2	NC
Coca-Cola	80 1/8	dn 3/8
Enron	33 1/8	dn 1/4
Halliburton	27 1/2	up 1/4
HealthTrust Inc.	19 1/4	dn 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	62 5/8	dn 3/8
KNE	24 1/2	NC
Kerr-McGee	36	NC
Limited	28 1/8	up 1/4
Mapco	60 7/8	NC
Maxus	7 5/8	up 1/8
McDonald's	40 7/8	up 1/8
Mobil	40 1/4	dn 3/8
New Atom	20 1/2	NC
Parker & Parsley	11 7/8	NC
Penney's	62 7/8	up 7/8
Phillips	23 1/8	up 1/8
SIB	59 7/8	up 1/8
SPS	31 1/4	NC
Tenneco	39 3/8	dn 1/4
Texaco	58	up 3/8
Wal-Mart	53	up 1
New York Gold	349.75	
Silver	4.10	
West Texas Crude	18.54	

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

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

Correction

The new law enforcement explorer program with Boy Scouts of America is open to youths (both boys and girls) ages 14-20. There are currently 13 youths enrolled in the program. The newspaper regrets any confusion caused by a mention of the item in a Wednesday story regarding Democratic sheriff's candidates and their qualifications.

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

Pampa unemployment climbs in January

Unemployment rates in Pampa climbed 1.8 percent from December 1991 to January 1992.

Texas Employment Commission reports indicate in one month the

unemployment rate went from 5 percent to 6.8.

In Gray County the rate jumped the same amount, from 5.1 to 6.9 percent.

Meanwhile, in Hemphill County the rate declined 3.8 percent, from 6.9 to 3.1 percent. Roberts County experienced just the opposite, with rates jumping in one month from 1.2 percent to 5.3.

Wheeler County experienced a minor change, going from 5.3 percent in December to 5.8 percent in January.

"The jump in Pampa was attributed to a temporary layoff by a major manufacturing firm," said Rodney

Springer, manager of the local TEC office. "We really didn't show any temporary Christmas employment."

Springer said the civilian labor force in Pampa went from 9,478 to 9,689, accounting for the rise, in spite of the fact that the actual number of employed people in the city went up by 28 persons.

Of the changes in Roberts and Hemphill counties, Springer said, "In the less-populated counties where the labor force is small, the figures jump a lot more. Thirty people more or less can make a dramatic impact on the unemployment rates."

— Bear Mills

Pampa Red Cross workers travel to Houston to assist flood victims

Two people from the American Red Cross chapter at Pampa were scheduled to leave this morning to travel to Houston to help with problems created by flooding this week.

Lynda Duncan, chapter manager, and Regina Vanderlinden, an office volunteer, were set to leave at 9:30 a.m. today in the emergency response vehicle, Duncan said. She said they will be assigned to

mass care and assist with feeding for an indefinite amount of time.

"Disasters are strange," Duncan said. "You don't know what to expect when you get there, there is always anticipation of what's going on."

This disaster has been given a disaster relief styling of "DR 697 Southeast Texas March 1992 Floods."

Pigeon on parade



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

One pigeon struts his stuff in the 700 block of East Kingsmill. Apparently, he fails to impress fellow pigeons which seem to be more interested in finding something to eat than in their compatriot's antics.

Debate teams earn District 1-4A title

Pampa High School cross-examination debate teams have captured the District 1-4A title.

Josh Steele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Steele, has been district champion for three years — twice with Jason Lemons and this year with Lesley Montgomery.

Pampa shut out the recent district tournament by advancing two teams to the final round.

Placing second and also qualifying for UIL state competition are Caleb Headley and David Loyd.

These students will attend the state meet to be held on the UT campus on March 20 and 21.

Recent changes in the Academic Spring meet have allowed students to enter cross-examination debate and attend the state debate meet. They can then enter the regular academic district meet.

All four of the students will be involved in Informative and Persuasive Extemporaneous Speaking at the March 27 contest.

Debate coach for Pampa High School is Barbara McCain.

Speech students qualify for state

Four Pampa High School speech students qualified for the Texas Forensic Association State meet set for Friday and Saturday at Hanks High School in El Paso.

Qualifying Pampa students are David Loyd, U.S. extemporaneous speaking; Verna Martin, humorous interpretation; Lesley Montgomery, cross-examination debate; and Josh Steele, cross-examination debate and foreign extemporaneous speaking.

For Loyd, Martin, and Montgomery, this will be the first time they have attended the TFA state meet.

Steele attended the 1991 meet in foreign extemporaneous speaking and cross-examination debate.

Steele has also attended summer debate institutes at Wake Forest University and University of Michigan for the past three summers.

Speech students are coached by Barbara McCain.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knudson 665-4237. Adv.

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

TAX RETURNS - Competitive rates. M. David Webster, 109 W. Kingsmill, 669-2233. Adv.

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DANCE WITH Tiny Lynn Band, M.K. Brown, March 7. Sponsored by Top O Texas Rodeo Association. Tickets available at NBC Bank, Wayne's Western Wear, or at door. \$20 couple. 8 p.m.-12 p.m. Adv.

NAILS BY TJ. Opening special, free gift with the 1st set of nails. 665-4235 or come by 1105 W. Wilks, Street Stuff. Adv.

ROLANDA'S HAS moved downtown. Visit our new location. 119 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

DANCE SATURDAY night, March 7, to Prairie Sons. Members and guests, Moose Lodge. Adv.

BARBARA TICE is back at Song's Salon. Welcome old and new customers. Early and late. Tuesday thru Saturday. 665-4343. Adv.

REWARD: LOST February 28, Golden Retriever puppy. In Area of Optimist Park. 669-0151. Adv.

STRAIGHT SHOOTER this weekend at City Limits. Adv.

THE COUNTRY Loft, Friday Special Santa Fe Chicken, salad, hot sauce and chips. Homemade desserts. 201 N. Cuyler, 665-2129. Adv.

ABBY'S WEARHOUSE. Recycled clothing, opening Saturday March 7th, 10 a.m. 201 N. Cuyler. Adv.

GAG GIFTS and Novelties 1/2 price. 512 S. Cuyler. Adv.

BOOK SALE: 50% off large selection of books from all sections. The Gift Box. Adv.

MOVING SALE: 512 S. Cuyler. Steel security cage, large safe, gun safe, display cases and gun display cases, counter, shelves and more. Adv.

GOLF SALE: David's Golf Shop all sweaters and sweatshirts in stock just \$15. Many new used sets of golf clubs. 3 Man Scramble, March 27. Adv.

RUTHIE'S PERMS \$20 to \$35 Hair Cut included. 665-9236. Adv.

FAITH CHRISTIAN Center, 118 N. Cuyler invites you to attend our monthly faith rally 7 p.m. Saturday to hear 30 Voice Choir from Greater Love Outreach Center in Amarillo. Adv.

ONION SETS and bulbs, seed potatoes and bulk garden seed are in. Watson's Feed & Garden, 665-4189. Adv.

FIRST SHIPMENT of Perennial flowers, herbs and other bedding plants. Watson's Feed & Garden, Hwy. 60 East.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, fair with a low in the upper 30s and northwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny with a high near 70 degrees and northwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday's high was 64 degrees; the overnight low was 41 degrees.

REGIONAL FORECAST West Texas — Fair tonight. Sunny and warmer on Friday. Lows tonight mid 30s Panhandle, with 40s elsewhere. Highs Friday mostly 70s except 80s Big Bend lowlands.

North Texas — A flash flood watch is in effect this evening east of a Paris-Tyler-Crockett line. Considerable cloudiness east with a chance of thunderstorms this evening, some storms possibly severe with locally heavy rains. Mostly fair central and east tonight with fog forming by morning. Lows tonight 46 northwest to 58 southeast. Decreasing cloudiness east Friday, otherwise mostly sunny and unseasonably warm. Highs Friday 79 east to 84 south central.

South Texas — Partly cloudy tonight with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms east. Areas of fog are possible late tonight mainly south and east. Areas of fog east and south Friday morning, otherwise partly cloudy Friday. Low tonight 50s north to 60s south. High Friday in the 80s with low 90s southwest and inland south.

EXTENDED FORECAST Saturday through Monday

West Texas — Texas Panhandle, partly cloudy over the weekend. Mostly cloudy Monday. Lows from the mid 30s to lower 40s. Highs in the 60s Saturday, cooling to the upper 40s to lower 50s by Monday. South Plains—low rolling plains, partly cloudy over the weekend. Mostly cloudy Monday. Lows from the upper 30s to mid 40s. Highs from the mid 60s to lower 70s Saturday. Cooling to the 50s by Monday. Permian Basin, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the upper 60s to mid 70s over the weekend, and in the upper 50s to mid 60s Monday. Concho Valley—Edwards Plateau, partly cloudy. Lows from the mid 40s to lower 50s. Highs in the 70s over the weekend, and in the upper 50s to mid 60s Monday. Far West Texas, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the upper 50s to mid 60s. Big Bend area, partly cloudy. Mountains, lows in the 30s with highs from 65 to around 70. Lowlands, lows in the 40s with highs mostly 70s.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central Texas, a chance of showers or thunderstorms Sunday. Otherwise partly cloudy. Lows Saturday near 60, highs in the 80s. Lows Sunday and Monday in the 60s, highs in the 70s to near 80. Texas Coastal Bend, a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms Sunday. Otherwise partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s to near 70. Highs in the 80s. Lower Texas Rio Grande Val-

ley and plains, a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms Sunday. Otherwise partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s to near 70. Highs in the 80s, near 90 inland west. Southeast Texas and the upper Texas coast, a chance of showers or thunderstorms Sunday. Otherwise partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s, highs in the 70s to near 80.

North Texas — Partly cloudy Saturday, considerable cloudiness Sunday, decreasing cloudiness Monday. West, a chance of thunderstorms Sunday. Lows in the 40s Saturday and in the 50s Sunday and Monday. Highs in the 70s Saturday and Sunday and near 70 Monday. Central and east, a chance of thunderstorms Sunday and Monday. Lows near 50 Saturday and near 60 Sunday and Monday. Highs in the 70s.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma — Partly cloudy tonight with scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Partly cloudy north Friday, mostly sunny central and south. Lows tonight in the 30s Panhandle to the lower 50s southeast. Highs Friday in the upper 60s Panhandle to the mid 70s south and east.

New Mexico — Tonight mostly fair. Friday increasing clouds northwest with a slight chance for afternoon showers. Fair skies elsewhere. Highs Friday 40s to mid 50s mountains and northwest with 60s to mid 70s elsewhere. Lows tonight mostly 20s mountains with 30s to mid 40s lower elevations.



Flood waters from the White Oak Bayou rise up around highway supports Wednesday with the Houston skyline in the background. Parts of the city received up to eight inches of rain Wednesday.

Freeways clear; commuters return to work after flooding in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Motorists today found freeways muddy, though mostly passable after up to 8 inches of rain that flooded bayous and roadways began dissipating.

Police were advising many motorists who fled their vehicles during the deluge that swamped Interstates 10 and 45 and U.S. Highway 59, that their cars were towed during the night to clear the roadways. Most could be found at city impound lots, they said.

By rush hour Wednesday night, a 10-lane section of Interstate 10 was completely under water, submerging hundreds of vehicles.

Virtually every freeway in the city was hit with some-kind of flooding difficulties, with some feeder roads paralleling freeways turned into water-filled canals.

Hazy skies this morning replaced heavy rain, allowing a slow, but steady return to normal. Many commuters never left downtown Houston, staying at hotels through the night and allowing a lighter than normal traffic flow into the city.

Although there have been no official deaths linked to the flooding, the body of a man was found in a flooded ditch near Hulls Bayou. The man had not been identified early today, and officials said an autopsy would be conducted.

Northeast of Houston, residents of an estimated 50 homes in Harris County suburbs that were flooded began returning to their homes. As much as 4 feet of water rose into some trailer homes in the Green River Estates area behind Greens Bayou. Many residents slept in their cars just outside the subdivision

while others used boats to try to get an early look at the damage in their homes.

"We're abandoning everything we'd worked for," said Gloria Kelso, wiping away a tear as she and her family packed up and drove away from their Harris County home Wednesday night. "But what can you do? You can't stop the water. We can just pray for the best. It's not easy, leaving your home."

Several major bayous that drain rains from Houston were reported at or above their banks, including Buffalo, Greens, White Oak and Braes bayous.

Wednesday afternoon, four handicapped children, ages 5 through 11, and the driver of their school bus escaped serious injury when their small bus went into rain-swollen White Oak Bayou near downtown.

Two girls and the bus driver were treated and released at St. Joseph Hospital, hospital spokesman Rob Cahill said.

Gustavo Caranza, 7, was in stable condition and was being observed for hypothermia Wednesday night. Six-year-old Dora Florez, who had been in fair condition, was transferred to Ben Taub Hospital later in the evening because of respiratory distress, or breathing problems possibly caused by inhaling water, Cahill said. Their conditions were not immediately available early today.

Others stranded Wednesday were rescued by airboat as they fled their flooded cars.

By Wednesday night, most of the streams in Harris County were receding but remained at flood stage, said Bill Evans, spokesman of

the Harris County Flood Control District.

The National Weather Service predicted a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms for the Houston area today, but officials said no further heavy rainfall was likely. Mostly sunny skies were forecast for today.

The weather service issued an overnight flash flood watch for all of Southeast Texas, where the ground has been saturated by repeated heavy rains since Christmas. That watch area was extended northward past Beaumont early today.

The Houston Independent School District kept many children at school until water had receded enough for them to leave, and the Red Cross opened two Houston shelters for flooding victims Wednesday night. At least two Houston schools remained closed today because of high water in the area.

Former medical director indicted

AMARILLO (AP) — Eight individuals linked to an Amarillo nursing home, including a former medical director of the home, have been indicted in connection with the deaths of two patients, Potter County officials say.

Indictments unsealed Wednesday name Dr. P. Harlon Wilson, said District Attorney Mike Meredith.

The two charges were the last of 29 indictments to be made public after they were returned Feb. 24 by a Potter County grand jury.

Robert Damore, vice president and general counsel of Texas Health Enterprises, Inc., said Wednesday that Wilson worked as an independent contractor for Westgate Care Center at the time of the two patients' deaths.

"He no longer is medical director," he said. "I really cannot speak for him in any way, shape or form."

Texas Health Enterprises of Denton was also indicted. The corporation owns the center where the two patients were under care in 1991.

Texas Health Enterprises is the third-largest nursing home corporation in the state, and the ninth-largest in the nation.

One indictment against the company alleged injury to an invalid; one, injury to an elderly person; and 13 that the corporation tampered with a government document, the attorney general's office said.

The attorney general alleges that

corporate officers falsified and fabricated records related to in-service training of nursing home employees.

The company said in a statement that it expected to be exonerated, along with its employees.

"Texas Health Enterprises, Inc. is and always has been committed to the delivery of quality nursing services in all of its nursing homes in Texas. The company intends to continue doing so well into the future," the corporation said.

Penalties for each person, if convicted, could range from two years to life in prison and a \$10,000 fine. If the corporation is convicted, it could be fined \$50,000 for each of

the charges, Attorney General Dan Morales' office said.

The attorney general's office said the indictments followed the deaths of Loise Collins, 53, who died September 7, 1991, allegedly of neglect; and Roy Sneed, 82, who suffered from senile dementia, wandered from the nursing home on Aug. 22, 1991, and died of exposure.

Collins died after being taken to a hospital. The 6-foot-1 man weighed about 100 pounds when he arrived at the hospital, was suffering from pneumonia, and had gangrene on his left foot and numerous bed sores, Morales' office said.

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Early voting ends Friday

Early voting in person for Tuesday's primary election ends at 5 p.m. Friday, said Gray County Clerk Wanda Carter.

Gray County Clerk's Office, on the south end of the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Friday for people who

want to cast their ballots early. No reason needs to be given for any registered voter to cast a ballot early in person.

As of this morning, 351 people had cast ballots early in the Republican primary and 271 people had cast ballots early in the Democratic primary, according to the county clerk's office.

Court to hear Petty case

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Supreme Court has decided to consider the landmark case of a woman who said she was wrongly kept in state mental institutions for 51 years against her will.

The court will hear oral arguments in the case March 31. Opal Petty, 74, was awarded \$505,000 from a Travis County jury that found the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation guilty of negligence.

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Opinion

The power switch

The Senate recently passed an energy bill that sputters toward a free market for energy. The bill includes some attractive sections along with some additional government controls. The bill passed 94 to 4. House leaders say they'll pass similar legislation, and President Bush says he'll sign the final bill into law. So this is what we'll live by for a few years.

The bill's free-market portions include relaxed regulations for building nuclear power. The bill was passed in the Democrat-controlled Senate, the day after pro-nuclear candidate Paul Tsongas, a former senator, won the Democratic presidential primary in New Hampshire. Even many Democrats now realize that nuclear power is safe. The new regulations would require only "one stop" approval for switching on a nuclear plant. As things now stand, nuclear stations must get approval first to build, then to operate a plant, an absurd entangling of government red tape. For years France, Japan, and Canada have been building new designs of small, utterly safe reactors. Perhaps now we will see them built here.

The bill also would cut regulations that hinder the construction of natural gas pipelines. Combined with the deregulations of natural gas that began a decade ago, this change should bring to market more of this inexpensive, abundant, and relatively pollution-free source of energy.

Unfortunately, the bill also included some restrictions on the energy market. It would continue existing bans on drilling off the Pacific coast. Yet such drilling is much safer than bringing the oil by tanker into populous and energy-hungry Southern California.

The bill also would force manufacturers to make more efficient light bulbs, thereby boosting bulb prices while reducing energy costs. But consumers and businesses, not government, should make such cost-benefit decisions. And according to the Associate Press, the bill would require "private and government fleets to buy alternative fuel vehicles, putting an additional 4 million such cars on the road by the end of the decade." The bill fails to distinguish between government fleets, which it controls, and private fleets, which government should have no control over, and which must respond to marketplace forces.

How can we compete with foreign companies when government forces us to buy certain types of fleets or light bulbs, neither of which is a small expense for many companies—thereby inevitably increasing product prices? The best policy would be simply to end all government involvement in energy production, distribution, and pricing. The Senate bill takes one step in that direction, then half a step backward.

Voters want candidates with direction

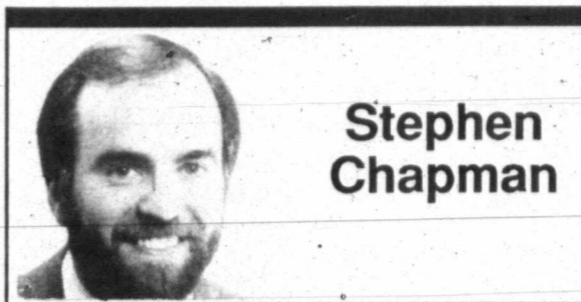
Surveying the damage from Hurricane Pat, which battered President Bush's re-election campaign in New Hampshire, a Bush aide told the *New York Times* what went wrong: "The issue was not having a clear message." No clear message? How about no message, period?

Three years into a four-year term is a bad time to realize that you haven't communicated what your presidency is about and that you will have trouble communicating it because you don't have the slightest idea yourself. But the president and his advisers were slapping their foreheads Tuesday as it suddenly dawned on them that people choose a president not because of his resume, but because of what he stands for.

Standing for something is what got Pat Buchanan and Paul Tsongas where they are today. No one voted for Buchanan because he is lovable or has a distinguished record in public office. No one voted for Tsongas because he is charming or has experience in dealing with foreign leaders.

People voted for them because they said what they propose to do in plain words, a refreshing contrast to the hazy platitudes that prevailed among most of the other candidates, particularly the one who sits in the Oval Office.

It's depressing to see someone with Buchanan's noxious view succeed, but there is no denying his success. He got a smaller percentage of the vote than Eugene McCarthy did in his historic 1968 campaign (40 percent to McCarthy's 42), but McCarthy was running against a president who wasn't even on the ballot (Lyndon Johnson got nearly 50 percent of the vote in a write-in effort) and didn't campaign in New Hampshire. Buchanan finished behind Bush but ahead of the five Democrats, getting 9,000 more votes than Paul Tsongas.



Stephen Chapman

The votes were not so much an endorsement of Buchanan's message as a rejection of the president's non-message. Buchanan's theme is that the GOP has to be saved from Bush's betrayal of Republican principle, particularly on taxes. This comes from someone who stuck with Richard Nixon through wage and price controls (not to mention Watergate) and worked for Ronald Reagan, another president who cooperated with Congress to enact tax increases. The principle at stake here is one Buchanan just discovered.

Bush's problem is not that his presidency has been insufficiently conservative to suit the likes of Buchanan but that it has changed direction more often than a bumper car. The failing is most conspicuous on the economy, because the economy has been so sluggish and because among the few things Bush stood for was no new taxes, a position he abandoned.

The same Bush who headed a deregulation task force as vice president has presided over a frenzy of re-regulation, which he now pledges to halt with his moratorium on new federal rules. Which is the real Bush? Is there a real Bush?

The suspicion is that he doesn't have a clue

what to do. Franklin Roosevelt wasn't particularly successful at combating the Great Depression, at least until World War II, but he inspired confidence because he had confidence in his policies. Even though he has spent a lifetime in the public eye, the public doesn't identify George Bush with any policy except defeating Saddam Hussein. It should be easy to beat Buchanan, but it won't be easy to change perceptions of Bush.

The Democratic Party, on the other hand, seems to be well on its way to changing how the public perceives it. The candidates who finished first and second in New Hampshire have been conspicuous in urging the party to steer away from the left and toward the middle.

The only candidate who urged the opposite, Tom Harkin, was spurned by 90 percent of New Hampshire Democrats. Harkin said he was the only "real Democrat" in the field, but apparently real Democrats are as rare in New Hampshire as topless beaches. Tsongas made his reputation as a champion of fiscal responsibility, business prosperity and free trade. Clinton's most memorable position was his support of Bush's use of military force against Iraq.

Clinton suffered from his mini-scandals but also from lacking a theme. Whoever recalls anything he proposed in New Hampshire setting him apart from his rivals should get a cash prize for the most attentive citizen. The same maddening fuzziness kept Bob Kerrey, the Vietnam war hero, from taking advantage of Clinton's draft problem.

Fuzziness is a cardinal sin in a crisis, which is what Americans think they are in today. They may follow a leader who informs them which way they should go. They won't follow one who won't tell them or doesn't know.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 5, the 65th day of 1992. There are 301 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

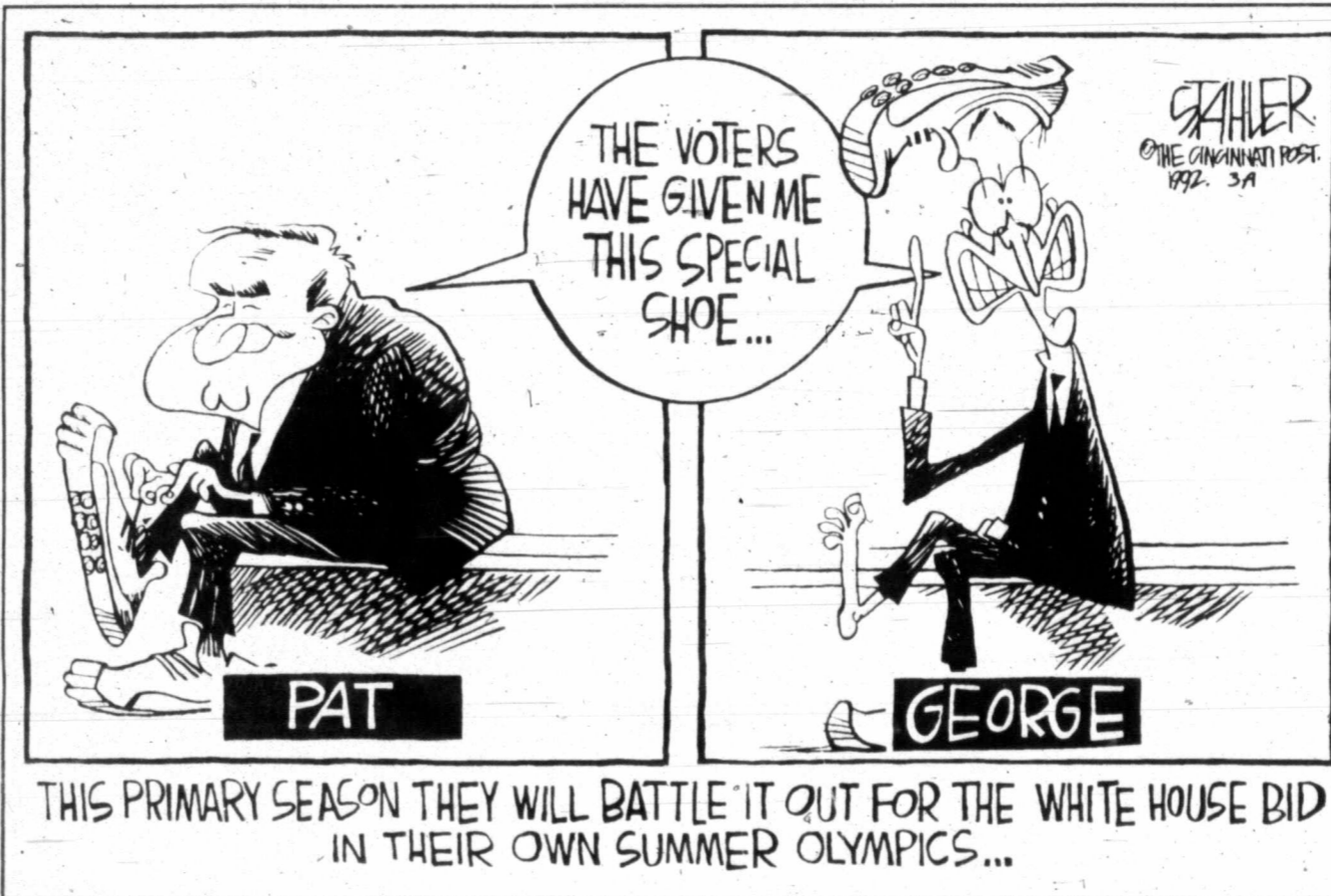
On March 5, 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who had been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing several people.

On this date:
In 1868, the Senate was organized into a Court of Impeachment to decide charges against President Andrew Johnson.

In 1933, in Germany, the Nazi Party won a majority of seats in parliamentary elections.

In 1970, a nuclear non-proliferation treaty went into effect after 43 nations ratified it.

In 1984, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that a city could use public funds to build a Nativity scene as part of an official display without violating the Constitution's separation of church and state.



Olympic Games, up-home style

When I heard they were holding the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, I wondered how Albertville, which is located in central Alabama, was going to get its hands on all that snow and ice.

Then, somebody said, "It's Albertville, France, dummy."

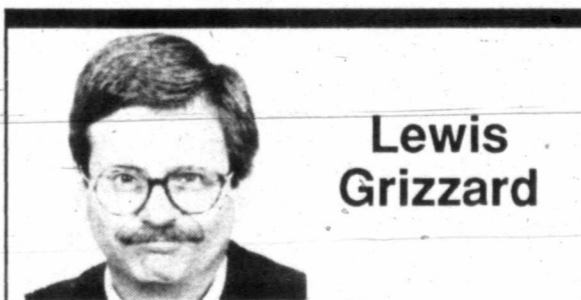
Oh.
For what it's worth, though, I don't care where they hold the Winter Olympics because I genuinely despise snow and ice, which is what the Winter Olympics are all about.

I survived three winters living in Chicago. Barely. I didn't have an opinion on snow nor ice until then. It snowed exactly four flakes during the previous 28 years I lived in Georgia. And you get ice from your refrigerator or in a plastic bag at the convenience store.

All three winters I lived in Chicago, it snowed cats and dogs, all of whom froze to death a few moments after they hit the ground.
The snow piled up, turned brown and became icy. Lake Michigan was a solid block of ice, across which Canadian winds blew.

We give Canada acid rain. They get even by giving us their winds—and hockey.

So when the Winter Olympics come around, and that's all that's on television or in the sports section for an agonizing couple of weeks, it reminds me of having to deal with the snow and ice in Chicago,



Lewis Grizzard

and that makes the permanent bruise I have on my butt act up. I got that from slipping on the icy steps of my apartment one morning and skidding on my hind parts halfway to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

So I don't care about watching somebody named Lars ski down a mountain. If they wanted to hold some games in the snow and the ice and they wanted to get my attention, they should base these contests in places where it's blue most of the year on color weather maps.

For instance, I'd like to see an event called Dead-Battery Jumping. It would be held in a mall parking lot during a blizzard. Each participant would be given a late model car with a dead battery.

The athlete works against the clock, and is required to borrow a set of jumper cables from a total stranger and convince the stranger to hook up the cables, since we all know batteries will blow up

in your face if you connect the cable the wrong way.

First participant to get his car cranked wins. We could have Skidding-Down-Icy-Steps-on-Your-Butt competition. Form and distance would both be judged. I currently hold the world record for distance—which is however far it is from Chicago to half way to Fond du Lac.

Forget tobogganing. I'd like to see four guys try to push a frozen VW bug two city blocks in 18 inches of snow. I took part in that game in Chicago. It's probably why I have a heart condition.

And then, the modern Pentathlon. Pentathletes would be required to compete in five events: snow shoveling, rocking a car with bald tires out of a snow drift, fumbling for exact change with frozen fingers after waiting 30 minutes for a bus, chipping ice off a windshield, and running a long distance through snow-covered city streets wearing galoshes while trying to dodge potholes, falling icicles, careening automobiles and yellow snow, which is to be avoided at all costs.

The only thing I think I'd-miss if the regular Winter Olympics went to my format are the girl figure skaters in the skimpy outfits.

The whole time I lived in Chicago, incidentally, I never saw a girl figure skater in a skimpy outfit.

I guess they were all up in Fond du Lac. If there had been any skin left on my tush after I slid halfway there, I might have made it all the way.

Republicans will see real fight in '96

By William A. Rusher

Such excitement as the pre-convention campaigns are generating this year is to be found almost entirely in the Democratic contest. Not even Pat Buchanan seriously thinks he is going to unhorse George Bush and win the Republican nomination. So we are left to choose among the sorry quintet that is still haggling over which among them shall have the (probably empty) honor of being the Democratic nominee.

But, whoever wins the nominations and the election this year, it is becoming increasingly clear that the battle for the Republican nomination in 1996 is going to be a lulu.

For whether George Bush is ending his second term in 1996 or some Democratic incumbent is preparing to run for re-election, the Republican presidential nomination will be up for grabs, and the whole future of the party, and quite possibly of the country, will depend upon who wins it.

What's more, the field of candi-

dates will be huge. Vice President Quayle is sure to be one, practically ex officio. Pat Buchanan will very probably think 1996 is the year he's really been waiting for (especially if he has been elected to something meanwhile). Jack Kemp, at 61, will almost certainly be forced to run or withdraw from presidential politics for good.

Two other names that have featured in presidential speculation in earlier years may well decide to make serious bids in 1996: former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont and former Education Secretary and drug czar Bill Bennett. (Both, like Buchanan, could use some intervening election victory to spruce up their image.)

Direct from the House of Representatives, expect a try by Republican Whip Newt Gingrich—even, or perhaps especially, if he has meanwhile been gerrymandered out of his Georgia seat and forced into some more interesting job with still higher visibility.

But now the plot really begins to thicken. In 1996 the conservative movement will be challenged for control of the Republican Party by at least two powerful Republican governors (assuming, as seems likely, that both are re-elected in 1994): Pete Wilson of California and William Weld of Massachusetts.

Neither, in all likelihood, will be so foolish as to separate himself altogether from the conservative movement. On the contrary, Weld, though liberal on the social issues, is piling up a spectacular record as a fiscal conservative, and Wilson, after alienating California conservatives all but terminally, has put himself at the head of a drive for welfare reform that is pure catnip to conservatives. But both can be expected to distance themselves from the old conservative gospel of Goldwater and Reagan.

Similar to them in that regard will be another likely contender—this one right out of George Bush's Cabinet: Education Secretary and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, an

ambitious man if there ever was one.

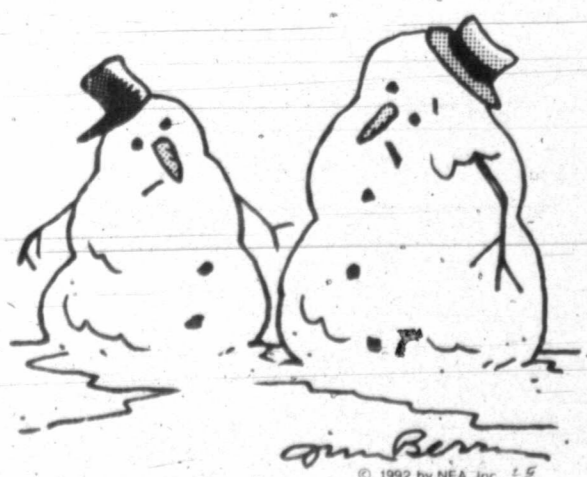
Speaking of Mr. Bush's Cabinet, however, only a very foolish observer would overlook a high-ranking member of it with impeccable conservative credentials, an impressive record, and a seductively non-threatening personality: Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney.

Throw in a couple of unabashedly conservative governors from large East Central states—Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin and John Engler of Michigan—and that makes 12 serious and plausible candidates who may well be vying for the Republican presidential nomination four years from today. And I haven't even counted (because I don't know who they are) any attractive governors or senators who may be elected this November or in 1994, let alone such long-shot possibilities as Norman Schwarzkopf.

By 1996 the various fissures now appearing in the conservative movement will have deepened, and some new ones will probably have devel-

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Holocaust survivor addresses school where boy gave speech about Hitler

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — An Auschwitz survivor was sent to give youngsters a lesson about the Holocaust after a fifth-grader put on a swastika and mustache and delivered a speech portraying Hitler as a victim of mistreatment by Jews.

After the boy's address, which won a prize in an oratory contest, school district officials limited students to speeches about historical figures who have had a positive influence. That drew protests from teachers who said the policy "sugarcoats" history.

Meanwhile, Jewish leaders said they fear the speech spotlights a growing indifference to the death of 6 million Jews at the hands of the Nazis.

On Wednesday, the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust studies arranged for an appearance at Westlake Elementary School by Renee Firestone, a survivor of the Auschwitz death camp.

Firestone showed pupils the yellow star she was forced to wear by the Nazis to identify herself as a Jew and the number her captors tattooed on her forearm at Auschwitz. The session was closed to reporters.

"I told them Auschwitz was not just a concentration camp," the 66-year-old woman said later. "This was a place which the German government referred to as a destruction camp, where people were brought for one reason — to be killed."

Firestone said she told the students how her younger sister cried when they were separated from their parents. She recalled that when she asked a guard when they would be reunited, he pointed to smoke emerging from a crematorium chimney and said, "There are your parents."

After the speech, children said the talk cleared up many of their questions.

"I think it was good," said 11-year-old Tracy Stone. "It explained a lot of things about the Holocaust, about how many people died."

The controversy began when officials at Westlake Elementary in Thousand Oaks, about 25 miles northwest of Los Angeles, awarded a second-place prize to a boy in the school's annual oratory contest Feb. 24.

Students were assigned to select a historical figure and give a chronology of his or her life, with



(AP Laserphoto) Auschwitz survivor Renee Firestone speaks to students at Westlake Elementary school Wednesday in Westlake Village, Calif. Firestone holds the yellow star and a passport label that all Jews were forced to wear in Nazi Germany.

the focus on speaking skills rather than content, said fifth-grade teacher Susan Boyce.

The unidentified boy, who wore a swastika armband and fake mustache, said Jews had mistreated Hitler when he was a youth. The speech acknowledged Hitler's responsibility for millions of deaths but didn't mention his program of genocide against the Jews.

Michele Newman, a judge in the competition, said the speech did not praise Hitler. "Absolutely, it was not a sympathetic portrayal," she said.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Wiesenthal Center said historians have documented that Hitler's

mother was treated unsuccessfully for breast cancer by a Jewish doctor and that Jews sat on the admissions board of the Vienna art academy where he was rejected.

However, Cooper noted that Hitler denied in his autobiography, "Mein Kampf," that his anti-Semitic views stemmed from personal experience.

William Seaver, superintendent of Conejo Valley Unified School District, said he didn't think the speech was "well-balanced" but also didn't believe the child did "anything intentional to portray Hitler as anything other than inhuman."

South African blacks may serve in top government positions

By BARRY RENFREW
Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The white government supports a proposal to appoint blacks to top government posts for the first time in South Africa's history, creating an interim leadership to oversee the end of apartheid.

But the African National Congress, the country's main black opposition group, said today that it may not want to serve in the existing Cabinet.

ANC officials want an interim government council separate from the Cabinet.

The possibility of a black ministers in the government this year underlined the progress being made in talks between white and black leaders on creating a multiracial democracy.

The Star newspaper reported today that ANC President Nelson Mandela and the head of the rival Inkatha Freedom Party, Mangosuthu

Buthezi, were strong candidates for ministerial positions.

Government ministers said Wednesday that they support appointment of a multiparty Cabinet to oversee the transition from white-minority rule.

The Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA), comprised of 19 black and white political groups negotiating the country's future, would appoint the Cabinet.

This is in line with proposals of the ANC. Previously, the government said the current parliament, which does not include blacks; should approve any changes in government.

The government's chief negotiator in the political reform talks, Barend du Plessis, called the development a breakthrough but said many issues regarding an interim leadership remained outstanding.

These could include the proposed lifespan of the transitional body.

The ANC says it should be in power no more than 18 months, with the sole task of overseeing one-man, one-vote elections for a constituent assembly to write a new constitution.

President F.W. de Klerk has suggested that an interim government could rule a few years.

Du Plessis, speaking to reporters at a press briefing in Cape Town, said the government outlined its latest position in a document presented to one of several "working groups" appointed by CODESA to tackle specific issues.

CODESA held its first full session Dec. 20-21 and is expected to convene again in April. By that time, political leaders will have had time to study the document on interim government and discuss it at CODESA.

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Coal mine blaze blocks recovery of 150 miners

KOZLU, Turkey (AP) — Abandoning hopes for saving as many as 150 workers trapped in Turkey's worst coal mine disaster, rescue workers have sealed ventilation shafts to prevent an underground blaze from spreading.

Rescuers have recovered the bodies of 121 miners from the disaster that began Tuesday with a methane gas explosion deep in the mine near the northcentral Black Sea port of Kozlu.

At least 75 workers were injured, some seriously, at the Incirharmani coal mine 120 miles north of Ankara. "It is a heart-burning pain for the whole country," Premier Suleyman Demirel, holding back his tears, told reporters in Kozlu.

A fire ignited by the blast 1,848 feet underground filled the mine with smoke and kept rescue teams away from the up to 150 missing miners.

Workers late Wednesday closed ventilation shafts feeding air to the fire and erected concrete barriers to prevent the spread of the blaze.

"They are sentencing them to death," a young man, who would not identify himself, cried to an Associated Press photographer.

Akin Gonen, the state minister for press relations, told the AP there was very little chance any of the missing miners were still alive.

He said heat and toxic gases from the fire had probably already killed any miners who survived the blast.

"If the blaze is not cut off, the rescue operation cannot continue," said Ozer Olcer, the head of Turkey's state-owned Coal Enterprise.

An unidentified rescue team member told Turkish state television it would take at least two days to reach all the missing miners.

Some angry miners claimed management had neglected safety standards at the mine where four other major explosions have claimed 107 lives since 1945.

Turkey's largest workers' confederation, Turk-Is, also blamed the disaster on inadequate safety standards in Turkey's northern coal mining region.

Olcer said that because of the earlier explosions, the mine was equipped with the best safety and emergency equipment and had been a showcase for visiting mining engineers.

State Minister Omer Barutcu said an early warning system did not work because the methane gas increased to the dangerous level a mere 20 seconds before the explosion.

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(AP Laserphoto) Dr. Cecil Jacobson, accompanied by his father Cecil Sr., left, and attorney James Tate, meets reporters outside U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va., Wednesday.

Ex-patients: Dr. Jacobson deserves prison sentence

By LAURIE ASSEO
Associated Press Writer

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — To some women, Cecil Jacobson remains a godsend, a "wonderful" and dedicated medical pioneer who helped them bear children when all other hope seemed lost. Others say the physician's conviction on 52 counts of fraud and perjury was exactly what he deserved.

After deliberating four days, a federal jury on Wednesday found the former infertility specialist guilty of every charge in the bizarre case, including the fraudulent use of his own sperm to inseminate patients and lying to other women about whether they were pregnant.

Jacobson, 55, could face a prison sentence of up to 280 years and a fine of up to \$500,000. He was expressionless as the lengthy verdict was announced, but later told reporters "I spent my life trying to help women have children. It's a shock to be found guilty of trying to help people."

"I have no scheme. ... I did not break any law," Jacobson said. His sentencing was scheduled for May 8.

The conviction "means he can't hurt anyone else in the future," said Christine Maimone, who testified against him. "He got what he deserved."

But Elizabeth Trotter, who testified for the defense and had a daughter under Jacobson's care, said "It's almost inconceivable that that would happen to this man. He is just such a wonderful person."

Jacobson is credited with intro-

ducing amniocentesis in the United States to diagnose defects in unborn babies.

But prosecutors say he may have fathered as many as 75 children by using his own sperm to artificially inseminate patients, many times after claiming donors had been matched to their husbands' physical and even religious characteristics.

Witnesses also accused him of using hormone injections to convince them they were pregnant — and hence his care successful — when that was not the case. Jacobson admitted he erred in some cases, but he insisted other women were indeed pregnant and later miscarried.

Defense attorney James Tate indicated an appeal was likely.

Deborah Gregory, who sobbed while testifying that Jacobson tricked her into believing she was pregnant three times, said after the verdict: "He emotionally devastated myself and my husband and many other people, and he deserves to be punished."

"I don't mean to be vindictive, but this man hurt me in ways I can never explain," Mrs. Gregory said.

Former patient Jean Blair, who said Jacobson led her through false pregnancies six times, waited several days at the courthouse for the verdict and cried after it was announced.

"I had no idea they would find him guilty on all counts," Mrs. Blair said. Her husband, James, said Jacobson "fooled a lot of people for a long time and I'm glad he didn't fool this jury."

All three former patients who tes-

tified against Jacobson said they believed he should be sent to prison. Prosecutor Randy Bellows declined to tell reporters whether he would seek prison time.

A patient who testified for Jacobson, Marcia Busher, criticized those who came out against him.

"It's hard to believe that these women ... would have so much hatred that they would do something like this," she said. "He was their last resort" in their efforts to have a child.

Jacobson admitted on the witness stand that he occasionally used his own sperm to inseminate patients when other donors were not available, but he contended it was a common practice among doctors.

However, 11 former patients or their husbands testified — some wearing disguises — that the doctor promised to find donors to match the husbands' characteristics. All said Jacobson also promised the donor would never know who they were.

Robert Baumiller, a geneticist and dean of health sciences at the University of Detroit, said the American Infertility Society's standards require that the donor and recipient never know each other's identity.

"It's not common practice and I think it's shocking and a tremendous insult to other physicians to say it's common practice," Baumiller said. Jacobson insisted he never intentionally misled any patients into believing they were pregnant.

But jury foreman Daniel Richard said, "We knew he was lying to those patients."

Witness in Gotti trial tells of mob

NEW YORK (AP) — Lawyers for the Gambino crime family worked under a strict rule — never admit the existence of the Mafia, John Gotti's former right-hand man testified at the reputed mob boss' trial.

Salvatore "Sammy Bull" Gravano also said Wednesday that Gotti controlled members of the family even after they were arrested, picked their lawyers and decided how they should plead. Mobsters suspected of cooperating with police were usually killed, and jurors were paid off when possible, he testified.

"The lawyers were never allowed to admit that there was a Mafia, a La Cosa Nostra," Gravano said.

He was to return for a fourth day on the stand today to face tough questioning from defense lawyers — particularly about 19 slayings he admitted to.

Gotti, 51, and co-defendant Frank "Frankie Locs" Locascio, 59, are accused of murders, loan-sharking, labor corruption and other crimes and could get life in prison if convicted. Among other things, Gotti is accused of orchestrating the 1985 slayings of Gambino boss "Big Paul" Castellano and his bodyguard, Thomas Bilotti, to gain control of the nation's most powerful crime organization.

Gotti has been acquitted three times in six years on various

charges. This time, however, prosecutors have Gravano on their side. Gotti's alleged underboss is the highest-ranking Mafia member ever to testify against him.

Gravano, 46, a former Gotti co-defendant, is testifying under a plea bargain that would give him a maximum 20-year sentence.

On Wednesday, he said Gotti approved a \$10,000 payoff to a juror to assure that an associate, Eddie Lino, wasn't convicted in a 1990 drug case.

"I told him that we were able to reach a juror," Gravano said. "He was clated with it. Whatever we had to pay it was OK."

Gravano, owner of several con-

struction companies, also said he supervised the Gambino family's interests in the building industry and funneled more than \$1 million a year in cash to Gotti.

"When the money accumulated to a big amount, I'd talk to John and his brother Pete would come to my house early on a Sunday and I'd give it to him in a bag or a box," Gravano said.

Gravano told the federal jury in Brooklyn that when he was about 24, he began killing people who crossed him.

"Sometimes I was the shooter. Sometimes I was the backup guy. Sometimes I set the guy up. Sometimes I just talked about it," he said.

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CIA cables contradict central Noriega charges

By RICHARD COLE
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — CIA cables appear to contradict charges that Manuel Noriega took a \$4 million bribe from Colombian drug barons to protect a jungle cocaine laboratory in Panama.

The bribe allegation is central to the drug case against the former Panamanian dictator. Prosecutors have said it proves he had a deal with the Medellin cocaine cartel to let the traffickers ship drugs through Panama.

A 1984 CIA cable summary read by the defense Wednesday at Noriega's trial quoted unidentified informants as saying Noriega underling Lt. Col. Julian Melo received the cash but never informed his boss.

"According to one of the sources, Melo kept the \$4 million himself ... and used it to purchase condominiums, luxury vehicles and other such items," the report said.

Noriega cracked down on Melo when he learned of the bribery but was reluctant to punish him further because he didn't want attention focused on a military officer's contact with drug traffickers, the CIA report said.

The general staff kicked Melo out of the army and returned the unsent \$782,000 to the cartel "to avoid violent retribution," the report said.

Prosecutor Michael Sullivan said the government acknowledges the CIA received the information but will not vouch for its accuracy.

After the alleged bribery, Panamanian troops raided the jungle lab in 1984. Prosecutors have characterized the raid as either a mistake or an attempt to extort more money from the cartel. And they have criticized the treatment of Melo as lenient, saying it shows Noriega secretly approved of his activities.

Investigators also discovered that Melo had taken \$2 million to protect a shipment of cocaine-refining ether in 1984, the report said. He was forced to return the money

when the shipment was seized, the report said.

Noriega could get up to 140 years in prison if convicted on all charges.

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Lifestyles

Workshops can be sharp, heavy and flammable

By READER'S DIGEST BOOKS
For AP Special Features

A workshop is filled with tools and materials that are sharp, heavy, loud, powerful, hot and flammable. Proper safety precautions are essential. Here are some important safety tips from Reader's Digest Books:

- Minimize clutter. Because of the danger inherent in all tools, observe the rule, "a place for everything, and everything in its place." Arrange your tools so they are out of the way but easy to reach.
- Pegboard offers handy, easily rearranged storage, but a hanging cabinet with locking doors better protects tools, prevents their unauthorized use and keeps them out of the hands of children.
- Provide storage space for every item near its point of use. Develop the habit of putting tools out of the way when they are not needed for a while, and store them when they are no longer needed at all.
- Read the instruction manual for each tool. Its proper use could make the difference between a satisfying hobby and the loss of a limb or eye.
- Mentally rehearse a job before starting; anticipate problems and take precautions. Assemble and

prepare all the necessary tools and materials. Use clamps as much as possible so that both hands are free. Provide adequate support for large projects.

— All tools are safer and more effective when well maintained. Keep blades sharp. Keep moving parts clean and, if called for in the instruction manual, properly lubricated.

— Use power tools with constant caution. Be sure cords and outlets are properly grounded and outlets have ground-fault interrupters (GFIs). Test tools before using them. Avoid accidental starting.

— Never use power tools in damp conditions.

— Never leave power tools running unattended. Keep them unplugged when not in use. Unplug them before making adjustments or changing blades or bits.

— Keep power cords well away from cutting edges.

— Dress appropriately, no loose clothing or jewelry.

— Roll sleeves above elbows. Tie long hair securely.

— Protective goggles, earplugs, masks and respirators belong in a toolbox as much as pliers do. Safety glasses guard eyes against flying particles and liquids. Wear them while sawing, drilling, sanding,

wirebrushing, planing or spray-painting. (They won't fog up if they have ventilation holes.)

Inexpensive disposable masks fitted with a metal nosepiece give relief from odors, dust and mist. Those labeled "sanding respirator" provide more protection than ones called "latex paint mask."

Earplugs that reduce — but don't eliminate — sound are useful with many jobs involving noisy power tools.

— Keep children, visitors and pets out of the work area. All too many tragedies occur when this rule is ignored.

— When working with table saws and similar equipment, use push sticks and hold-downs — not your hands — to guide materials past blades and other moving parts. You can cut push-sticks from solid wood or 1/4-inch plywood. Push sticks and hold-downs — individually or in combination — are also available in lumber stores.

— Lighting is vital.

For general light, overhead fluorescent tubes are inexpensive and provide steady, even illumination. Install a fixture with four tubes to avoid eyestrain. For task lighting, droplights or shaded clip-on work lights are portable and eliminate shadows.

— Have enough space around you when working so you can maneuver the work freely, and nearby objects won't obstruct or fall on the tools. Plug each tool into an appropriate circuit.

— Provide dust control for all power tools. Remember that sawdust and hot filings from a power grinder are serious fire hazards. Chemical fumes are also dangerous.

Caution: Extinguish gas pilot lights before using flammable substances indoors. Do not smoke. The fumes, as well as the liquid, can ignite.

Also, be sure your workshop is properly cleaned and ventilated. You can use a wet-dry shop vacuum to collect dust and cooled filings. Open doors and windows and use a fan to vent dangerous fumes. Store flammable substances in a fire-resistant area where they will stay cool and dry, and out of the reach of children.

— Don't work if you're tired, upset or taking a medication that may make you drowsy.

— Keep a fire extinguisher and a first-aid kit within reach and in plain sight. Tell someone when you are working, and never work where you cannot be heard if you call for help.

Sweet-grass basketmaking alive in South Carolina

By COUNTRY LIVING
For AP Special Features

One of America's oldest African crafts lives on along the South Carolina coast — the weaving of sweet-grass baskets.

Basketmaking has been recognized as an art form and South Carolina Low Country baskets have become part of the collections at the Smithsonian Institution, the American Museum of Natural History and Indiana University, among others. This is according to an article in the current issue of Country Living.

A museum exhibit, "Row Upon Row: Sea Grass Baskets of the South Carolina Lowcountry," currently is touring the nation.

The story of South Carolina's Low Country sweet-grass baskets began centuries ago on the rice farms of Africa, where black men made strong, sturdy baskets out of bulrush, a coarse marsh grass.

The beautiful baskets winnowed rice and stored grain.

When Africans were brought to America and sold into slavery in the 19th century, they made work-

baskets on the rice-growing plantations along the tidal rivers of America's southeast.

The baskets eventually were replaced by buckets and crates, but they still were often more common than dishes and were used to store bread, fruit, clothing and other household staples.

After the Civil War, black Americans made baskets on their own family farms. The men still gathered and harvested the sweet grass and taught their sons to do the same, but the women made the baskets, for money and as a means of self-expression.

The women chose sweet grass because it is softer and more pliable than bulrush and retains its fresh-mown scent for years.

Sweet-grass basketmaking has died out in many South Carolina communities, but lives on in the coastal town of Mount Pleasant. The baskets are made at home by artists who hand the techniques down from generation to generation.

In the 1930s, basketmakers began selling from roadside stands along Highway 17, the main

north-south artery through Charleston.

Though traditional basket shapes are still popular, other shapes have been added over the years. There are bread trays, sifting baskets, magazine baskets, place mats, clothes hampers and baskets to hold firewood, hats, thermos bottles and cakes.

Time, care and skill go into each basket. The grasses must be gathered, hauled, cleaned, dried and stored. The artist starts each basket from the bottom up, beginning with a knot of sage green sweet grass.

The grasses are coiled round and round and are sometimes mixed with rush. Coils are bound with white strips of palmetto, using a tool called a "one." The bone is usually fashioned from an old teaspoon handle that's been hammered and filed — some use half a scissors or a pocketknife as their bone.

Each basketmaker usually has a favorite "bone" and works with it exclusively. It works like a shuttle between the rows of coiled grass to make space for the binding strips of palmetto.

Once the bottom is formed and the sides built up, a handle or cover may be added. Some baskets are decorated with pine needles.

Sweet-grass basketmaking is now threatened by development. Many basketmakers and their families have had to sell their land and move away. Tropical storms and hurricanes periodically ruin the coastline and, with it, the grasses.

As the sweet grass supply dwindles, rush "imported" from Georgia and Florida is substituted.

Another problem involves the fact that the children of basketmakers are increasingly reluctant to learn the craft.

Mount Pleasant basketmaker Elizabeth Mazyck told Mary Seehafer Sears in Country Living: "My kids can make baskets, but right now they'd rather have part-time jobs than sit down and work on a basket. I can understand because I felt the same way when I was young."

"But as you get older, you learn to appreciate the value of the baskets. I think eventually they'll come back to it, just as I did."

Danger of lead poisoning not confined to the urban poor

By SUCCESSFUL FARMING
For AP Special Features

Lead poisoning once was considered a threat only to poor children who lived in older, urban housing. Today, according to Successful Farming magazine, a growing number of experts are warning that lead in drinking water and old paint can affect children anywhere — from inner city to rural America.

"New information suggests that lead causes adverse effects at lower levels, than recognized before," says Dr. Douglas Weissmann, University of Iowa.

Lead was banned from U.S. house paints in 1977, but an estimated 40-57 million homes still contain old paints. Many of these are farm homes. Renovating a home — and the removal of layers of lead paint — is a hazard for infants, children and pregnant women.

Older lead-based pipes and even copper plumbing with soldered

joints can add lead to a water supply.

Here is additional information about lead poisoning:

Dangers Involved

Children are at greater risk because more of the lead enters their blood and moves to other body parts. Exposure in children is known to reduce intelligence and attention spans, cause hearing and behavior problems, weaken immune systems and slow growth.

Paint containing 0.7 of a milligram of lead per square centimeter is a hazard. Eating paint chips, chewing on window sills, breathing dust or fumes while sanding and scraping lead-based paint are sources of contamination.

A blood test is used to determine lead poisoning. The danger threshold is 25 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood. But newer studies link subtle mental and physical problems to lead levels below 15. A new threshold currently is under consideration.

Thirty Million Children Exposed

Lead gets into water as a result of lead plumbing and solder in houses, schools and public buildings. It's estimated that as many as 30 million American children may be affected by exposure to lead in drinking water.

Even if old pipes have been replaced by copper, lead soldering can leach into water, especially within the first five years. Soft water, which is slightly acidic, increases this leaching.

Schools in 27 states have reported lead levels in water above the federal standard. Unfortunately, federal money to implement school lead testing has not been available.

Plans to implement stricter rules for lead in tap water are being made. What To Do

To test water, contact state health departments or county extension agents to locate certified labs; the cost is about \$10 per sample. The cost of a mail-order test kit may be \$15-\$30.

If the water contains high levels of lead, Weissmann advises that before using, run water for three to five minutes early in the morning or after several hours of disuse, and don't drink, cook with or prepare baby formula with hot tap water because it dissolves lead more quickly.

New weapans, such as baking soda, are being adapted to deal with corroded pipes. In Fitchburg, Mass., the lead content in drinking water has been reduced more than 75 percent by using a bicarbonate method that prevents further corrosion.

If renovating a home that has walls containing lead-based paint, be cautious. "Renovation should be carried out by persons who are trained in the field, who wear special protective equipment and vacuum any dust as it's produced," Weissmann advises.

He adds: "Lead is a concern. But it's hard to estimate health effects until we can screen a larger population."

Scouting for Food



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)
Left, Boy Scout Joshua Brookshire, Ruth Brookshire and Cub Scout Casey Brookshire fill up a Scouting for Food bag. Boy Scouts nationwide are participating in Scouting for Food, an attempt to alleviate hunger in America. The Scouts will go door-to-door 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, March 7, to collect food. For those not home on Saturday but wishing to contribute food to the drive may deliver it to Good Samaritan Christian Services, 309 N. Ward, or call 669-9310 for pick up.

Hungry baby sitters leave couple's cupboards bare

DEAR ABBY: If a sitter is going to be at our home during mealtime, we always buy enough food for her. Here's the problem:

Some of these kids act like they never get a meal at home! For example: One sitter ripped through the entire cupboard and fridge, trying a little bit of everything, leaving all the packages open. Another one ate an entire box of snack crackers every time she sat for us. She also ate two full bags of potato chips. A third sitter came at 2 p.m. and announced that she had not had any lunch. I told her I had not planned on feeding her, so there wasn't much to eat. Well, she helped herself to two cans of cream of mushroom soup, a half loaf of bread (toast), and a jar of marshmallow cream!

I've tried talking to these kids, leaving notes, and hiding the goodies we had bought for entertaining. Nothing has worked. Also, I wonder where my children were when all this mass consumption was going on. The last straw was when a sitter sent our children to their rooms for a "nap" (they are 8 and 10) for an hour and a half, while she cleaned out the fridge. Only after we took her home did we discover she had eaten our dinner and wiped out a week's supply of lunch meat.

Now what?
FED UP WITH FEEDING THEM.

DEAR FED UP: Leave nothing to chance. If your sitter is going to sit during a mealtime, set aside the meal she is to have, point it out so there will be no misunderstanding, and tell her that she is not to help herself to anything else. If your instructions are not followed, hire a sitter who is more mature and who will not clean you out.

DEAR ABBY: The story about David Rice Atchison, the alleged "president for a day," is a wonderful story. It's not true, but it's still a good story.

The term of James K. Polk's presidency ended at noon on March 4, 1849, and Zachary Taylor's term



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

began at that time. The fact that Taylor did not take the oath until the next day has no relevance; the oath doesn't make a president. If it did, Atchison still would have no claim to the presidency; he never took the oath!

Consider this: Ninety minutes elapsed between the death of John F. Kennedy and the oath of Lyndon Johnson. Did Dean Rusk, the secretary of state, become the president for 90 minutes? Of course not. Or, for a more recent example, George Bush took the oath at 12:03 p.m. on Jan. 20, 1989. Did Dan Quayle serve as president for three minutes?

I was a schoolteacher for 10 years, and the amount of misinformation and sheer ignorance of history I found in the student population was absolutely appalling.

We are a nation of people who believe Abner Doubleday invented baseball, Henry Ford invented the automobile and Don Ameche invented the telephone. Abby, please do not spread more misinformation to a nation that wallows in far too much of it.

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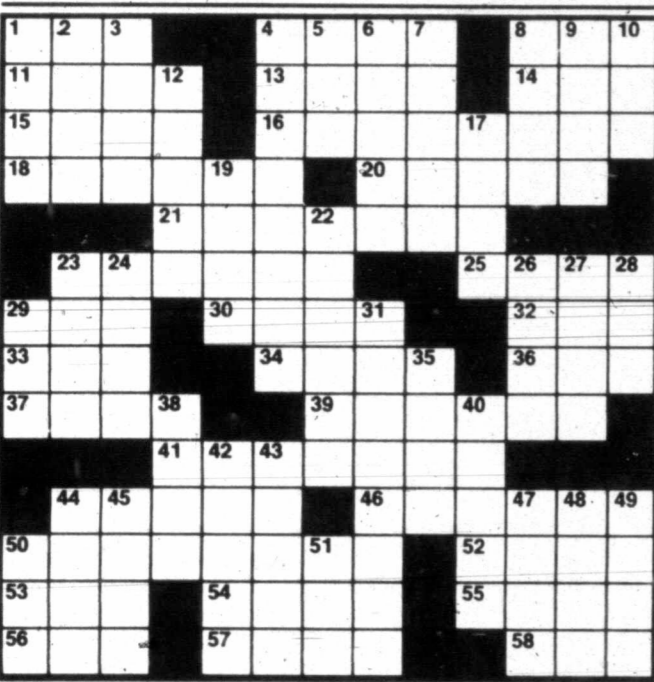
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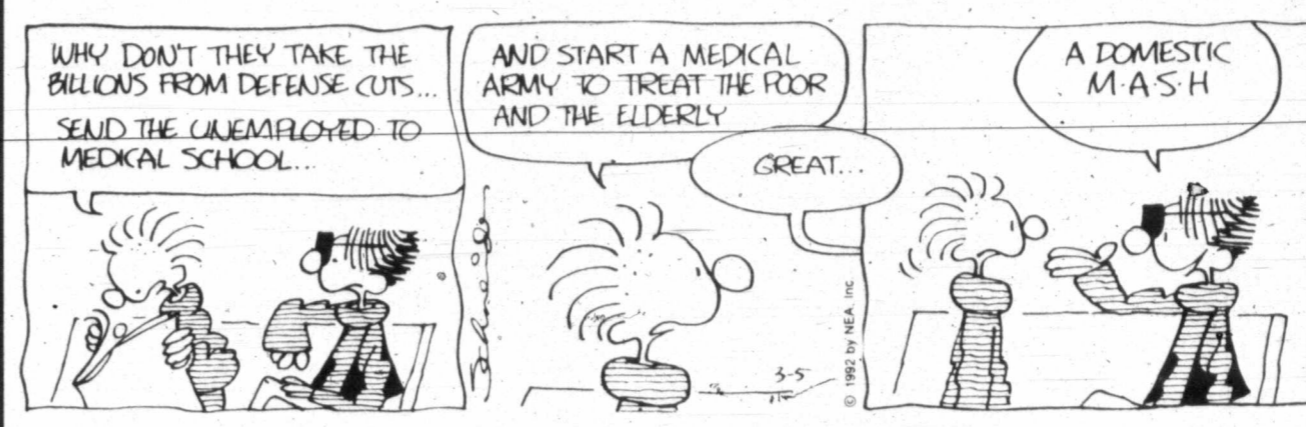
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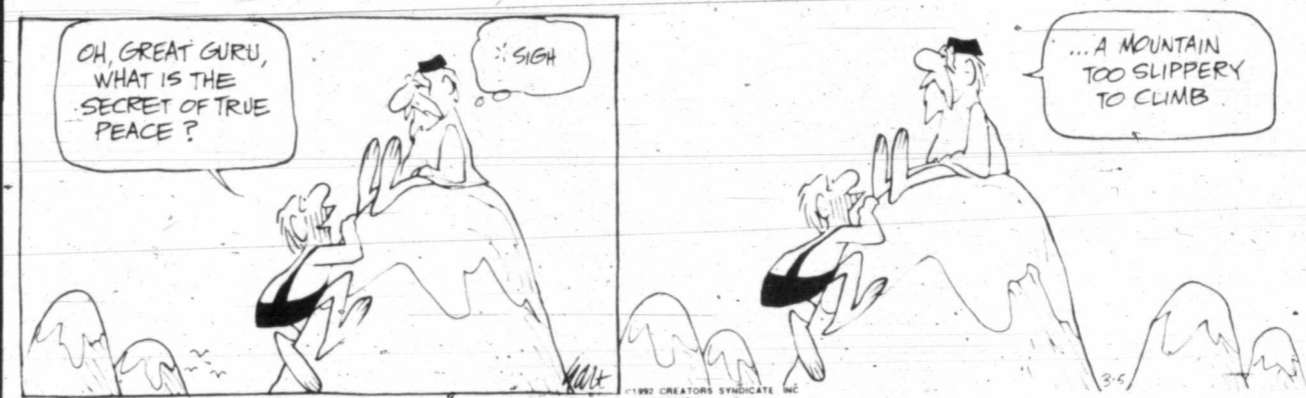
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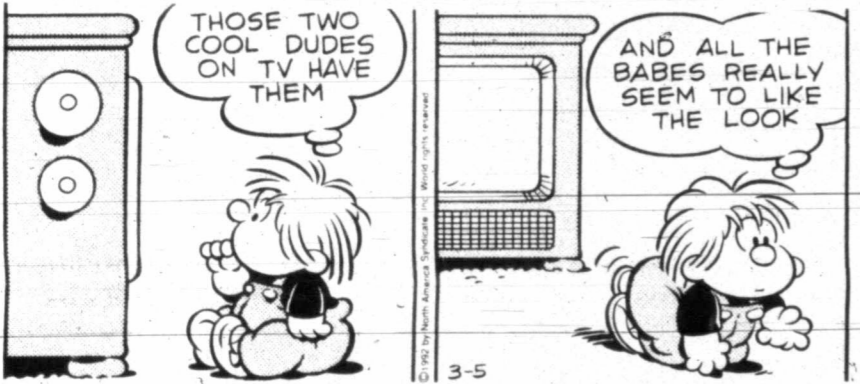
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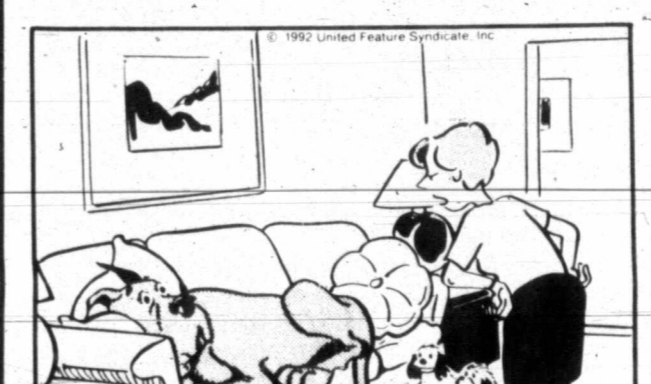
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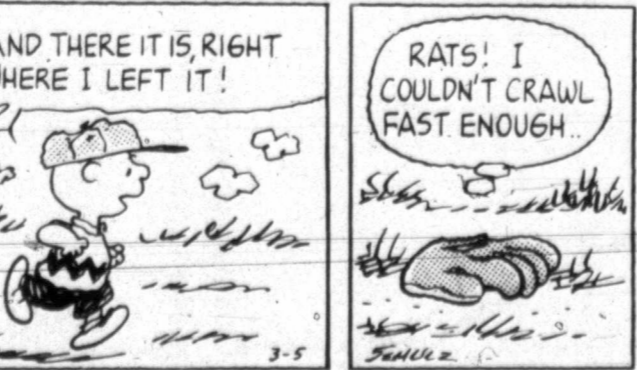
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Astro-Graph

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your financial position can be strengthened at this time through some imaginative adjustments. Seek ways to restructure your payment plans that could lessen the strain. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences 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) If you're called on by a social affiliation you're involved in to assume additional duties, get a job description first — or else you could get in over your head.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There's a possibility you might get involved in a new endeavor at this time. If you do participate, keep a low profile and make your contribution from behind the scenes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An old, valued friendship that has been diluted by distance looks like it might be regenerated. It's with an individual who may move back to your locale.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Owing to an unexpected shift in conditions, something you've been wanting to do, but have been unable to accomplish, could become more achievable starting today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Partnerships you establish in this cycle with individuals of integrity and talent could work out very successfully. See to it that your cohorts possess such qualities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An endeavor which is not your principle source of income can be expanded now to where it might eventually equal or exceed your primary font of earnings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There is someone you've met recently who you are anxious to know better. Take the initiative, because this individual isn't likely to call you. The ball is in your court.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your financial trends look rather strong during this cycle. Take positive measures to do all you can to generate more earnings while these opportunities persist.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you've been contemplating an involvement with a new social circle, it's time to do something about it. This is a good day to make an initial inroad.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your financial picture looks rather encouraging at this time, but you might have to disengage yourself from some unproductive procedures. Use your ingenuity to make the cash register ring.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you want to launch a new enterprise, begin taking positive measures today. However, keep in mind the lessons you learned from past mistakes, so you don't repeat them.

Sports

Southwest Outdoors

By Mel Phillips



Pampa's Keith Taylor takes 2nd in tourney

Congratulations to KEITH FROST of Plainview for his victory over thirty-five of the most dedicated big bass anglers in this part of Texas during February's Lake Baylor Big Bass Tournament. "Crankbait" Keith fished deeper than the other anglers and found schools of small male bass with an occasional quality big female. He caught twenty-five bass and eventually won with a healthy 5.95-pounder. Total winnings for his day-at-the-lake were almost \$1,000.00.

Second place and \$250 went to KEITH TAYLOR of Pampa who is making a habit of finishing second at this kind of tournament. Keith also found some deep water bass that would hit a crawdad colored crankbait. Third place and \$150 went to Lake Greenbelt expert JACKIE IVY of Southwestern Public Service. The \$50.00 Luck of the draw was won by MIKE NAPLES, from the Amarillo post office.

The really big bass should be cruising the shallow water during March, and serious fishermen know that the biggest bass of the year are normally caught then. March is not the time for a wimpy rod and light line. It's trophy time.

Next Lake Baylor Big Bass Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th. This fishing contest is open to the public. Early entry fee is \$50.00 if paid before March 9th, when the price increases to \$60.00. Polygraph will be given. Both Lake Baylor and Childress are OFF-LIMITS on Friday and either may be fished during the tournament.

For rules and entry forms call 806-353-3654, or stop by Anchor Marine, Billy's Boat Ramp, or Camper Roundup in Amarillo. Forms are also available from Roy Rapavi at the concession at Lake Baylor. The field is limited to the first 100 anglers and fishing hours will be from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The next boat show is scheduled for the Sugarland Mall in HEREFORD on Friday and Saturday, March 6th and 7th. This show is free. Bring the kids. With interest rates at a ten-year low, Panhandle Pete predicts a banner year for local boat and RV dealers.

1992 is a strange year. The lack of cold winter weather means the normal winter kill of shad has not happened. A huge supply of these baitfish should provide extra food for the gamefish.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. is at a crossroads. Do they follow the lead of the free-loading radical environmentalists or do they listen to the hunters and anglers who are paying the bills? If you want better hunting and fishing in Texas, make your voice heard by writing them at 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

Owners discuss Mariners deal

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Baseball owners are going to ask the Japanese-led group seeking to buy the Seattle Mariners to change their proposal.

A two-hour meeting Wednesday of baseball's ownership committee resulted in a decision to make a counterproposal to the group, which is 60 percent financed by Hiroshi Yamauchi, president of Nintendo Co. Ltd. of Kyoto.

"We're in a negotiation," said an individual in the meeting, speaking on the condition he not be identified. "Where it goes, we'll see."

"Issues were considered which called for further conversation with the Seattle group," said Fred Kuhlmann of the St. Louis Cardinals, chairman of the 10-man ownership committee.

Kuhlmann would not go into details, however others who either were at the meeting or knew details of the discussions confirmed the plan to make a counteroffer. Owners have had an informal policy against non-North American ownership and in December voted down a proposal that would have allowed overseas ownership of up to 37 percent.

Kuhlmann would not say if the committee intended to ask the Japanese in the group to lower their interest to below 50 percent, but did say "there's been a great deal of progress made in the direction of control being vested in Seattle residents."

The Mariners have become caught up in the wider debate of U.S.-Japanese trade policy, and the deal is further complicated by efforts of St. Petersburg, Fla., to lure the team. Yamauchi, who would invest \$75 million of the \$125 million intended for the purchase and operation of the team, has proposed to give control of his stock to his son-in-law, Minoru Arakawa, a Japanese citizen who has been a Washington state resident for 15 years. Arakawa is president of Nintendo of America Inc.

The Nintendo group has rejected all proposals to restructure the deal, saying it was interested only if it had majority interest.

"That's for Nintendo to decide," said current Mariners owner Jeff Smulyan, who on Dec. 6 put up the team for sale for \$100 million. "I can't talk about what their motives are, what their interests are. I've never met with them."

PHS ladies strong in relay

Strong relay teams will again make the Pampa Lady Harvesters a strong contender as the track and field season gets started this weekend.

The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Perryton Invitational on Saturday and head coach Mike Lopez is looking for some outstanding performances.

"We're excited about getting started. We're anticipating having another good year. We've won the district championship every year but one since 1984, so we've got a good tradition going," Lopez said.

The Lady Harvesters won state championships in 1986 and 1988.

The Pampa girls are solid in all three relays (sprint, 800 and mile) and the mile relay team of Betrice Jackson, Shelly Young, Christie Jones and Shanna Molitor — which qualified for the state meet last season — return for another shot at the gold.

"They ran a 4:02 last year which was one of the best times in the panhandle, so we're excited about having them all back," Lopez said.

Those same foursome also make up the 800-meter relay team.

Pampa's sprint relay team is missing only the graduated Christa West, who will be replaced by Nikki Ryan. Other team members include Bridget Mathis, Young and Molitor.

Molitor, who owns a 12.02 time in the 100, heads up a solid group of sprinters.

"We're expecting great things from her. She'll also be anchoring our relay teams," Lopez said.

Lopez also looks for Jackson to do well in the 400 and Marcy Leal should capture some medals in the distance races.

Transfer Kelly Haines, Ryan and Selena Miller are expected to pick up points in the field events.

Haines competed in the discus for the Lady Harvesters as a freshman, but moved to Oklahoma her sophomore year.

"She's been throwing the discus 130 feet in practice, so she's definitely state qualifying material," Lopez said.

Ryan was a regional qualifier in both the long jump and triple jump and Miller is a steady performer in the discus.

Freshmen Mechelle Abbott, Tammy Chesser and Candi Atwood will help out, Lopez added.

"We're looking forward to having a good year. We're trying to get some of the basketball girls in shape for track right now. They've been out for only a week," Lopez said.

The Lady Harvesters won the District 1-4A championship last season and placed third at the regional meet.

Iowa State stuns Kansas

By The Associated Press

Duke squeezed by. Kansas couldn't.

Alabama barely survived. Kentucky, Missouri, DePaul, Tulane and Syracuse were less lucky.

As teams jockey for position in their conferences, and others hope to impress the NCAA selection committee, March surprises aren't unusual. So on a busy night in the Top 25 Wednesday, six ranked teams fell.

While No. 1 Duke was taking Clemson by a point and No. 20 Alabama was doing the same at Mississippi, upsets were in order at Iowa State, Florida and Connecticut. And at Missouri, DePaul and Tulane.

The ranked losers included Big Eight powers No. 3 Kansas, which fell 70-66 at Iowa State, and No. 11 Missouri, which lost at home to Oklahoma 81-67. Still, those results gave the Jayhawks (22-4, 10-3 Big Eight) the Big Eight championship, their 40th.

Tenth-ranked Kentucky fell 79-62 at Florida, while Marquette ended No. 15 DePaul's 20-game home winning string 73-65.

Tulane, ranked 21st, dropped its fifth straight, a 68-67 decision to Memphis State, No. 24 Syracuse was beaten by Connecticut 85-78.

Elsewhere in the Top 25, it was No. 2 Indiana over Iowa 64-60; No. 12 Oklahoma State 69, Colorado 63; No. 16 North Carolina 79, Georgia Tech 75; No. 22 Seton Hall 90, Miami 82 in overtime; and No. 25 Massachusetts 96, Rhode Island 88. Iowa State 70, No. 3 Kansas 66

College Basketball

No. 1 Duke 98, Clemson 97
Brian Davis had a career-high 30 points and Christian Laetner sparked the visiting Blue Devils' surge from a 19-point deficit. Laetner had 17 of his 23 points in the second half.

The Tigers, who five weeks ago lost to the Blue Devils by 39 points, were up 70-51 with 14:26 to go. Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski then benched his starters, but they came back to spark a 27-7 run.

"I was pretty (mad)," said Davis. "But I thought the guys came off the bench and showed us how to play. They played harder than we were playing, and we can't allow the second team to outplay us like that. We showed some character after that."

No. 2 Indiana 64, Iowa 60
Calbert Cheaney scored 29 points, including visiting Indiana's first 10 of the second half. The Hoosiers, on top in the Big Ten with a 13-2 mark — they are 22-4 overall — nearly



Kansas guard Steve Woodberry uses his long arms to pass off a rebound he took from Iowa State forward Howard Eaton, right as Kansas center Greg Ostertag looks on Wednesday night.

blew it with poor foul shooting in the final minutes.

Greg Graham and Damon Bailey combined to miss three free throws with just under 40 seconds remaining. But Kevin Smith, James Moses and Val Barnes each missed 3-point shots in the final half-minute, while Alan Henderson and Graham each made a free throw for the final margin.

No. 12 Oklahoma State 69, Colorado 63

At Stillwater, Okla., the Cowboys hung on as Byron Houston had 21 points and Sean Sutton added 19, hitting five 3-point shots.

Oklahoma State (23-6) outscored Colorado 27-0 from 3-point territory.

The Buffaloes have lost 65 of their past 66 Big Eight road games.

Florida 79, No. 10 Kentucky 62

At Gainesville, Fla., the Gators beat a ranked team for the first time in more than two years. Stacey Poole scored 19 points and sparked a 19-3 run for Florida (16-10 overall, 9-6 SEC).

Cold-shooting Kentucky (22-6, 11-4), which has clinched the SEC East title, hit only 36 percent from the field. Jamal Mashburn was 5-of-22 for the Wildcats, and his 17 missed shots equaled Florida's total.

"This was the toughest road game we've played all year," Kentucky coach Rick Pitino said. "They're scrappy. They hustle. And they real-

ly wanted this game more than we did."

Oklahoma 81, No. 11 Missouri 67
Visiting Oklahoma shot 65 percent in the first half in winning at Missouri for the first time since 1985. It was the second straight loss for Missouri (20-6, 8-5), which ended an eight-game losing streak at Oklahoma last month.

Brent Price scored 13 of his 22 points in the first half. Damon Patterson added 17 points and Terry Evans 16 as Oklahoma (19-7 overall, 7-6 Big Eight) won for the fifth time in six games. Four of the Sooners' conference victories have come on the road.

It was Missouri's worst home loss in six years.

"There's no excuse for that," Missouri's Anthony Peeler said. "You're not supposed to get blasted at home the way that we did today."

Marquette 73, No. 15 DePaul 65

Five Warriors scored in double figures, led by Robb Logterman's 17 points, as Marquette won for the first time in 11 visits to Rosemont Horizon.

DePaul (19-7, 8-2 Great Midwest), playing without starters David-Booth and Curtis Price, had won eight in a row, 16 of 19 overall and 20 straight home games. Howard Nathan scored 17 points for the Blue Demons.

Forwards Booth (sprained right ankle) and Price (suspended for

fighting in Saturday's win at St. Louis) clearly were missed.

"Let's be honest about things," said Marquette coach Kevin O'Neill. "They were playing without two starters. But those are the breaks."

"I thought DePaul had been playing as well as any team in the country. Maybe they had a letdown. But in the record book it doesn't say '73-65' with an asterisk for 'letdown.' It just says 'W.'"

No. 16 North Carolina 79, Georgia Tech 75

At Chapel Hill, N.C., the Tar Heels ended a four-game slide, their worst since 1965. Hubert Davis scored 27 points in his final game in the Dean Smith Center.

It was the first time in 15 games that Georgia Tech had lost after leading at halftime, this time 47-41. Georgia Tech led by as many as 12 points.

No. 20 Alabama 84, Mississippi 83

At Oxford, Miss., the Crimson Tide nearly found disaster by not finding the basket for three minutes down the stretch. But Elliott Washington hit two free throws with six seconds left.

James Robinson, who had 25 points, scored the first seven points of the game for Alabama, which lost to Ole Miss 78-77 in January.

Joe Harvell had 31 points, but missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer that could have won the game for Ole Miss.

Franco to miss two weeks

By The Associated Press

Boston ace Roger Clemens gave an interview Wednesday to TV Asahi of Tokyo, which is doing a segment comparing workouts among American players and those of Japanese professionals.

A spokesman for the group said many in Japan believe the players there should have, like the Americans, generally light workouts.

Clemens has joked in the past about how light the Red Sox work-

outs are. But he told the television crew that he comes to camp in shape, having started to work out four or five hours a day right after Christmas.

Bob Nash, formerly of Lynn, Mass., had set up a sales booth to try to sell players on Zett gloves, a Japanese manufacturer that recently entered the American market.

Nash, the national baseball sales manager for the firm, said the company had signed agreements with 30 major-leaguers last year.

He travels to all of the spring training camps with glove maker Sam Suzuki, who spends the time crafting handmade gloves. He was creating one of the gloves, which take about eight hours to produce, for shortstop Luis Rivera.

Spring Training

Spring Phenom: Cleveland Indians rookie third baseman Jim Thome watched with more than usual interest when Ryne Sandberg signed the richest deal in baseball, a contract extension worth \$7.1 million a year. Thome grew up a Cubs fan in Peoria, Ill., and his favorite player always was Sandberg.

"Yeah, I'd like to follow in his footsteps," Thome joked in an interview at the Indians' spring training camp. "He always just went about his business quietly, went out and did his job and won respect from his teammates and the fans." Thome said.

After proving himself in 84 games at Canton-Akron, Thome was promoted to Class AAA Colorado Springs, where he hit well enough (.285) to earn a September trip to Cleveland.

Rusty Ripken: The subject was omens, and Baltimore Orioles manager John Oates immediately thought of Cal Ripken.

Last season, in his first swing, Ripken homered off Mike Mussina in an intra-squad game and went on to a storybook season, which included winning his second American League Most Valuable Player award.

On Wednesday, Ripken — last year's Gold Glove winner — committed an error on Joe Orsulak's grounder on the first ball hit to him. "He's out of here," quipped Oates, breaking into a laugh.

Pump You Up: Cleveland hired Scott Hoffman as assistant strength and conditioning coach Wednesday.

Hoffman will help oversee the exercise programs installed by strength and conditioning coach Pat Ciccantelli.

Hoffman will concentrate on Cleveland's minor league players during spring training and will rove throughout the Indians' system during the regular season.

A graduate of Springfield College in Massachusetts, Hoffman previously was assistant strength coach at the U.S. Naval Academy, and he was Ciccantelli's assistant at the University of Akron.

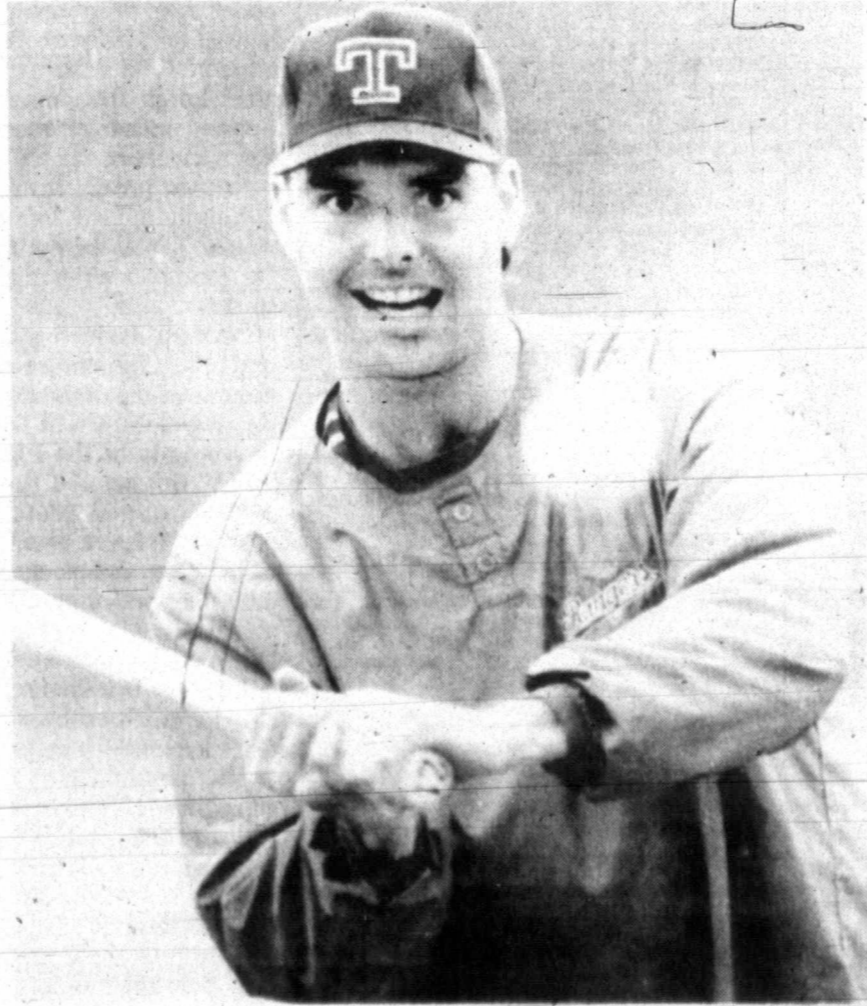
Spring Cleanings: 69-year-old McKechnie Field in Bradenton, the oldest baseball park in Florida, underwent a radical facelift this winter. Among the improvements are a new playing surface, outfield walls and decorative touches designed to recreate the look of an old-time ballpark.

The work was the first part of a two-phase, \$3-million project. The second phase will include the construction on a new grandstand. Work will begin once the Pirates return to Pittsburgh in April.

Last year, Pittsburgh threatened to move its spring training base out of Bradenton unless renovations were made.

Trainer's Report: Texas Rangers second baseman Julio Franco, last season's American League batting champ, had his right knee examined Wednesday and will miss two weeks because of patella bursitis. Rangers physicians found no damage during a January examination, but the irritation returned this week when Franco tried to run during spring training.

Jim Traber, trying to make the Cleveland Indians' roster as a first baseman and designated hitter, has the gout. The disease, which causes swollen joints, developed in Traber's sprained ankle, manager Mike Hargrove said Wednesday.



Texas Rangers pitcher Jeff Russell plays pepper with teammates Wednesday at Port Charlotte, Fla.

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TOP O' Texas Scottish Rite Association will be observing Maundy-Thursdays or Feast of the Passover at Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge on Friday, March 6, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. starting with a covered dish dinner. Please plan to attend and bring covered dish.

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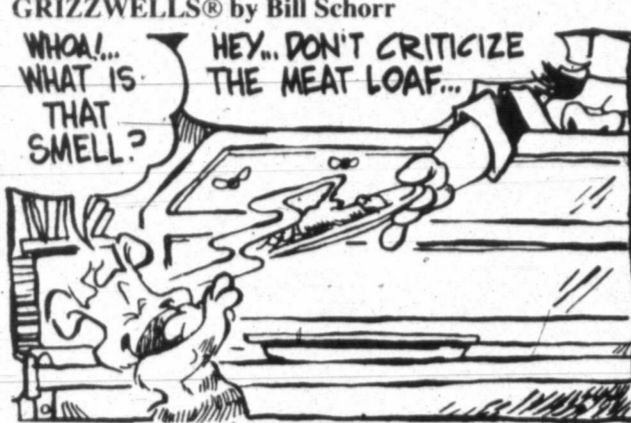
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Stone meets government officials on JFK assassination documents

By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are preparing a final draft of legislation that would make public thousands of intelligence documents relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, and Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., said Wednesday they expect quick and overwhelming approval of the bill but foresee no shocking evidence emerging from the declassified documents.

"I've said all along that when these files are released there will be no smoking gun," said Stokes, who chaired the 1978 House investigation into the Kennedy assassination.

Stokes and Boren said the bill was in the final drafting stages and could be ready as early as next week.

Their comments followed closed-door meetings with "JFK" director Oliver Stone, who toured Capitol Hill lobbying for the release of all secret government files on the assassination. Stone is particularly interested in the thousands of CIA, FBI, Pentagon and Secret Service files that remain

classified. Hundreds of boxes of documents connected with the House investigation are also unavailable to researchers.

"I would like to believe in the straight-shooter theory of history," Stone said. "If we did something wrong in the past, let's know about it."

"JFK" puts forth what Stone calls an "alternative scenario" to the Kennedy assassination that challenges official conclusions that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. The film theorizes that Kennedy was murdered in an ambush arranged by elements of the U.S. military and intelligence communities.

The conspiracy, according to the film's hypothesis, arose out of a fear that Kennedy was on the verge of withdrawing U.S. forces from Vietnam.

At the end of the movie, a printed message informs that volumes of assassination-related documents are locked up from the view of researchers for decades.

"If the documents show there was nothing, I'll be the first to admit I was wrong," Stone said. He added that, "so far, no one has pointed out one thing" about the movie that is historically inaccurate.

In fact, a wide range of critics ranging from historians to assassination experts have picked apart the movie and accused Stone of using unsubstantiated theory to brainwash millions of viewers who know little else about the killing.

Aided by the Washington lobbying firm of Hill & Knowlton, Stone has launched a concerted campaign on Capitol Hill. Stone's agents have held several private screenings of "JFK" for lawmakers and officials with influence over the release of secret documents. Stone was accompanied by Hill & Knowlton President Frank Mankiewicz, a former aide to the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Boren, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the collapse of the Soviet Union is one ingredient pushing the intelligence community to be more open about its documents. But he also said the pressure on government created by the film is the key reason.

Other than the occasional blurring out of an undercover agent's name, Boren said virtually all the secret material relating to the assassination can be made public.

So far some 15 million viewers have seen "JFK" in the United States.

Taped beating trial to open

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — A courtroom becomes a screening room for the most-watched home video of all time as four white Los Angeles police officers go on trial for clubbing and kicking a black motorist.

Opening arguments were set for today in the case, which was moved 35 miles from Los Angeles to escape the publicity and political fallout that resulted when the footage of Rodney King's beating was shown on national television.

Deputy District Attorney Terry White said he would play the video during his opening argument and call the onlooker who made it as his first witness.

Lawyers for the four officers planned to argue that police who pulled King over for speeding believed he was ready for a fight because he was on parole and feared a return to prison.

The videotape of the March 3,

1991 beating in suburban Lake View Terrace stirred outrage and prompted charges of police brutality and racism after it was broadcast. It also led to an exhaustive review of police-community relations in the nation's second-largest city and brought pressure for Police Chief Daryl F. Gates' resignation. Gates has said he will retire in June.

Sgt. Stacey Koon, 41, and Officers Laurence Powell, 29, Timothy Wind, 31, and Theodore Briseno, 39, are charged with assault. Koon and Powell also are charged with filing false reports on the beating.

If convicted, they could get sentences ranging from four to eight years in prison. Koon, Briseno and Powell are on suspension. Wind, a rookie, was fired.

The 12-member jury has no blacks, one Asian and one Hispanic. The rest are white. The seven men and five women range in age from 34 to 65. Four are members

of the National Rifle Association. Most had already seen the video.

Superior Court Judge Stanley Weisberg ruled Wednesday that defense lawyers could tell jurors in opening statements that King was on parole when officers beat him after an auto chase. But Weisberg barred lawyers from mentioning the robbery for which King was imprisoned or any other part of his criminal record.

The ruling applied only to opening statements. The judge said he would rule later on the admissibility of such evidence during testimony.

"I'm trying to prevent unnecessary character assassination of a participant in this trial on matters that may never be admissible," he said.

Weisberg ruled after defense attorneys said they would argue that King came at the officers in a violent manner and that their response was justified.

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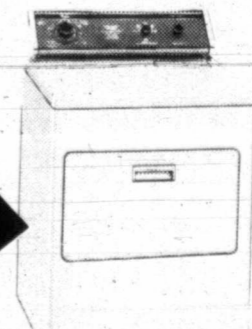
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