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PAMPA — The Gray County Christian Coalition will host a candidates forum at 7 p.m. today at the Pampa Community Building.

According to Pat Kennedy, spokesman for the group, candidates from both Republican and Democrat races for the March 8 primary will be present at the open meeting.

PAMPA — Richard Morris will be the featured speaker at Friday's noon meeting of the Downtown Kiwanis Club.

Morris is Pampa's city engineer and will be discussing the city's Comprehensive Street Improvement Program which will include an update on the progress made last year, the areas designated for this year's seal coating program and the general update on the overall project.

The Kiwanis club meets at noon Friday in the First United Methodist Church on the corner of Foster Avenue and Ballard Street.

AMARILLO - Novelist Elmer Kelton of San Angelo will speak tonight at Amarillo College on "Views of West Texas Settlement." Kelton, author of The Time It Never Rained, is scheduled to speak at 8 p.m. in the Concert Hall-Theater at Amarillo College.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — If NATO planes try to break the Serb artillery noose strangling Sarajevo, they may have only about a week to do so before the city begins running out of food.

Logistics officials with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said Wednesday they have about 1,150 tons of food in two Sarajevo warehouses. That's only enough to keep the city fed for about a week should NATO attacks force the humanitarian airlift to be suspended.

"The airlift is fairly fragile," said Kris Janowski, a U.N. relief spokesman in Sarajevo. "It is clear that any major military action would put the relief program on hold at least for a while." The Western alliance is threatening to strike Serb gun positions unless all heavy weapons are pulled back at least 12 miles from the mountains around Sarajevo or put under strict U.N. control.

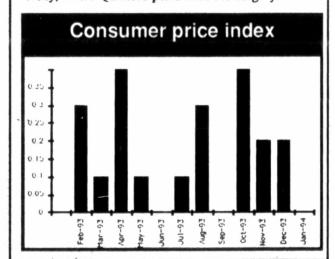
HAMAR, Norway (AP) — Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan crossed paths at the Olympics almost immediately. There were no hugs, but no cross words either. They chatted during a chance encounter Wednesday in the Olympic Village, where they share a house with teammates, then posed for a team picture, separated — whether by request or by circumstance — by four athletes. "That broke the ice for all of us," said Paul George, head of the skating team, who joined them for the playful photo session.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Immigration and Naturalization Service, already adding border agents to slow the tide of illegal immigrants, now wants to impose a fee on anyone seeking U.S. political asylum.

Published reports have set the fee at \$130. Besides the payment, the INS, in regulations to be published in a few days, will propose a waiting period before the applicants receive work permits. The regulations, which could become law after a two-to-three-month period of public comment, apparently would make the United States the only country to charge a fee to asylum seekers.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Smiling in his crib, Santerras Graham is much too young to realize he helped make history. When the infant was but a 4-month-old fetus, Dr. Ruben Quintero pioneered fetal surgery that saved Santerras' life without cutting open his mother's womb. Now doctors hope to make this "new frontier in fetal medicine" a widely used method of correcting all kinds of birth defects.

"This poses unlimited possibilities for correcting almost any anomaly we find in a fetus," said Dr. David Cotton, chief of obstetrics at Wayne State University, where Quintero performed the surgery.



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Two Wheeler men hospitalized, White Deer ambulance damaged in Amarillo traffic crash

News Editor

A Wheeler man was in stable condition today in an Amarillo hospital after an ambulance ride that sent six people to two hospitals for emergency care.

Hospital in Amarillo for injuries suffered when the White Deer ambulance in which he was riding as an attendant was in a col-

Amarillo Blvd. East in Amaril-

The ambulance, operating with flashing lights and sounding sirens, was taking Leonard Harris, 66, of Wheeler, to St. Anthony's. Mark Frankenberry, 31, Anthony's Hospital when it was Wheeler, was in St. Anthony's in collision with a 1979 Camaro west Texas Hospital were Roddriven by 37-year old Billy Boydstun of Amarillo, said Cpl. Emergency Medical Service Lisa Cherry of the Amarillo Police Department.

Harris is in stable condition at stun.

lision Wednesday about 2:30 St. Anthony's, where he is being p.m. at North Buchanan and treated for his illness, not acci- Amarillo by White Deer EMS left the White Deer ambulance dent injuries, said a nursing after being transferred from a on its side, said Cherry. supervisor.

> attendent from Wheeler, was treated and released from St.

Treated and released at North- ter dispatched White Deer ney Immel, 46, White Deer, driver of the ambulance; Grady Milton, 57, White Deer, director of White Deer EMS, and Boyd-

Milton, wife of Grady Mil-

technicians, said Charlene

Wheeler ambulance in White

problems as the Wheeler ambu-

lance neared White Deer and

Amarillo Communications Cen-

Harris was being taken to in Wednesday's accident, which

The Camaro had the green Mary Christner, an ambulance Deer. The patient began having light, said a second police spokesman who asked not to be identified. According to him, motorists are required by law to yield the right of way to ambuparamedics to back up the lances which are on emergency Wheeler emergency medical runs.

> The Camaro sustained heavy damage. The ambulance is a near loss, said White Deer City No citations have been issued Marshal Tam Terry.

Trimming of the trees



Mike Bailey with the City of Pampa took advantage of the 70-degree weather today to trim trees in Central Park. The forecast calls for mild weather through the weekend. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Trade deficit surges to \$115.78 billion, highest in five years

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit climbed to its highest level in history, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said that the U.S. ed States. trade imbalance jumped 37 percent from the 1992 as fast as exports, causing the gap between the two to widen dramatically.

In a stark demonstration of the trade problem with Japan, the government said that last year's deficit with the Japanese rose to \$59.3 billion, representing slightly more than half of America's total deficit with the world.

The deficit with Japan was up 23.7 percent from 1992 with the imbalance surpassing the old record of \$56.3 billion set in 1987.

For December, the trade gap actually narrowed revised November level of \$9.68 billion. The 23.5 percent improvement for the month reflected a big jump in U.S. shipments of civilian aircraft record. and a sizable decline in America's foreign oil bill.

In other economic news today, the Labor Department reported that inflation turned in an unexpectedly good performance in January, showing no change at all in January, the best million. showing in more than four years.

A third report showed that the number of Americans filing first-time claims for unemployment benefits rose by 5,000 last week to 371,000, the highest level since Jan. 29.

The Clinton administration has been pressuring Japan to buy more American products as a way of lowering the trade gap. While trade talks aimed at lowering Japan's import barriers colsurged to \$115.78 billion last year, the worst lapsed last week, the Japanese announced showing in five years, as the deficit with Japan today that they were putting together a new package of market-opening measures in hopes of averting a trade war with the Unit-

However, private economists said that even if level of \$84.5 billion. Both exports and imports the United States was totally successful in removhit record highs last year, but imports grew twice ing all of Japan's trade barriers, the United States will suffer growing deficits over the next two years at least because of an imbalance in economic performance.

With the U.S. economy growing faster than the economies of its major trading partners, Americans' appetite for foreign goods is climbing at a faster pace than foreigners' demand for U.S. products.

The National Association of Business Economists said this week it is looking for the 1994 trade deficit to rise even further to \$135 bilslightly, falling to \$7.41 billion, down from a lion and for the deficit to hit \$137 billion in 1995. After Japan, the country's largest deficit was with China, an imbalance of \$22.77 billion, also a

> America's only surplus with major regions of the world was with Central and South American, positive balance of \$562 million. The United States also had a surplus with Mexico of \$155.6

It had a trade deficit of \$829.7 million with Canada and \$280.1 million with the countries of Western Europe. In 1992, the United States actually had a surplus with Western Europe of \$6.37

Wheeler, Wellington banks plan merger

Officials with Wellington range goal for the Wellington State Bank today announced an bank, he said. agreement merging that institution with the First National the name of the Wheeler bank Bank in Wheeler.

The agreement, which is subject to regulatory and shareholder approval, would generate Brown. approximately \$70 million in combined assets.

will see no change in the level

acquisitions are a possible long- respective trade areas.

There are no plans to change

until the merger receives the necessary approval, according to bank president Charles R.

Wellington State Bank was chartered in 1906 and has total Richard M. Sims, chairman assets of approximately \$37 of the Board of Directors of million. The First National Wellington State Bank, said Bank in Wheeler was founded customers of the Wheeler bank in 1908 and has total assets of approximately \$36 million.

In a prepared statement, Sims said the Wellington Brown stated the merger and bank is proceeding with the resulting expansion of assets merger to expand its presence in would allow the banks to be the Texas Panhandle. Other more competitive within their

Eleven defendants face federal retaliation trial

By JEAN PAGEL **Associated Press Writer**

AMARILLO (AP) — The alleged leader of an anti-government group that calls itself "We the People" faced trial today with 10 followers accused of retaliating against federal judges.

Schwasinger, 49, of Fort ing. Collins, Colo., travels around the country urging disgruntled farmers and ranchers not to pay taxes or to repay bank loans.

Defense attorneys say their clients, by filing liens against bankruptcy judges, didn't intend it as harassment or intimidation.

"These people are protestors with the best of intentions. They sincerely believe in what they're doing," said Amarillo attorney Paige Brittain, who represents Schwasinger. "They're motivated by a desire millions of dollars. to restore the American farmer

with his property.' Seven defendants are from Texas and four are from Col-

charges them with conspiring to William Bivens, 56. obstruct justice and injure and impede judges and bankruptcy trustees.

U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer of Dallas is presiding judge for the trial, which is Foster, 62, is from the Northeast expected to last at least three

Several Lubbock judges and attorneys are expected to testify. Other evidence likely will include videotapes that prosecutors say show Schwasinger peddling a scam.

Investigators say Schwasinger asked people who lost land through foreclosure to pay \$300 to join his campaign against the Authorities say Roy nation's system of land financ-

Schwasinger claims that the United States went bankrupt in 1938, and that as a result, taxing, lending and foreclosures have been illegal ever since, investigators said. He is accused of encouraging

people to file false financial statements in retailation against judges who foreclosed on them. The UCC-1 document, typically filed by a secured party

against a debtor, purported that the judges owed the defendants Four defendants are from the

Texas Panhandle town of Tulia. about 50 miles south of Amarillo: Jerry Don Herndon, 57; his wife, Bettie Lu Herndon, 56; A 13-count federal indictment Jackie Dee Loring, 62; and Daniel McDaniel, 54, and his

wife, Julia McDaniel, 51, are from the Central Texas town of Cameron, about 60 miles northeast of Austin. Murrell Dwain Texas town of De Kalb, about 35 miles west of Texarkana

Scientists test Washington's genetic code with relatives Diane Dunkley began sifting

By ANNE GEARAN Associated Press Writer

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Did George Washington get a trim here?

whether the genetic code of the Father of Our Country has survived in snippets of what may be his hair.

Using new genetic technology, evidence experts at the two direct descendants of Wash-Federal Bureau of Investigation hope to conclude whether the hair is authentic. And as technology advances, they may even discover clues about the first president's health.

Republic Museum Director nucleus.

through potential objects for an exhibit this month that focuses on Washington's personal life and surroundings. She asked the FBI to verify

Nearly 200 years after his the hair samples. Deedrick's death, scientists are testing hair and fiber unit, eager for a high-profile test of their new technology, agreed to help. The samples will be shredded

and the DNA removed for comparison to samples provided by ington's sister, Betty Washington Lewis.

In a procedure developed in the past year and used increasingly at crime scenes, the FBI will examine mitochondrial The DNA tests came about DNA, or the genetic building after Daughters of the American blocks that lie outside the cell

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

McKERNAN, Jean — 4 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Mass.

WILKERSON, R.D. "Jimmy" — 2 p.m., memorial service, First United Methodist Church.

Obituaries

JOSEPHINE ABERSOLD

Josephine Abersold, 75, died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1994. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. M.B. Smith, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Arrangements are with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Abersold was born on Oct. 11, 1918 in Waxahachie. She was a lifelong resident of Pampa. She married Chris Abersold on May 21, 1955 in New Mexico. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband of the home; a stepdaughter, Patricia Ann Abersold of Monroe, Mich; and several nieces and nephews.

JEAN McKERNAN

Jean McKernan, 74, died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1994. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel. Mass will be at 4 p.m. Friday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Joe Bixenman, pastor; the Rev. Phu Phan, associate pastor, and the Rev. John Valdez, pastor of Our Lady of Guadelupe Church in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

Mrs. McKernan was born Feb. 5, 1920 in Clay Center, Kan., and graduated from Clifton High School in Clifton, Kan. She married Bob McKernan on Aug. 21, 1940 in Clay Center. She moved to Skellytown in 1948 and to Pampa in 1970. She was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and the St. Vincent Women's Council. She was a member of the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jim Bob McKernan in 1990 and Jennings Bryan McKernan in

Survivors include her husband, Bob, of the home; a daughter, Judy Franks of Woodrow; a son, John Patrick McKernan of Houston; a sister, Donna Pauley of Bellingham, Wash.; two brothers, Buddy Wilkerson of Mertzon and Bill Wilkerson of Odessa; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa or the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

KARLA COOPER NELSON

Karla Cooper Nelson, 29, died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1994. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, and the Rev. Jim Fox, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Mrs. Nelson was born Aug. 20, 1964 at Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School in 1982. She attended Clarendon Junior College in Pampa for two years. working toward her associate degree in business management. She was active in ACT I drama. She married Ricky Nelson on Aug. 5, 1989 in Pampa. She was a member of the Central Baptist Church and the Adult 3 Sunday School Class. She was a former member of Hobart Baptist Church

Survivors include her husband, of the home; a daughter, Keziah Opal Nelson of the home; parents, David and Gail Cooper of Pampa; paternal grandfather. Tom Cooper of Henrietta; maternal grandparents, Lloyd and Eunice Hinkle of Pampa; and an uncle, Darrel Hinkle of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to the Central Baptist Church Building Fund.

The family will gather at 2606 Navajo.

JAMES C. SMITH

James C. Smith, 65, died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1994. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Smith was born on March 24, 1928 in Cleveland, Ohio, and was raised in Crystal Lake, Ill. He graduated from Monmouth College with a degree in geology. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He worked for Schlumberger Services for 15 years and later was self employed in the oilfield services. He was the owner and operator of Sandy's Place.

Survivors include three sons, Scott Smith of Miami, Barry Smith of Carthage and Derrick Smith of Pampa; a brother, Jack Smith of Longview; two grandchildren; two nieces; and two nephews

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16 9:31 a.m. – Three units and nine firefighters

responded to a false alarm at 600 W. Browning. 9:25 p.m. – Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 1610 N. Russell.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 15

Sabra Dawn Baxter, 401 N. Sumner, reported violation of protective order. Alco, 1207 N. Hobart, reported theft.

Country General, 2545 Perryton Parkway, reported

Floyd Milton Baxter Jr., 1318 N. Russell, reported aggravated assault which occurred at 401 N. Sumner. Tralee Crisis Center reported violation of protective

> Arrests WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16

Kimberly Sue Mills, 33, El Capri Motel, was arrested in the 200 block of East Brown on a charge of pub-

Kevin Lynn Boyd, 31, 857 Locust, was arrested at 1800 W. Browning, on a charge of public intoxica-

THURSDAY, Feb. 17 Angela D. Golden, 625 Carr, was arrested on three capias pro fine warrants.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Feb. 15 Waxahachie Police Department reported a juvenile runaway at McLean

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16 Taylor Mart, McLean, reported theft of service.

> Arrests TUESDAY, Wed. 15

Thaddeus Boots Adee, 21, 1125 Duncan, was arrested on a charge of issuing two or more bogus checks exceeding \$50. He was released after charges were dropped.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16 Redeino Martinez, 18, Cheyenne, Okla., was arrested on a charge of theft of service.

Steven Jay Crawford, 19, Amarillo, was arrested on a charge of theft of service.

J.T. Heath, 20, Sayre, Okla., was arrested on a charge of theft of service.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16

11:30 a.m. – A 1989 Ford pickup driven by Jesse Leroy Dykes, 60, 1929 N. Christy, was in collision with a legally parked 1989 Dodge pickup owned by Randy Lee Molitor, 2108 Lynn, in the 1200 block of North Wells. Dykes was cited for backing without

Stocks

The following grain quotations are	Chevron	NO
provided by Wheeler-Evans of	Coca-Cola41 1/2	up 1/8
Pampa.	Diamond Sham28 3/8	up 1/4
Wheat 3.27	Enron32	up 1/4
Milo4.71	Halliburton32	up 1 1/8
Com5.29	HealthTrust Inc29 1/4	dn 1/8
	Ingersoll Rand 38 3/4	NO
The following show the prices for	KNE25	up 1/
which these securities could have	Kerr McGee45 3/4	NO
traded at the time of compilation:	Limited	up 1/1
	Mapco59 3/4	NO
Serfco4 1/4 up 1/4	Maxus 5 1/8	dn 1/
Occidental18 1/2 NC	McDonald's61 3/4	up 5/
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at	New Atmos29 1/4	up 1/4
	Parker & Parsley 23 7/8	dn 1 1/
the time of compilation:	Penney's51 7/8	up 1/
Magellan73.31	Phillips28 1/4	up 1/
Puntan16.32	SLB57 5/8	up.5/
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock	SPS	NO
Market quotations are furnished by	Tenneco57 5/8	up 1/
Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.	Texaco66 7/8	up 1/
Amoco53 1/8 NC	Wal-Mart 27 3/8	N(
Arco103 3/8 up 1/8	New York Gold 384.40	
Cabot	Silver 5.24	
Cabot O&G22 1/4 NC	West Texas Crude13.95	

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

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

EASTERN STAR SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION Final practice for the Eastern Star School to be held in Pampa Feb. 23-24 will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Masonic Hall, 420 W. Kingsmill. Bring a sack lunch. Anyone desiring banquet tickets for the Feb. 23

Thursday night banquet honoring the Worthy Grand

Hospital

Matron should call 669-7758.

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions Pampa

Delbert Glenn Foster Misty Reeves Audrey Ethel Stewart Wanita J. Taylor Skellytown

Nola C. Jarvis White Deer Staci L. Cochran Birth

To Mr. and Mrs.

Tracy Cecil Garner **SHAMROCK** HOSPITAL Admissions No admissions were reported. **Dismissals**

No dismissals were Richard Cochran of reported.

Chisum low in approving state spending

Pampa, ranks in the bottom third of almost \$158 million in funding. representatives in voting to establish non-partisan, public policy think- list tank.

percent of the bills that would estab- according to the group's count.

State Rep. Warren Chisum, D- lish new programs and approved

State Sen. Teel Bivins voted on 93 new programs in the last session of percent of the bills dealing with new the state Legislature, according to a programs and approved almost \$169 report released by a Dallas-based, million in funding, the lowest on the

The foundation tracked 30 bills in According to data from the Free the Senate and 33 bills in the House. Market Foundation in its "1993 Each senator could have spent \$240 Dexas Legislative Session Expendimillion and each House member ture Report." Chisum voted on 94 could have spent \$173 million,

Lefors band to play benefit concert for youth Friday night

White Deer, a girl.

baby girl

Dismissals

Pampa

White Deer

Nancy C. Saldierna and

LEFORS — The Leforsbased band North Fork will be performing Friday night at 8 p.m. in the Lefors High School Auditorium.

Money raised at the show will go toward a ski trip for Lefors youth.

Morales seeks to use deceptive trade law to make fast-food restaurants smoke-free

By TERRI LANGFORD **Associated Press Writer**

HOUSTON (AP) - Texas Attorney General Dan Morales wants to restaurants.

deceptive trade law, filed lawsuits neys general in Washington, D.C., Wednesday against five of the nation's largest fast-food chains, accusing them of failing to adequately protect children who are "lured" with their families by playgrounds and special children's meals.

Separate lawsuits were filed against McDonald's, KFC (formerly the risks of secondhand smoke, pro-Kentucky Fried Chicken), Taco Bell, vide dual ventilation or become Long John Silver's Seafood Shops smoke free. and Burger King,

"Every informed American knows that smoking kills. We know that it kills not only smokers but also people surrounded by smoke," Morales said. "Now that the medical community has documented the real health risks that secondhand smoke creates for non-smokers, especially for children, we believe the time has come to act and to act forcefully.'

The suits, filed in state district court in Austin, mark the first time a state has gone to court to make fastfood restaurants either "smokefree" or "smoke-safe," Morales said.

In Texas, public smoking issues are usually left to municipalities who issue their own city ordinances.

Spokesmen for the defendants reached Wednesday agreed the issue should be left to public policy mak-

"Fundamentally what we have here is not a fast-food issue," said Gary Gerdemann, a spokesman for Louisville, Ky.-based KFC. "Smoking in public places is a public policy issue and not for fast-food restaurants to arbitrate."

tems in place, secondhand smoke is al Council of Chain Restaurants.

just recirculated in the restaurant, he

The attorney general said he opted to file suit after 18 months of discussions failed to bring about voluntary clear the air at many fast-food action on the matter. It was a reversal from his stand three weeks ago,

> Morales does not ask the five to follow the lead of Arby's Inc., which banned cigarette smoking altogether last month. Instead, he gives them three options: pos a sign warning of

Morales said litigation wasn't neces-

'Apparently, the attorney general is attempting to legislate public policy without benefit of public debate ...' - Paul McFarland, Long John Silver's

Morales said he was targeting fastfood restaurants because 25 percent of fast-food customers are children and 40 percent of the chains employees are children under the age of 18.

The suits seek injunctive relief and free. unspecified damages if they don't

Morales' action shocked the chains and one industry lobbyist than any other restaurant in the who said last week Morales country. appeared willing to work with them on this issue.

the timing that took every one by the more puzzling. Morales' suit claims it is "false, surprise and based on the fact that gest that the public is protected by merit, that it is politically motivatthe creation of non-smoking sec- ed," said Terrie Dort, a spokeswomtions. Without dual ventilation sys- an for the Washington-based Nation-

Paul McFarland, executive vice president of Long John Silver's, also said he believed the suit was without merit. He said the company was surprised and disappointed by the law-

"Apparently, the attorney general Morales, drawing on the state's when during a meeting with 17 attor- is attempting to legislate public policy without benefit of public debate or the involvement of elected members of the Texas House and Sen-

ate," McFarland said. Morales, seeking reelection to the post he won in 1990, is unopposed in the Democratic primary. Four Republicans are seeking the Repub-

lican nomination. Janis Smith, spokeswoman for the Irvine, Calif.-based Taco Bell said

she too, was surprised by the action. Ms. Smith said the chain is testing smoke-free areas in some stores, although she wouldn't say where.

The harshest words came from Burger King Corp. of Miami, which pointed to a prior agreement Morales made with them not to file suit so long as discussions were continuing.

"It is unfortunate and surprising that the Texas attorney general today filed a lawsuit against Burger King Corporation and other restaurant companies in light of a May 1993 agreement to refrain from litigation so long as discussions regarding the issue of smoking in our restaurants continued," a company release said.

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More than 600 Burger King restaurants in the U.S. made the voluntary decision to become smoke-

McDonald's Corp. of Oak Brook, Ill., said 2,200 McDonald's restaurants were already smoke-free, more

McDonald's says it is encouraging • its restaurants to take the smoke-free 'We can only assume, based on route, which makes Morales' suit all

"This is a very important issue. misleading and deceptive" to sug- the lawsuit is completely without That's why almost a year ago, McDonald's initiated a national smoke-free test," Jack Daly, assistant vice president of McDonald's Corp. said in a statement.

No winner; Lotto jackpot goes to estimated \$25 million

AUSTIN (AP) — No Lotto Texas ed the July pot, lottery officials said. players correctly picked all six numbers drawn Wednesday night, swelled to an estimated \$40 million winner, there were 173 tickets sold boosting Saturday's jackpot to an estimated \$25 million, Lottery they said. spokesman Steve Levine said.

Lotto since Oct 23 1993 when three lucky winners split a \$40 million jackpot," said Nora Linares, acting executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "As we always do when the jackpot climbs this high, we urge players to buy their tickets early to avoid the long lines on Saturday night."

There have been two jackpots worth an estimated \$50 million in Lotto history, in May and July of 1993. In the May drawing, 14 people split the winnings, while a trio divid-

Two previous jackpots have and one has climbed to \$30 million,

The numbers selected in Wednes-"That's the largest jackpot for day's drawing were: 5, 16, 21, 38, four of six numbers, with each 44, 46.

The prize was worth \$15 million. Although there was no jackpot with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$1,732.

There were 9.820 tickets with



Wednesday's winning numbers are: 5 - 16 - 21 - 38 - 44 - 46

City briefs

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

REMINGTON PARK Bus Adv. Group, March 5, 6th. Call Travel Express for details 665-0093. Adv.

Assoc. Spring Season sign up Saturday, February 19, Pampa Mall 10 6 and up. Need birth certificate for new players. For more information call Rick Bradley, 665-3897. If you played Fall Season you do not have day night, Moose Lodge. Members

to sign up. Adv. DON JONAS Calligraphy, please. 665-3440. Adv.

in's Catering by Friday noon. 669- office 669-6701 or home 665-0163. 1428. Adv.

WE ARE continuing our close New chest drawers, tools, furniture, 18 and 19. Adv. Watkins and 1,000 other things. Also shelves and tables. Open Market, 409 W. Brown. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, mostly cloudy with a

low in the mid 40s and south wind

15 to 20 mph and gusty. Friday,

mostly cloudy and windy with a

high in the upper 60s and southwest

wind blowing 20 to 30 mph and

gusty. Caution advised on area

REGIONAL FORECAST

mostly cloudy. Lows in mid 40s.

Friday, mostly cloudy and windy.

Highs in upper 60s. Friday night,

mostly cloudy. Lows 35-40.-South

Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy.

Lows in upper 40s to near 50. Fri-

day, mostly cloudy. Highs in low

70s. Friday night, mostly cloudy.

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight,

the overnight low was 43.

Lows 40-45.

TAX SERVICE, Glenda Brownlee, 614 Davis, 665-8074, 274-2142.

LAKEVIEW APARTMENTS: 2 and 3 bedroom unfurnished apart-PAMPA OUTDOOR Soccer ments. References required. 669-7682. Adv.

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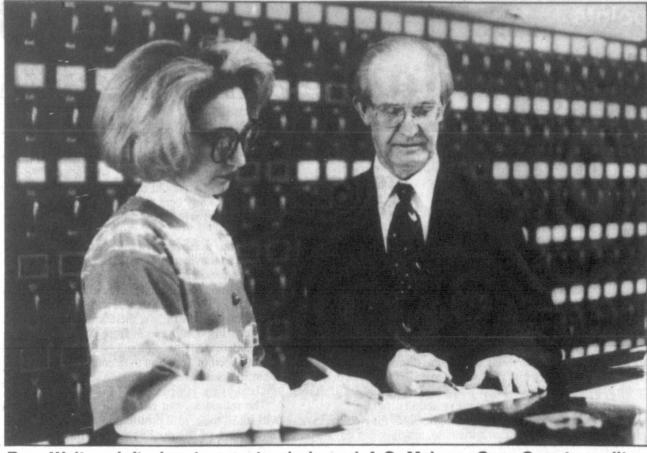
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BORDER STATES New Mexico - Tonight, mostly

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Pam Walton, left, deputy county clerk, and A.C. Malone, Gray County auditor, check over the early-voting forms this morning in the Gray County Clerk's Office as voters begin to cast ballots in the upcoming primary elections. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Early voting begins for primary elections

today, according to county officials. Early voting for the March 8 pri-

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maries began Wednesday and continues through March 4, said Gray County Clerk Wanda Carter

ballots 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in person in her County Courthouse, she said.

Handicapped individuals may enter Gray County Courthouse through the south door and call for Tax Assessor/Collector Margie

People who expect to be out of the county during early voting may request in writing a ballot from Carter's office. The written request must come from an out-of-county address and must be returned to an out-of-county address, Carter said.

Early primary voting was light abled, voting may be done by mail, cumbent Republican candidate. Carter explained.

Her office must a receive a letter signed by the voter requesting the ballot, she said. The letter must specify political party and the rea-Registered voters may cast their son for applying by mail.

Democratic and Republican primary elections are scheduled for held by retiring Creed Lamb. office on the second floor of Gray March 8 with runoff spots to be decided April 12.

judge has drawn four candidates: Jim Osborne and Wendell Palmer, voting assistance from the office of both Democrats, and Gary Willoughby and Richard Peet, West. Republicans.

> missioner, Precinct 2 are Democrat- Sarpalius (D-Amarillo) will face a plehorn and Robert W. Dixon.

attorney are Tracey Blades, Smith and Dimmitt's Mayor Wayne For those 65 and older, ill or dis- Democrat, and Todd Alvey, in- Collins.

McLean residents will have no shortage of Republican candidates to choose from to fill the position of justice of the peace, Precinct 4. Martha Jo Bailey, Milton Best, Mary Ann Carpenter and Jake Hess Sr. have filed to fill the spot now

Democratic incumbent County Clerk Wanda Carter will face The position of Gray County Republican challenger Joetta Thomas. Democratic incumbent District Clerk Yvonne Moler will face newcomer Republican Bobbie

State Rep. Warren Chisum, Seeking the post of county com- Democrat, is unopposed. Rep. Bill ic incumbent Jim Greene, and two Republican opponent in the fall. Republican contenders, Susan Trip- Hoping to unseat Sarpalius are Amarillo attorney Mac Thornberry, Aiming for election as county Amarillo businessman Flavious

Terminally-ill patients, investors benefit from purchase of life insurance policies

By JEFF CARRUTH Staff Writer

Terminally-ill patients and investors apparently both stand to gain from the increasingly popular ance policies of individuals with short life expectancies.

But such transactions are fairly new and the idea of viatical transfer may take some getting used to as ethics questions arise.

The practice thus far is most commonly used by AIDS patients who face skyrocketing medical expenses and many times lose their health cov-

Viatical agreements offer the terminally-ill a chance to use a large portion of their life insurance before death occurs - to pay medical expenses or simply enjoy life. In the process, those who purchase the policies stand to gain 10 percent or more on their investment depending on the amount of the policy and the length of time before the patient dies.

ment with an investor calling for the according to State Rep. Warren investor to buy the patient's life insurance policy for a large percent-

investor then pays the premiums until the patient's death.

practice of purchasing the life insur- have health insurance, and if they can use the money to pay off hospital insurance agent Tim Hutto, C.L.U.

> He has not yet been involved in a the industry," he said. viatical transaction but expects the use of such agreements to spread.

Hutto said viatical agreements could become common among the elderly, especially with those who have too many assets to qualify for Medicare but face losing their net increasingly high nursing home weigh such concerns.

Meanwhile, it has become companies to match investors and the terminally-ill who wish to enter into a viatical agreement. This is where Chisum.

Last session, the Texas Legislature take with us," Hutto said.

age of what the policy is worth. In passed a bill sponsored by Chisum turn, the patient names the investor giving regulatory authority of the as beneficiary of the policy. The viatical industry to the state insurance board.

Chisum, who is also a viatical "A lot of (AIDS patients) don't investor, sees the practice as a winwin situation. "Investors can make a better than normal return, and it's an bills, it's a good deal," said Pampa avenue that people can use for medical care ... There's no downside to

> Chisum said intermediary companies do not engage in direct solicitation of patients, and the state attorney general's office has received no com-

Some questions over the human dignity of those who sell their poliworth to medical expenses. Such liv- cies have risen, but the economic ing benefits could be used to pay benefit to both parties seems to out-

'I don't know if I could (buy a policy) and not feel guilty. But it is a mon practice for intermediary com- pretty good deal if someone needs cash for medical care," Hutto said.

By giving individuals the means to stay afloat financially, proponents some see the potential for abuse, but say viatical agreements offer the seri-The patient enters into an agree- there have been no complaints yet, ously ill a chance to maintain human

That's about all we have left to

Charges dismissed against former Hutchison aides

AUSTIN (AP) - Charges have been County assistant district attorney. dismissed against two former aides who were indicted along with U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, and prosecutors have dropped attempts to reveal the grand jury testimony in the investigation.

State District Court Judge Bob Perkins on Tuesday dismissed charges against Mike Barron, former deputy treasurer, and David Criss, former policy and planning director at the agency.

The dismissal ends all pending indictments from the eight-month investigation into the state treasurer's office while Mrs. Hutchison headed it.

Because Hutchison was acquitted of using the office for political and personal purposes "it would not be fair to prosecute only the subordinates," said Darla Davis, Travis was exonerated," said David Beck- work on state computers.

On Friday, Travis County District ceed in Hutchison's case, saying he feared Judge John F. Onion Jr. would and tampering with evidence. rule against allowing evidence that was seized during a raid of the state charge of official misconduct.

Ms. Davis said the district attorney's office also would not pursue making grand jury testimony public, because of opposition from Hutchison.

Hutchison's attorney, Dick DeGuerin, said releasing the grand jury transcripts without notifying the

mise their rights of privacy.

with, a spokesman for Hutchison.

Barron had been indicted on Attorney Ronnie Earle refused to pro- charges of official misconduct, tampering with a governmental record

Criss had been indicted on one

"I'm happy to put this behind me," said Criss, a first-year law student at Southern Methodist University. "I've maintained my innocence throughout. I believe the district attorney's actions affirm that. My wife and I are ready to move on with our lives."

Barron, now the chief financial offiwitnesses involved would compro- cer for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, was accused of telling Trea-"Sen. Hutchison expressed satisfac- sury workers to delete computer tion with the developments. She's records of employees who had especially pleased that Mike Barron allegedly been conducting campaign

Indicted pastor found dead in Houston of apparent suicide

HOUSTON (AP) - A Houston pastor was found dead unable to contact him by telephone," Hurst said. in his home of an apparent suicide Wednesday, a day after he was indicted for allegedly whipping a boy at the office will have to rule on the exact cause of death, but mother's request, police said.

hand, police spokesman Robert Hurst said. Boutte was ioners were accused of whipping an 11-year-old boy pastor of the non-denominational Holy Ghost Church.

congregation who had gone to check on him after being bleeding when he went to school the next day.

Hurst said the Harris County Medical Examiner's police did not suspect any foul play.

Victor Anthony Boutte, 48, suffered a gunshot wound Boutte was indicted Tuesday and was to appear in his head and a gun was found clenched in his right court Wednesday morning. He and two of his parishafter the youth's mother asked for help disciplining him.

"The body was discovered by two members of the The boy's wounds were so severe they were still

Community wants to force convicted murderer out of town

CLIFTON (AP) - Triple murderwhy many of Clifton's citizens abso- County. He lives with a family friend miles northwest of Abilene.

told The Associated Press Wednesday. 40 miles northwest of Waco.

Since discovering that Swink, 32, near Clifton, the community's citi- Abilene Reporter-News. zens have begun a petition drive to

As of Wednesday, 150 people had more 45-year sentences to run

After serving 15 years in prison, ing of his 14-year-old brother, er Roy Swink cannot understand Swink was released Feb. 2 to Bosque Royce, in Aspermont, about 60

lutely do not want him as a neighbor. and sponsor, Steve Cochran, in a In 1986, he pleaded guilty to killing "None of them know me. They rural area near Clifton, a community his father, Hermon Welon Swink, and really know nothing about me," he of about 3,000 people approximately his pregnant stepmother, Ilene Swink, in the same incident. He received two was released quietly to a rural area signed the petition, according to the the original sentence. He also was given a 10-year term to run concur-Swink was sentenced to 45 years rently for trying to escape on the way in prison for the 1978 shotgun slay- to prison in December 1978.



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Opinion

Drug sentencing laws need study

As Congress debates yet another federal anti-crime bill, legislators should take a few minutes to review a Department of Justice study that assesses the results of previous efforts to "get tough on crime." The policy of requiring heavy mandatory minimum sentences for certain drug law offenses has proven counterproductive. Those laws deserve critical study.

The manner of the Justice Department report's release was in itself fascinating. Last May, Attorney General Janet Reno ordered a comprehensive study of mandatory minimums for minor drug-law offenders, to be released in September. A few weeks ago, when Deputy Attorney General Philip Heymann quit (or was pushed out), stories were floated to the effect that his office had become a "black hole" for official studies.

But Heymann said this wasn't true of the mandatory-minimum study, which he says was completed last fall. According to a Washington Post story, "(Heymann) said presidential counselor David R. Gergen asked him to delay the release to give the White House more time to develop an administration position on mandatory sentences."

"To say that this fell into a black hole ... is a bum rap," Heymann was quoted as saying. "The damn thing was done months ago."

If that news hadn't surfaced, resulting in calls for the report to be released, it might have been kept under wraps until after Congress had passed a crime bill. As it was, the report was released just after 5 p.m. Friday, virtually guaranteeing that it wouldn't make the evening news and would be "buried" as a minor weekend story.

But everyone in Congress should know the results before voting on any crime bills. It turns out that 16,737 low-level drug law violators are in federal prison today (out of 70,000 total) serving mandatory minimum sentences averaging 81.5 months.

As Julie Stewart, president of Families Against Mandatory Minimums, points out, "The average federal sentence for sex offenses is 69 months, for manslaughter 51 months; yet we pay for nonviolent, first-time drug offenders to sit in prison for six years."

Some 42.3 percent of the drug offenders in federal prison were low-level couriers, or "mules." As Stewart explains, "The low guy on the totem pole has the least information to trade for a reduction in sentence. It's the kingpins who cut the deals and do less time."

The result of mandatory-minimum laws is that taxpayers spend \$334 million per year to take up space that is then not available for violent criminals. Some violent criminals have even been released early to make room for people sentenced under mandatory-minimum laws.

These laws should be reviewed – and probably repealed – before any new laws are put on the books.

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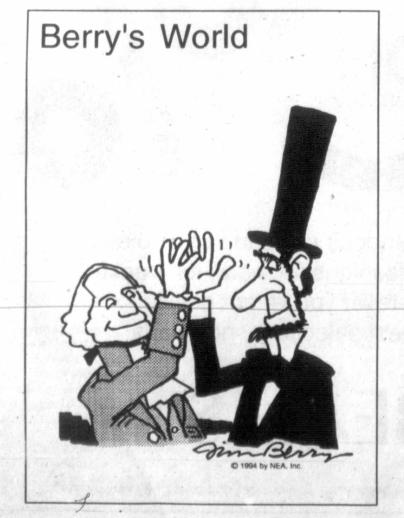
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The real agenda against gays

.American homosexuals, who feel perpetually embattled and disliked, can take some consolation in the fact that they generate less loathing than career politicians. The campaign for term limits on elected officials is currently the most successful grass-roots movement in the country. The battle against gay rights comes in a mere second.

Last year, 19 local initiatives excluding homosexuals from anti-discrimination laws made it onto the ballot - and every one of them passed. In 1992, Colorado voters approved a measure barring protection for gays. As many as nine states may vote on similar measures this year.

Most of these would amend state constitutions to disqualify gays from civil rights protection. The impetus is horror of everything gays request, from the repeal of sodomy laws to school curricula admitting the existence of homosexuals. The dubious pretext is opposition to privileged status for a group that needs no help and deserves none.

The religious right, which is spearheading the drive, says gays don't belong in the civil rights laws because they don't suffer from discrimination, having a high average income. The anti-gay forces argue that what homosexuals want is not fairness but 'special rights" that will lead to gay quotas.

Civil rights laws are open to the charge that they impel many employers to hire by the numbers. But if that effect is malignant, why should it raise concerns only in the case of gays? No one proposes to exclude blacks or women, the chief beneficiaries of any existing quotas. No one recommends excluding any other group. Gays alone have to pay for the sins of affirmative action.

It isn't true that we confine protection to those who suffer for inborn traits (assuming, against the evidence, that homosexuality is something people "choose"). We ban religious discrimination, even

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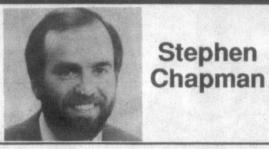
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though people are free to change their religion and many do

Nor do we shield only groups that are poor: Japanese-Americans are generally better off than white Anglo-Saxon Protestants, but they may sue over employment or housing discrimination. For that matter, white males also enjoy legal protection from racial and sexual discrimination, unless it stems from a formal affirmative action program.

On balance, the civil rights laws may not be beneficial. But if that's the case, singling out gays won't solve the problem. If they are beneficial, though, it's hard to think of a powerful reason why they should League. extend to white males but not white males who are gay. Of the groups our civil rights laws cover, few have suffered such fierce and enduring persecution

The opponents of gay rights insist that gays evoke condemnation purely for what they do - live a "gay lifestyle." But homosexuals have never been able to purchase tolerance with celibacy. What disgusts their enemies is that they have homosexual feelings, even if they never act on them.

The anti-gay rights organizations, however, are not preoccupied with civil rights theory. Their pur- for those who are homosexual. For the people leadpose is to block gay rights gains of any kind. Homosexuals infuriate them not because they demand spe- be enough.

cial treatment but because they aspire to be treated like everyone else.

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The gay rights opponents are appalled at the idea of repealing sodomy taws, which survive in 22 states. But why should the government tell consenting adults of any bent (16 states outlaw heterosexual sodomy, too) what they may do in their own bed-

Gays are accused of wanting to lower the age of consent so they can molest children. The truth is that gay organizations only want to make the age of consent the same for homosexual relations as for heterosexual ones. What's so radical about that?

As for gay marriages, there's not much sense in discouraging homosexuals from permanent, monogamous commitments. Adoption? With far more children in need of adoption than couples willing to take them, it doesn't help the kids to tell them no parents are better than gay parents.

The religious right talks as if acceptance of gays will mean their wild proliferation - precipitating the destruction of the nuclear family, the Judeo-Christian ethic and, who knows, the National Football

In fact, as legal scholar and federal appellate judge Richard Posner noted in his authoritative 1992 book, Sex and Reason, this preference has been shown "to exist in most, perhaps all, societies, whether they are tolerant of homosexuality or repressive of it; to be almost completely - and perhaps completely - resistant to treatment of it; and to be no more common in tolerant than repressive societies.'

Based on everything we know, we cannot use government power to prevent anyone from being homosexual. All we can do is make life miserable ing the campaign against gay civil rights, that may

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 17th, the 48th day of 1994. There are 317 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

Thirty years ago, on Feb. 17th, 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its "one man, one vote" decision, ruling that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

On this date: In 1801, the U.S. House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president. Burr became vice president.

In 1817, a street in Baltimore became the first to be lighted with gas from America's first gas compa-

In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates moved out and Union forces began moving in. (It's never been determined which side set the blaze.)

June Allyson would be a fine coach

Somebody just told me the Atlanta Falcons have picked June Allyson as their new head football

Great. I like June Allyson. In fact, I fell in love with her the first time I saw her, in the The Monty Stratton Story. Remember that movie? You don't? I guess that's

because you're not old enough to remember the girl-next-door type, which June Allyson certainly was. That was before the girl-next-door type would cut off your cowboy. Anyway, it was a terrific movie. June Allyson could probably even persuade his team to return to

er played by Jimmy Stewart, who was also rumored to be a candidate for the Falcons job.

In the movie, Jimmy Stewart - Monty Stratton - vision? shoots off his leg in a hunting accident.

So his baseball career is over, right? Not so fast. Because of his will and desire, and the help of his wife, June Allyson, he is able to overcome his injury and return to baseball.

So I like to think June Allyson is a great motivator, which she certainly will need to be as the new Falcons coach.

All great coaches are also great motivators. coach?" Jimmy Johnson of the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys is a great motivator.

So is Mark Levy, coach of the Buffalo Bills. He



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played the wife of Monty Stratton, a baseball pitch- a fifth straight Super Bowl. A head coach must be a great salesperson. June Allyson was that. Ever see her selling those personal-hygiene products on tele-

"Extra protection" is what she sells.

The Falcons need that. For their quarterbacks. The Falcons' protection has been so historically poor, they once had a quarterback who was hit so hard that he came out of the next huddle and lined up under a guard to await a snap that never came.

A lot of fans are probably asking, "Why on Earth did the Falcons pick a woman to be their new head

Why, indeed. Well, one reason must be that men certainly haven't worked out as Falcons coaches. They've had six or seven male failures previously, including one other individual from the entertainment field, Mr. Peepers.

His real name was Wally Cox, and he had his own TV show.

Oh, that was Pat Peppler who was the Falcons coach? Sorry. Easy to get those two guys confused, though. They both had about the same amount of business being the head coach of pro football team.

I like the Falcon's choice of June Allyson, because they finally went for a "name" coach.

No more of this hiring somebody else's obscure coordinator of something or other. They didn't hire a Dan Henning. They at least hired somebody with some name recognition to make it look like they might finally be serious about winning.

Rankin Smith Sr. owns the team. His little boy Taylor runs it. Perhaps the Smith family has finally dedicated itself to throwing off the team's yoke as one of the worst, most ill-managed sports franchises in history. Whatever, I want to applaud the Smiths for doing

it right this time.

What's that? The Falcons didn't hire June Allyson. They hired June Jones?

Who the hell is June Jones? What movie is has she been in?

I guess I misunderstood.

Tale of two skaters is on thin ice

Sports commentator Frank DeFord has called it the story of "Snow White and the Evil Queen."

And thanks to remarks just such as that, that's exactly what the tale of the attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan became as soon as it was known that her alleged attackers included men surrounding her chief rival, Tonya Harding. The story became not a plea for justice, but a fairy tale for some irresponsible members of the press to craft seductively to attract viewers, readers and listeners.

I understand what DeFord was trying to do: to be entertaining, to elevate the tale to an allegorical level, using a story with which everyone is familiar. That's a great technique - if all the elements of the tales you're comparing are known. Trouble is, in this case we don't know all of the elements yet. There are times is healed by the Olympics so she can "beat her butt" when using allegory is a proper writing tool and times for the gold. when it is not. When a person, such as Harding, has not been charged with a crime, it is not the time. She insists she is innocent.

Evil "queen," Frank? When the only people charged so far have been a host of men - or kings, to stick with your royal imagery - why would you decide it was the proper time to talk about evil

I can understand how tempting it would be to slip into crafting news reports in this case around a Grimm Brothers theme.

First, there's the video of the few seconds after

Then even more video, this time of the Buffoon ex- husband and her bodyguard.

the arena by her dad.

Brigade charged in the attack - including Harding's

Next there's the video of a beaming Harding after

she won the U.S. championships - which the club-

bing kept Kerrigan out of – saying she hopes her rival

And of course, there are the wonderful Kerrigans, the All-American family supporting their beloved

Behind Harding are only the coach who served as a surrogate parent to her, and stories of her difficult relationships with her natural parents and stepparents. The TV networks exploded with stories of Tonya's rough upbringing and tough-girl ways; photos of Tonya smoking; a revealing documentary of Tonya, the attack: beautiful, graceful Nancy Kerrigan in as a young teen, on the nation's top TV news magawhite, screaming terror, helplessly carried from zine, 60 Minutes. Nowhere is there any video or what's on A Current Affair.

childhood reminiscences of the men actually charged in the attack. The prevailing TV theme is,"IF she did it, we'll be the first news team to show you why."

Shortly after her bodyguard admitted involvement in the attack, one columnist called Harding "Amy Fisher on skates." Several others called for her to voluntarily take herself out of the Olympics. "She would take an impossible shadow to the Olympics," syndicated columnist Mike Lopresti wrote. "It would be a circus in Lillehammer, engulfing the competition."

Withdrawing would be her chance to "appear to be gracious," to "rehabilitate her image," DeFord said later on National Public Radio, adding she is "morally obligated to get out of Nancy Kerrigan's way."

If Tonya Harding had anything to do with the attack - anything at all, even knowledge of any part of any plan - she should be practicing her famed triple axel in a small cell.

But what if, as she claims, she really had no knowledge of the crime, and her biggest sin was a poor choice of cohorts? She should abandon her life's work and crawl off so that no one else is inconve-

Who among us doesn't know someone who has made a bad marriage, who has believed in friends who didn't deserve it, who has been the victim of a friend or relative's greed or treachery?

This story MAY become a tale of the "Evil Queen" and "Snow White" once the truth is known. But until that time, it is not. This is still America, no matter's



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WASHINGTON (AP) - At U.S. urging, NATO and U.N. commanders have agreed on tough terms to separate Bosnian Serbs from the deadly artillery and mortar they have rained on Sarajevo and now must surrender by Sunday night.

"The Serbs now, I think, must know that if they don't comply, NATO will take action," President Clinton declared today in a morning radio interview. "The United States has been pushing this for a long time and I think we've finally succeeded in bringing our allies around."

Disobeying the 6 p.m. CST Sunday deadline could touch off a NATO air attack. Complying - and so far the Serbs are moving slowly – could permanently deprive them of the deadly weapons that kept the city in thrall until an uneasy cease-fire took hold last weekend.

"The decision of the North Atlantic Council still stands," Clinton said Wednesday, referring to the ulti- problem" in aligning the NATO and U.N. commanders matum to clear a 13-mile radius around Sarajevo of on implementing the ultimatum.

heavy artillery and mortar. "And the rules are clear." He said the Serbs either had to surrender the weapons to the United Nations or withdraw them from the zone. A third option in the event the weapons cannot be moved because of snow or inadequate transportation is to put them under the control of U.N. forces at the site, Clinton said.

They will be surrounded by U.N. troops and made inoperable, administration officials said Wednesday.

The objective, one official said, was to ensure there would be "no Serb finger on the trigger."

In the meantime, only a trickle of guns have been turned over to U.N. authorities. Thirty-six were reported on Sunday and a half-dozen or so have been surrendered since, the officials said.

"There's no question there is a long way to go," said one official, who like the others spoke on condition of

Clinton, returning to the White House from a trip to New Jersey, said Wednesday he thought "there is no

weapons.' The administration officials said the terms were

adopted in talks between U.S. Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, the NATO commander in the region, and British Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, the U.N. commander.

Officials said the terms were shaped largely by Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who has also warned any shelling of Sarajevo - from the 13-mile zone or beyond - could provoke NATO retaliation.

NATO imposed the 10-day ultimatum last week, prompted by a mortar attack that killed 68 people in a Sarajevo market on Feb. 5.

About 10,000 people have been killed in Sarajevo since minority Serbs rebelled against the Muslim-led government's declaration of independence in April 1992. About 200,000 people are dead or missing across the former Yugoslav republic in strife that has involved Bosnian Croats, as well.

Christopher said Tuesday "the weapons must be incamultinational monitoring force.

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an Church, said in a radio interview.

Olympics in Lillehammer.

He said NATO and the U.N. were working out "a pacitated so they cannot be fired unless they are withclear and meaningful definition of control of the drawn beyond the 20-kilometer range."

Dee Dee Myers, the White House press secretary, said Wednesday that NATO would not wait for the actual firing of any weapons in violation of the ultimatum. "Whether it's used is not the test," she said. "If we find

them we bomb them. Rose pledged Wednesday that NATO's intent will be

met. He said if the Serbs want to recover their weapons "they will have to fight to get them back." The Clinton administration agrees with him on this

and on the stiff terms, the officials said. The United Nations, meanwhile, is requesting an additional 2,000 to 3,000 troops to help implement the

But the officials said the administration will stand by its position of not sending U.S. grounds troops into Bosnia unless there is a negotiated settlement among Muslims, Serbs and Croats.

In that case, the United States would contribute to a

Rebels free former governor to start peace talks

Associated Press Writer

GUADALUPE TEPEYAC, Mexico (AP) - Paving the way for peace talks, Indian rebels in southern Mexico released a former governor in a remote village that offered a glimpse of the poverty rebels are protesting.

Government envoy, Manuel Camacho Solis, declared the release Wednesday a "firm step toward peace." It was his first face-to-face encounter with the rebel Zapatista

Both sides have indicated peace talks are imminent but no time or

Absalon Castellanos, 70, the former governor of the state of Chiapas along the Guatemalan border, returned to his ranch after being held 47 days in a remote forest hideout. He has said the rebels did not mistreat him and showed no sign of his ordeal other than a new beard.

Flanked by four hooded rebels, he walked to freedom along a dirt road in this tiny village in southern Chiapas where electricity was first according to Mexican news reports. introduced last year and telephones

The 300 residents applauded as

By LAWRENCE KOOTNIKOFF atista Army!" About 160 journalists were on hand as well as government officials.

> "We have fulfilled our promise," shouted the rebels, carrying automatic weapons and wearing their signature ski masks and red hand-

plaints against Castellanos, a retired army general who commanded the Mexican army in Chiapas before be their only hostage, was kidserving as governor from 1982-88. an land and jailing those who

Castellanos denied the charges but in a television interview broadcast late Tuesday, admitted failing to

and tranquility in Chiapas," Castellanos said in a brief statement after death but that they commuted the His release was seen as a condi-

earlier released 38 suspected rebels and was preparing to free 32 others, many of whom speak no Spanish

gesture toward peace, the govern- tals and schools are scarce. The ment announced a huge increase in Zapatistas say Indians are dying of

The rebellion began New Year's Day when the previously unknown Zapatistas briefly took over several towns in Chiapas, Mexico's southernmost state, to protest mistreatment and oppression of Indian

The fighting died down two dress recited a list long of com- weeks later after the government declared a unilateral cease-fire.

peasants, most of whom live in

Castellanos, said by the rebels to napped from his ranch Jan. 2. He planned to spend the night in his home before taking a military flight today from the Chiapas capital of Tuxtla Gutierrez to Mexico City. It was not immediately known if Castellanos would meet with President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

In late January, the rebels said Castellanos had been sentenced to indigenous community to atone for his sins against Indians.

A majority of the 3.2 million Chiapas residents are Indians, and live in tiny farm plots without In what may have been a similar running water or electricity. Hospicurable diseases.

Theft of 'The Scream' linked to anti-abortion group OSLO, Norway (AP) - A clergy- Silent Scream ... then 'The Scream' said it had not received any demand to

man today linked the theft of the would emerge again," he said. When the radio interviewer asked Edvard Munch masterpiece "The Scream" to an anti-abortion campaign. if he or his supporters were involved Borre Knudsen, a well-known in the theft, Knudsen responded, anti-abortion activist, said Norway's "No comment."

most famous painting could be returned if Norwegian television broadcast a film showing a fetus nal, and we hope that it will be heard, but we must be very secretive."

about whether anti-abortionists inviting American anti-abortion can comment further.' campaigners to Norway during the Olympics to take advantage of the in conjunction with the Winter deported 12 Americans last week on 'We can't publicly state that we suspicion they planned criminal know what happened, but we see

activities, a charge they denied.

broadcast The Silent Scream.

"We would refuse it without question. We would never broadcast under those conditions," she said.

Police superintendent Leif A. Lier "We simply can't be too open about said he was studying a copy of the it," he added. "We have sent out a sig- radio interview. He said Knudsen "did not give a clear answer to the questions asked, so we will have to Knudsen has been involved in continue our investigations before I

The Norwegian High Court ruled in 1983 that Knudsen could not international news media and gain have his own parish because his attention for their cause. Police views against abortion brought him into conflict with the church. But he has a following among those who oppose Norway's laws allowing Anne Diesen, deputy managing abortions and providing state paydirector at Norwegian television NRK, ment for the procedure.

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the rebels shouted "Viva the Zap- spending for rural social programs.

An unidentified man in civilian

Rebels accuse him of stealing Indiopposed him.

adequately address social injustices. "I hope we will soon see peace

being examined by Red Cross sentence to life of hard labor at an workers. tion for peace talks. The government

Convicted child killer gets death sentence

for Doil Lane in Judge Charles Ramsey's 22nd District Court.

The death sentence came shortly before 2 p.m., said Edna Chagolla of the Hays County district attornev's office.

hours, said Annette DeLeon, assistant court coordinator for Ramsey.

SAN MARCOS (AP) - A con- that she was uneasy around Lane victed child murderer was sen- because he stared at her two chiltenced Wednesday to lethal injec- dren each day as they walked past tion for an attack on an 8-year-old his house on their way to school.

Lane was found guilty Monday Jurors decided the punishment of capital murder in the 1980 kidnapping, rape and Bertha Martinez. Brenda Smith of Wichita, Kan.,

dren, "They would cross the street Jurors deliberated about 1 1/2 when they got to his house."

A Kansas woman testified dur- inappropriate conduct" at school, ing the trial's punishment phase a school counselor said.

testified Tuesday that because of the way Lane stared at her chil-

Other testimony in the first day of the sentencing phase of Lane's trial focused on his past "sexually

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Defense lawyer: Client was unwilling participant in Trade Center bombing

By LARRY NEUMEISTER **Associated Press Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) - A lawyer for a World Trade Center bombing suswas an unwitting participant in the attack after falling victim to a "devious, evil ... genius" who fled

attorney for Mohammad Salameh, marked the first time in the fivemonth federal trial that a defense client was connected to the bomb-

have refused to even concede that it said. was a bomb that damaged the trade center, killed six people and injured more than 1,000.

Precht said Salameh, the first person arrested in the case, was nothing more than an unknowing employee of the fugitive, Ramzi Yousef.

"Mr. Yousef did get Mr. Salameh to help him but he kept Mr. Salameh in the dark about the fundamental plan that he came to this country with," Precht said in closing arguments. As he spoke, he held a picture of Yousef before the jury.

Salameh, a 26-year-old Palestinian who was arrested after seeking a refund for the bomb-damaged van from the rental company, is on trial along with three other Muslim mili-

victed, the defendants face up to life Iraq," Precht said of the men. The in prison without parole.

witnesses and hundreds of pieces of fugitives' return. pect conceded Wednesday his client evidence that jurors will likely begin

sifting through early next week. Precht said his client was "terribly misled ... terribly manipulated by a devious, evil, I'll say it, genius, The statement by Robert Precht, a person who came to this country with a single mission - to destroy American targets.'

"The ultimate evidence that this rorism lawyer told the jury directly that his is a skilled professional, ruthless and stealth and willing to stop at nothing Some of the defense attorneys that he is not here today," Precht

> Precht said Salameh handled chemicals at the storage shed where some bomb components allegedly were delivered, and may have perbombing, but was unaware of the of the explosion. consequence of his acts.

reasonable doubt" that Salameh were stored, helped make the bomb rented the storage shed, lived at the and rented the yellow van that car-Jersey City, N.J., address where the ried the explosive into a garage bomb was made, mixed chemicals and visited the Trade Center days buildings. before the bombing.

Besides Yousef's picture, Precht also showed the jury a photograph including more than 2,000 fingerof Abdul Yasin, 33, who left the country March 5.

"The two major pieces of this dants before the bombing.

tants in the Feb. 26 bombing. If con-puzzle are missing and they're in U.S. government has offered a The prosecution presented 207 reward of \$2 million each for the

In an attempt to show his client was a humble, struggling immigrant, Precht opened what he called a "miserable briefcase" that he said contained all of Salameh's worldly belongings: an assortment of random papers and pictures, having nothing to do with bombing or ter-

"This is the J.P. Morgan who was going to bankroll Yousef's bomb," in the pursuit of his goals is the fact Precht said, making light of the prosecutor's portrayal of Salameh as a financier of the attack.

Prosecutors say Yousef arrived in

They say Salameh rented a stor-He insisted there was "more than age locker where bomb chemicals beneath the world's second tallest

Precht told jurors not to be fooled by the "sheer volume" of evidence, prints and records of hundreds of telephone calls among the defen-

Former military bases slowly converted to new uses

By ROBERT DVORCHAK **AP National Writer**

Need a shuttered military base? Followers of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi tried unsuccessfully to open a center for mass meditations at Chanute Air Force Base, a 2,200acre site that closed last September in Rantoul, Ill. It's now the Rantoul Aviation and Development Center -

an airport and multi-use property. One of the 130-plus proposals for 7,000-acre Fort Ord near Monterey, Calif., is for a spaceport for aliens to land. The spit-and-polish Army post - where Gen. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell had his ashes scattered - is more likely to become a college campus.

The Presidio in San Francisco once the northernmost outpost of the Spanish empire and a possession of the Army since 1846 - is destined to become a national park. But the first new civilian tenant is the Gorbachev Foundation-USA - a group headed by Mikhail Gorbachev, the former leader of America's eyeball-to-eyeball foe in the Cold War.

Scores of communities are converting the training grounds of war into engines of economic revivals, establishing civilian airports, prisons, industrial parks, colleges and homeless shelters.

Beginning in 1988, with the Cold War over, the Pentagon targeted unneeded bases for closing to save billions in defense spending. So far, 15 major bases have closed since the first one, Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire, shut down in March 1991 and became the Pease International Tradeport. Ten more are due to close this year.

Fort Douglas - built in 1862 to protect gold shipments from Confederate raiders - closed in 1991. Located outside Salt Lake City, it is now part of the University of Utah, which preserves the fort's historic buildings.

Chase Field Naval Air Station provided a \$40 million annual payroll and 30 percent of the local economy in Beeville, Texas, until jets made their final flyover and the flag was furled for the last time Feb. 17.

Since then, four light industries have opened on the 1,172-acre base that the Navy used to train pilots for 50 years. The Texas prison system is opening a regional headquarters, a training academy and a processing center for 4,000 prisoners.

And plans are nearly complete to turn the runways and hangars into a general aviation airport. By year's end, the place will have the same 2,000-person workforce, and with a higher payroll.

'What everyone thought would be a death knell for the community is really a tremendous opportunity for economic fevival," said Brad Arvin, executive director of the Beeville-Bee County Redevelopment Council. "We've been able to recover and diversify."

But even with the successful turnaround, Arvin noted that the process is "often contradictory, convoluted and most cumbersome." The prime enemy: federal red tape.

Rantoul Mayor Katy Podagrosi echoed the same sentiments: "Working with the federal bureaucracy is a nightmare. It's maddening."

Consider Fort Sheridan, a 696acre parcel of prime lakefront property in the Chicago suburbs, its high bluffs and sandy beaches among the last undeveloped slices of Lake

Built in 1888 to protect Chicago from possible lakeside attack, Fort Sheridan's flag received its final salutes on June 1, 1990. Since then,

the United States on Sept. 1 from Pakistan and within days, joined Salameh to arrange the bombing. formed other tasks related to the Yousef left the country the evening

mothballed. Community plans to make it a nature preserve, a veterans cemetery, an education center and nursing home fell through. Attempts to have a devel-

oper build half-million dollar homes along the golf course were scuttled. While several homeless organizations hope to use the old fort's abandoned barracks, the only change has been when about 300 acres of ground were turned over the Army Reserves and the Navy claimed

some housing units. "We've been quite frustrated by the bureaucracy. It's a slow clunker

"the place has pretty much been the three communities that border on the old fort.

The past has shown that there is life after the military. According to a Pentagon study of

bases closed from 1961 to the latest round of shutdowns, 158,104 new civilian jobs replaced the 93,424 civilian jobs that were lost.

But things are different now, even though the government has worked to streamline the process.

Environmental regulations have changed dramatically, and the military must clean up unexploded ammunition, oil spills and other blight. A community may have to of a process," sighed Daniel Pierce, deal with a dozen federal agencies the mayor of Highland Park, one of before taking over a base.

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NASA sets March 3 launch date for Columbia shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - NASA set March 3 as the launch date for the next space two-day countdown test that ends Thursday. shuttle mission, a 14-day research flight by Columbia.

During the mission, the five astronauts will grow crystals, measure shuttle vibrations, conduct medical experiments and tend to 16 rats for a protein molecule study.

The crew is at Kennedy Space Center for a

The launch date and 7:54 a.m. CST liftoff time were announced Wednesday by NASA

It is the second of eight shuttle flights planned by NASA this year. The first, by Discovery, ended Friday.



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VAT refunds stretch dollars in Europe By JENNIFER MERIN For AP Special Features STOCKHOLM (AP) — Many chic boutiques along Drot-tningatan display a blue and gold placard identifying them as participants in Swedish fix A-free Shopping. This 15,000-member merchants' association enables tourists to reclaim value added tax (VAT) on goods they buy for export. Lifeestyles VAT refunds assoriec charge and ask for a VAT refund voucher with the purching at an display a blue and gold placard identifying them as participants in Swedish fix A-free Shopping. This 15,000-member merchants' association enables tourists to reclaim value added tax (VAT) on goods they buy for export. Lifeestyles VAT refund. Service charges for handling and trefunds also vary from country, even shop to those, In Sweden, for example, to the country, you line up at leave the country or other point of departure, show authorities what or line for an on-the-new available. Then you go to another in line for an on-the-new available of the property of the point of the property of the property of the point of the property of the prope

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I think you misread the letter from "Depressed Daughter" when she wrote about her mother's constant negativity. Your advice to try to bring her mother "up" by taking her to a movie, etc., won't work. Her mother lives in a world of her own. She likes to be negative. In fact, she would be ruined if she couldn't discount and denigrate her daughter.

It's not the mother who needs counseling; it's the daughter .The daughter has been verbally abused all her life. Now that she is beginning to realize how much she has been injured, she needs to seek professional help form someone who specializes in abused children and adults.

Don't try to make her mother happy. It can't be done. Make the daughter happy through a change in her self-image and attitude toward herself. Tell her to seek out and attend a self-help group of abused adult children. She'll find her story is very common and there is a way out.

Someday, maybe, if her mother sees that all of her abuse is not getting her anywhere, the mother will seek help for herself. I doubt it, though, because this kind of abusive behavior is an addiction, and you know how difficult it is to change an addict unless she wants to change.

ERV IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR ERV: I received more than a few thought-provoking letters from readers who disagreed with my answer. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for many years. This is the first time I have felt the need to write. In my opinion, your answer to "Depressed Daughter" was out of line.

I,too, have a negative, angry and depressed mother. She is angry about her life choices, but has not done anything to help change the situation.

For many years, my sister and I have tried to help her. We have done the things you have suggested to "Depressed Daughter," without success. Our frustration has created migraine headaches and colon spasms for us. Our mother is 75, so we have been at this for a long time.

Please tell "Depressed Daughter" to let go with love. It is not her responsibility to fix her mother. We cannot change ourselves. Love, acceptance, forgiveness, and letting go of the responsibility for her mother is the best advice you can give this daughter. I listened to my mother, but I know I can't fix her. I can love her, but I can't change her. Only she can do that for herself — if she wants to. LEARNING TO LET GO

DEAR ERV, LEARNING TO LET GO, AND READERS: We all approach problem-solving from our own perspective, repeating those techniques that work for us. Obviously, the themes of forgiveness and trying to help others are patterns that I have found rewarding. If they do not work, and people find themselves locked into relationships that are unrewarding and unhealthy - the name for that is "co-dependency" — changes are in order.

There is an international self-help group dedicated to this problem: Co-Dependents Anonymous, a fellowship of men, women and teens whose common problem is an inability to maintain functional relationships; its members desire healthy, fulfilling relationships with others and themselves. They follow a 12-step program adapted from AA. For information on a group near you, write to P.O. box 33577, Phoenix, Ariz. 85067-3577. Include a selfaddressed, stamped envelope and \$1 for materi-

Amarillo group looking for a few good women

AMARILLO - The Amarillo Women's Forum is looking for nominations for its annual Distinguished Service Awards.

The purpose of the Distinguished Service Awards is to honor outstanding women who have helped shape the development of the Texas Panhandle through their contributions of talent and

The award recognizes and publicizes the visible examples set by these women that pave the way for others to follow. Individuals or groups may submit nominations for the Distinguished Service Award.

Nominees must be living Texas women who are legal residents of the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle and who have not previously received this award. Women previously nominated but who have not been honored with this award are encouraged to be re-nominated.

Winners of the award will be chosen on the basis of an individual's lasting contributions or achievements that have been of significance to the region. Judging will be done by a representative panel of Panhandle residents.

Awards are made in a variety of categories, including arts, business and finance, civic leadership and public service, education, health care, legal, science and technology, and volunteerism. There is also a special category for individuals who have distinguished themselves in such areas as farming, ranching, athletics, communications or philanthropy. Awards are not always made in every

category each year. Deadline for nominations is March 1.

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Knowing VAT regulations in France has an 18.6 percent countries you'll visit will allow you to plan dollar-stretching shopping strategies. Contact national tourism offices for more information on VAT per-

The theatre can be murder



Bill Hildebrandt, left, is just warming up for a scene with Debra Sandefur in Act I's production this weekend of "Catch Me If You Can." The murder mystery is scheduled for Feb. 18, 19, 25 and 26, at the Act I Theatre Center in The Pampa Mall. (Pampa News photo)

Names in the news

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Meg Ryan recreated her most memorable celluloid 22. moment at Harvard University, this time making the audience fake the orgasm.

Ryan, 30, was at Harvard to accept the "Woman of the Year" award Tuesday from the Hasty Pudding Theatricals club. Her off-beat hosts said they wouldn't force her to repeat her bawdy performance in

the movie "When Harry Met Sally." Instead, they gave her a

wand they called an -"orgasmabaton."

The student audience was divided in three sections and told to make their assigned moan, groan or shout "Yes!" at Ryan's direction.

Hesitant at first, Ryan got into the act and led the crowd in a loud, rhythmic - however quick - fake orgasm.

proven yourself," said club president Jere-

"I thought I had forgotten how to do that, which is a sad thing," Ryan quipped after-

Tom Cruise, the Hasty Pudding 1994 mother, Shamel Mouson.

"Man of the Year," will be honored Feb.

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) - Lots of ASHEVILLE, N.C. (Al.)
tourists visit the 250-room mansion built by cry.

Macaulay "I'd better go," said Ferguson, Culkin acts like he owns the place.

A crew from Warner Bros. has been shooting a coming attractions trailer at the Biltmore Estate this week for the movie "Richie Rich," starring Culkin, 13, as the fabulously wealthy and self-satisfied comic

The teen actor should have room to grow into the role once full-time shooting begins in May. With four acres of floor space, the limestone mansion remains the largest private home in the country, and contains 70,000 objects of art.

NEW YORK (AP) — She may be royalty, but the Duchess of York acted like any other mother when confronted with a sneezy 2-year-old.

"Well Meg, we certainly think you've calmly inquired when little Dedra Mouson let out a hard-to-ignore sneeze next to her royal highness during a visit at a homeless shelter Tuesday.

After several royal requests, someone in the crowd produced the tissue for Dedra's

Ferguson, 34, then pressed her luck with the sleepy-looking child, saying "I want a

Dedra declined, ambled off and began to

laughing and rolling her eyes.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Dolly Parton has been in the music business long enough to know you have to cut the checks



So she's forming her own record company modeled on United Artists Corp., which Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and director D.W. Griffith founded 75 years ago in a quest for creative control.

We want to do some-Parton thing like that with "Who's got a tissue?" Sarah Ferguson music," said Steve Buckingham, a former Sony Records executive who will head the new record label, Blue I (pronounced blue-

eye) Records. Parton, 48, will put out the first album, a live acoustic record recorded April 24-25 at

the opening of her Dollywood theme park in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

Amarillo Symphony concert to feature Dvorak, Mozart, von Weber, Kodaly and Sam Jones

concert brings to the stage a large chorus and four vocal soloists for an extravaganza of

The concert, set for 8 p.m. Center, will be under the direction of James Setapen, music director and conductor, and will feature works by Dvorak, Mozart, von Weber, Kodaly and Samuel Jones.

Principal soloist is Metropolitan Opera National Award-winning soprano Christine Brewer, who has studied with Birgit Nilsson. She has performed throughout the United States Dr. George Biffle, director; and Duro Canyon Symphony, which

Symphony Orchestra's February Covent Garden planned for later director.

Scoglio" from Cosi Fan Tutte by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Feb. 19 at the Amarillo Civic Rusalka by Antonin Dvorak and mark the 250th anniversary of "Leise, Leise Fromme Weise" from Der Freischutz by Carl forces in Budapest. One of Maria von Weber.

Other soloists include Camille Day Nies, mezzo soprano; God") is an extremely brilliant Joseph Bolin, tenor; and Lee and exciting work, according to Allen, baritone.

The chorus is composed of the Amarillo Civic Chorus, Dr. music by living Amarillo com-Steven Weber, director; the West Texas A&M University Choirs, and Europe, with a performance the Eastern New Mexico Uni- premiered in Palo Duro Canyon Bank.

AMARILLO - The Amarillo at the Royal Opera House in versity Choir, Dr. David Gerig, in May 1992.

The musical groups are drawn Brewer will sing "Come together for the performance of Zoltan Kodaly's Te Deum. The choral work was written by the the overthrow of the Turkish Kodaly's most popular compositions, the Te Deum ("To You, many music critics.

The concert also will feature poser Samuel Jones, best known as the composer of the Palo

At the February concert, the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra will perform Jones' composition "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men," a piece commissioned by "Song to the Moon" from Hungarian composer in 1936 to the Shenandoah County Bicentennial Committee. The oftenperformed music draws inspiration both from the Apocrypha and from the novel of the same name written by James Agee and Walker Evans.

Concert-goers are encouraged to bring canned goods to benefit the High Plains Food Bank. This effort will help the community to meet the needs of those less fortunate at a time when supplies are low at the Food

Club News

Recycle Teenagers

Recycle Teenagers of Highland Baptist Church met Feb. 4 for a business meeting and covered dish dinner.

Mike Ely opened the meeting with 11 present. Opal Ely read minutes from the last meeting.

Prayer was led by Opal Pettit. Rosie Smith had the program and told the story of "The Legend of the Angel of Shavano" in Salida, Colo.

The next meeting will be a trip to the museum in McLean on March 4.

Altrusa International

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met at noon Feb. 14, in the Starlight Room of the Coro-

nado Inn. Judy Warner, president, called

the meeting to order. John Warner delivered a singing telegram to Rena Belle Anderson. John sang Let Me Call You Sweetheart to Rena Bell in honor of Valentine's Day. Rena Belle joined in singing

Charlene Morriss presented the Accent on the philosophy of Altrusa. Charlene stated that Altrusa allows members self realization, contacts with other professionals and development

of talents. Dorla McAndrew reported to the club on the Mid-Year Evaluation, noting the number one reason for being in Altrusa is

still community service. Lib Jones announced the Literacy Committee would be making presentations for the Baker Star Reader Project at 2 p.m. on Feb. 21. Pat Johnson informed members she took Valentines to the Baker Readers.

The club voted to furnish refreshments for the Tralee Crisis Center 10th anniversary celebration on April, 22. Greeters were Glyndene Shelton and Sandy McCoy.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m., Feb. 28, in the Starlight Room of the Coronado Inn.

Daughters of the American Revolution

Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met recently in the home of Mrs. John Skelly with the Regent Mrs. Tom Cantrell presiding.

Mrs. Melvin Gerik read the President-General's message to DAR daughters concerning the importance of the renovation of Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. The hall was once the finest performing arts theater in

The National Defense Report was given by Mrs. P.R. Britton on education showing voters in many areas are demanding a return to the back to basics platform in our public schools. Education policies have strayed from true academic standards.

Mrs. Britton also explained threats to World Peace are unmistakable. Russia is producing weaponry for war. China is shipping tons of military hardware to Syria, Iran, Pakistan, third world countries yet the U.S. has slashed defense spending to the lowest level in decades.

Mrs. Otto Mangold gave a rogram "Coming to America in Colonial Days" describing the hardships and setbacks experienced by the Pilgrims. Because of a leaky ship it was necessary to return to engage a more worthy craft. She described the journey across the ocean, Landing at Plymouth, they were met by hostile Indians and a cold and rockbound country to begin life in New England.

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By Jimmy Johnson



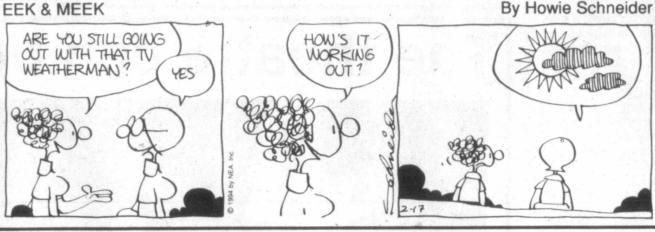
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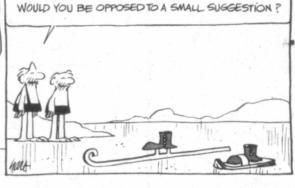


By Howie Schneider





By Johnny Hart



By Brad Anderson KIT N' CARLYLE

Astro-Graph

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) There is a thin line today between what others perceive as constructive suggestions or thinly veiled criticism. Try not to step over it. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N. Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today if the methods you use are comprised of a series of faulty steps, don't be surprised if the end results are undesirable. Think things through in advance.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) No one enjoys an error free existence and even you might make a few mistakes today. If you do, don't try to pin your blunders on others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Because you might do things the hard way today, your probabilities for achieving your objectives may be lower than they should be. Operate with a purpose.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Instead of inspiring you to try harder, challenging developments might intimidate you today and imbue feelings of defeat before you even make a concerted effort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today if you're stiff-necked or inflexible, you might not be able to cope with shifts or changes you didn't anticipate. Hang loose, don't let events overwhelm you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be pragmatic and realistic in career matters today, or else you might make a bad decision based on faulty information. Also don't request advice from someone who advised you unwisely in the past.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In order to advance your personal interests today, you may also have to lookout for the welfare of one with whom you're involved. There's a chance you may not think it's worth it. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually you're a patient person who is well aware

of the fact Rome wasn't built in a day. However, this character asset might be overpowered today by surges of impulsive-SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It might be wise today to stay out of the personal affairs of two friends, even if both want to

make disclosures to you. You could end up in the middle, ducking attacks from both sides CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Others tend to tell you their secrets, because they know you're not inclined to betray a confidence. Today, however, be careful you

By Larry Wright

don't talk without thinking.

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By Dave Graue

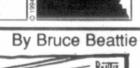


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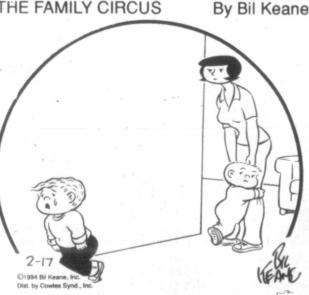
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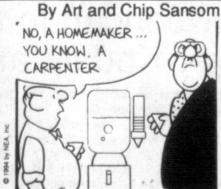


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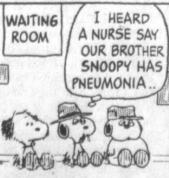








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BROWNSBORO - Robert Arthur is carrying on a proud football tradition that started in the Texas panhandle some 50 years ago.

Arthur, a tight end at Brownsboro High School in East Texas, was recently named to the Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report All-America Team.

Robert's father is Bob Arthur, a 1958 Pampa High graduate who later played at West Texas State and was a member of the 1963 Sun Bowl championship team. Bothers Bill, John and Jim were also outstanding athletes. Bill and Jim both played collegiate football, Bill at North Texas State and Jim at the University of Houston. John was an all-district outfielder in baseball for the Harvesters.

On the prep all-american team, Robert Arthur is listed as a 6-5, 230-pounder who caught 16 passes for 375 yards and 3 touchdowns this past season. As an outside linebacker, he totaled 102 tackles, 7 quarterback sacks and picked off 3 passes.

Arthur is going to UCLA on a football scholarship and canceled recruiting visits to Texas A&M and Houston. Arthur is also an outstanding designated hitter-first baseman and also hopes to make the Bruins' baseball team. He had to undergo surgery after breaking a toe during basketball practice and will miss most of the baseball and track season. He throws the shot and discus.

LILLEHAMMER, Norway (AP) — Johann Olav Koss of Norway collected his second gold medal and second world record in Olympic speed-

Koss sailed to a 1,500 meters world record of 1 minute, 51.29 seconds to raise Norway's medal count to seven — a Games-high four gold, with three silver, second only to the Russians' 10 medals (3-5-2). Italy (2-1-2) is third.

Norway's Stine Lise Hattestad won freestyle skiing over favored Donna Weinbrecht, 1992 gold medalist and World Cup leader, with 25.97 points. American Liz McIntyre won the silver medal with

The Russian hockey team (2-1) crushed an undermanned Austria (0-3) 9-1. The Czech Republic (2-1) shut out Germany (2-1), 1-0. Finland (3-0) blanked Norway (0-3) 4-0, and clinched a spot in the quarterfinals.

Tonya Harding arrived in Norway, where she ran into fellow skater Nancy Kerrigan. The pair, united in headlines the last month, said hello during a meeting in the athletes' village, and posed together for the team picture.

Italy's Gerda Weissensteiner won the luge gold in her third Olympics with a combined time of 3 minutes, 15.517 seconds. Germany's Susi Erdmann won the silver and Andrea Tagwerker of Austria, the bronze. American Cammy Myler fin-

Canada became the sixth nation to collect a gold medal when Jean-Luc Brassard captured the men's freestyle with 27.24 points, finishing ahead of Sergei Shoupletsov of Russia and Frenchman Edgar Grospiron.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Temple coach John Chaney apologized to fans, players and "all young" people for his threatening outburst against Massachusetts coach John Calipari, saying even his wife hasn't forgiven him.

Chaney was suspended for Wednesday's game at St. Bonaventure, the first he has missed as Temple coach.

Chaney said his wife, Jeanne, left their home after he threatened to kill Calipari during a news conference at Amherst, Mass., Sunday night and hasn't returned. He said his daughter also refused to speak with him, although his son remains supportive.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Monica Seles, who hasn't played a tournament since being stabbed last April in Germany, will remain off the tennis tour "for an indefinite period of time," her agent said.

Seles was top-ranked in the world when stabbed in the back during a tournament by a fan of top rival Steffi Graf. Seles dropped completely out of the rankings this week because of her long absence

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Third-seeded Michael Chang overcame Chuck Adams 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 in the first round of the U.S. Indoor.

In other first-round matches, No. 4 Todd Martin defeated qualifier Alex Reichel 6-1, 1-6, 6-4, and No. 5 Ivan Lendl outlasted Patrick McEnroe 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Advancing to the quarterfinals were No. 7 Andrei Chesnokov, who beat Alex O'Brien 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; No. 8 Jaime Yzaga of Peru, a 6-3, 6-3 winner over Canada's Greg Rusedski; Jacco Eltingh of Netherlands, ousting Brazil's Luiz Mattar 7-6 (7-2), 6-2, and countryman Paul Haarhuis, downing Renzo Furlan of Italy 6-4, 4-

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) — Sixth-seeded Boris Becker of Germany continued his comeback with a 6-1, 6-4 rout of countryman David Prinosil in the first round of the \$2.25 million Eurocard

Third-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden reached the quarterfinals, downing Australia's Jason Stoltenberg, 7-6 (7-0), 6-1.

In other first-round action, Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov beat Brad Gilbert 7-6 (7-5), 6-1; France's Arnaud Boetsch upset seventh-seeded Petr Korda of Czech Republic, 6-2, 7-6 (7-2), and fourth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia topped Wayne Ferreira of South Africa, 3-6, 6-3,

PARIS (AP) — Martina Navratilova and Mary Pierce won first-round matches in the \$400,000 Paris Women's Open, while second-seeded Jana Novotna quit with a knee injury.

Top-seeded Navratilova defeated Germany's Christina Singer 6-2, 6-2; third-seeded Pierce of France, beat Marketa Kochta of Germany 6-4, 6-1; No. 7 Sabine Applemans of Belgium downed countrywoman Sandra Wasserman 7-6 (7-3), 6-1, and Novotna's replacement, Seda Noorlander of Netherlands, was ousted by Germany's Wiltrud Probst 6-3, 6-3.

Aggies keep pressure on 'Horns in SWC race

By The Associated Press

David Edwards set a conference record and Texas A&M was able to keep the pressure on the Texas Longhorns in the Southwest Conference title race.

Joe Wilbert scored 24 points Aggies to a 93-87 victory over game. the Houston Cougars. In other SWC games, Texas

Tech defeated Southern

Methodist 78-76 and Rice whipped Texas Christian 84-65. Edwards scored 19 points for the Aggies, allowing him to surpass 1,000 points for his career at Texas A&M. He also had 12 assists and 1 steal, making him the first player in SWC history to score 1,000 points with 500

The good Lord really has basket.

three seasons at A&M, Edwards

blessed me," said Edwards, who after his freshman season.

Including his year at Georgetown, Edwards has 1,181 points with 666 assists and 248 steals as a Division I player. He came Wednesday night to lead the nationally in assists with 8.4 per added 14.

Texas A&M (15-6 overall, 8-1 in the SWC) held a 43-39 halftime lead, but Rafael Carrasco hit two straight baskets and Anthony Goldwire added another as the Cougars ran off six straight points for a 45-43 lead to open the second half.

Chuck Henderson's two free throws with 15:24 left in the game gave the Aggies a 52-51 assists and 200 steals. In his the game.

has 1,014 points, 516 steals and came from the free throw line to foul Davis with two seconds during the final minute as Hous- to play. "I was happy to achieve it. ton fouled after every Cougar

derson.

Goldwire had a game-high 31 points and 10 assists for Houston (4-17 and 2-8). Tim the game. I thought our inexpeinto the game ranked third Moore had 24 and Jessie Drain

> Texas Tech blew a 15-point said. halftime lead but held on for a 78-76 victory when Southern Dickey expressed disappoint-Methodist turned the ball over in the final seconds while working for a final shot.

Mark Davis scored 24 points to lead Tech (11-10, 6-4). James lead SMU (3-18, 1-9).

SMU, trailing by 77-76, got the ball at 0:12 and worked for lead that they held for the rest of the last shot. Chris Boyd got the

Davis made the first free throw to make the score 78-76. in the first half with Rice on offense.

transferred from Georgetown from Brett Murry and 11 each his missed second shot, but 4 over the final 6:28 of the first from Tony McGinnis and Hen- Kwame Brown's desperation half to take a 39-28 lead at the shot hit the backboard and bounced away at the buzzer.

> "We were in position to win rience down the stretch hurt leading scorer with a 21.2 us," SMU coach John Shumate

Texas Tech coach James ment that his team couldn't hold onto its first-half lead.

"We're just happy to get the win," he said.

Gatewood scored 17 points to his 20 points in the second half fouls each. The Horned Frogs game in a row with a 84-65 victory over Texas Christian

Rice (13-9 overall, 5-4 SWC) ball in the corner, but lost it on a ended a four-game losing streak The Aggies' final 10 points turnover, and the Mustangs had on Sunday with a 65-63 victory over Southern Methodist. TCU dropped to 6-15, 3-7.

The Aggies also got 22 points SMU grabbed the rebound of outscoring the Horned Frogs 15intermission. Rice scored the final nine points of the half.

TCU starters Chris Foreman and Kurt Thomas, the team's average, had three fouls each at the half. Byron Waits led TCU with 19 points and Thomas finished with four fouls and 15

TCU started to lose control as their fouls mounted. Starters Jentry Moore and Jeff Jacobs Torrey Andrews scored 16 of also finished the game with four helping Rice win its second hit 38 percent from the field for the game

'They took Thomas out of the game with the three fouls, TCU coach Moe Iba said. "Then, we got behind by 11 and in the second half we got our defense going a little but we There were eight lead changes never got our composure going

Pampa wrestlers enter state meet



Pampa wrestlers, from left, Tadd Alfonsi, heavyweight; Corey Alfonsi, 152 pounds, and Richardo Cruz, 130 pounds, will compete in the Texas High School State Wrestling Championships today through Saturday in Abilene.

All three placed second in their respective weight classes at the Region I Wrestling Championships last weekend in Amarillo to qualify for the state meet. Corey had a 15-5 season record while Tadd was 10-7 and Cruz, 7-7.

Listed as Pampa alternates are Cullen Watson, freshman, 103 pounds; Eric Zumudio,

sophomore, 119 pounds and Mark Scott, junior, 140 pounds.

This season under a new format the regional tournament was split into two divisions, making it possible to send the top four wrestlers, instead of just the top two, in each weight class, to state.

Tadd Alfonsi qualified for the state tournament as a sophomore while Corey was an alternate as a freshman and sophomore. Cruz, a sophomore, is in his first year of wrestling.

Opening ceremonies for the tournament get under way at 6 tonight, followed by firstround action at 6:30 at Hardin-Simmons University's Mabee Complex. The tournament will have more than 350 wrestlers competing for 14 individual state championships. (Pampa

Major leaguers begin workouts

AP Sports Writer

It doesn't seem that cold anymore, does it? From Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to Tucson, Ariz., baseball players started lumbering onto the green grass under those pretty blue skies Wednesday morning

Baseball is back, and it's just 6 1/2 weeks to opening day.

"No doubt everyone is excited to be here," Chicago White Sox outfielder Michael Huff said as his team gathered in Sarasota, Fla. "We felt like we should have gotten farther last year and, after thinking about that during the winter, we were anxiou to get down and get going again.'

Chicago lost to Toronto in the AL playoffs last year. The Blue Jays, the first team to repeat as World Series champions since the 1977-78 New York Yankees, won't start working out until Tuesday, five days after the voluntary reporting date.

Other clubs wanting to catch them didn't waste time getting started.

"People have questioned us about not making changes," Marlins manager Rene Lachemann said as Florida gathered in Melbourne, Fla., to start its second season. "But we believe we have some oung people that we still need to take a good look at. They have not reached their potential yet. We want to give them an opportunity to improve.'

Lachemann plans only two changes in the lineup he used at the end of last season. Slugger Gary Sheffield will move from third base to right field, and three players will vie to replace shortstop Walt Weiss, who departed via free agency.

Colorado general manager Bob Gebhard watched a dozen Rockies work out at Tucson, Ariz., and was surprised the early turnout was so high.

"Normally you see a couple of the young kids come in a little bit early to get some advanced work in warm weather. This is the most I think I've ever seen," Gebhard said. "Our camp is starting the earliest possible date we're allowed to start. Some clubs won't start for another four or five days. This is a high number of early arrivals. It tells me they

Among the early arrivals were pitchers Bruce Ruffin, Willie Blair and Curtis Leskanic and catchers Joe Girardi, Danny Sheaffer, Jayhawk Owens and

Missouri closing in on Big Eight championship

By The Associated Press

Magic numbers are usually reserved for baseball pennant races. Well, Missouri's magic number is one to clinch a tie for the Big Eight title and it's only mid-February

The 12th-ranked Tigers remained unbeaten in conference play with a 79-72 overtime victory at Iowa State on Wednesday night. It wasn't pretty but it did give the Tigers (19-2, 10-0) a eight-game overall winning streak and a 14-game league winning streak.

"We were very fortunate to win this game," Missouri coach Norm Stewart said. "We got out without really putting one together." The Tigers are putting togeth-

er quite a season after finishing 5-9 in the league last season. They now have a 3 1/2-game lead in the conference over Kansas and Oklahoma State as they try to win the regular-season title for the first time since

"Hopefully, we can pull it out and win the conference," Stewart said.

Missouri pulled it out against the Cyclones (11-10, 1-8) when Jevon Crudup scored eight of the Tigers' 14 points in overtime. He scored the first points 10 seconds into the extra session and then dominated inside.

College basketball roundup

wasn't trying to force the issue screamed for a foul. earlier. It's just that shots I usually make, I didn't make."

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday night, it was: No. 1 Arkansas 102. Alabama 81; Oklahoma State 63, No. 4 Kansas 59 in overtime; No. 6 Duke 84, Virginia 54; No. 7 Michigan 89, Iowa 76; No. 9 Purdue 67, No. 24 Wisconsin 64; No. 13 Temple 65, St. Bonaventure 56; No. 17 Florida 91, Georgia 79; No. 23 Cincinnati 78, No. 18 Saint Louis 73; No. 20 Minnesota 94, Penn State 66; and Tulane 66, No. 21 Alabama-Birmingham

Iowa State has lost seven of Big Eight since they went winless in 1936-37.

"I feel very good about how we played," Iowa State coach Johnny Orr said. "They're a good basketball team. We're a good basketball team. We're just having a tough time getting seem to get what we need at the

"Basically, I was trying to get two shots in regulation, but 16 points and nine rebounds for

isolated one-on-one more than Jason Kimbrough missed from we had been doing," said the top of the key and Crudup Crudup, who finished with 20 blocked Saun Jackson's points, 16 after halftime. "I attempted follow as the crowd

Orr thought Jackson was fouled but said little else.

"If I said what I wanted to say, I would get fined or suspended," Orr said.

Freshman Kelly Thames led Missouri with 24 points, while Fred Hoiberg topped the Cyclones with 22. No. 1 Arkansas 102, Alabama

The Razorbacks (19-2, 9-2 SEC) avenged their first loss of season as Corliss Williamson scored half of his 20 points in the first four minutes of the second half when Arkansas took a 58-39 lead. Jamal Faulkner had 18 points nine games since center Loren for the visiting Crimson Tide Meyer broke his collarbone in a (13-8, 8-4), who had 25 traffic accident. This is turnovers and allowed 100 Cyclones' worst season in the points for the first time in 61

> Oklahoma St. 63, No. 4 Kansas 59, OT

Brooks Thompson tied it with a jumper with 10 seconds left in regulation and won it with two free throws with 10 seconds left in overtime as the over the hump. We just can't Cowboys (17-7, 6-3 Big Eight) snapped a five-game losing streak to the visiting Jayhawks The Cyclones had the final (21-4, 6-3). Bryant Reeves had

Ostertag, finished with 18 shot by Michael Finley was off points, 13 rebounds and five at the buzzer.

No. 6 Duke 84, Virginia 54

Grant Hill dominated the team that held him to four 10) prevailed on the road withpoints earlier in the season by out coach John Chaney, who scoring 25 points, grabbing 11 rebounds, handing out five assists and blocking four shots. Antonio Lang and freshman Jeff Capel each had 20 points for the Blue Devils (18-3, 9-3 the Bonnies (9-12, 3-8) for the ACC). Jason Williford's 14 points led the visiting Cavaliers (13-8, 7-5), who have lost pool led St. Bonaventure with 21 of the last 25 meetings with

Duke. No. 7 Michigan 89, Iowa 76 The Wolverines (18-4, 10-2 Big Ten) extended their conference lead and won their seventh first time since 1988-89. Craig straight. Juwan Howard had 24 points, nine rebounds and six assists, while Jalen Rose added 19 points and 11 assists as Michigan beat the Hawkeyes (9-11, 3-8) at home for the 13th the visiting Bulldogs (11-12, 5straight year. James Winters led 6) with 18 points.

Iowa with 16 points. No. 9 Purdue 67, No. 24 Wisconsin 64

Glenn Robinson had 27 barrage by the visiting Badgers (15-6, 6-6), who played again without injured freshman center had 20 points for Wisconsin, points.

Oklahoma State, while his which hit five 3-pointers in the counterpart at center, Greg final 6:07, but a desperation

> No. 13 Temple 65, St. **Bonaventure 56**

The Owls (18-4, 11-3 Atlantic was suspended one game by the school for his threats against Massachusetts coach John Calipari last Sunday. Eddie Jones had 24 points as Temple beat 23rd consecutive time and 28th in 29 meetings. David Vanter-14 points.

No. 17 Florida 91, Georgia 79 The Gators (20-4, 10-2 SEC) hit the 20-win mark for the fifth time in school history and the Brown and Dan Cross each scored 21 points as Florida opened its lead in the SEC East Division to 1 1/2 games over Kentucky. Dathon Brown led

No. 23 Cincinnati 78, No. 18 Saint Louis 73

The Bearcats (17-7, 5-4 Great Midwest) beat the Billikens for points and 16 rebounds as the the fifth consecutive time as Boilermakers (21-3, 9-3 Big they dominated inside late with Ten) withstood a late 3-point Curtis Bostic and Dontonio Wingfield scoring 15 points each. Scott Highmark led Saint Louis (19-3, 5-3), which has Rashard Griffith. Andy Kilbride lost two straight, with 27



Sophomore forward Cov Laury (left) scored 11 points in Pampa's 73-56 victory over Borger Tuesday night to close the regular season. Pampa goes against Levelland at 7:30 Tuesday night at the Amarillo Civic Center in the Class 4A bi-district round of the playoffs. Tickets go on sale Friday at the PHS athletic office. Tickets are four dollars for adults and two dollars for students. The Harvesters have a warmup game scheduled Friday at 7:30 p.m. against Dummitt in the Amarillo High School fieldhouse.(Pampa News photo)

Harvesters to meet Lobos

Sport Writer

Pampa played Levelland back on joy in itself. Jan. 8 at Levelland with the Lobos coming away with a 69-48 win.

best team we have.

Tuesday night in the Amarillo Civic points each. Center. Tickets, which are four dollars for adults and two dollars for students, game set against Dimmitt at 7:30 go on sale Friday at the Pampa High Friday night in the Amarillo High School Athletic Office.

Both Pampa and Levelland ended day night, but Levelland's 55-47 these two games in Amarillo. Dimmitt Sedric King led the way with 19 for the playoffs." points while Todd Jones followed up

off spot for Levelland behind Dis- ings.

Other than gathering momentum The Pampa Harvesters will get a for the playoffs, the Harvesters chance to extinguish memories of an didn't need to beat Borger to make earlier loss when they meet the the playoffs. Pampa had won the Levelland Lobos in the Class 4A bi- District 1-4A title by defeating Randistrict round of the playoffs next dall three days before, but beating a longtime rival like the Bulldogs is a

Pampa led most of the game against Borger with sophomore "They beat the stuffing out of us," guard Rayford Young (22) and said Pampa head coach Robert Hale. senior center Seivern Wallace (20) "I'm just hoping they didn't see the combining for 42 points. Sophomore forward Coy Laury and junior guard That bi-district clash is set for 7:30 Duane Nickelberry chipped in 11

The Harvesters have a warmup School fieldhouse.

"It's a heck of a deal for our fans the regular season with victories Fri- and community to be able to play decision over Snyder was of the traditionally has a strong basketball 'must-win' variety. The Lobos, 27-6, program and we're looking forward to got double-figure scoring from four playing them," Hale said. "It's a game players in a 55-47 win over Snyder. we really need to play to get us ready

Dimmitt finished the season with a 17-12 record and was runnerup to The win clinched the No. 2 play- Littlefield in the District 2-3A stand**PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Gray EUGENE GRINDER,

Respondent(s)
GREETINGS: YOU ARE HERE-BY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court, 223rd Judicial District, Gray County, Texas at the Court-house thereof, in Pampa, Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation then and there to answer the First Amended Petition of MARK WESLEY. PARKS filed in said Court on the 11th day of February, 1994, against EUGENE GRINDER, Respondent(s) and said suit being numbered 28890 on the docket of said Court, and entitled; (ORIGI-PETITION FILED

02.11.94) IN THE INTEREST OF AMAN-DA MICHELLE GRINDER the nature of which suit is a request to SUIT AFFECTING THE PAR-ENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP. child MICHELLE GRINDER was born

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BORGER, TEXAS. The Court has authority in this. suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption, which will be binding

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Pampa, Texas this the 14th day of

February 1994. YVONNE MOLER, Clerk 223rd District Court Gray County, Texas P.O. Box 1139 Pampa, Tx. 79066-1139

By: Gaye Honderich Deputy MPORTANT NOTICE YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTOR NEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOL-LOWING THE EXPIRATION OF TWENTY DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU.

Feb. 17, 1994

Final Public Hearing Texas Community

Development Program
The City of McLean will hold a
final public hearing on February
24, 1994, at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall in regard to the water facilities project recently completed with a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with the TCDP and the City of McLean. Citizens will be given an Handicapped citizens needing assistance to attend this hearing should contact Mayor Sam Haynes at City Hall. (779-2481). February 17, 1994

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF

H.A. D'SPAIN Notice is hereby given that origi-nal letters testamentary upon the Estate of H.A. D'SPAIN, Deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 7th day of February, 1994, in Cause No. 7778 pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas. All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being adminis-tered are required to present them to me within the time and in the manner prescribed by law

DATED the 7th day of February, Mary Elizabeth D'Spain Independent Executrix of the Estate of H.A. D'Spain, Deceased c/o Buzzard Law Firm Suite 436, Hughes Building

Pampa, Texas 79065

Feb. 17, 1994

Disconnect procedure of service vill continue as previously established with the addition of a \$10.00 fee for reconnection after 5 p.m. and harrassment of employ-ee/council member is a punishable offense for which charges may be pressed. §42.07. February 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 1994

2 Museums

WHITE Deer Land Museum; Pampa, Tuesday thru Sunday 1:00-4 p.m. Special tours by appoint-

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day, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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Wheeler battles Canadian in 'must-win' 2-2A showdown

By SUSAN ADELETTI **Sports Writer**

been drawn out to a three-way play- were." tonight's matchup will be knocked according to Read, while on Jan. overall record. Wheeler finished 1-4 out of the postseason, while the 25, the 'Stangs were kept to just 39 in the second half and 3-2 in the winner will go on to play Panhandle points. Monday night, again in Pampa, district champ Clarendon. Got all that?

tic is countered by the fact that both win.

teams," Canadian coach Kyle follows with 11 ppg and 5 rpg.

about extending our season."

name and how they're going to go ing 10.3 ppg. After three meetings so far this to the basket," Wheeler coach The 'Cats went 0-5 the second season, the Wildcats and Mustangs Shawn Read noted. "I look for it to half of the district season and are ready to play each other again be a pretty close game. I hope it's haven't posted victory since that tonight. The district 2-2A race has better played than the last two Jan. 25 win over Wheeler. But their

and Panhandle. The loser of win featured somewhat sloppy play, They ended the season with a 9-15

"When we played the other night, overall. where the winner of that game will the only thing on the line was that be awarded the second seed, behind one of us was going to get our 10th things we've done well," Read said win," he added.

Looking at the numbers - Wheel- duplicate the excitement of their week. er's won the season series, two first matchup, at the start of the seagames to one - the Mustangs might son - a 40-foot shot at the buzzer in have the advantage. But their statis- overtime barely gave Wheeler the Pairings

game and 10 rebounds per game lege "We're two very evenly-matched through district play. Kevin Flowers Miami (13-13) vs. Booker (21-9),

Lynch said. "I think both teams Justin Hefley leads the Mustangs Groom (28-1) vs. Silverton (16know each other so well, I think our with 10.7 ppg and 7.2 rpg over the 13), 8 p.m. Friday at Clarendon kids are confident. We're excited district schedule. Todd Baize and College

Jarod Ledbetter also average over "[We] know everybody's first six rpg, while Heath Sabbe is scor-

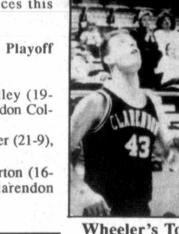
3-2 first-half mark was good off involving Canadian, Wheeler Last week's three-point Wheeler enough to earn them the playoff bid. first half, while finishing 10-16

"We're going to stick with the of tonight's game. "We've had Both teams would rather look to some of our best practices this

Area Girls Bi-District Playoff

Wheeler wins were extremely close For the Wildcats, Blaine Bivins is McLean (22-8) vs. Valley (19games and Canadian's was a 52-39 leading the team with 19 points per 11), 6:30 Friday at Clarendon Col-

6:30 Friday at Canadian



Spinnerbait popular among Texas anglers

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

CORSICANA (AP) — Digging

middle of the pre-spawning period on checked the depth: 6 feet, an ideal of vibration. most lakes, and of all the varieties of depth for this time of the year when nation and the spinnerbait.

Narrow the selection down to one ing. that will cover the most water and is attractive to bass of all sizes and you ing the boat with the trolling motor The rule of thumb is to set the hook will find yourself reaching for a spin- toward the bank and then out again to on the spinnerbait anytime there is a

the bass fishermen on Richland- jig and spinnerbait. Chambers Reservoir are using these The bass were scattered, and it because the fish are attracted to the days when the bass are just beginning appeared they were doing exactly vibration of the lure. Because two to move into shallow water in search what they should be doing at this time blades put out more vibration than a of spawning grounds. The lure is ver- of the year when the water tempera- single blade, the double-bladed spinsatile, capable of catching bass in ture still is in the upper 40s - travel- nerbait is the choice among most vetopen water, in thick timber and off ing in and out of the shallow water eran bass fishermanpoints and near drop-offs.

casts with his double-bladed spinner- spinnerbait with the largest weighing timber with lots of small limbs, the bait on Richland-Chambers last week about 4 pounds, and all but one fish "long arm" spinnerbait is best. The when he saw the water boil behind his came out of the water approximately long-arm lure is one where the wire lure just before lifting it out of the 6 feet in depth. The lone exception hit the blades are attached to is as long as water to make another cast.

boat and swirled at it," Block said, tude of limbs that had fallen around it. from becoming snared on underwater sending the lure back toward a partially submerged bush.

fish's mouth before I could feel much Watts. pressure with the rod.

because they at least let us know on the nests and not feeding. that the area we were fishing had attracted some fish

lure that will outcatch all of the oth- beside another stump and immediate- as they spin. ers can be a frustrating ordeal, but it ly drew a strike from a 2-pound bass Feeling that vibration is very n't impossible. History repeats that apparently had been hiding in the important, for at times when a bass self, especially with large-mouth tops of the limbs about 2 feet below takes the lure lightly, there is hardly

continued to work the stumps and tion of the blades stops. That's exactly what the majority of thinner lay-down timber with both the

rather than holding there.

Larry Block had made only a few Block caught four more bass on the "A bass followed it right up to the water next to a tree and amid a multi- The long arm will protect the hook

the Burleson Bass Club used spinner- a short-arm spinnerbait. I pitched a jig with a soft plastic baits to pave their way to 69 pounds trailer into a pocket between two of bass to win the Dallas-Tarrant the angler more than the choice of the limbs on a stump, felt a bite and set County Top 10 tournament at Rich-bass at this time of the year. the hook. The bass ran straight toward land-Chambers, topped by a near 20- Chartreuse or a combination the boat and the hook came out of the pound stringer by Kent and Rusty chartreuse and white or yellow work

The Richland-Chambers bass have tion of other colors. Not exactly a good way to start been taking the spinnerbaits both the day — missing or losing two aggressively and nonaggressively. bass in such a short time before the The situation is the same on many depth, the spinnerbait will remain a sun had topped the horizon. But we other lakes both during the pre-spawn tough lure to beat on Texas lakes

To catch more bass at this time of the year, the key is to fish the spinner-Several minutes later, Block bait slowly, barely cranking on the through a tackle box to find that one cranked his wobbling spinnerbait reel and feeling the blades vibrating

the feel of an actual strike. What the Texas fishermen are smack in the Block landed the bass, and we angler notices first is the sudden loss

That is the instant the bass takes the lures in their arsenal, only two stand the bass are moving from deep water lure into its mouth, and a sudden slack head and shoulders above the rest — into the shallows and out again as in the line is the only indication the the jig and pork or soft plastic combi-they await the right temperatures and angler has of what has just taken right time of the month for spawn- place. Many bass are missed or lost because the angler does not realize a Using a zigzagging pattern by mov- fish has taken his lure.

stay in the 6-foot depth range, we sudden slack in the line or the vibra-

Double-bladed spinnerbaits work best in the late fall and early spring

When fishing around and in thick the spinnerbait in about 2 feet of the one with the lead head and hook. On the same day, 10 members of limbs and, thus, is more weedless than

> Colors, as always, are the choice of well, as do solid white and a combina-

Fished slowly in water 2-8 feet in took the two losses as a gain period and when the fish actually are within the next two months.



Wheeler's Todd Baize (#32) goes up against a Clarendon defender earlier this season. The Mustangs are set to battle Canadian tonight in district 2-2A's first-round playoff action.(Pampa News photo by Susan Adeletti)

PHS golfers entered in Big Spring meet

The Pampa High boys' and girls' golf teams are entered in the Big Spring Tournament Friday and Saturday.

The tournament will be held at the Big Spring Country Club and Comanche

The Pampa girls opened the season earlier this month with a seventh-place finish at the San Angelo Classic. Pampa shot 417 and 402 for a two-day total of

Angie Everson led Pampa with a 186 (94-92), followed by Crecia Lindsey at 206 (107-99), Amy Bradley 211 (108-103), Catie McKandless 216 (108-108) and Anna Nail 224 (111-113).

Sutton leads Bob Hope Classic

By BOB GREEN AP Golf Writer

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) -

Pro golf's money-winning list has a double significance to Hal Sutton. It also gave him the right to play.

brightest young stars, ended two years "will win many, many majors." of frustration Wednesday with a 9-

PGA Tour last season due to lack of probably three years.' performance and is playing this season

He credits the turnaround in his forand a return to playing golf his way.

said, was the key. When his swing deteriorated a couhad me doing a number of things I was three putts and I'd have made it." completely unable to do," he said.

"I would throw all my knowledge in Clark Dennis, all at La Quinta, each the waste basket by their front door. I shot 65 in ideal playing conditions. what you will.'

"Finally, I went to the money (winning) list. I saw I'd won \$3.3 million playing golf my way and \$100,000 playing golf their way. "Which way was best?"

With help from teaching pro Jimmy The list showed him the way to play. Ballard, he worked out his own problems, found his flaws, corrected them Sutton, the 1983 PGA national in his own way and, once again has the champion and once one of golf's swing Jack Nicklaus once predicted It certainly wasn't a major champi-

under-par 63 for the first-round lead in onship, his jaunt around Indian Wells the 90-hole, five-day Bob Hope with three amateur partners. But the bogey-free effort, Sutton said, "is the Sutton lost his playing rights on the best I've played in a long, long time,

Still, he needed some help from on a once-in-a-career exemption as a Ronnie Black to gain the first-round member of the career top-50 money- lead in the \$1.1 million tournament sponsored by Chrysler.

Black went 10-under par through the tunes with hard work over the winter first 15 holes at La Quinta, but made a double bogey after pull-hooking his tee A look at the money-winning list, he shot on the final hole and dropping back to second at 64.

"You hear guys talking about they ple of years ago, Sutton, in despera- could have shot 59," Black said. tion, "went to a number of guys who "Well, give me one mulligan and about Jay Delsing, Donnie Hammond and

would put myself in their hands, in Jodie Mudd, Tom Sieckmann and effect say, 'Here I am; do with me John Huston, with 66's, were the best at Bermuda Dunes.

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Earthquake kills more than 100 in Indonesia

By GHAFUR FADYL **Associated Press Writer**

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Residents were buried in their sleep and homes, mosques and roads were destroyed by a powerful earthquake that hit the island of Sumatra just after midnight Wednesday.

would rise because of difficulties in evacuating badly hurt victims, officials said.

About 550 people were seriously injured, government spokesman Hotman Apik said.

"Most of the victims were sound asleep," Apik said. "Some of the victims died without knowing what hit

The earthquake had an initial Richter reading of 6.5, according to officials in Jakarta. The U.S. Geological Survey in Washington put the strength at 7.2.

of Lampung, on southeastern Sumatra, about 125 miles northwest of Jakarta.

Destruction from the quake and heavy rain has made it difficult to contact Lampung. Roads have been churned up and phone lines shredded by the force of the quake.

An electrical blackout plunged western Lampung into darkness soon after the tremor began.

Many homes, mosques, government offices and police stations were demolished, Apik said.

Within Lampung, the most devastation was believed to be in the district of Liwa. As of Wednesday evening, only 15 injured people were evacuated by helicopters to Kotabumi, about 75 miles north of Liwa.

The only way to evacuate the victims is using At least 134 people were killed, but the toll likely helicopters because the main road linking Kotabumi and Liwa was badly damaged, said officer Haedar Nur of the command post dealing with the

The post had not heard from several seaside towns along the southeastern coast of west Sumatra, directly facing the quake's epicenter in the Indian Ocean, officials said.

Sixteen more people were reported killed in the Suwo, a village in west Lampung, Nur said.

"I am not sure whether or not they have been includ-The hardest-hit area was believed to be the province ed in the last death toll," he told The Associated Press.

The quake was felt throughout south Sumatra, and the tremors were also noticed as far away as Jakarta, the weather bureau reported.

Meanwhile, unrelated floods have forced at least 1,500 people to flee their villages on the island of Java. The floods caused by heavy rain have destroyed at least 160 houses, officials said.

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By ALLYN FISHER **Associated Press Writer**

four leading banks and their former clients into buying bank shares. directors were convicted Wednesday on fraud-related charges and blamed for a 1983 stock market crash that nearly wrecked the Israeli banking industry.

The four-year trial tested the accountability of Israeli banks, whose and public confidence in the banking reputations were in tatters after the system. "Public confidence is a bank's government had to pay more than \$7 billion to bail out ruined stock market investors.

The stock market crashed in October 1983, when it became known that the banks were artificially propping up their own share prices on the Tel Aviv exchange.

Bank stocks had become so dominant that their collapse immediately lowered the overall stock index by almost 70 percent, wiping out investments and forcing the government to

After a two-week market shutdown, the government took over the banks and promised investors to redeem their stock at pre-crash values if they held on to them for five years.

The defendants in Jerusalem District Court included the four banks -Leumi, Hapoalim, Discount and limitations ran out. Mizrahi – plus a dozen executives, all

Israeli court blames banks, directors for stock crash Taking two hours to read a summa- States in 1987 when his huge severry of the 760-page verdict, Judge ance package created an uproar, Miriam Naor said the former bank JERUSALEM (AP) - The nation's directors used fairy tale logic to coax

> Their promises of maintaining high ces "are reminiscent of some of the dialogue in Alice in Wonderland," Naor said.

She accused the banks of threatening the integrity of the stock market most important asset," Naor said.

The judge also alluded to some government responsibility for the crash, noting that officials were aware of the system of fixing share prices and made no move to stop it.

The four banks, a holding company and six executives were convicted of violating a 1977 law against selling shares on false pretenses, among other charges. Three other executives were convicted of falsifying documents or misleading clients.

They all face sentences of up to five years in prison and also multimilliondollar fines. Sentencing is expected in about a month.

Two accountants were acquitted in addition to another who has since died. Other executives were acquitted of some charges because the statute of

Former Bank Leumi chairman forced out of their jobs after the crash. Ernst Japhet, who fled to the United

Heller writes sequel to 'Catch-22'

NEW YORK (AP) - Joseph Heller has written a sequel to his where Catch-22 left off - in the World War II classic Catch-22.

Simon & Schuster is expected to rather, is set in present-day New have it in bookstores this fall, The York. New York Times reported Wednesday.

"The book and its title come directly from my stage in my career and my stage in life," Heller told the Times.

a good idea to write about some of has become a business and public the characters of Catch-22, blend relations consultant. them in with a number of new characters and infuse it with my new experiences since World War II."

Heller did not return telephone calls by The Associated Press to his

Closing Time does not continue Mediterranean during the final It's called Closing Time, and months of World War II - but,

Of the original novel's characters. Milo Minderbinder, the calculating mess officer, is now a defense contractor and media mogul. Yossarian, the bombardier who spent World "It occurred to me that it might be War II trying to get out of flying,

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Veterans face backlog in getting cases heard

By JIM ABRAMS **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) - American soldiers can reach remote hot spots crisis" in the claims process and within days or even hours, but many wait years to get hearings on injuries they might have suffered.

The Veterans Affairs Department acknowledges it is now losing the battle of coping with the tens of thousands of new claims for compensation and pensions coming in every year. Four years ago the backlog of pending claims was 377,000. By the end of fiscal year 1995, the VA estimates it could hit 870,000.

On average, it takes more than 200 days to get an initial compensation claim processed, and a veteran can expect to wait more than two years to get a decision from the Board of Veterans Appeals.

VA Secretary Jesse Brown said the backlog "remains one of the foremost concerns" in the Veterans Benefits Administration, predicting that claims completed will actually decline in the legal requirements and the more complex nature of today's claims.

Veterans' groups are up in arms over the delays. "We believe that a crisis situation, approaching a state of emergency, currently exists in VA's Compensation and Pension Service," Joseph Violante of Disabled American Veterans testified before Congress.

unconscionable and intolerable."

John Hanson of the American Legion said other issues "must not be allowed to overshadow the true "the impact this is having on the lives of tens of thousands of veterans and their families."

"Overall, the system stinks," said Sam Ledwith, 73, a former Marine conclude only 13,000 this year, and if who fought in the Pacific in World War II and in the Korean War. Ledwith, of Valley Stream, N.Y., recently learned that after four years of appeals and an even longer period of hospital visits that the VA was restoring a 40 percent disability payment for hearing loss it had cut in half in the 1980s.

It's too big, too bureaucratic," he said. "It just doesn't jell."

Gary Hickman, director of the Compensation and Pension Service, said military reductions have meant a 50 percent jump in new claims, to about 150,000 last year, and that veterans now tend to file multiple, and often complicated, claims. immediate future because of new There have been about 30,000 claims from the Persian Gulf War, including thousands who say they are suffering from the mysterious Persian Gulf syndrome.

Board of Veterans Appeals Chairman Charles Cragin said the creation in 1988 of a new U.S. court of veterans appeals, while helping define a body of common law for veterans,

element to what for half a century had been a paternalistic system.

He said new requirements for more comprehensive explanations of decisions have also added to the paperwork - an average file may be four feet high - and slowed down the process. The board of appeals made 45,000 decisions in 1991, but may this trend continues it could take more than six years to hear an appeal.

"We are doing a marvelous job on a veteran-by-veteran basis," Cragin said. "It's a great product, but the waiting list gets longer and longer."

The VA plans to start incorporating 43 ideas made last year by a panel that recommended a "multitude of changes" in the claims system. Included were the training of more decision-making staffers, computerization of records and rating systems and better cooperation with the Pentagon.

Legislation is now pending that would allow single members of the appeals board to make decisions, rather than the three now required: The VA estimates that could increase decisions by 25 percent.

Compounding its problems, the Veterans Benefits Administration must reduce its staff by 622 under a program to cut the federal work force. Hickman insisted that the effects of this would be minimal, and that the number of decision Appeals board delays "have become has added an adversarial, legalistic makers is actually being increased.

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