

The Pampa News

Attendance key to success

Prison hearing moved to Civic Center

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

In anticipation of a huge showing of support, Pampa's prison steering committee has changed the location of Wednesday's public hearing on possible siting of an additional unit in the immediate area.

The hearing is required by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to gauge public support for a facility, which would bring a payroll of roughly \$7 million to the city.

Originally slated for 5:30 p.m. in the downtown Community Building, the gathering has been moved to the larger M.K. Brown Civic Center Heritage Room.

Attorney Bill Waters of the Industrial Foundation said, "This meeting is the one remaining opportunity to influence the site decision process. Every person's presence is

critical to our efforts. By our participation, the TDCJ will determine our interest in prison expansion here."

City Manager Glen Hackler noted, "If Pampans are willing to commit an hour of their time, it could mean between 180 and 320 new jobs in the near future."

Those attending will be asked to sign in and indicate whether they support or oppose prison expansion in Pampa.

In addition, citizens will be allowed up to two minutes to state why they believe a prison should be located in Pampa.

Whether the city is awarded a 1,000-bed medium security unit or a 500-bed substance abuse facility, supporters say the economic impact will be roughly the same.

Organizers explained that though the substance abuse facility would house fewer prisoners and have less employees, they would be health

care professionals garnering a higher wage which would offset the reduced hiring.

One way or the other, Hackler said a new prison unit will bring another \$24.5 million in economic impact to the city and help relieve an economy hurt by oil and agriculture slumps and a nationwide recession.

Hackler emphasized that prison steering committee members are aware the Wednesday night meeting might conflict with church activities.

"The day of the meeting was determined by the TDCJ. In an effort to work around other commitments, we set the time at 5:30 p.m. to accommodate people attending church and the two large revivals going on," Hackler said.

"We have set the time so people can attend both the prison meeting and their church afterward."

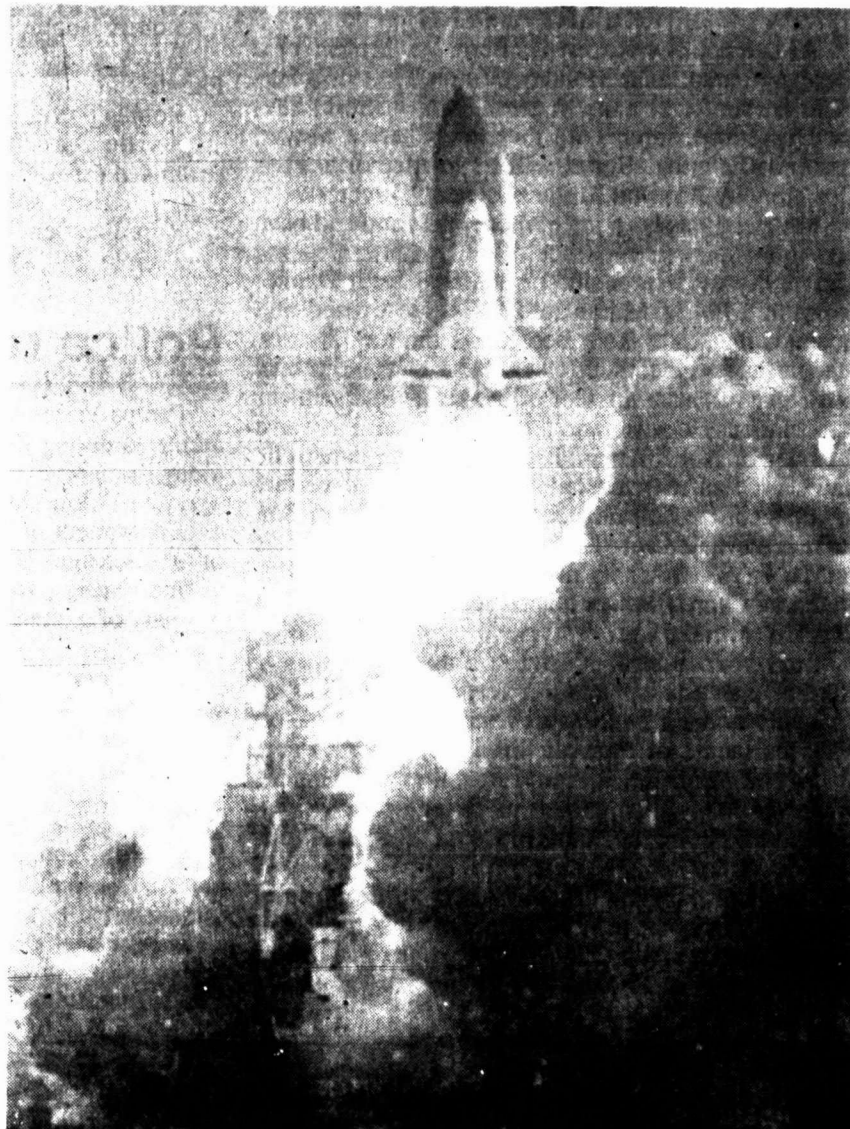
The Rev. John Judson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will serve as moderator for the gathering, which will be recorded and videotaped for the TDCJ. A monitor from that agency will also be in attendance at the meeting to observe.

Similar hearings this week in Shamrock and Dalhart drew crowds of 600 to more than 700 people, with the vast majority reportedly in favor of prison's being located in those cities.

Pampa officials are counting on crowds of at least that size for the Pampa meeting.

TDCJ has stated it intends to build three maximum-security prisons, six 1,000-bed medium security prisons and 12,000 substance abuse beds in either 500 or 1,000-bed configurations using state bonds voters approved late last year.

A decision on where the new prisons will be placed is scheduled for April 10 in Austin.



Space shuttle Atlantis lifts off early this morning from Kennedy Space Center. (AP Laserphoto)

Candidates file for city council, school board seats

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Skellytown and White Deer have the largest number of people running for City Council seats and contested mayor's races are scheduled in three communities in area May 2 elections.

May 2 is also the day area schools hold elections for available school board seats.

Incumbent Letors Mayor Gene Gee is challenged for his seat by current City Councilman Larry Fulton. In Wheeler, incumbent Mayor Wanda Herd's post is challenged by Louis Stas. In White Deer, Virgil James and current City Councilman Tom Stamp vie for the mayor's job, currently held by R.W. Standefler, who chose not to seek re-election.

Letors school board and Miami City Council each have fewer people running than seats available. Write-in candidates in the elections are eligible to win the seats. In school and city races throughout the state, candidates must file as write-ins by 5 p.m. April 2 in order for their votes to be counted on election day.

Following is a list of people seeking City Council and school board seats in the area. Incumbents are denoted by (I) following their name.

Alanreed school board
One position is available and is

sought by Glenda "Susie" Martin (I).

Allison school board
Two seats are open and are sought by Winston Rainey (I), Henry Dupont, Terry Grayson, Franklin Lane, Cole Tindol.

Canadian City Council
Three council seats are available and are sought by Wyvonne McDaniel (I), Nancy Wilson (I), John Talley, Jim Pollard.

Canadian school board
Three seats are open and are sought by Monte Lusby (I), Mitchell Ashley (I), Butch Northcott (I), Lauren Haley.

Grandview-Hopkins school board
Two seats are open and sought by Greg Acker (I), Troy Ritter (I).

Groom City Council
Three alderman seats are available and are sought by Gregory Lamb (I), Bobby Cornett (I), Bill Homer (I).

Groom school board
Three seats are open and are sought by Dennis Babcock (I), Adela Kotara (I), Ken Burger (I).

Kelton school board
Three positions are sought by Mike Bryant (I), Larry Lister (I), Barry Price (I).

Letors City Council
The mayor's seat is sought by Gene Gee (I), Larry Fulton.

Two City Council seats are sought by Kathy Shook, R.M. (Dick) Sierman, Karen Noble.

Letors school board
Three positions are available, but only two people have filed - Barry Jackson (I), Keith Roberson (I).

McLean City Council
Three seats are open and sought by Wayne Bybee (I), Virginia Rawlins, Mary Dwyer, Sidney Lands.

McLean school board
Three positions are available and sought by Thacker Haynes (I), Jay Dee Fish, Dieter Greiner, Billie Ward.

Miami City Council
Three seats are open, but only one person - Larry McReynolds (I) - has filed.

Miami school board
Two board member positions are open and sought by Garry Francis, Steve Hale (I), Ken Gill (I).

Mobeetie City Council
Three seats are open and sought by Randy Barr (I), Lena James (I), Frank Woodward (I).

Mobeetie school board
Two seats are open and sought by Wanda Hefley (I), Jack Hefley.

Pampa City Commission
Ward 2 - Jerry Wilson (I)
Ward 4 - Gary Sutherland (I)

Pampa school board
Place 7 - Sherry McCavit (I), Jerry Steed
Place 6 - Chris Perez, Robin Hale, James Bradley.

Shamrock City Council
Mayor Doug Rives (I) has filed for re-election.
Two City Council seats are open

and sought by Kirk Clay (I), Gene Payne (I), Jerry Berten.

Shamrock school board
Three seats are available and sought by Ken Wischkaemper (I), Kent Payne (I), Kenneth Stokes (I).

Skellytown City Council
Three council seats are open and sought by Raymond Hanover, Lee Tice, Nancy Easley (I), Vance Griffith, Bert Woods (I), Bob Epperson, Jessie Poole (I).

Wheeler City Council
The mayor's position is sought by Wanda Herd (I), and Louis Stas.
Two City Council seats are being sought by Don Rose (I), Bob McCain (I).

Wheeler school board
Place 6 - Chris Osborne
Place 7 - Gail Ledbetter (I)
Place 1 - unexpired term, Dell Ford.

White Deer City Council
Two people - Tom Stamp and Virgil James - are seeking the mayor's position.

Two City Council seats are available and sought by Ervin Lavake, Charlie Sutterfield, Al Macomb, Randy Barrett, Joel Smith, Gene Kaler.

White Deer school board
Place 3 - Johnny D. Freeman (I), Steven Huckins
Place 4 - Sonny Vigil, Joe C. Wheeler, Marvin Kramer

Place 5 - Charles (Tootie) Meador, Bruce Lynn Brame (I), Eddie Miller.

Connecticut votes in confusing primary

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - Connecticut voters today settle the first direct showdown between Democratic presidential rivals Bill Clinton and Jerry Brown in a contest confused by the sudden exit of neighbor Paul Tsongas.

President Bush and challenger Patrick Buchanan paid little attention to the Republican primary. Bush's

only campaigning was a series of Monday night satellite television interviews from the White House.

The Connecticut contest traditionally is toned down, sandwiched between last week's industrial show-downs and the April 7 primaries in New York, Wisconsin and Kansas.

Brown was up early today for a labor breakfast in Manhattan at

which he was endorsed by Barry Feinstein, head of a 165,000-member Teamsters local. "We think people who work for a living will reject the Clinton candidacy..." Feinstein said.

Union leaders said they would organize a huge rally in New York on behalf of Brown next week.

In Connecticut, some voters came away from the polls saying they had

voted for former Sen. Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts, even though he dropped out of the race last week. But all of the candidates had their partisans.

Nilda Resto, 28, a security representative for the Social Security Administration, was supporting Clinton because "he's looking out for the middle class and working on the economy, especially for us Hispanics in the community."

Clinton's internal campaign polls conducted after his Illinois and Michigan primary sweeps showed him leading former Massachusetts Sen. Tsongas in the state.

Then, just as Clinton decided to campaign strenuously in Connecticut, Tsongas announced last week he was suspending his campaign. While the announcement appeared to be a major boost for Clinton, his aides say much of Tsongas' support shifted to Brown, a former California governor.

Clinton campaigned heavily in the state in the final days. He pushed his support for the Seawolf submarine - the source of 17,000 Connecticut jobs and a program Bush has recommended for cancellation. And he promised if elected to shift from a defense related economy to a civilian one without imposing too many hardships on workers.

Bush seemed to be referring to Clinton's position on the Seawolf when he talked about defense cuts Monday in an interview with WTNH-TV of New Haven.

The president said he wanted to cut defense spending by \$50 billion and said: "You're hearing from the other side, 'Well 50's not enough, let's cut it by 100. But when I go to some different area or some different plant, I'll tell them I'll keep them open.' That's the oldest, most crass political game in the world."

Accident response



(Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanskia)

Pampa firefighters and Lon Roberts of AMT Ambulance, in suit bending over, render aid to Vivian Botello of 708 N. Gray after the man's 1967 Ford collided with a parked car Monday morning in the 300 block of West Foster. Botello was transported by AMT to Coronado Hospital, where he was treated and released for minor injuries.

It's a go!

Atlantis to study environment

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

the most comprehensive study of the atmosphere ever.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Space shuttle Atlantis blasted into orbit with seven astronauts today on a mission to study the environment of our planet.

Atlantis roared off its seaside pad at 8:14 a.m. EST. The spaceship rose on a 700-foot pillar of flame and headed out over the Atlantic Ocean and up along the East Coast.

Low clouds over the emergency landing site at Kennedy Space Center caused a 14-minute delay in the launch. Other weather problems, including a worrisome storm off the coast, had dissipated earlier.

Atlantis' twin solid rocket boosters dropped into the ocean two minutes into the flight as planned, resembling a falling star from the launch site. Atlantis reached its 184-mile-high orbit in the usual 8 1/2 minutes.

Once in orbit, the astronauts quickly began powering up the scientific equipment in the cargo bay.

It was NASA's second attempt to send up Atlantis. The first, on Monday, was halted 5 1/2 hours before liftoff by fuel leaks that officials later said were temporary and minor.

"It doesn't look much better than it did to me this morning," said departing NASA Administrator Richard Truly, who was forced to resign under White House pressure. "It was a beautiful launch, and I was delighted to be down here for it."

The eight-day flight - shuttle mission No. 46 - is the first devoted to atmospheric research. The shuttle carries 13 scientific instruments. Among other things, scientists hope to learn more about damage to the ozone layer.

During the flight, about 200 research stations around the world will make observations as well. The combined effort is expected to yield

Researchers from seven countries have been working on the mission since the early 1980s. The flight originally was scheduled for 1986 but was put on hold after Challenger exploded that year.

"It's speaking much more to the people now than it was at that moment," said Dirk Frimout, a Belgian physicist and crew member. "It's surely on time that we do it now."

A report last month indicated an ozone hole probably would form in the skies over the Northern Hemisphere later this year.

Besides Frimout, the only non-American aboard Atlantis, the crew members are commander Charles Bolden, pilot Brian Duffy, David Leestma, Kathryn Sullivan, Michael Foale and Byron Lichtenberg.

Frimout is the first Belgian to fly in space. On hand to see him off were Princes Philippe and Laurent, nephews of Belgium's King Baudouin, who are first and third in line to the throne, respectively.

The mission is part of a long-term NASA program to study the environment from space. Scientists want to measure ozone and other components of the atmosphere over an 11-year solar cycle, the period from one peak of solar activity to the next.

One of the instruments aboard Atlantis, an electron beam gun, will fire streams of electrons into the atmosphere to create artificial auroras.

The leaks in Atlantis' engine compartment on Monday were traced to seals in the plumbing that apparently contracted in response to the super-cold fuel.

Launch director Bob Sieck said he was confident the trouble was not a recurrence of the hydrogen leaks that grounded the shuttle fleet for almost half a year in 1990. He described this morning's launch as "one of the best yet" from a mechanical standpoint.

Oregon deals video poker

SALEM, Ore. (AP) - Video poker in Oregon is off to a sputtering start. The state-run game was to be launched at six taverns Monday night, but telephone line problems kept all but one machine from operating.

"We're just shaking the bugs out of it," Oregon Lottery Director Jim Davey said.

Officials hope to offer the game at 3,300 terminals statewide by this weekend.

Video poker, in which a machine deals a player a hand that is shown on the screen, is expected to more than double the lottery's business, bringing in an estimated \$70 million for the state in the first year.

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Services tomorrow

BERG, Robert A. - 11 a.m., Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Amarillo.
FARRIS, R.T. - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Spearman.

Obituaries

ROBERT A. BERG

AMARILLO - Robert A. Berg, 72, brother of a Pampa woman, died Monday, March 23, 1992. Services are set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church with the Rev. Charles Meyer, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mr. Berg was born in Granton, Wis., and had been an Amarillo resident since 1948. He attended the University of Wisconsin. He married Ruth Danekery in 1944 at Marshfield, Wis. He owned and operated the A&W Root Beer Drive Inn for 32 years. He was named the 1977 Restaurateur of the Year and had served as state director of the Texas Restaurateur Association. He was a master woodworker. He was a member of North Amarillo Kiwanis Club, where he had served as secretary and had 37 years of perfect attendance. He had also served as president of San Jacinto Kiwanis Club. He delivered Meals on Wheels for 16 years. He was a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, where he had served on the Church Council several times.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Bobby Berg of Galveston; two sons, Terry "Butch" Berg of Amarillo and Larry Berg of Liberty, Mo.; a sister, Marise Haesle of Pampa; three stepdaughters, Pearl Weaver of Pontiac, Ill., Verna Reigel of Sun Prairie, Wis., and Mary Jean Clouse of Greenwood, Wis.; a stepbrother, Bernard Clouse of Loyal, Wis.; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to Saint Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo 79176-0001 or to Meals on Wheels, 1416 E. Eighth Ave., Room 106, Amarillo 79101.

R.T. FARRIS

SPEARMAN - R.T. Farris, 67, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, March 22, 1992. Services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Fines Marchman of Pampa officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Farris was born in Stonewall, Okla., and had lived in Spearman for 32 years. He married Kathryn Cotten in 1945 at Anadarko, Okla. He was a tool pusher for Leonard Hudson Drilling Co. in Pampa, retiring after 35 years. He was a member of Hansford Masonic Lodge No. 1040 AF&AM.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Rebecca Kay Etheredge of Amarillo; two brothers, J.T. Farris of Boise City, Okla., and James Ward Farris of Midland; two sisters, Joreen Gillintine of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Peggy Miller of Aurora, Colo.

REV. ORVILLE E. HULING

TOLEDO, Ohio - The Rev. Orville E. Huling, 78, relative of Pampa, Texas, residents, died Thursday, March 12, 1992. Services were conducted March 14 at Eggleston-Meiner Funeral Home in Oregon, Ohio, with the Rev. Stanley Ellis officiating. Burial was in Toledo Memorial Park.

The Rev. Huling was a native of Kingfisher, Okla., and moved to California to live with an uncle in the mid-1940s. He and his wife, Helen, were copastors of East Toledo Foursquare Gospel Church in Northwood from 1951 until they retired in 1987. He was also a retired machinist with Rathburn Jones Engineering Co. for 28 years, retiring in 1977.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Linda Kennedy and Lawanda Jean Bowles, both of Toledo; a sister, Marie Belcher of Pampa, Texas; a brother, Carl Huling of Turpin, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews including Melvin Batman, Walter Batman and Rose Parnell, all of Pampa, Texas.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.			
Wheat	3.74		
Milo	4.45		
Com	4.82		
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds could have traded at the time of compilation:			
Ky. Cent. Life	8 1/2	up 1/8	
Serco	2	dn 1/8	
Occidental	19 1/8	dn 1/4	
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:			
Magellan	69.51		
Puritan	14.48		
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.			
Ammo	44 1/4	NC	
Arc	99 3/4	NC	
Cabot	41 3/8	up 1/8	
Cabot O&G	11 7/8	up 1/4	
Chevron	64 3/8	up 3/8	
Coca-Cola	82 1/8	up 3/8	
Enron	36 5/8	up 1/4	
Halliburton	23 3/4	dn 1/2	
HealthTrust Inc.	19 3/4	dn 1/4	
Ingersoll Rand	64 1/2	dn 1/8	
KNE	24	NC	
Kerr-McGee	38 5/8	NC	
Limited	29 3/4	up 1/4	
Mapco	59 1/8	up 1/8	
Maxus	6 7/8	NC	
McDonald's	42 7/8	up 1/4	
Mobil	59 7/8	up 1/8	
New Atmos	19 7/8	NC	
Parker & Parsley	11 3/4	NC	
Pennney's	66	up 1/8	
Phillips	23 5/8	NC	
SLB	56 3/8	dn 1/2	
SPS	30 3/4	dn 1/4	
Tenneco	38 5/8	dn 3/8	
Texasco	57	dn 1/4	
Wai-Mart	53 1/4	up 5/8	
New York Gold	338.75		
Silver	4.09		
West Texas Crude	18.91		

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

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Jeffrey Scott Childers, Pampa
 Harold Red Easton, McLean
 Grace Geuther, Panhandle
 Robert Jacobs, Pampa
 Betty Reed Renfro, Pampa
 Robbie Stone, Pampa
 Myrtle Darnell Buck (extended care), Pampa

Dismissals
 Rosa Bearden, Pampa
 Thelma Bell, Pampa

Myrtle Buck, Pampa
 Ingrid Edwards, Pampa
 Eva Mae Hartley, Pampa
 Pearl Graham Milton, Pampa
 Joyce Shaw (extended care), Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 Willie Knoll, Shamrock

Dismissals
 Willie Knoll, Shamrock

Police report

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

MONDAY, March 23

Department of Human Services issued 27 reports of offenses against families and children.

Joe Phillips, 1601 W. Somerville #1203, reported burglary of a motor vehicle in the 600 block of North Naida.

Kurt Foster, 1036 S. Faulkner, reported criminal mischief at 1404 N. Hobart.

Ila Ketchum, 608 N. Wells, reported a theft at the residence.

Arrests

TUESDAY, March 24

Debbie Ann Mojica, 34, 406 N. Dwight, was arrested at Wilks and Love on a charge of public intoxication.

Russell Gene Kelly, 23, El Paso, was arrested at Wilks and Love on a charge of driving while intoxicated (2nd offense).

Ernest Skief, 39, 1033 Neel, was arrested at the residence on two grand jury indictments for delivery of controlled substances.

Accidents

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

MONDAY, March 23

10:29 a.m. - A 1967 Ford driven by Vivian Botello, 708 N. Gray, collided with a parked 1985 Oldsmobile owned by Ethridge Claim Service, 2004 N. Hobart, in the 300 block of West Foster. Botello was cited for no seat belt and no proof of liability insurance.

4:35 p.m. - A 1988 Mercury driven by Michael Phillips, White Deer, collided with a 1985 Chevrolet driven by Carolyn Keel, 1123 S. Hobart, in the 800 block of South Hobart. Citations are pending.

5 p.m. - A hit-and-run vehicle collided with a 1986 Dodge driven by Marissa Bailey, 1120 Terry, and a 1983 Buick driven by Edna Smith, 2808 Rosewood, in the 200 block of North Hobart. Citations are pending.

Sheriff's Office

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

SUNDAY, March 22

Elwood Gaston, 603 Cedar, McLean, reported a theft.

City of McLean, 220 N. Main, McLean, reported vandalism.

Arrest

MONDAY, March 23

Kevin Earl Winegeart, 31, 321 N. Wells, was arrested on a charge of issuance of bad checks. He was released on bond.

Fires

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

MONDAY, March 23

10:33 a.m. - Medical assist at 315 W. Foster. Two units and four firefighters responded.

TUESDAY, March 24

12:09 a.m. - False alarm at Coronado Hospital. Three units and six firefighters responded.

Calendar of events

EXTENDED HOURS FOR CDL TESTING
 Texas DPS driver's license office will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through the end of this month to allow drivers that need commercial drivers licenses (CDL) more time to take the tests.

VFW

The VFW will meet at 7 p.m., tonight, at the post home.

Ethics law reveals deals

AUSTIN (AP) - Legislators and lobbyists may share more than meals, entertainment or even vacations. Sometimes, they become partners in business ventures. For the first time, the state's new ethics law requires legislators to disclose business dealings with lobbyists. Lawmakers who are lawyers also must reveal the fees they receive in broad categories for practicing before state agencies.

The reports, for business conducted in 1991, underscore a debate between part-time legislators trying to make a living and government watchdogs looking for conflicts of interest.

"You must either be super rich or you get in the real world and make a living," Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, told the Austin American-Statesman. "We'd be far better off with a full-time Legislature and prohibit any outside employment."

Legislators are paid \$7,200 a year, plus \$85 a day when in Austin for legislative sessions and, with limits, for legislative business between sessions.

According to a report by the American-Statesman, the business ventures between legislators and lobbyists run the gamut:

- Rep. Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, is a House speaker candidate and was a co-author of last year's ethics legislation. He owns a 300-acre farm and vineyard in West Texas with three business lobbyists - Galt Graydon, Barry Miller and Bradley Bryan. All said the venture does not affect their political relationship.

- Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, has invested in land and several oil and gas ventures with former legislators who now are full-time lobbyists: former Sen. Ed Howard and former Reps. Hilary Doran and Nub Donaldson. Craddick said the investments were made when the three were in the Legislature.

The newspaper also reported that Austin lobbyist Kraege Polan got a loan on his house from Craddick. "I got better financing with him than I could through a bank," said Polan, who also said that Craddick deals with legislative issues on merit.

Craddick calls the loan simply an investment, which Polan paid off in January.

On another front, several lawyers in the Legislature reported receiving hefty fees to appear before state agencies for their clients, the newspaper reported. Among them are:

- Sen. Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville, a co-author of ethics legislation. In the broad categories on the disclosure forms, Glasgow reported making \$45,000 to \$105,000 in 10 cases before state agencies. Most involved commercial dairies with cases pending at the state air and water boards, the newspaper reported.

Glasgow said the dairies were longtime clients dealing with new regulations, and that he saw nothing wrong in representing them.

- Parker, who disclosed fees in excess of \$25,000 from Legal Security Life Insurance, a financially struggling firm brought under the supervision of the State Board of Insurance. He reported a second \$25,000-plus fee from Oscar Wyatt's Coastal Corp., a natural gas supplier, because that firm employs lobbyists. Parker said the case he worked on did not involve a state agency.

- Rep. David Cain, a Democratic speaker candidate from Dallas, and Sen. Ted Lyon, D-Rockwall, reported income from several workers' compensation cases. Cain reported making \$45,000 to \$205,000 in 1991. Lyon reported making \$70,000 to \$215,000 from those cases last year.

Lyon said he does not appear in contested cases before state agencies, and that another lawyer in his firm represented the people in the cases in question.

- State Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and a speaker candidate. He reported making as much as \$30,000 representing various clients from near his West Texas district.

"If I was an Austin representative and practiced in front of one or two agencies, that would be a conflict," Rudd said. "In a small-town practice, a client has a problem with the state once every 10 years."

Preachers, teachers go for the goal

More than 20 Pampa educators and ministers are slated to participate in a preacher-teacher celebrity basketball game at 7:30 p.m. Friday in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Organizers of the event said it will benefit Special Olympics and Youth Outreach United.

Event coordinator Rev. John Judson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, said he teamed up with Coach Max Plunk of Special Olympics to make the game a reality.

"Special Olympics is always in need of funds," Judson said. "It is a neat, fun way to help them. It will also make the community more aware of Youth Outreach."

He described the latter as an interdenominational organization

bringing concerts and other special events to the city especially for teenagers.

"This is also a way to show people that ministers don't just sit around reading the Bible all day," Judson said, promising to give the educators a run for their money on the court.

Participants from the Pampa public school system include Dennis Cavalier, athletic director and head football coach; Robert Hale, basketball head coach; Tim Powers, Lamar principal; Rose Steele, Horace Mann Elementary; Sharon McQueen, Baker Elementary; Plunk, Austin Elementary; and Daniel Coward, high school principal; and others.

Ministers include Darrel Rains,

John Glover, Jerry Arrington, Dale Moreland and Glenn Shock of First Baptist; Zan Walker, Central Baptist; Steve Donnell, First United Methodist; Art Hill, Zion Lutheran; Roger Hubbard, Bible Church; Steve Smith, Barrett Baptist; Judson and others.

"Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and children," Judson said. "Tickets will be available at the door and it ought to be a really fun night. We are looking for a good crowd to come out for a night of cheering for their favorite minister or educator. It is wholesome family entertainment that will benefit two very worthy causes."

For additional information, call First Presbyterian at 665-1031.

- Bear Mills

City briefs

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

TAX SERVICE, Ruby Pruet, 2301 Chrstine, 665-0654 or 665-2636. Adv.

CALLIGRAPHY ADVANCED. Don Jonas, March 31-April 21. Call soon, supplies to be ordered. 665-3440. Adv.

J. MCBRIDE Plumbing, Appliance installation, 24 hour service. Call about our prices. 665-1633, 669-2724 Pampa and surrounding area. Adv.

NEW DISTRIBUTOR for Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co. Call Debbie Mitchell 665-1405. Adv.

BIG FEED, Calf fries and trimmings March 26 at Moose Lodge Hall. All members and guests invited. Adv.

SERVICE SPECIALISTS Personnel & Total Temporaries a Full Service Agency. One call does it all! 408 W. Kingsmill Suite 101. 665-4487. Adv.

MATHIS CARPET Cleaning: Any two rooms, 250 square feet or 7 foot sofa or two medium chairs \$39.95. Good to March 27. 665-4531, Free estimates. Adv.

SEARS KENMORE heavy duty washer and dryer, like new, also Sears refrigerator with icemaker. King size waterbed. 665-0140. Adv.

MARY KAY Cosmetics Deb Stapleton consultant. Facials, supplies, deliveries. 665-2095. Adv.

LAWN SEEDING, Lawn Aeration. Kenneth Banks, 665-3580. Adv.

TUESDAY: SUPER Big Cheese-burger, french fries \$3.95 2nd order \$2.99 at JC's Restaurant. Adv.

WEDNESDAY: BEST Chicken Fry in Pampa \$3.95 all day at JC's Restaurant. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low near 35 degrees and northerly to northwesterly winds 10-20 mph and gusty. Wednesday, partly cloudy and cooler with a high in the lower 60s and northerly winds 10-20 mph and gusty. Monday's high was 64 degrees; the overnight low was 42 degrees.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Partly cloudy north Wednesday, sunny across the south. Mostly clear skies overnight tonight. Lows tonight in the 30s Panhandle and mountains and 40s elsewhere. Highs Wednesday 60s north, 70s south.

North Texas - Fair west tonight. Partly cloudy central and east with widely scattered thunderstorms. Mostly sunny Wednesday. Lows tonight 46 northwest to 54 south. Highs Wednesday 73 northeast to 79 southwest.

South Texas - Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with patchy dense fog in the lower Valley and coastal bend. Occasional drizzle west, a slight chance of thunderstorms southeast tonight. Sunny and warm Wednesday. Lows tonight in the 50s north to low 60s south and at the coast. Highs Wednesday in the mid 70s southeast to the mid 80s lower Valley and Rio Grande plains.

EXTENDED FORECAST Thursday through Saturday

West Texas - Texas Panhandle, fair Thursday. Partly cloudy with a chance for thunderstorms Friday. Mostly fair Saturday. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s. Low in the 30s. **South Plains** - Low rolling plains, fair Thursday. Partly cloudy with a chance for thunderstorms Friday. Mostly fair Saturday. Highs in the upper 50s to mid 60s. Lows

in the mid 30s to lower 40s. Permian Basin, partly cloudy Thursday and Friday. A chance for thunderstorms Friday. Mostly fair Saturday. Highs in the mid 60s to mid 70s. Lows in the 40s. **Concho Valley-Edwards Plateau**, partly cloudy Thursday and Friday. A chance for thunderstorms Friday. Mostly fair Saturday. Highs in 70s Thursday and Friday and upper 60s Saturday. Lows in the mid 40s to around 50.

Far West Texas, partly cloudy with a chance for showers of thunderstorms Thursday and Friday. Mostly fair Saturday. Highs in the mid 70s Thursday and the mid to upper 60s Saturday. Lows in the mid 40s to around 50. **Far West Texas**, partly cloudy with a chance for showers of thunderstorms Thursday and Friday. Mostly fair Saturday. Highs in the mid 70s Thursday and the mid to upper 60s Saturday. Lows in the mid 40s to around 50.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central Texas, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. A little cooler Saturday. Highs in the mid and upper 70s to near 80 Thursday and Friday. Lows in the mid 60s to lower 70s, lows in the mid 30s to lower 40s. Lowlands, high in the upper 70s to mid 80s. Lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s.

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North Texas - West, mostly cloudy and turning cooler. A chance of thunderstorms Friday. Lows in the mid 50s Thursday, near 50 Friday and the low 40s Saturday. Highs in the mid 70s Thursday, upper 60s to near 70 Friday and the low 60s Saturday. Central, mostly cloudy and turning cooler. A chance of thunderstorms Friday and early Saturday. Lows in the mid to upper 50s Thursday, low 50s Friday and the mid 40s Saturday. Highs in the mid 70s Thursday, low 70s Friday and the mid 60s Saturday. East, mostly cloudy and turning cooler. A chance of thunderstorms Friday and Saturday. Lows in the mid 50s Thursday and Friday falling into the upper 40s to low 50s Saturday. Highs in the mid 70s Thursday and Friday dropping into the mid 60s Saturday.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma - Scattered thunderstorms in the east tonight, decreasing cloudiness in the central and west. Partly sunny on Wednesday. Highs Wednesday 60s. Lows tonight from the lower 30s western Panhandle to the upper 40s extreme southeast.

New Mexico - Tonight mostly fair skies. Lows upper teens to near 30 mountains and northwest with 30s to low 40s lower elevations east and south. Wednesday partly sunny north and mostly sunny south. Not as warm northeast. Highs near 50 to mid 60s mountains and north with 60s to upper 70s lower elevations south.

Pampan arrested on delivery charge

A fourth Pampan has been arrested on charges of delivering controlled substances following indictments issued in the last two months by a 31st District Court Grand Jury.

Ernest Skief, 39, who listed his address as 1033 Neel Road, was arrested early this morning at his residence on two felony warrants.

Police said they began searching for Skief last week but he eluded arrest. He was reportedly observed at his home early this morning and the warrant was served.

No bond had been set at press

time today and Skief remained in city jail.

Last week three others were arrested on similar charges. At the time, police and members of the Pan-

handle Regional Narcotics Task Force described the alleged drug trafficking as consisting of "single-person usable amounts" of illegal drugs being sold around Pampa and the area.

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Eight Texans in top 100 in use of free mailing

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight Texas congressmen were among the top 100 users of taxpayer-financed mailings to voters last year, according to a study by a watchdog group trying to curb House franking privileges.

One lawmaker in the 27-member Texas delegation exceeded his postage allowance for 1991, the National Taxpayers Union said.

Rep. Charlie Wilson, D-Lufkin, ranked 6th among the 11 House members who exceeded their postage allowances, the non-partisan group said.

Four Texas Republicans and three Democrats also were in the top 100. They were Sam Johnson, R-Dallas, who used 86.7 percent of his allocation; Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, 82.8 percent; Martin Frost, D-Dallas, 82.5 percent;

Jack Fields, R-Houston, 81.1 percent; Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, 79.1 percent; Pete Geren, D-Fort Worth, 77.9 percent; and John Bryant, D-Dallas, 70.6 percent.

Postage allowances vary by congressional district, based on population, area and number of households. For that reason, NTU focused on how much of their 1991 allowance members used.

Wilson spent \$208,597, or 104.4 percent, of the \$199,868 allocated to him for the year, according to NTU, which is devoted to reducing government spending.

"A major portion of our franking budget is used just for constituent correspondence," Elaine Lang, Wilson's press secretary, said Monday.

"Our policy's been to always answer every piece of mail the constituents send us. That tends to boost your stamp budget."

Wilson used money from his office account to cover his additional franking costs, she said. House members are allowed to supplement their mailing allowances with up to \$25,000 from their office accounts.

In addition to constituent mail, Wilson sent out three newsletters, town meeting notifications and some mailings to counties that will become part of the 2nd District in 1993, Ms. Lang said.

"We have to have a way to communicate with people in the district, especially the ones that are writing to us and expressing an interest in the things happening up here," she said. "You can argue it gives an incumbent more name recognition ... but what do you do? Cut out all franking privileges and sit up here and get out of touch?"

NTU spokesman David Keating criticized Wilson's spending.

"Sen. Phil Gramm, for the whole state of Texas, only spent \$144,000 on mass mailings for the whole year. The idea (Wilson) has to spend more than a U.S. senator who represents the whole state is ridiculous."

Gramm, R-Texas, spent \$144,720, while Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, spent \$328,876. Gramm ranked 65th among senators in total pieces sent per address, while Bentsen ranked 52nd.

Keating said most of the 435-member House abuses the franking privileges.

"It's entirely legal what they are doing, but it's outrageous what they are spending," he said.

"Members who feel more endangered tend to use the privilege."

The House franking system operates on a use-it-or-lose-it basis. Money not spent one year cannot be used the following year.



(AP Laserphoto)

Dallas billionaire H. Ross Perot talks on a phone at his "Perot Petition Committee" phone bank at his company headquarters in Dallas recently.

Perot makes both sides nervous

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas billionaire Ross Perot's flirtation with a third-party campaign for president is making political veterans in both parties nervous. Analysts say a well-financed Perot campaign could easily change the dynamics of a close general-election contest.

President Bush's re-election campaign is suggesting Perot's potential challenge would hurt the Democrats more than the president.

Campaign spokeswoman Torie Clarke said Perot "may be having some fun" in considering a challenge to his fellow Texan. But, she said, "it doesn't make any difference to us one way or the other" whether he gets in.

She predicted Perot would take votes away from Clinton, citing Perot's support for abortion rights and gun control.

Other Bush aides were more wary.

"You have to take seriously anybody who's got \$2 billion who wants to run for president," said Bush senior campaign adviser Charles Black.

Democratic party Chairman Ronald Brown saw Perot doing damage to the GOP.

"My judgment is his candidacy will debilitate George Bush, will hurt him very badly and will therefore help us elect a Democrat president," Brown said.

Either way, Perot organizers received enough signatures on a petition to qualify the industrialist Monday to appear as an independent on the general election ballot in Tennessee, the first state he's qualified for so far.

Perot said last week that he would run for president if supporters put

his name on the ballot in all 50 states. He said he would spend up to \$100 million of his own money if he were to wage such a campaign.

Whether Perot would draw more votes from Bush or from Clinton is a hard question in this unpredictable presidential season, analysts suggest.

Braun confession details Kansas store clerk deaths

GARDEN CITY, Kan. (AP) — The man who killed two convenience store clerks in 1989 says he decided suddenly to murder his first victim but had a compulsion to kill the second.

In a harrowing confession by Gregg Francis Braun — who is also wanted in Texas for murder — discussed the events of July 1989, when prosecutors say he began a four-state rampage that left five people dead.

"Mr. Braun stated that he never planned to kill that evening, but just wanted money for drugs," Garden City police detective Michael Utz wrote in a report after interviewing Braun last October.

"(Braun) stated, other than that, he did not know why he did it," Utz wrote.

The confession was released after Braun pleaded no contest Friday to killing the two Garden City women. He was to have gone on trial Monday, but entered the plea instead.

Prosecutors say Braun, 30, began a four-state rampage in July 1989 by killing Barbara Koehendorfer and Mary Rains outside Garden City, then killing clerks in Oklahoma, Pampa, Texas and New Mexico.

Finney County Attorney Ricklin Pierce said Monday that prosecutors in the four states were working to

obtain the death penalty for Braun.

New Mexico has already sentenced him to life in prison. Kansas, where Braun is awaiting sentencing, doesn't have the death penalty.

Capital trials are pending in Texas and Oklahoma.

According to Utz's report, Braun said he had been injecting cocaine all day on July 18, 1989. He returned to his supplier for more but the dealer demanded \$75 for what he had already taken.

Utz wrote that Braun decided to rob the convenience store where Koehendorfer worked. The clerk saw his face when a towel slipped from his head.

Braun took her with him to a deserted road "and realized at that time, he would have to kill the clerk as she was a witness," Utz wrote.

"Mr. Braun stated that when he shot her, he started to scream, as it was dark and calm outside, and he freaked out and jumped in his car and drove away.

"Mr. Braun stated he felt he had to kill again. He did not know why — he felt it was psychotic or some-

thing. He went back to his source's house and paid him for the dope."

Utz said Braun injected more cocaine and went to the store where Rains worked — this time intending to kill.

"(He) stated the second clerk fell to her knees and started to cry," the report said. "And then he pushed her down and shot her two or three times."

After the second shooting, Braun told Utz, he went home to sleep. When he awoke, he thought the shootings had been a dream but realized differently when he saw clothes, money and a cash drawer in his car.

Braun talked to Utz at a New Mexico prison last October as he was negotiating a plea agreement with prosecutors in Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

The plea agreement failed when Braun grew angry that Texas authorities did not show up to interview him.

Braun returned to Garden City to face the charges and tried unsuccessfully to have the confession suppressed.



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Opinion

Customs ruling penalizes Honda

Writing in the *Wall Street Journal*, Gordon Ritchie, former Canadian ambassador to the United States, detailed how protectionism by the United States is violating the countries' 1988 Free Trade Agreement.

There have been, he wrote, disagreements involving fish, meat, beer, cars and plywood. Most important to the Lima, Ohio, area for example, is a puzzling ruling by the U.S. Customs Service that engines manufactured at Honda's Anna engine plant do not qualify as "North America content." As a result, the three-door Civic assembled in Canada does not qualify for duty-free entry into the United States.

How did this bit of malarkey occur? It's a classic case of distortion leading to punitive action.

A year ago, Customs leaked a report saying that Honda failed to meet Free Trade Act criteria regarding the Civic — the Anna engines didn't qualify as being built in North America — and the department would move immediately to collect \$20 million in duties for vehicles imported in 1989 and 1990. Customs Service commissioner Carol B. Hallett said in testimony before Congress that the leak was false.

Nonetheless, Honda was accused of cheating and congressional hearings were held. Despite the fact that the United States failed to have Free Trade Act rules in effect until January 1992, Honda was determined to be guilty of evading rules that didn't exist.

The nonsense continues. According to Customer Service policies adopted fewer than three months ago, the rule on "intermediate materials" gives credit, for duty-free trade purposes, to imported components and no credit for domestically produced components. Honda says the effect is that components imported are credited for free trade purposes but components acquired in the United States are not. The ruling applied to only the Honda Civic assembled in Canada.

More egregious, a Feb. 10 Customs Service ruling defined direct costs related to production of engines in Anna as being equal to costs associated with car assembly in Canada. Under this interpretation, costs related to casting, machining and finishing engine parts in Anna were disqualified as being incurred in North America and a duty must be paid. The 1,500 workers at Honda's Anna plant are no doubt shocked to be told their engines were not manufactured in Ohio.

There are serious implications to the Anna Engine Saga. Most immediate, of course, is the future of the Anna plant. Honda, unless this silly rule is reversed, is put in a delicate position. Competitors of the three-door Civic manufacture all auto components, including the engine, outside the United States. Honda might wonder if it should close the 1.5 liter engine line in Anna and simply import the engines from Japan. Indeed, what assurance is there that Honda won't wonder why it continues to employ 10,000 Ohioans in its auto, motorcycle and components operations.

A broader and more important consideration is the status of the free trade agreement between Canada and the United States. If the United States proves it cannot be trusted to honor such agreements, what effect will that have on negotiations with Mexico for a North American free trade zone?

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What's right with Japan's economy?

I've never been much of a student of economic theory, but practical application intrigues me. It's always made more sense to my pragmatic nature to compare what works with what doesn't, rather than deal in the lofty realm of what oughta work according to some old man whose philosophies sound good in a textbook.

The recent comparisons of the Japanese economy vs. the American economy make fascinating fodder for conjecture: How might we foster higher worker loyalty without promoting the rigid sense of duty that keeps Japanese workers in jobs they hate? How do we keep the amenities of our workplaces and still compete with a culture where workers are often pushed to the point of exhaustion and sometimes even to the point of "karoshi" — death from overwork?

The job security and health-care provisions of the Japanese workplace intrigue me most. I'm somewhat at odds, believing on one hand that too much job security encourages employee laziness, yet choking with anger at the cutthroat policies some corporations have used against workers for the last two decades.

For the unlucky, it's been a terrible time to grow old in America. Aging workers get the boot as they get too close to the higher pension brackets or become too expensive to insure. In the cruel, ironic backlash that seems inevitable when people act out of threat rather than conviction, some employers are even using anti-discrimination laws against the



Sarah Overstreet

people they were designed to protect. Managers refuse to hire older workers, fearing that if an older worker is passed over for a promotion or raise, he or she will file an age discrimination suit.

And for employees of all ages, the idea that one's job will be secure as long as one performs well is becoming obsolete. During economic slumps, American employers cut jobs to protect stockholder dividends. The Japanese, on the other hand, retain workers and let stockholders bear the brunt of downturns. Why can Japanese companies keep employees in lean times, when we can't?

A recent study by the National Bureau of Economic Research suggests that we could offer the same kind of job security and be better off for it. Columbia Business school professor Frank R. Lichtenberg, who conducted the study of 11 industrial countries over a 12-year period, says the data proves that laying off workers when demand falls

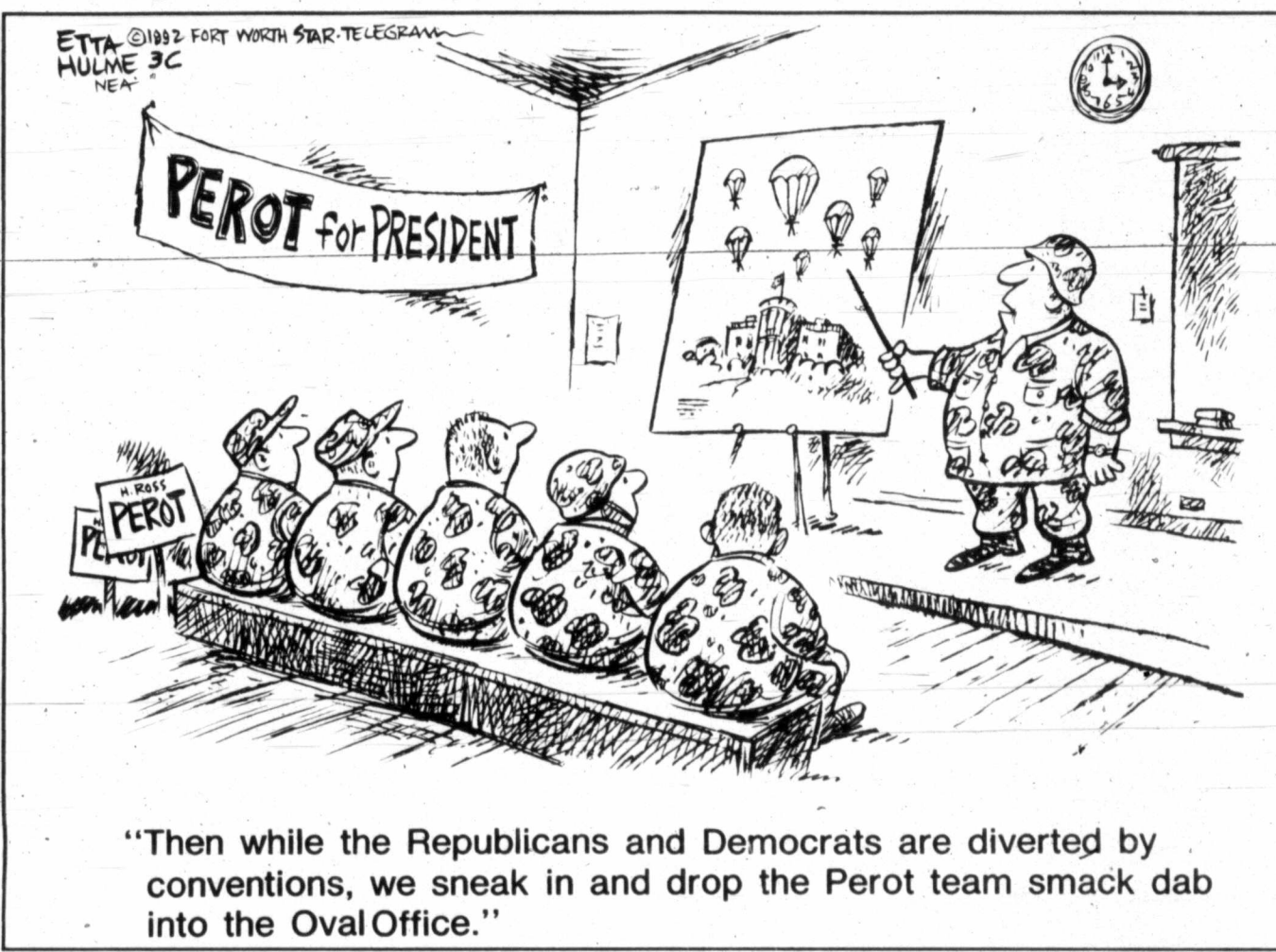
only contributes to a deeper and longer recession.

What happens, Lichtenberg explained recently in *The New York Times*, is that layoffs result in a large decline in consumer spending and set off a "ripple effect" on demands for other companies' products. When wage earners lose jobs, they cut consumption. But when stockholder dividends decline, stockholders' consumption remains steady.

Lichtenberg believes regulations preventing banks from owning significant stakes in companies also has hurt America's ability to weather profit fluctuations. He urges policy makers to rethink their position and to look at Japan, where banks, which are patient investors, hold much of the equity of corporations.

At the same time Lichtenberg was writing his findings for the Times, a business-government panel that included Labor Secretary Lynn Martin was predicting that American work loyalty and job security "may soon be extinct." In the "new economy," the panel concluded, workers need to be more loyal to their skills and career development than to an employer.

Sounds like the panel is saying that employees are going to have to look out for No. 1, because companies sure aren't going to. Interesting. That's the exact conclusion a lot of us have come to in the past few years. Lichtenberg's data shows that while that may be the way things are, it sure isn't the way they should be.



"Then while the Republicans and Democrats are diverted by conventions, we sneak in and drop the Perot team smack dab into the Oval Office."

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 24, the 84th day of 1992. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 24, 1882, German scientist Robert Koch announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis.

On this date:

In 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

In 1883, long-distance telephone service was inaugurated between Chicago and New York.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1955, the Tennessee Williams play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opened on Broadway with Barbara Bel Geddes as Maggie, Ben Gazzara as Brick and Burl Ives as Big Daddy.

In 1958, rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tenn.

Just say no to an increase in salary

The big boss here at the paper summoned me to his office. I wondered why. Could I be in some sort of trouble? Or was he sending me on some exotic assignment.

There had been the constant rumors that Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, the front-running Democrat in the presidential primaries, possibly had had an affair with cartoon character, Daisy Mae.

Would I be off to Dogpatch, USA, in the Ozarks, to investigate?

I could see the headlines: "Grizzard Exclusive: Li'l Abner Says Daisy Mae Rocked with the Guv in Li'l Rock."

"Take a seat," the big boss said, blowing blue rings of smoke from his cigar that turned to dollar marks as they reached the high ceilings of his inner chamber.

Perhaps he was giving me a raise. It might be as much as ten bucks a week. "I've had my eye on you," he continued, "and I like what I see."

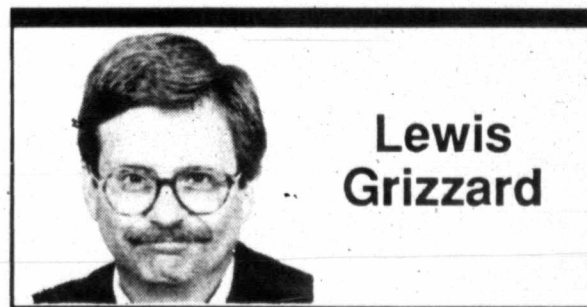
Fifteen bucks?

"I've been talking to my accountants and my lawyers and I've decided to give you a raise."

If he said \$20 a week, I'd faint.

"We kicked the amount back and forth and we finally agreed on a number," the big boss went on.

"I'm offering you a new, six-year contract at \$6 million a year. These baseball players are getting salaries like that these days, and, by



Lewis Grizzard

darned, it's time we in the newspaper game caught up."

Did he say \$6 million a year for 6 years? That's about what Ryne Sandberg of the Cubs got.

"I just want to be certain I heard you correctly," I said to the big boss. "Did you say \$6 million a year for 6 years, which comes to a total package of \$36 million?"

"That's what I said, son," he answered. "And on top of that, you always get to fly first-class, have a suite in every hotel, get a couple of hundred per diem for meals and expenses and if you get a hangnail and can't type for a month, we'll still pay you the entire amount."

I was shocked. Here we are in the middle of a horrible recession. There's the problem with the homeless and the problems with health care.

Everybody knows these superstar professional athletes are nothing but a bunch of spoiled brats

and don't deserve anything near what their beleaguered owners are paying them.

How could I, in good conscience, accept such an exorbitant salary.

"I really appreciate your offer, sir," I said to the big boss, "but it just wouldn't be right for me to accept that kind of money."

"It's just not the American way for a worker like myself to take advantage of his or her employer. Perhaps a few more people buy our product because of me, but I don't need anymore compensation for that."

"You already provide me with a desk and a telephone. What more could I really ask?"

The big boss looked puzzled. "Sir," I went on, "I'd rather you keep your money. I'm sure you need it. Take the wife on a long vacation or buy her that small New England state she's between wanting."

"I can get by just fine on what you pay me now. And perhaps I can set an example for these money hungry ballplayers and show them how wrong it is to accept the enormous salaries team owners are giving them."

"This will be a better society if everybody who was rewarded with an increase in salary just said 'No.' Now if you'll excuse me, I'm off to Arkansas."

"At least fly first-class," said the boss.

"Nope," I replied, "The bus is just fine with me."

Booker says give Clinton a chance

(I happened to be in New York and dropped in on my old Harlem friend, Booker Malcolm Jackson, who had written one of his prayers. While he and I were chatting, I copied it down on the sly since Booker doesn't like to share them.)

Yo, Lord —

It's your main man, Booker Malcolm Jackson, back again.

You know, Booker for Booker T. Washington, Malcolm for Malcolm X and Jackson for Jesse.

We ain't hooked up in a long time. I know you be busy 'cuz you got to hear a whole lot of prayers, even from them Siamese Twins, Pat Buchanan and David Duke.

I been followin' them Democrats runnin' for president. I don't be havin' nothin' against Republicans, Lord. I guess they be nice enough. They jes' don't be carin' too much for colored folks.

My daddy used to say, "Any colored man who ain't a Democrat and a Baptist, has been tampered with." And I hasn't been tampered with, Lord.

But I needed to talk with you, Lord, to find out how come so many folks in the North still be fightin' the Civil War?

I read this dude who be a consultant sayin' after Bubba Clinton won all them Southern primaries that the Democrats now be a "political civil war, the North vs. the South."

That's so jive, Lord. Ain't no civil nothin'. It's all in they heads. All them Northern reporters who



Chuck Stone

treat black folks like they be invisible suddenly jump up and start stompin' all over Bubba Clinton cuz it be lookin' like he gon' be the man.

Now, I ain't studyin' Clinton, Lord, and ain't thinkin' 'bout votin' for him. Not yet, anyway.

I jes believe in my heart that it be time for folks to stop fightin' that ol' war. This ain't 1865. This be 1992.

Some of my cousins still be livin' in the South and they write how things be changed down there. They got black mayors just like in the North. A brother be the speaker of the House in North Carolina, and a sister done just got herself appointed to the Supreme Court in Georgia! That really be cool, Lord.

My homeboy, Chuck Stone, say more Southerners than Northerners be writin' him, Lord — folks in Blytheville, Ark., Mobile, Ala., Quitman, Ga., and Southern Pines, N.C.,

This ain't no surprise. Most black folks come out of the South. My momma was born in Louisiana before her momma took her to Springfield, Mass., and then to Harlem where I live now.

When we was kids, we knowed 'everybody in the neighborhood was homeys. We usta sing, "You can take Negroes outa the country; but — you can't take the country outa Neegroes."

Maybe some media folks don't wanna take the country outa Bubba Clinton, even in he did study at one of them fancy schools in England.

But, man, when he get in a black church and they get to testifyin', he get to soundin' like Martin Luther King Jr., 'bout how black folks and white folks has got to come together. He ain't said that in no white church yet, Lord. But give that boy time.

Bobby Kennedy tried to bring us together and he be smart. But Bubba Clinton be smarter, and Northern reporters jes can't stand no good ol' boy from the South — or colored folks — who got more brains than they got.

It ain't no accident, Lord, that all them Sunday news shows tellin' us what we be thinkin' don't have no regular brothers or sisters. Now, that's where they still be fightin' the Civil War.

Anyway, Lord, I be axin' you to help us put all these divisions behind us. Help us to do what Paul axed, "be ye kindly affectioned one to another." And, Lord, help some folks give Bubba Clinton a fair shot at takin' on King George.

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The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

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- 1 Quarrelsome woman
- 7 Baba au — Thomas
- 11 Inventor
- 12 Purple
- 14 California's neighbor
- 15 Slow to understand
- 16 Mao — tung
- 17 Leslie Caron role
- 19 Comfort
- 20 Songlike
- 22 Actress — Periman
- 25 Place to sleep
- 26 Marchers' word
- 29 Egg parts
- 31 Building
- 33 Weapon-storage place
- 35 Fees

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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DOWN

- 1 Emit
- 2 — of March
- 3 Tear apart
- 4 Light — feather
- 5 Devout
- 6 Walking — (feeling elated)
- 7 Skeleton part
- 8 Lodging house
- 9 Hawaiian food fish
- 10 Untidy state
- 12 Expressed
- 13 Pipe-fitting unit
- 18 Published lies about
- 20 Body of water
- 21 Mine entrance
- 22 Actor — O'Neal
- 23 Antler
- 24 Other
- 26 Over the —
- 27 W. Coast coll.
- 28 Nuisance
- 30 Break suddenly
- 32 Vain people
- 34 Narrow streets
- 39 Small finch
- 40 Follow
- 41 Shaggy
- 42 Thing in law
- 43 Part of the eye
- 44 Roman tyrant
- 46 Baseballer — Hershiser
- 47 Ancient Italian family
- 48 Stop working
- 50 Actor — Majors
- 52 Ibsen character

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) If someone tries to take credit today for something you did, don't be overly concerned. This individual will eventually be identified as a second-stringer. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Aries' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions in general are better than you may think they are today, so don't let negative thoughts or self-doubt paint an unrealistic picture and induce failure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your possibilities for personal gain look encouraging today, provided you don't dilute your sense of duty with indifference. Take nothing for granted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might be offered some sound suggestions today by someone whose judgment you revere. Unfortunately, you might not appreciate its value until it's too late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Consider the long-range aspects of something you're presently involved in, and you won't find your task so distasteful. Your awareness of the project's benefits will inspire effective effort.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You could be rather lucky today in most areas, with the exception of finances. Subdue inclinations toward extravagance and risk-taking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might be in a position today to help an old friend with whom you are presently at odds. Don't be vindictive; let your nobler impulses direct your behavior.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something unfortunate — and which you're responsible for — may occur at work today. Instead of trying to cover it up, bring it into the light where others can help you resolve it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Chances for gratifying your material ambitions look hopeful today, but you might not get everything you desire. Just be grateful for being on the plus side of the ledger.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you do not take yourself or events too seriously today, you'll avoid needless problems. Relax, and you'll not only accomplish more but have fun doing it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Guard against the inclination today to look a gift horse in the mouth. A lack of gratitude might make someone who wants to help you withdraw the offer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In agreements you enter into today, the more generous you are, the more you're likely to receive in return. Subdue tendencies to be too self-serving.

Lifestyles

Is winter really over for the Panhandle?

Lack of frost signals the beginning of a safe period of growing vegetables such as beans, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, Southern peas, peppers, squash, tomatos and watermelon. All of these vegetables are very sensitive to frost conditions and must not be planted until all danger of frost is past, unless some sort of frost protection is provided.

The average length of these frost-free periods is relatively stable in most areas. The problem arises in determining when these periods begin and end. Meteorological information collected for many years indicates the "average first frost-free date." The term "average" is misleading.

Average means that which has occurred most often or normal. As most Texans know, normal weather is the unexpected rather than the expected occurrence. Unfortunately, extremes are also averaged in. For instance, mid-April is the beginning of the average frost-free period in the spring for the Texas Panhandle, and, normally, the first frost of the fall occurs in mid-October. Yet many farmers remember when frost has occurred as late as May and as early as September. These same farmers also remember years when the first frost-free day occurred in March and the first frost of the fall was in November. You can now begin to appreciate the farmers' situation.

Anytime one tries to outwit Mother Nature, it is a tremendous risk. Yet successful gardening depends on just that. For instance, if one waits until well past the average first frost-free date to insure success with such tender crops as tomatos and beans, a complete failure may result. The failure will be caused by the later bloom date due to later planting. Tomatos blooming during hot temperatures have improved fruit set and reduced yields.

The answer to this dilemma is to plant frost-susceptible crops according to the average frost-free date, but remember to protect them if a



For Horticulture
Joe Van Zandt

late cool period occurs. Home gardeners can cover plants with cans, blankets, a cage-garbage bag system or boxes on frosty nights.

Do not plant Southern peas (black-eyed peas), sweet potatoes and okra until well after the first frost-free date.

It is also very important that cool-season, frost-tolerant crops be established well before the first frost-free date. This is especially important in the spring as cool-season vegetables do not grow well in the hot temperatures which follow soon after the last frost. These vegetables include beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, chard, collards, kale, lettuce, mustard, onions, Irish potatoes, radishes, spinach and turnips.

SPACE FRUIT TREES PROPERLY
Space is the first and most important consideration in planning home fruit production.

Stand on the proposed planting location, look around and think 10 years ahead. The mature spread (width) of a pecan tree is at least 40 feet and can be twice that. Roots extend even farther than the branches.

Adequate space between trees is just as important as adequate space between trees and existing structures. Recommended planting space between peach and plum trees is 18 feet; dwarf apples, 6 to 12 feet; pecans 50 feet, and figs 12 to 14 feet; and between blackberries, 3 feet with rows 12 feet apart.

If you don't think you have enough space for large trees, you

may consider miniatures. Horticultural advances in developing miniatures have been dramatic. Fruit which is normally produced on a 30-foot tree can now be harvested from dwarf trees 6 feet high. Fruit from these dwarf trees is the same quality and size as that produced by larger trees. In fact, fruit size and quality usually are better on dwarfs because dwarf trees are easier to spray, prune and manage than larger, standard sized trees. Of course, total yield per tree is less since the bearing surface area of the smaller tree is not as great.

In addition to minimal pruning and ease of pruning, dwarf trees produce rapidly, produce better where growth requirements such as light, water and soil are limited, harvest easier, and require smaller amounts of pesticides that can be applied more accurately.

Many types of dwarf fruit trees can be purchased and grown in containers. In fact, the Romans grew orange trees in tubs and large containers for decorative purposes. Later, this custom spread to other parts of Europe, and today it is a popular custom. In England, in particular, where hazards of late spring frost are especially acute, potted fruit trees are common not only for the value of ornamentals but also for profitable commercial interest.

Although not yet a popular practice in America, growing fruit trees in containers does have great potential, especially in southern areas of the United States. The abundance of fruit in America at relatively low prices precludes commercial production using this technique. But for home gardeners and especially those interested in novel and unusual type fruits, potted fruits can be grown anywhere in the South and moved inside when damaging freezes are predicted. Avocado, guava, papaya, and cold-sensitive limes and lemons are just a few possibilities for container fruit.

Panhellenic sets party



Left, Debbi Dunham, vice-president; Carol Fields, president of City Panhellenic, and Shelli Tarpley, are getting ready for the Panhellenic Coke party set for 2:30 p.m., Sunday, in the home of Julia Sparkman, 2301 Chestnut. Sorority alumnae will be available to answer questions about rush, recommendations, parties and wardrobes. The Panhellenic organizations provide rush forms for about 14 different sororities. Girls unable to attend the information party may contact Dunham, 665-4026, for more information.

Lefors students take foreign language honors

Lefors High School students Ginger Hannon and Patricia Lawrence were presented with Outstanding Foreign-Language awards during an awards convocation on March 4, in Ordway Auditorium on the Amarillo College campus. Donna Ratliff, Lefors High School

Spanish teacher was recognized.

Dr. Paul Matney, chairman of the division of Language, Communications and Fine Arts at AC, served as master of ceremonies.

Student certificates were presented on the basis of outstanding

performance in the language, overall academic performance, participation in school activities, plans for continuing foreign-language study and potential. Hannon was honored for work in Spanish I, and Lawrence was honored for work in Spanish II.

Craft bazaar set

The spring AMBUCS Craft Bazaar is set for 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday, April 4, and noon - 5 p.m., Sunday, April 5 at the Moore County Community Center, 16th at Maddox, Dumas.

Fifty booths will be filled with handcrafts from New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas.

Displaying from Pampa will be Sharon Crosier with floral arrangements, decorative bird cages and pot pourrie baskets. Karen Swan will show a miniature village, bird houses and soft sculptured rabbits.

The show benefits Meals on Wheels.

Elderly may briefly stop breathing during sleep

SAN DIEGO (AP) — One in four elderly people briefly stops breathing at least five times an hour during sleep, a condition that causes daytime drowsiness and in severe cases, heart failure and death, a researcher says.

Psychologist Sonia Ancoli-Israel of the Veterans Administration Hospital in La Jolla and the University of California at San Diego School of Medicine, recorded the sleep patterns of 427 elderly San Diego residents.

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You can help by running the Diabetes Risk Test in your column during the American Diabetes Alert on March 24, as we urge Americans across the country to "Take the Test, Know the Score." This simple test can help determine if there is a risk for having diabetes, and if a doctor should be contacted.

With your help, we can improve and save lives by enabling people to find out if they have diabetes.

JAMES S. SKYLER, M.D.,
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DEAR DR. SKYLER: Since early intervention can make a critical difference in the quality of life for a person with diabetes, I am printing the Diabetes Risk Test you recommend for my readers:
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3. I am at least 20 percent over my ideal weight. Yes 2
4. I am a woman who has had more than one baby weighing more than nine pounds at birth. Yes 2

- Yes 2
5. I am of native American Indian descent. Yes 1
6. I am of Hispanic or black American descent. Yes 1
7. I have a parent with diabetes. Yes 1
8. I have a brother or sister with diabetes. Yes 2

Now, add up your score. If you scored three to five points, you are probably at low risk for diabetes. If you scored more than five points, you may be at high risk, or even have diabetes. See your doctor, and don't delay.

For more information on diabetes, contact your local American Diabetes Association or send a self-addressed, stamped (29 cents) envelope to The American Diabetes Association National Center, 1660 Duke St., Alexandria, Va. 22314.

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Sports

Manhattan takes big step in NIT tourney

By The Associated Press

The Manhattan Jaspers don't want you to believe everything you read in the newspapers — just what you see on the court.

And anyone who saw the Jaspers defeat Rutgers 62-61 in a second-round NIT game Monday night had to believe they were telling the truth.

"We're in the NIT and doing the best we can," said Chris Williams, who scored the winning basket for Manhattan. "For a team like this, it's a big step."

The story version in the newspapers was a little different, however. Earlier in the day, the Jaspers took offense to a story that they were lethargic in an opening-round win over Wisconsin-Green Bay because they were thinking about the NCAA tournament. The Jaspers missed the NCAA's due to a one-point loss to LaSalle in the MAAC finals.

"That's not true," said center David Bernsley, who had 13 points and 14 rebounds Monday night. "With where this program has been in the past, we'll take any postseason. We're happy to get in the NIT. When we read that, we were angry."

In other NIT action Monday night, it was Purdue 67, Texas Christian 51; Notre Dame 64, Kansas State 47; Virginia 77, Tennessee 52; Florida 79, Pittsburgh 74; and New Mexico 79, Washington State 71.

The second round continues

tonight with Rhode Island at Boston College and Utah at Arizona State.

Williams dribbled the length of the court and made a layup at the buzzer to lift Manhattan over Rutgers.

It's the first time Manhattan (25-8) has ever won two NIT games and the Jaspers' first trip to the quarterfinals since 1965, when it was a 16-team field.

Rutgers (15-14) hurt itself by missing 6 of 10 free throws in the final 2:40.

"We had a lot of perimeter players in the game at that time," said Williams, a junior point guard. "Any one of them could take the last shot. I was lucky enough to be the one who got the ball."

Williams' effort seemed to dazzle the Rutgers' team.

"On a play like that you have to play man-to-man and extend the floor," Scarlet Knight coach Bob Wenzel said. "We did that and the guy made a great play. That's not what lost it for us. We gave it away at the foul line."

Purdue 67, Texas Christian 51
Craig Riley scored 12 of his 18 points in the second half as Purdue beat Texas Christian.

The Boilermakers (18-14) broke the game open in the second half by hitting free throws against the foul-plagued Horned Frogs (23-11).

Reggie Smith led TCU with 21 points, but his team went scoreless for more than four minutes in the second half.

Shot put



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)
Harold Cave of Groom heaves the shot at the Groom Relays last weekend. See Sports scene below for meet results.

Chiefs claim NAAIA crown

By DOUG TUCKER
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Five of their top six scorers have exhausted their eligibility, making it unlikely that Oklahoma City's NAAIA-record winning streak will reach much further than 54 games.

But what a ride it's been for the talent-laden Chiefs. Unbeaten since January 1991, they marched out of Kansas City Monday night with an 82-73 overtime victory over Central Arkansas, a second straight NAAIA championship and a legitimate claim as one of the greatest teams in small-college hoops history.

"I think these guys have proven that, have proven that they are one of the NAAIA's all-time teams," coach Darrel Johnson said. "And I've loved every minute I've spent with them."

The last few minutes of Oklahoma City's two-year domination were just about the most nervous. The Chiefs (38-0) hadn't been taken into overtime all year. But Henry Whitmore's underhanded scoop shot with four seconds remaining tied it 62-62 and kept hope alive for the same Central Arkansas team that lost to the Chiefs by three points in last year's finale.

The Bears (28-5) failed to hold an eight-point second-half lead and

probably lost any chance of victory when Joe Sitkowski fouled out just as the overtime began.

Muscling inside, Sitkowski made his first nine field goal tries and compensated for their ineffectiveness of Clifton Bush, who usually carries the Bears' scoring but was 0-for-6 at halftime.

Sitkowski had 32 points when he picked up his fifth foul. A moment later, Smokey McCovery hit the first of his two straight three-point plays, turning all momentum squarely in favor of the unbeaten ones.

Then Darrin Terry sank two key free throws and the Chiefs were on their way to a second straight title.

"We were going to go right at him in overtime and try to get that fifth foul," admitted Johnson.

Sitkowski, a 6-foot-7 center, had been virtually unstoppable all night.

"We tried putting two or three different people on him, but he kept on scoring," Johnson said. "We didn't double down on him because they have such good perimeter shooting."

"What really hurt us was Joe fouling out," said Central Arkansas coach Don Dyer. "That was a key moment for us. Then George King matched up with McCovery and McCovery beat him a couple of times for key baskets."

Underdogs remain in the chase for the Final Four

By The Associated Press

Kansas, Southern California and Arkansas were supposed to find a home in the Midwest Regional finals in Kansas City.

Instead, they're at home, and underdogs Cincinnati, Georgia Tech, Memphis State and Texas-El Paso are still in the chase for the Final Four.

Ninth-seeded UTEP, which upset top-seeded Kansas Sunday, spoiling the Jayhawks' anticipated trip to Kansas City, will try to duplicate the feat of the school's 1966 team that won the national championship in an upset of Kentucky. In winning the Midwest Regional that year, UTEP beat Kansas and Cincinnati, Friday's opponent at Kemper Arena.

"We're playing the same teams as they did to get there, and that's like a sign, so I guess if that's a sign we might go to the championship," said the Miners' Johnny Melvin, who had 18 points and eight rebounds in the victory over Kansas.

"I'm not trying to be cocky, but

we deserve the national attention after beating the No. 2 team in the nation," Melvin said.

The fourth-seeded Bearcats' 77-65 victory over Michigan State put Cincinnati among the final 16 teams in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1975. It also enabled the Bearcats (27-4) to prove they could beat Michigan State after losing to the Spartans twice in the past two years despite holding 18-point leads in both games.

"We've got all the tools this year, so we don't see why we can't get to the Final Four and get some exposure," junior forward Erik Martin said.

Georgia Tech, the region's seventh seed, beat second-seeded Southern Cal 79-78 Saturday on freshman James Forrest's desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Coach Bobby Cremins said Monday he never expected to go this far after a 7-7 season in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"It's been a bumpy season, a season of ups and downs," the Georgia

Tech coach said. "But the one nice thing is that we're going to have a Final Four team come out of our region that was not expected to do so. It's nice that there's going to be at least one Cinderella team."

Georgia Tech's opponent Friday is sixth-seeded Memphis State, which upset third-seeded Arkansas. Memphis State, like Cincinnati and Texas-El Paso, is making a return to national contention.

The Tigers briefly enjoyed a No. 1 ranking in 1983 and went to the Final Four in 1985, losing to Villanova in the national semifinals.

"We're trying to give Memphis State a national name again," junior Billy Smith said.

Relying heavily on hometown talent, Memphis State's players remember the 1980s as the glory years for the school.

"I remember when Keith Lee, 'Doom' Haynes and those guys would win big NCAA games for Memphis State, then arrive home to big crowds," Smith said of the big reception for the team Sunday

Memphis International Airport.

In contrast to the Midwest, the East Regional in Philadelphia, starting Thursday, pairs the top four seeds — No. 1 Duke against No. 4 Seton Hall and third-seeded Massachusetts against No. 2 Kentucky.

Three of the four are secure for Thursday's games in the West Regional at Albuquerque, where No. 1 UCLA faces the tournament's biggest surprise, No. 12 New Mexico State, and No. 2 Indiana faces No. 3 Florida State advanced.

The Southeast Regional at Lexington, Ky., on Friday also is three-quarters chalk, with No. 1 Ohio State meeting No. 4 North Carolina and No. 2 Oklahoma State faces sixth-seeded Michigan.

None of those teams was as long a shot, however, as No. 12 New Mexico State, which surfaced in the West. In the tournament as the Big West representative instead of perennial UNLV, the Aggies earned a date with top-seeded UCLA by dispatching No. 5 DePaul and No. 13 Southwestern Louisiana.

NCAA tournament schedule

Region	Game	Time	
EAST REGIONAL	Regional Semifinals	Thursday, March 26	
	At The Spectrum Philadelphia		
	Massachusetts (30-4) vs. Kentucky (28-6)	7:41 p.m.	
	Duke (30-2) vs. Seton Hall (23-8)	30 minutes after	
	Regional Championship	Saturday, March 28	
	At The Spectrum Philadelphia		
	Massachusetts-Kentucky winner vs. Duke-Seton Hall winner	7 p.m.	
	SOUTHEAST REGIONAL	Regional Semifinals	Friday, March 27
		At Rupp Arena Lexington, Ky.	
		Ohio State (25-5) vs. North Carolina (23-9)	8:03 p.m.
Michigan (22-8) vs. Oklahoma State (28-7)		30 minutes after	
Regional Championship		Sunday, March 29	
At Rupp Arena Lexington, Ky.			
Ohio St.-N.Carolina winner vs. Michigan-Oklahoma St. winner		4:42 p.m.	
MIDWEST REGIONAL		Regional Semifinals	Friday, March 27
		At Kemper Arena	
		Kansas City, Mo.	
	Memphis State (22-10) vs. Georgia Tech (23-11)	8:18 p.m.	
	Cincinnati (27-4) vs. Texas-El Paso (27-6)	30 minutes after	
	Regional Championship	Sunday, March 29	
	At Kemper Arena		
	Kansas City, Mo.		
	Memphis St.-Georgia Tech winner vs. Cincinnati-UTEP winner	1:42 p.m.	
	WEST REGIONAL	Regional Semifinals	Thursday, March 26
Florida State (22-9) vs. Indiana (25-6)		8:03 p.m.	
UCLA (27-4) vs. New Mexico State (25-7)		30 minutes after	
Regional Championship		Saturday, March 28	
At The Pit Albuquerque, N.M.			
Florida St.-Indiana winner vs. UCLA-New Mexico St. winner		4:42 p.m.	
THE FINAL FOUR		Semifinals	Saturday, April 4
		To be determined	
		5:40 p.m. and 30 minutes after	
		East champion vs. West champion	
	Southeast champion vs. Midwest champion		
	Championship	Monday, April 6	
	Semifinal winners, 9:20 p.m.		

Astros' Harnisch thrived under pressure

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Peter Harnisch came to the Houston Astros in what will forever be remembered as The Trade.

Houston fans discussed and cursed the January 1991 deal that sent popular, homer-hitting Glenn Davis to the Baltimore Orioles.

Davis was so good that the Orioles had to throw in their young pitching prospect, Harnisch, steady hitting outfielder Steve Finley, and reliever Curt Schilling.

"I had two very solid years in the Baltimore organization but it didn't mean anything when I came to Houston," Harnisch said. "That was all thrown out the window. Davis

was very popular and the fans wanted to see some quick results from the trade."

Harnisch thrived under the pressure and produced as Astros management hoped.

He became an All-Star in his first year in the National League. The 24-year-old Harnisch was 12-9, but had a 2.70 ERA.

Hitters only managed a .212 batting average against him, best in the NL. He was tied with Dwight Gooden for third in the league with an average of seven strikeouts per game.

Harnisch was 6-1 in his last seven starts.

Tyson sentencing set

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The state will ask that Mike Tyson be sentenced to six to 10 years in prison and pay the maximum \$30,000 fine for his convictions on rape and related charges, a published report said.

Marion County Prosecutor Jeffrey Modisett, in an interview published in Tuesday's editions of The Indianapolis Star, also said the prosecution would ask Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia J. Gifford to order the former heavyweight champion to pay

prosecution and related costs up to \$150,000.

Tyson, convicted of one count of rape and two counts of criminal deviate conduct, will be sentenced by Gifford on Thursday. He could receive a maximum of 60 years in prison for the three counts.

However, Modisett said the state will recommend a sentence within a range of the six-year minimum and the statutory standard of 10 years for a Class B felony.

Shockers outlast Dumas JV; Harvesters visit Dons

Pampa defeated Dumas, 16-11, in a junior varsity baseball game Monday.

Winning pitcher was Matt Garvin.

Top hitter for the Shockers was Luke Long who went 3 for 4 at the plate. Hank Gindorf had 3 hits in 4 times at bat while Garvin and Jason Downs collected 3 hits in 5 times at bat.

The Shockers had 17 hits and boosted their record to 4-0.

The Shockers host River Road varsity at 4 p.m. Friday.

Because of a schedule change, Pampa's varsity team plays Palo Duro instead of Tascosa at 4:30 p.m. today in Amarillo.

This Friday, the Harvesters travel to Liberal, Kan. for a double-header against Scott, Kan.

Basketball banquet Thursday

The PHS boys' and girls' basketball teams will be honored with a banquet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in M.K. Brown auditorium.

Tickets are on sale at the PHS athletic office.

Sports Scene

Groom Relays

Six-Man Division

Team totals: 1. Miami, 145; 2. Groom, 145; 3. Follett, 135; 4. McLean, 37; 5. Lefors, 34; 6. Panhandle JV, 33; 7. Higgins, 30; 8. Adrian, 1.

3200: 1. R. Conrad, Groom, 14:03; 2. A. Burton, Groom, 14:57; 3. A. Woods, Groom, 15:37.

100: 1. Barton, Miami, 17:18; 2. Coleman, Lefors, 18:25; 3. Reed, Groom, 20:61; 5. Rollins, McLean, 22:94.

400: 4. Hornen, Groom, 1:12:56; 6. Payne, Miami, 1:16:25.

300 intermediate hurdles: 1. Barton, Miami, 52:94; 3. Payton, Groom, 1:01:63; 4. Friemel, Groom, 1:01:65.

200: 1. Burgin, Groom, 28:32; 2. Underwood, Miami, 29:87; 3. Lide, Miami, 30:68; 4. Winebrinner, McLean.

1600: 1. Woods, Groom, 5:59:03; 3. Fields, Groom, 7:30:87; 5. Payton, Groom, 7:43:69.

Long jump: 1. Coleman, Lefors, 14-43/4; 2. Howard, Miami, 13-73/4; 4. Gill, Miami, 12-11; 5. Hornen, Groom, 12-9; 6. Winebrinner, McLean, 12:03/4.

High jump: 1. Babcock, Groom, 4-8; 3. South, Miami, 4-6; 4. Barton, Miami, 4-6; 5. Reed, Groom, 4-6; 6. Howard, Groom, 4-4.

Triple jump: 1. Kriebel, Miami, 31-10/2; 2. Coleman, Lefors, 31-91/4; 3. Bailey, Miami, 29-7; 5. Barton, Miami, 29-41/2.

Shot: 1. McDowell, Miami, 32-71/2; 2. Case, Groom, 29-8; 3. Stump, McLean, 28-10/4; 4. Lyles, Groom, 28-33/4; 5. Lunisford, Miami, 28-31/4.

Discus: 2. Burger, Groom, 88-10; 3. Case, Groom, 85-4; 4. Fields, Groom, 73-4; 5. Stump, McLean, 71-8; 6. Martin, McLean, 71-5.

400 relay: 2. Miami, 1:59:06; 3. Groom, 2:01:03; 4. McLean, 2:05:69.

1600 relay: 2. Miami, 4:55:60; 3. Groom, 4:58:70; 4. McLean, 5:08:44.

Boys

Team totals: 1. McLean, 150; 2. Groom, 94; 3. Follett, 83; 4. Miami, 76; 5. Panhandle JV, 72; 6. Lefors, 46; 7. Highland Park JV, 26; 8. Higgins, 1; 9. Adrian, 0; 10. Allison, 0.

3200: 2. Hess, McLean, 12:01:38; 3. Ty Lambert, Groom, 12:25:56; 4. Britten, Groom, 12:34:19; 5. Winegeart, Lefors, 13:21:38; 6. Gifford, Lefors, 14:58:12.

800: 1. Britten, Groom, 2:15; 2. Densmore, Miami, 2:18; 3. Harris, McLean, 2:19; 4. Britten, Groom, 2:20; 5. Ritter, Groom, 2:25.

110 high hurdles: 1. Swires, Lefors, 16:65; 2. Hess, McLean, 18:12; 3. Alltop, McLean, 19:20; 4. Burgin, Groom, 20:19; 5. Trout, Miami, 20:75; 6. Miller, Groom, 21:24.

100: 1. Swires, Lefors, 11:45; 2. Early, Miami, 11:62; 5. Caesar Looney, McLean, 11:81.

400: 1. McReynolds, Miami, 54:75; 3. Magee, McLean, 57:22; 5. Hall, Groom, 57:38; 6. Williams, Lefors, 57:45.

300 intermediate hurdles: 1. Swires, Lefors, 43:60; 4. Chronister, McLean, 46:94; 5. Burgin, Groom, 48:97.

200: 1. Caesar Looney, McLean, 24:59; 3. Early, Miami, 24:69; 4. Hickey, Groom, 24:74; 5. Williams, Lefors, 25:37; 6. Alltop, McLean, 25:46.

1600: 1. Neighbors, Miami, 5:10:08; 3. Ritter, Groom, 5:28:34; 4. Britten, Groom, 5:36:94; 5. Crowell, Groom, 5:42:81; 6. McReynolds, McLean, 5:44:0.

Long jump: 1. Christian Looney, McLean, 19-71/2; 3. Early, Miami, 17-21/2; 5. Swires, Lefors, 16-93/4; 6. Crowell, Groom, 16-7.

High jump: 2. Harris, McLean, 5-8; 3. Chronister, McLean, 5-4; 4. Trout, Miami, 5; 5. Crowell, Groom, 5-2.

Pole vault: 1. Christian Looney, McLean, 10-6; 3. Lambert, Groom, 8-6; 4. (tie) Ritter, Groom, 8-6; Harris, McLean, 8-6.

Triple jump:

1. McReynolds, Miami, 40-25; 2. Swires, Lefors, 39-50; 3. Hess, McLean, 38-8; 6. Crowell, Groom, 36-10.

Shot: 2. Miller, Groom, 43-4; 2. 3. Caesar Looney, 43-01/2; 4. Fields, Groom, 38-01/4; 6. Pennington, McLean, 36-8.

Discus: 2. Caesar Looney, McLean, 110-4; 4. Pennington, McLean, 105-4; 5. Fields, Groom, 104-10.

400 relay: 1. McLean, 46:65; 4. Miami, 47:56; 5. Groom, 47:88.

1600 relay: 2. McLean, 3:51:69; 3. Groom, 3:52:43; 5. Miami, 3:59:81.

11-man Division

Team totals: 1. Panhandle, 199; 2. Highland Park, 118; 3. Booker, 113; 4. Claude, 80; 5. White Deer, 21; 6. Gruver, 20.

1600: 2. Ed Barrett, 5:10:50.

High jump: 3. (tie) Coffey, White Deer, 5-6; Wheat, Highland Park, 5-6.

800: 2. Ed Barrett, White Deer, 2:09:35.

Girls

1. Panhandle, 197; 2. Highland Park, 159; 3. Booker, 121; 4. Claude, 48; 5. Gruver, 35.

Rodeo

Results of the Tri-State High School Rodeo held Sunday at Spearman and hosted by the Spearman-Sinnett Rodeo Club.

All Around Boy:

Heath Blacksher, W/C, 15 pts.

All Around Girl:

ShanTil Hext, Canadian, 16 pts.

Barrel race:

1. Clinton Born, Canadian, 64 points; 2. Heath Blacksher, Wellington/Childress, 59; 3. Ryan Burrow, Boys Ranch, 57.

Saddle broncs:

1. Heath Blacksher, W/C, 55.

Call roping:

1. Randy McEntire, Wheeler, 8:51 seconds; 2. Trey Johnson, Happy, 11:43; 3. Brady Pool, Gruver, 11:99; 4. Mark Eakin, Spearman/Sinnett, 13:73; 5. Marty McCloy, Gruver, 13:83; 6. Jess Turner, Dumas, 15:34; 7. Joe Koch, Canadian, 15:40; 8. Sage Britain, S/S, 15:65.

Steer wrestling:

1. Dean Phelps, Wheeler, 4:716; 2. Matt Eakin, S/S, 6:467; 3. Travis Goad, Wheeler, 6:698; 4. Cody Gabel, Adrian, 6:942; 5. Brandon Griffith, Tascosa, 10:283; 6. Joshua Purcell, Wheeler, 11:286; 7. Tye Snapp, Pampa, 24:878.

Team roping:

1. Adrian Maez, Gruver, Marty Nicholson, Canadian, 6:694; 2. Sage Britain, Chancy Franks, S/S, 6:822; 3. Chris Almond, Chancy Franks, S/S, 7:377; 4. Jim Locke, Canadian, Ben Blue, Dumas, 8:260; 6. Billy Pillars, Travis Goad, Wheeler, 9:109; 7. Rance Bray, Dumas, Corey Homer, Tascosa, 9:215; 8. Jay Sellers, Brandon Nix, Stratford, 9:389.

Bull riding:

1. Dusty Harris, River Road, 72; 2. Rance Bray, Dumas, 69; 3. Josh Kinslow, River Road, 68; 4. Dusty Drake, Wheeler, 67; 5. John King, Dumas, 65.

Ribbon roping:

1. Mark Eakin, S/S, 8:046; 2. Jered Norris, Canadian, 9:275; 3. Jess Turner, Dumas, 9:889; 4. Jim Locke, Canadian, 10:573; 5. Pecos Shafer, Hub City, 12:463; 6. Wes Avent, S/S, 12:643; 7. Charly Russell, Wheeler, 13:003; 8. Marty McCloy, Gruver, 13:148.

Barrels:

1. ShanTil Hext, Canadian, 20:229; 2. Nichole Williams, W/C, 20:267; 3. Shawna Davidson, Hub City, 20:652; 4. Jami Allen, Stratford, 20:671; 5. Lori Keathley, Wheeler, 20:707; 6. Sammy Winters, Hereford, 20:791; 7. Bobbi Spielers, Wheeler, 20:995; 8. Kandi Graves, Dumas, 21:007.

Poles:

1. Chasty Rickman, Adrian, 20:639; 2. Kimberly Cloud, Wheeler, 20:731; 3. Sonya Coy, Wheeler, 21:333; 4. Leslie Morton, Gruver, 21:349; 5. ShanTil Hext, Canadian, 21:404; 6. Sarah Oxley, Pampa, 21:498; 7. Jodi Morris, Lazbuddie, 21:713; 8. Michel Reeves, Pampa, 21:845.

Goat tying:

1. Ricki Hughes, Wheeler, 10:912; 2. Kimberly Cloud, Wheeler, 11:334; 3. Jessica Dean, Wheeler, 11:893; 4. Sonya Coy, Wheeler, 12:407; 5. Chasty Rickman, Adrian, 12:737; 6. Amy Cunningham, Tascosa, 12:823; 7. Terri Gudgeff, Adrian, 12:893; 8. Michelle Meyer, Vega, 13:277.

Breakaway roping:

1. Stacy Collins, Hub City, 2:701; 2. Bobbi Spielers, Wheeler, 3:790; 3. Krista Krehbil, Canadian, 4:736; 4. Amy Cunningham, Tascosa, 5:872; 5. ShanTil Hext, Canadian, 7:352.

Results of the Tri-State High School Rodeo held Saturday at Stratford.

All Around Boy:

Jim Locke, Canadian, 15 points.

All Around Girl:

Shawna Davidson, 19 points.

Barrel race:

1. Clinton Born, Canadian, 48; 2. Julio Medina, Boys Ranch, 44; 3. Mark Weisbecker, Boys Ranch, 44; 4. Dustin Drake, Wheeler, 41.

Saddle broncs:

1. Leddy Lewis, Hub City, 54; 2. Rance Bray, Dumas, 53; 3. Marty McCloy, Gruver, 43.

Call roping:

1. William Gill, Canadian, 10:993; 2. Jim Locke, Canadian, 13:865; 3. Wes Avent, Spearman/Sinnett, 15:301; 4. Rowdy Slavin, Canadian, 16:781; 5. Heath Mitchell, Wheeler, 17:987; 6. Cody Gabel, Adrian, 20:531; 7. Trey Johnson, Happy, 20:592; 8. Pecos Shafer, Hub City, 21:153.

Steer wrestling:

1. Mark Eakin, S/S, 6:303; 2. Cody Gabel, Adrian, 7:019; 3. Dean Phelps, Wheeler, 7:054; 4. Seth Fiel, Canadian, 8:027; 5. Corey Homer, Tascosa, 11:632; 6. Joshua Purcell, Wheeler, 12:648; 7. Matt Eakin, S/S, 12:889; 8. Tye Snapp, Pampa, 16:487.

Team roping:

1. Jim Locke, Canadian, Ben Blue, Dumas, 7:454; 2. Adrian Maez, Gruver, Marty Nicholson, Canadian, 7:658; 3. Adrian Maez, Gruver, Jake Monroe, Dumas, 9:127; 4. Rob Denny, Dumas, Steve Tippett, Memphis, 9:240; 5. Jered Norris, Canadian, Ben Blue, Dumas, 9:424; 6. Rob Denny, Cloudy Kidd, Dumas, 9:635; 7. Sage Britain, S/S, Joe Koch, Canadian, 9:927; 8. Heath Mitchell, Wheeler, Ryan Rankin, Canadian, 11:469.

Bull riding:

1. David McLean, Adrian, 67; 2. Andy Crist, Boys Ranch, 61; 3. Dusty Drake, Wheeler, 56; 4. Dusty Harris, River Road, 56; 5. Travis Murrow, Canadian, 43.

Ribbon roping:

1. Jess Turner, Dumas, 9:576; 2. Wes Avent, S/S, 14:900; 3. Leddy Lewis, Hub City, 15:927; 4. Rance Bray, Dumas, 16:245; 5. Trey Johnson, Happy, 17:084; 6. Matt Eakin, S/S, 17:275; 7. Joe Koch, Canadian, 17:582; 8. Mark Eakin, S/S, 17:863.

Barrels:

1. Kara Pierce, Canadian, 17:852; 2. Chasty Rickman, Adrian, 18:066; 3. Alicia Miller, Stratford, 18:172; 4. Lorissa Edmondson, Hub City, 18:191; 5. ShanTil Hext, Canadian, 18:304; 6. Shawna Davidson, Hub City, 18:440; 7. Jessica Dean, Wheeler, 18:573; 8. Cheyenne Futrell, Randall, 18:614.

Poles:

1. Kimberly Cloud, Wheeler, 21:300; 2. Sonya Coy, Wheeler, 21:680; 3. Sarah Oxley, Pampa, 21:748; 4. ShanTil Hext, Canadian, 21:843; 5. Deana Schwarz, Hub City, 21:937; 6. Leslie Morton, Gruver, 22:095; 7. Angie Underwood, Pampa, 22:850; 8. Ricki Hughes, Wheeler, 22:872.

Goat tying:

1. Shawna Davidson, Hub City, 11:268; 2. Lorissa Edmondson, Hub City, 11:459; 3. Amy Cunningham, Tascosa, 11:744; 4. Chasty Rickman, Adrian, 11:889; 5. Samantha Winters, Hereford, 11:965; 6. Terri Gudgeff, Adrian, 12:722; 7. Kimberly Cloud, Wheeler, 13:031; 8. Deana Schwarz, Hub City, 13:037.

Breakaway roping:

1. Shawna Davidson, Hub City, 4:766; 2. Samantha Winters, Hereford, 4:975; 3. Lorissa Edmondson, Hub City, 6:507; 4. Amy Cunningham, Tascosa, 7:596; 5. Terri Gudgeff, Adrian, 10:179; 6. Sonya Coy, Wheeler, 17:737; 7. Chasty Rickman, Hereford, 30:813.



(AP Laserphoto)

Yasser Morsi, an Egyptian who has lived on Long Island for four years, is comforted by his girlfriend Luba Maletskaia at Booth Memorial Hospital in Queens, N.Y. Monday. Morsi, who survived Sunday night's fatal crash at La Guardia Airport, said "I have no time for anger right now. I thank God I'm alive."

Crash survivors recall their terrifying ordeal

By VIRGINIA BYRNE
Associated-Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In the underwater terror of Flight 405, Richard Lawson thought first of the certainty of death. Then, more fervently, of the possibility of life.

"I was in this tunnel of ripped-up metal. It was like a metal cage," Lawson said from his hospital bed, recalling the USAir crash at La Guardia Airport on Sunday night. "All I remember was the tearing of metal and the sound of the ground under the metal."

"I saw an orange flash of an explosion and when we finally came to rest, I was upside down underwater, pinned in place," said Lawson, who plays Lucas Barnes on the soap opera "All My Children."

"The thought that I had was 'Just be calm in death, be calm, don't fight and struggle.' Then a voice came to me and said, 'Get out of here,' and I took my seatbelt off."

"I had this rush of adrenaline because the one way I never wanted to die was by drowning and I refused to die like that. But I know I

wasn't on my own. The man upstairs was with me," said Lawson, who emerged from the frigid water dazed and calling for help.

Twenty-seven people died in the crash, and all 24 others aboard were injured. Some of the dead were beheaded or burned beyond recognition, while others such as Lawson suffered only cuts and bruises.

Yasser Morsi, 22, said Monday he thanked God as he staggered from the scene: the plane, in pieces, strewn along the slushy runway and sunk in Flushing Bay; fires burning amid the snowy night.

"I felt like I was born. It's a new life for me," said Morsi, who was hospitalized with a broken shoulder, broken ankle and other injuries.

Morsi said he "had a bad feeling" after the pilot announced that an odor of antifreeze might emerge from air conditioner vents as ice was taken from the plane. "Don't get alarmed," he quoted the pilot as saying.

As the plane headed down the runway, a wing tilted. Morsi could see it from coach seat 12A.

"The left wing, he was trying to adjust it. It kept bouncing very

hard," then came a fire and explosion, Morsi said.

Dr. James A. Block, president and chief executive of University Hospitals of Cleveland, was both desperate and analytical seconds after the crash.

"It's just incredible to be that close to death and be alert and be able to make choices, each one potentially fatal," said Block, who suffered cuts and bruises.

"Thinking about it now, it was really sad because there was total silence. There were no screams. I don't know where all the people had gone. There was not even any whimpering."

Bart Simon, 43, president of Cleveland-based Phillips Brush Corp., took another Cleveland-bound USAir flight less than a day later.

"There wasn't much sense in putting it off," said Simon, who suffered cuts in the crash. "The captain came back while en route and thanked me for having the courage to come on board and fly again the next day. He said it was gratifying to him to have me on board."

NTSB looks at de-icing in La Guardia crash that killed 27

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NEW YORK (AP) — Federal investigators are looking into why a USAir jet that crashed on a runway and slid into a frigid bay, killing 27 people, was not de-iced a third time after waiting a half-hour in a snowstorm to take off.

John Lauber, an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board, said that in addition to looking into the plane's vulnerability to ice on the wings, officials are studying whether its flaps were lowered for takeoff.

Witnesses said Flight 405 to Cleveland had just climbed into the air at La Guardia Airport Sunday night when it crashed in flames and skidded into Flushing Bay. Besides the 27 killed, 24 others were injured.

Some people were burned, others were trapped underwater and upside down, belted into their seats.

"I was amazed so many people survived," said Fire Capt. John Kurtz. "There were bodies burnt to a crisp and bodies cut in half, and then there were people walking around."

Among the evidence the NTSB will examine are a 110-foot skid mark, debris on the runway, damage to the plane and the pattern of deaths, Lauber said.

The NTSB also asked Canadian officials for a recent report that concludes that the type of plane — the twin-engine Fokker F28 — is susceptible to ice forming on the wings, Lauber said.

A plane is de-iced by spraying it with a mixture of water and an alcohol-based liquid. Ice on a plane's wings can prevent it from getting the lift needed to take off.

A light snow was falling and the runway was slushy as the plane took off at 9:30 p.m. It was de-iced twice, at 8:26 p.m. and at 8:59 p.m., USAir President Seth Schofield said. Flight 405 left the gate a minute later but had to wait in line 30 minutes to take off, the airline said.

The flight was running two hours behind schedule when it was cleared for takeoff.

Asked why the captain didn't ask for a third de-icing, Lauber said, "I can't respond to that, we'll be looking at that."

The captain decides whether to order another de-icing, the investigator said. The pilot was killed, the co-pilot survived but was injured. Investigators said they will interview him as soon as possible.

The Canadian report, compiled after an Air Ontario Fokker F28 crashed in 1989 after takeoff in a snowstorm, killing 24 people, said the de-icing fluid used at most airports, including La Guardia, is not very effective in wet snow.

Ice can form in as little as three minutes after that fluid is used, the report said.

The half-hour between the second de-icing and takeoff is "a long time in 31 degrees," said Christopher Witkowski, director of the Aviation Consumer Action Project. "If it required de-icing in a 30-minute interval, you'd think if it sat out there another 30 minutes, it would need another de-icing."

The Airline Pilots Association has long pressed to have de-icing done near the runway, right before takeoff, rather than at the gate. The association also has demanded a different type of de-icing fluid that lasts

longer than the type generally used in the United States.

A quick evaluation of the cockpit voice recorder yielded no clues to the cause of the crash, Lauber said. The tower cleared the plane for takeoff, the crew's response was normal, and the controller "reported the next thing he was aware of was a fireball," he said.

The captain had said he was taxiing out with his flaps up so that slush would not splash onto them, but the flaps were apparently properly lowered for takeoff, Lauber said.

Several pilots said in today's

Daily News that La Guardia's 7,000-foot runways could have been a factor. The safety area for planes that overshoot runways is 100 feet, one-tenth of the distance recommended by the Federal Aviation Administration.

In 1989, another USAir flight skidded off the opposite end of the same runway. The plane, bound for Charlotte, N.C., slid into the East River and broke into pieces in an aborted takeoff. Two people were killed.

Police divers pulled the last victim of Sunday's crash — a man — from the wreckage Monday night.

Some people struggled to the surface themselves, clinging to wreckage in the water. Inside the cabin, divers found dead passengers head down, strapped into their floating seats. Some were charred; others apparently drowned.

One survivor said he felt "like I was born" when he staggered out of the wreckage. "I have no time for anger right now," said Yasser Morsi, 22, of New York.

The pilot, Wallace Majure II, was among the dead.

"We tried to cut him out but couldn't," said diver Bill Lake. "We were working against the tide."

CRASH LIST

NEW YORK (AP) — Partial list of passengers and crew on USAir Flight 405, which crashed on takeoff at La Guardia Airport. Hometowns provided when known.

Dead:

- Beckwith, Nan; Hudson, Ohio
- Beckwith, William; Hudson, Ohio
- Davison, A.; Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Forshew Dr. Frank, 50; Bath Township, Ohio
- Gray, Dean; Wakeman, Ohio
- Herzinger, Rolf
- Holder, Syres; Cleveland
- Irvin, Joseph; North Olmsted, Ohio
- Irvin, Marilyn; North Olmsted, Ohio
- King, Janice, flight attendant, 35; Gilbert, S.C.
- Leopold, Steve; Cleveland
- Majure, Wallace, captain, 44; Marietta, Ga.
- Mayer, Roland
- Mehes, Nancy; Novelty, Ohio
- Mikuta, Thomas; Cos Cob, Conn.
- Mitchell, Thorai; Solon, Ohio
- Mitchell, Virginia; Solon, Ohio
- Mould, Michael, 21; Columbus, Ohio
- Paloci, Jennifer; Shaker Heights, Ohio
- Porcelli, David; Lyndhurst, Ohio
- Porcelli, Karen; Lyndhurst, Ohio
- Saefel, Ecka
- Stanko, John; Cleveland
- Steward, Sally
- Umstead, Dr. Douglas; Kent, Ohio

Survivors:

- Abdelsamed, Y.
- Blair, William P., 50; Canton, Ohio
- Block, Dr. James A., 51; Cleveland Heights, Ohio
- Forshew, Joan; Bath Township, Ohio
- Gray, Kathryn; Wakeman, Ohio
- Lawson, Richard
- Main, Robert Jr.; Cincinnati
- Merrill, Connie; Norwalk, Ohio
- Merrill, Tom; Norwalk, Ohio
- Miller, Denise; Euclid, Ohio
- Morsi, Yasser
- Nudelman, Sid; University Heights, Ohio
- Paulenich, Fred; Danbury, Conn.
- Rachuba, John J., first officer; Charlotte, N.C.
- Richards, Michael
- Richter, Clay
- Ross, Helen, 54; Gates Mills, Ohio
- Ross, Ronald, 57; Gates Mills, Ohio

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