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PAMPA — The Gray County Sheriff's Office has signed a training agreement with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, said Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield.

The agreement allows the sheriff's office to offer training to personnel of that agency and other law enforcement agencies to keep them current with TCLEOSE standards, he said.

Deputies Jess Wallace and Charles Morris are certified instructors, Stubblefield said. Any training they provide can be counted toward the officer's next level of certification.

Texas agencies that appoint peace officers are required to provide 40 hours of in-service training every 24 months for each licensed officer. State law mandates that officers be trained in recognition of child abuse or neglect, family violence and sexual assault. Training must follow TCLEOSE guidelines for an approved curriculum.

Stubblefield said that Wallace and Morris can also provide training for dispatchers and jailers for the local office or other area agencies.

PAMPA — The Gray County Republican Executive Committee will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the party headquarters, located on the first floor of the Hughes Building, 400 W. Kingsmill, to canvass the primary election ballots and to draw names for places on the runoff election ballot, if a runoff is necessary.

JERUSALEM (AP) — The head of the Israeli army's Central Command expressed "deep shock" today over the massacre of 30 worshippers at a West Bank mosque, on the first day of an investigation into the army's role in the killings.

It is the first independent investigation of the army since a judicial commission found top officers and government ministers partly responsible for the massacre of hundreds of Palestinians at Beirut's Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps in 1982.

In the occupied Gaza Strip today, soldiers shot and killed two Arabs at a roadblock after one fired a sub-machine gun at the soldiers, the army said.

Thirty-three people, all but two of them Arabs, have died in the violence that swept the occupied territories after a Jewish settler gunned down 30 Palestinian worshippers in a Hebron mosque on Feb. 25.

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the Department of Veterans Affairs, it's a 30-year-old bad joke, a hoax that has been exposed time after time but continues to fool thousands of veterans every week.

It all started back around 1965, VA officials say, when some misguided do-gooder, or prankster, began telling vets that Congress had passed a law entitling those who had carried government life insurance in the past to a special dividend.

Over the years, bogus announcements have appeared in military publications, and on fliers, handouts and veterans organizations' bulletin boards informing vets that they can receive hundreds of dollars, and giving them specific directions on how to apply.

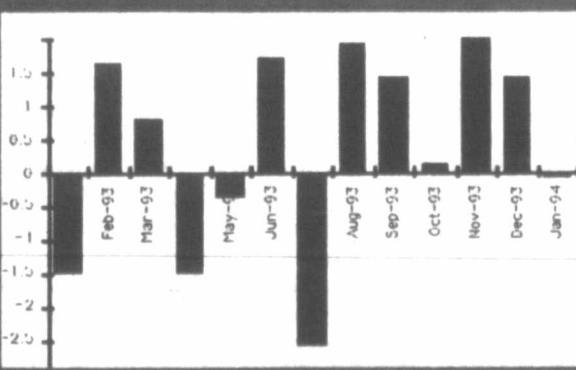
The VA, in a 1987 directive on the hoax, guessed that over the years its Philadelphia Insurance Center had received 6 million mail inquiries, and that estimates of the cost of dealing with the problem ranged from \$5 million to \$20 million. At peak times, it said, the VA has received 5,000 letters a day.

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former banker and Cisco civic leader has pleaded guilty to federal charges accusing him of being the masked bandit who pulled off three bank robberies.

Ronald Patton, 48, a father of three, had served on church committee and was a member of the Cisco school board for four years, authorities said.

On Monday at Waco, he pleaded guilty in federal court to robbing the First National Bank of Hico on July 29 and Oct. 12 and the First National Bank of Valley Mills on Jan. 4. Patton promised to pay \$28,377 in restitution to the Hico bank.

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Late winter storm blankets Panhandle area

From staff and wire reports

It's snowing and blowing. That the way-one Skellytown resident described conditions as snow blanketed much of the Panhandle early today.

More snow is in store for tonight and early Wednesday.

Forecasters say cold air moving into West Texas is mixing with warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico to create what is expected to be a mixture of rain, freezing rain and snow over the Panhandle.

Snow accumulations of 2 to 4 inches are possible across the northern Panhandle. Between

one and three inches of snow may fall over southern sections of the Panhandle.

As of 10:30 a.m. this morning, however, no serious accidents have been reported from around the Pampa area, although a number of cars have reportedly slid off I-40 near Shamrock, and a semi-truck jack-knifed in McLean, according to a representative of the Shamrock Police Department.

In Miami and Canadian, which are both located in the northeastern section of the Panhandle, conditions seem to be bad and getting worse. "Visibility is terrible and con-

ditions are getting worse around the Caprock and to the north of town," said a representative of the Hemphill Sheriff's Office.

Both Miami and Canadian have gotten nearly 4 inches of snowfall this morning, according to reports. In addition to that, winds are blowing from 10 to 15 mph and gusting up to 25 mph.

For students in the Pampa Independent School District, today's harsh weather conditions didn't change much, they were in school taking the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test (TAAS).

Other schools across the Pan-

handle were closed or were delaying opening today. Snowfall cut visibility down to a quarter-mile in Dalhart.

Light snow is expected in the Permian Basin as well tonight and some snow is possible in the Concho Valley. The rest of the state will get showers and thunderstorms.

The snow is expected to continue tonight, ending well before dawn on Wednesday.

Some light snow or freezing rain is possible early Wednesday in northwest portions of North Texas.

Clouds will be decreasing from the west on Wednesday.

Elsewhere across the state, the combination produced by an approaching cold front and the abundant gulf moisture is expected to produce showers and thunderstorms, some of which may be severe with very heavy rainfall.

Showers and thunderstorms are expected to produce heavy rainfall across North Texas through tonight. It will be windy and cold across North Texas on Wednesday. Some of the thunderstorms in North Texas may reach severe levels.

Showers and thunderstorms may reach severe levels in South Texas tonight.



Thomas Cantrell braves the wind and snow this morning to sprinkle salt on the steps of the U.S. Post Office building in downtown Pampa to make the steps safer for postal customers. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Texas voters casting ballots in primaries

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic candidates in the high-profile U.S. Senate race say they are concerned over how a projected light voter turnout will affect results in today's primary elections.

Although the races include U.S. Senate and all top statewide offices, Secretary of State John Hannah projected a turnout of just 16.5 percent of a record 9 million registered voters.

The race to challenge Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who faced only minor opposition in the GOP primary, generated the most heat but left the candidates in agreement on one thing: low voter interest.

Both former attorney general Jim Mattox and U.S. Rep. Mike Andrews said they were concerned about the projected turnout.

Andrews, who gave up the U.S. House seat he's held for 12 years to run for Senate, said he was surprised by the widespread apathy.

"That's one of the things I misjudged early in this campaign. I really thought because this was a Senate race, there would be much more focus by the press and by the public," Andrews said.

"I don't believe that people haven't been voting because they

don't care about their government. I believe voting has been so low because moving our primary from May to March was a mistake," Mattox said. The primary was moved in a bid to give Texas more clout in presidential election years.

The third major candidate in the race is Dallas investor Richard Fisher. As did Mattox and Andrews, Fisher visited several cities looking for votes.

If no candidate gets more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two advance to an April 12 runoff.

Fisher, a former adviser to Ross Perot who's portrayed himself as the political outsider in this race, said he expected to win the nomination. He called Mattox an old-style politician, adding, "I'm convinced if he wins the nomination — and I don't think he will — he'll lose worse than (Bob) Krueger."

The Senate race will top the November ballot, but it's not the only primary held today.

All seven top statewide offices, 30 U.S. House seats, all seats in the Legislature, two places on the Railroad Commission and three seats each on the Texas Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals also are being filled this year.

Party leaders worried by low voter turnout

Lighter than normal voter turnout is expected in today's primary elections as a late-season winter storm dumped snow and ice on the Panhandle overnight and this morning.

Republican congressional candidate Mac Thornberry canceled a scheduled trip to Pampa to visit polling places due to poor road conditions between the city and Amarillo.

Inclement weather is making worse what many thought would be a low turnout anyway in this non-presidential election year.

Local party leaders hoped more voters would make it to the polls later in the day, especially after they get off work this evening. All polling places are open until 7 p.m.

A lack of voter enthusiasm concerned local party leaders. "I would like the election to

represent the will of the people in the community. If we have a good turnout, that will can be accomplished," said Gray County Democratic Chairman John Warner.

Tom Mechler, Republican chairman in Gray County, said turnout at local GOP polls in the first few hours of voting was roughly half of what it was in 1992.

He noted that moderate turnout was occurring in McLean today.

Poll workers at the Gray County Courthouse, where Republicans in Precinct 10 vote, said their turnout of 35 voters this morning was good despite the weather.

Democratic elections workers at Baker School said turnout in Precinct 2 was slow but encouraged everyone to still try to get out and vote.



Karen Bridges checks over the ballot while voting in the primary elections this morning at Lovett Memorial Library. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Clinton sternly defends wife against Whitewater allegations

By RON FOURNIER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Buffeted by suspicion and innuendo, President Clinton passionately defended his wife against growing criticism over the Whitewater affair and promised no Watergate-like shenanigans in his White House.

"There will not be a cover-up," he declared.

And the president confidently predicted federal prosecutors will find no wrongdoing, hoping his stiff-backed performance Monday would temper the cry from Republicans and stave off congressional hearings.

"If I did something wrong, it will come out" in the investigation by special prosecutor Robert Fiske, Clinton said. "They will find the truth. Let them do it. And let the rest of us go on with our business."

He moved quickly to replace Bernard Nussbaum, the chief White House lawyer who resigned Saturday, a victim of the controversy. Clinton said he is seeking "someone of unquestioned integrity."

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said late Monday the president would name Lloyd Cutler, who was President Carter's White House counsel.

Clinton sternly defended his wife against unconfirmed reports that she had ordered the shredding of documents at an Arkansas law firm.

"The American people can worry about something else," Clinton said. "Her moral compass is as strong as anybody's in this country."

The president's feisty defense notwithstanding, the White House was threatened with paralysis, as glum aides scoured trash bins, burn bags and files for documents sought under a grand jury subpoena.

"All day today, some 400 people in the White House ... have signed certificates of deposits saying, 'I've gone through all my files, my trash bags, my phone logs and everything else. And here are the contacts I had,'" presidential counselor David Gergen said on ABC-TV's "Nightline" program Monday night.

Gergen, Clinton's chief image maker, acknowledged that "we (White House staff) were not as forthcoming" on some matters as they should have been, and asserted that White House meet-

ings with Treasury officials regarding an investigation involving Clinton were improper, but not criminal.

Ten administration officials, including six at the White House, were given individual subpoenas ordering them to appear before a federal grand jury Thursday. Most, if not all, have hired private attorneys.

White House officials expected Chief of Staff Mack McLarty to be subpoenaed, too, because he helped arrange one of three meetings in which federal regulators discussed Whitewater with Clinton aides.

Clinton said Monday he had been unaware of two of those meetings. He did not directly address the third meeting, but said he did find out somehow that federal regulators were confidentially investigating a failed Arkansas thrift and its ties to him.

Hillary Rodham Clinton also did not know about the meetings or the investigation until she read about them in news accounts, deputy press secretary Neel Lattimore said.

Republicans pushed for congressional hearings.

"If there's been no wrongdoing, there should be nothing to hide," said Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.

But Fiske said in a letter that congressional hearings "would pose a severe risk to the integrity of our investigation."

Fiske's investigation into Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan involves the tangled Whitewater land venture, co-owned by the Clintons and Madison owner James McDougal and his wife at the time. Fiske wants to know whether the White House was meddling in the inquiry by meeting with Treasury officials three times.

Clinton acknowledged Monday that he learned in October the Resolution Trust Corp. was investigating whether his gubernatorial campaign had received improper donations from Madison. That information was supposed to be confidential.

Clinton was hazy on the details.

"I don't remember when I knew about it or who told me about it, but it was just sort of presented as a fact, a decision that had been made by the government," the president said. "And I didn't think much about it at the time. It was just something that I absorbed."

Don't forget—Primary polling places are open until 7 p.m.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BUICE, Ola — 10:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Shamrock.
KELLY, Robert — 2 p.m., Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery, graveside.
PLETCHER, Paul Odessa — 2 p.m., Full Gospel Church, Perryton.

Obituaries

OLA BUICE
SHAMROCK — Ola Buice, 100, a longtime resident of Shamrock, died Saturday, March 5, 1994. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church in Shamrock with the Rev. J.C. Burt of Pampa officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery by Wright Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Buice was born in Cleburne and had been a Shamrock resident since 1923. She married Howard Buice in 1963 at Shamrock. He preceded her in death in 1990. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Roy Bruce of Bastrop Beach; a daughter, Elaine Porter of Shamrock; 16 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

CHARLIE LEE HELBERT

Charlie Lee Helbert, 80, a former longtime resident of Skellytown, died Tuesday, March 8, 1994 in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Joe Henegar, pastor of the Calvary Assembly of God Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Helbert was born Dec. 27, 1913 in Bell County. He was a resident of Willington for five years before moving to Skellytown, where he worked for Northern Natural Oil and Gas for 20 years. He moved to Pampa upon his retirement. He was a member of the Calvary Assembly of God.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Wanda Kissell, in 1979.

Survivors include his wife, Atha Alice Helbert of the home; two daughters, Mary Louise Green and Joyce Alene Mullen, both of Pampa; two stepdaughters, Dot Worley of Pampa and Helen Brock of Bartlesville, Okla.; a brother, J.W. Helbert of Pampa; a sister, Lynett Hudson of Fort Worth; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

ROBERT KELLY

DIMITT — Robert "Sweetie" Kelly, 64, a native of Roberts County, died Thursday, March 3, 1994. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements are by Foskey Funeral Home.

Mr. Kelly was born in Roberts County.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL	Canadian
Admissions/Pampa	Shella Dean Collins
Wanda Sue Blackmon	Stinnett
William Neal Bowen	Billy Dean Reed
Jessica Diane Hall	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Borger	Admissions
Nicel Chennault	Shamrock
Groom	James Hollabaugh
Bertie Lee Helton	Sitka, Alaska
Patsy R. Koelder	Grace Kinnear
Dismissals	Dismissals
	No dismissals were reported.

Correction

In a correction from a page one story in Monday's *Pampa News*, the winner of the Republican primary for county commissioner, Precinct 2, will face Democratic incumbent Jim Greene in the November election.

Emergency numbers

Energas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700

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.

MONDAY, March 7

Doretta Ann Gerber, 2510 Mary Ellen, reported criminal mischief at Horace Mann Elementary School, 400 N. Faulkner.

Tom Lige Lindsey, 2305 Dogwood, reported criminal mischief at Horace Mann Elementary School, 400 N. Faulkner.

Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, reported theft under \$20.

David Albert Hunter, Box 1018, reported theft at 1420 E. Browning.

Edna Faye O'Neal, 700 N. Nelson, reported information.

City of Pampa, 201 W. Kingsmill, reported found property.

TUESDAY, March 8

Doug Ray, 1424 N. Dwight, reported burglary of a habitation.

Arrests

MONDAY, March 7

Valerie A. Wohlford, 31, 1008 E. Murphy, was arrested at 1233 N. Hobart on a charge of theft.

Sandra Bullard, 39, 512 Schneider, was arrested on two warrants.

Sheriff's Office

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

MONDAY, March 7

Jerral Crisler, 400 N. Cuyler, reported forgery.

Suoco Oil Co., 1/2 mile west of Gray Rd. 5 on Gray Road M, reported criminal mischief.

Arrest

MONDAY, March 7

Matthew Gilbert Maul, 22, 1109 Rider, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear, no vehicle registration and failure to stop at sign. He was released on bond.

Accidents

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

TUESDAY, March 8

5:50 a.m. — A 1990 Chevrolet driven by Vincent Eugene Meaker, 23, 1601 W. Somerville #701, was in collision with a city of Pampa fire hydrant and curb on U.S. 60. No citations were issued. No injuries were reported.

Fires

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

MONDAY, March 7

1:50 p.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 204 E. Murphy.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat.....	3.23	
Milo.....	4.48	
Com.....	5.08	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Serfo.....	3 3/4	NC
Occidental.....	17 1/8	dn 1/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan.....	73.94	
Puntan.....	16.22	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco.....	52 1/4	dn 1/8
Aroco.....	98 1/2	dn 1/2
Cabot.....	53 1/2	dn 1/2
Cabot O&G.....	21 1/4	up 1/4
Chevron.....	88 1/8	up 1/2
Coca-Cola.....	41 1/2	dn 1/8
Diamond Sham.....	29 1/2	up 1/8
Enron.....	33 1/8	dn 3/8
Halliburton.....	29 3/4	dn 1/4
HealthTrust Inc.....	31 3/8	up 1/2
Ingersoll Rand.....	39	up 1/4
KNE.....	24 1/4	up 1/4
Kerr-McGee.....	44	dn 3/8
Limited.....	19 1/2	NC
Mapco.....	60 1/2	dn 1/4
Maxus.....	4 5/8	NC
McDonald's.....	61 1/2	dn 1/2
Mobil.....	78 1/2	NC
New Atmos.....	29 1/2	up 1/8
Paker & Parley.....	21 7/8	NC
Peemey's.....	56 7/8	up 1/8
Phillips.....	26 5/8	dn 1/4
SLB.....	56	dn 1/2
SPS.....	28 7/8	dn 1/8
Tenneco.....	57 1/2	dn 1/4
Texas.....	65 5/8	dn 1/4
Wal-Mart.....	28 1/2	up 1/8
New York Gold.....	376.00	
Silver.....	5.22	
West Texas Crude.....	14.10	

Calendar of events

WRESTLING BANQUET
 Parents of Pampa High School wrestlers and managers are to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the athletic building to discuss the wrestling banquet.

Hardy voter



Donald Maul didn't let the near blizzard conditions keep him from voting in the primary elections this morning. Here, he heads into the Gray County Annex Building on East Frederic to cast his ballot. Polls remain open until 7 p.m. today. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Kimberly-Clark announces absorbent underpants for kids

DALLAS (AP) — Kimberly-Clark Corp. has said more than 3 million U.S. children could use its new product: an absorbent underpant designed for children ages 5 through 11 who wet their beds.

The company on Monday unveiled its Pull-Ups Goodnites absorbent underpants, apparently the first product of its kind.

The underpants, which fit like underwear, have leakage control shields and a white, cloth-like outer cover. They are available in two unisex sizes and

designed to fit children weighing 45-85 pounds.

National shipments will begin next month, the company said.

"Kimberly-Clark received thousands of requests from consumers asking for a disposable product that would provide discreet overnight protection for older children," said Thomas Falk, group president of Kimberly-Clark's Infant

and Child Care Group. "Goodnites absorbent underpants respond to this previously unmet need and eliminate the necessity of washing sheets and pajamas after nighttime accidents."

Kimberly-Clark said consumer tests showed Goodnites were preferred to products such as plastic mattress protectors, disposable diapers and adult incontinence products.

No Lotto winner — \$35 million jackpot

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 3, 34, 40, 44, 47 and 48.

There were 165 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$2,303. There were 9,690 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$142. And there were 207,500 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$35 million.

City Commission to meet today

Pampa's City Commission will meet in regular session this evening at 6 p.m. in the City Commission chamber located on the third floor of City Hall.

Items scheduled to be discussed include:

- the first reading of an ordinance to change part of Randy Matson Avenue to a one-way street,
- the second reading of an ordinance for the addition of yield signs at named intersections with 25th Avenue,
- the 1992-1993 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report,
- the appointment of two people to the Cable Advisory Board,
- authorizing the city manager to submit a grant application relative to gang related crime,
- a bid for a delinquent tax property located at 824 S. Cuyler,
- authorizing the city staff to purchase material to seal the bottom of the water tank at Pump Station #2,

- and authorizing the city staff to execute a change order in the amount of \$18,475 for the application of sealer at Pump Station #2 to Corrosion Eliminators Inc.

Prior to the regular meeting, the mayor and commissioners will meet in a work session beginning at 4 p.m. in the conference room located on the third floor of City Hall.

Items scheduled to be discussed include an audit report and a report from Providence Associates, Inc., on the library.

Following the regular meeting of the commission, an executive session will be held to discuss pending litigation in the Louis D. Wilkinson v. the City of Pampa case. Wilkinson is a former Pampa police officer who contends he was fired after he reported problems within the department.

The commission will re-convene following to executive session to take any action necessary.

City briefs

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

TAX SERVICE: Mary Jane Myneer and Mary McBee, 669-9910, 421 N. Perry. 1040A \$25, 1040EZ \$15. Electronic filing. Adv.

MOTOROLA CELLULAR Bag Phone, 3 year warranty, \$79.95 with activation. Borger Radio Shack only, 274-7077. Free Pampa delivery. Adv.

"THE DEWEYS," Award Winning Gospel artists will be at First Assembly of God, Wednesday, March 9th, at 7 p.m. No admission charge. Adv.

MANE ATTRACTION; Coronado Shopping Center now has Prom dresses. Adv.

GRANDVIEW HOPKINS Barn Dance and Silent Auction, Thursday, March 10, 7-9:30 p.m. Grandview Hopkins gym. \$1 per person, \$4 per family. No alcohol please. Adv.

HEARD ABOUT Rapid Refund? find out if you qualify at H&R Block. Trust! It's why America returns. 1301 N. Hobart, 665-2161.

2 CRYPTS Mausoleum, lower deck. Make offer before March 10th. 665-5582. Adv.

UNTOUCHABLE'S SALON relocated 316 S. Cuyler. Perm special's start at \$23 with style. No appointments necessary. Come see Chris, 669-0703. Adv.

PERRY TOWNSEND, CAE, president and chief executive officer of the Texas Hospital Association will be the guest speaker at the monthly Pampa Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Tuesday, March 15 at noon. A leader in the hospital field, he will discuss President Clinton's health care reform plan and its potential affect on Texans. Adv.

Indian jetliner on training flight hits parked plane; 5 killed

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — An Indian jetliner on a training flight collided with a Russian plane parked at New Delhi International Airport today, and both aircraft burst into flames. Officials said five people were killed, but news agencies put the death toll as high as 10.

The Sahara India Boeing 737 was practicing takeoffs and landings at New Delhi's domestic airport when it lost control on its fourth takeoff and crashed at the adjoining international airport, said Aditya Arya, the police chief of the two airports.

The 737 slammed upside-down into an Aeroflot Ilyushin 86 as engineers worked on it about a half mile from the nearest runway, Arya and witnesses said. The explosion scattered debris over a large area and set fire to

three of the elevated ramps that passengers use to exit and board planes.

Seven people were injured, Arya said.

"I heard a loud roar, and the next minute I saw the Aeroflot on fire," said G.K. Umesh, a maintenance engineer for British Airways who was working in a nearby hangar.

"When I saw it coming down, I thought the Sahara plane was going to come right into the building where I was standing at the international airport. Then I heard a loud crash and the whole building shook," said Jasbir Singh, an airport official.

More than 30 fire engines rushed to the two airports and one charred engine of the Sahara plane was seen only 20 feet from the main international airport building. Both

airports were closed.

Five bodies were recovered, and at least seven people were hospitalized for burns, Arya said. But Press Trust of India reported 10 dead and United News of India said seven people were killed.

The Sahara India airline plane carried three trainee pilots and an instructor, but no passengers, said Sushil Kumar, a Sahara official.

Sahara India is one of a half-dozen private airlines founded in the two years since India deregulated its skies. Most are flown by pilots who left the state-owned Indian Airlines.

Last year, two Indian Airlines jetliners crashed in New Delhi and the western city of Aurangabad, killing 56 people. Four other planes were hijacked.

Man who killed wife shoots himself after standoff with police

SOMERVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Somerville man who fatally shot his wife last week killed himself Monday after a three-hour standoff with police.

Washington County authorities had been searching for James Edward Taylor Jr., 32, since he shot his wife, 26-year-old Evette R. Taylor, last Thursday.

Taylor shot his wife on the porch of her parents' home in Independence, in front of her mother, after Mrs. Taylor refused to leave with him, said Washington County sheriff's Lt. Mike Randermann.

Taylor was upset because his wife "didn't want him and found herself another friend," said his aunt, Melvia Powell.

Ms. Powell, who lived with Taylor in Somerville for the past two months, said Taylor had talked of killing his wife.

"I tried to talk him out of it," she said. "I told him to forget about her and find himself another girl."

Monday afternoon, several Somerville residents called authorities to report seeing Taylor running through the streets with a gun. Some-

one also saw him sneak into a vacant house, where police found him, said Burleson County Sheriff Ron Urbanovsky.

Authorities, including members of the Somerville and Brenham police departments, the Burleson and Washington County sheriff's departments and the Texas Department of Public Safety, spent about three hours trying to negotiate with the man.

Law officers also allowed relatives and friends to talk with Taylor, and they lobbed two tear gas canisters into the house.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, a 50 percent chance of light snow, tapering off to flurries after midnight with little additional accumulations expected. Otherwise, cloudy and cold with a low in the lower 20s and north wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Wednesday, flurries possible early, otherwise decreasing cloudiness and warmer with a high near 40 and north wind 5 to 15 mph, becoming southwest in the afternoon. Monday's high was 57; this morning's low was 26; 0.31 inches of precipitation was recorded in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Pahrhande: Tonight, a chance of light snow, tapering off to flurries after midnight. Lows around 20. Wednesday, flurries possible early, otherwise decreasing clouds. Highs 35-40. Wednesday night, fair. Lows in the 20s. South Plains: Tonight, colder with light snow likely. Lows in the 20s. Wednesday, a slight chance of snow early morning, then becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the 40s. Wednesday night, fair. Lows in mid 20s to low 30s.

North Texas — Tonight, rain and thunderstorms, rain possibly changing to sleet or snow late northwest. Some storms possibly severe southeast. Windy and cold with lows 29 northwest to 44 southeast. Wednesday, cloudy with a slight chance of snow during the morning, decreasing cloudiness late west. A chance

of rain central. Rain likely north-east. Rain and a few thunderstorms southeast. Windy and cold with highs 45 to 52. Wednesday night, becoming partly cloudy. Continued cold with lows 30 to 37.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly cloudy and cooler with scattered showers and thunderstorms, some may be severe. Lows in the 30s to near 40 Hill Country to 40s south central. Wednesday, chance of rain in the early morning, otherwise decreasing clouds, windy and cool. Highs in the 50s. Wednesday night, fair skies and cold. Lows near 30 Hill Country to 30s south central. Coastal Bend: Tonight, mostly cloudy, windy and cooler with scattered showers and thunderstorms, some may be severe. Lows in the 40s to near 50. Wednesday, chance of rain in the early morning, otherwise decreasing clouds, windy and cool. Highs in the 50s to near 60. Wednesday night, fair skies and cold. Lows in the 30s inland to near 40 coast. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms. Becoming cooler with lows in the 50s to near 60. Wednesday, a chance of rain in the morning, otherwise mostly cloudy, windy and cool. Highs in the 60s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy and cold. Lows in upper 30s inland west to 40s coast.

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 Oklahoma — Winter storm tonight in far northwest Oklahoma. Winter storm warning tonight for portions

of west central and all of north central Oklahoma and southwest and central Oklahoma. Rain and thunderstorms becoming mixed with sleet and snow before changing to all snow in the northwestern two-thirds of Oklahoma. Snow possibly heavy at times. Accumulations of 3 to 6 inches northwest by evening. Rain and thunderstorms likely elsewhere. Tonight, rain changing to snow with a chance for thunderstorms in the Red River valley. Snow likely elsewhere, possibly heavy at times. Total accumulations of 5 to 10 inches northwest and north central. Lows mostly in the 20s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of snow central and southeast, decreasing cloudiness elsewhere. Highs from 37 to 44. Wednesday night, clear to partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s.

New Mexico — Snow advisory tonight north central mountains, northeast and south central mountains. Snow showers north central mountains, northeast and south central mountains. Widely scattered rain or snow showers elsewhere. Lows from teens and 20s mountains and north to low 30s at lower elevations of the south. Wednesday, widely scattered snow showers lingering in the north central mountains and fair elsewhere. Not as cold in the northeast. Highs 30s and 40s mountains and northeast, near 60 lower elevations of the southwest. Wednesday night, fair skies. Lows from the teens and 20s mountains to low and mid 30s at lower elevations of the south.

Off-attacked helium reserve system faces more criticism

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The oft-attacked helium reserve program is once again coming in for congressional opposition.

Since the mid-1980s, the Texas-based reserve has survived attempts by some in Congress to pull the plug on what they deride as an antiquated government program that long ago outlived its usefulness.

Rep. Richard Lehman, D-Calif., is the latest lawmaker seeking to end a program that traces its beginnings to World War I. The chairman of the House energy and mineral resources subcommittee is introducing legislation today that would free government agencies from their obligation to buy helium exclusively from the federal stockpile in the Texas Panhandle.

His bill also would force the eventual sale of the 32 billion cubic feet of helium — valued at \$1 billion or more — stored in an underground dome northwest of Amarillo.

"It's an idea that's outlived its purpose," said Lehman's press secretary, Joe Rosato. "There's absolutely no need for it."

Reserve General Manager Dale Bippus said any savings from shutting down the program and terminating its 225 jobs could prove illusory.

The General Accounting Office, Congressional Budget Office and others have concluded that it would be more costly for government agencies to procure their helium elsewhere if the reserve is closed, Bippus said Monday.

"The government's already bought this helium," he said. "It's only our out-of-pocket costs that are associated with delivering that."

The program originated when the military required an assured supply of helium for its blimps and there was no private production. Ninety percent of domestic production now comes from the private sector, which sells the natural gas derivative cheaper than the reserve.

Nowadays, the government uses helium in the space shuttle program, in anti-missile weaponry research, for cryogenics and magnetic resonance imaging.

The House last year voted to end the program's monopoly on sales to NASA, but the Senate has yet to consider companion legislation.

Of the nearly-annual attempts to kill the program, Bippus said: "It's like they keep walking in the door and telling you you're terminally ill."

Supporters contend the helium reserve — which receives no federal appropriations — doesn't cost taxpayers money. Instead, it returns an average \$9 million to the U.S. Treasury each year, they note.

"If you get no appropriation and you return nine million dollars to the Treasury, is that a bad program?" Bippus asked. "I am convinced it is a good program."

Both backers of the reserve and industry officials argue that the private-sector market would be destabilized if the stockpile is sold.

Under Lehman's legislation, the stockpile would be kept for at least 20 years then sold, Rosato said.

Proponents contend the helium reserve is wrongly saddled with the image of a debt-ridden program. The Interior Department's Bureau of Mines, which manages the program, owes the Treasury an estimated \$1.3 billion in interest and principal on a \$252 million loan it obtained in the 1960s to buy helium for the reserve.

With the debt increasing by some \$100 million a year, all parties agree the program never will be able to pay off the liability.

Rep. Bill Sarpalius, D-Amarillo, last year introduced legislation to forgive the interest on the debt. The General Accounting Office, Interior Department inspector general and others have endorsed the move.

Organizations such as the Heritage Foundation and the National Taxpayers Union have suggested that the stockpile should be sold and the money returned to the Treasury.

Sarpalius will fight the Lehman legislation.

"The bothersome thing about Mr. Lehman's approach is it essentially would take a one billion dollar asset the federal government owns and either warehouse it or give it away," said Phil Duncan, Sarpalius' chief of staff.

Young soccer players



Enjoying the spring-like weather Saturday, these five-year-olds practice for their young soccer team. From left, Krista Shults, Cama Niccum and Erin Hall head down the field toward the ball at the soccer complex south of Alcock Street. The team, which has not chosen a league name yet, is sponsored by Williams Agency, a Pampa insurance firm. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Astronauts take break, enjoy view

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Medical experiments continued aboard Columbia today while three of the five crew members took a half-day off from one of the longest shuttle missions to date.

Because the flight lasts 14 days — an hour short of the longest shuttle trip if all goes as planned — NASA has scheduled time off for the astronauts. Each gets two four-hour breaks.

Commander John Casper and astronauts Pierre Thuot and Marsha Ivins took the first part of today to relax and enjoy the view from 184 miles up.

Charles "Sam" Gemar and Andrew Allen, who took some of Monday off, stuck to the usual schedule. That included the collection of blood, urine and saliva for medical studies and a third day of tests with a miniature truss that NASA hopes will help space station architects design the orbiting outpost.

Astronauts snap together thin rods and cylindrical joints in the shape of a scaffold and jolt it with electronic vibrations so engineers can gauge its sturdiness.

NASA was still watching the shuttle's auxiliary power units, one of which had unusually high pressure readings earlier in the flight. The crew performed a test Monday and everything appeared to be fine. A clogged fuel line or faulty heaters might have caused the problem, officials said.

The three auxiliary power units supply power to hydraulic systems needed to land the spacecraft. The shuttle can operate with just one unit, but under flight rules, the spaceship must return to Earth as soon as possible if one fails.

Chinese police again pick up dissident student leader

BEIJING (AP) — Police picked up China's most-wanted student leader from the 1989 pro-democracy movement today, just three days before Secretary of State Warren Christopher is to visit Beijing.

Wang Dan, who was detained for about 24 hours last week, was again whisked away today by three plain-clothesmen while he was eating dinner with his family at home, a relative said. It was not clear why Wang was taken.

The Clinton administration has said the detention of as many as 14 dissidents since Wednesday has cast a pall over Christopher's visit, which begins Friday.

China lashed back today, asserting the United States has no business

criticizing the police roundup.

"To summon and interrogate according to law those who violated criminal law and other laws falls entirely within the scope of China's sovereignty," the Foreign Ministry said. "No foreign country, organization, or individual has the right to make irresponsible remarks or interfere," it said.

The United States has tied this year's renewal of China's most-favored nation trading status to improvements in its human rights practices. Billions of dollars in trade and thousands of jobs are at stake.

Christopher bluntly warned China today that if it continues to defy entreaties to improve its human

rights practices that the United States is prepared to end its favorable access to U.S. markets.

"They have heard from me before and they'll hear from me again that overall significant progress will be necessary for most-favored nation treatment," Christopher said at a news conference in Canberra, Australia.

It is "hard to overstate the strong distaste we all feel for the recent detentions and hostile measures taken by the Chinese," he added.

The Foreign Ministry maintained today that the detentions were "purely an internal affair of China" and have "nothing to do with the forthcoming visit to China by the U.S. secretary of state."

Salvation Army offers trust fund booklet

The Salvation Army is offering a free booklet to assist the seven out of eight people who are considering a trust.

With this booklet, The Salvation Army is offering information to help you consider a trust for the distribution of an estate to family, friends and charitable organizations. With a trust, an estate is distributed by one's own wishes, rather than legal formulas, SA officials said.

SA officials noted that some think

only wealthy people need a trust or that drawing a trust is too expensive or complicated. The Salvation Army wants people to know that, without a trust, the state will determine the disposition of assets, the welfare of one's spouse and the guardianship of one's children.

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Opinion

If we must, let's go metric inch by inch

Most of the world measures in the metric system, while Americans remain content with gallons, pounds, miles and inches. And why not? It's a system we have all grown up with. It's served our nation and our economy well.

But the federal government, always looking for ways to fine-tune our lives, now wants to force-feed us the metric system.

In the latest move in this direction, the Federal Trade Commission is poised to dictate that product labels from now on should include both English units and their metric equivalents.

Congress made its last big push for the metric system back in the 1970s, giving us road signs in both miles and kilometers. That effort was a flop. (Quick, how many kilometers is it to Denver on I-25? And be sure you don't drive any faster than 104 kph.)

Americans may someday be ready to switch to the metric system, but government should not be the driving force behind the conversion. It should only happen when it makes manifest economic sense to do so. In other words, it should be a market-driven conversion, not one dictated from the top down.

With most of the world already operating on the metric system, it has already become economical for certain export-driven American companies to deal in the metric system. Relying on this sort of incremental adjustment of the marketplace would allow people to gradually accommodate themselves to the metric way of thinking.

As our economy becomes more and more integrated into the global economy, Americans may become more familiar with liters, centimeters and kilograms. Some authors, particularly those scientists who try to write books for the mass audience, throw in metric references instead of our accustomed measurement terms, causing many either to ignore the metric references in the books or else to turn to some reference table to familiarize themselves with the metric measurements. The decision is left to the reader to decide whether to learn to think in metric terms or to remain slightly uninformed.

But the day when Americans think and measure in metric may be a long way off; perhaps it will never come.

Until then, however, the government should accept the obvious fact that Americans prefer that any change come one voluntary inch at a time.

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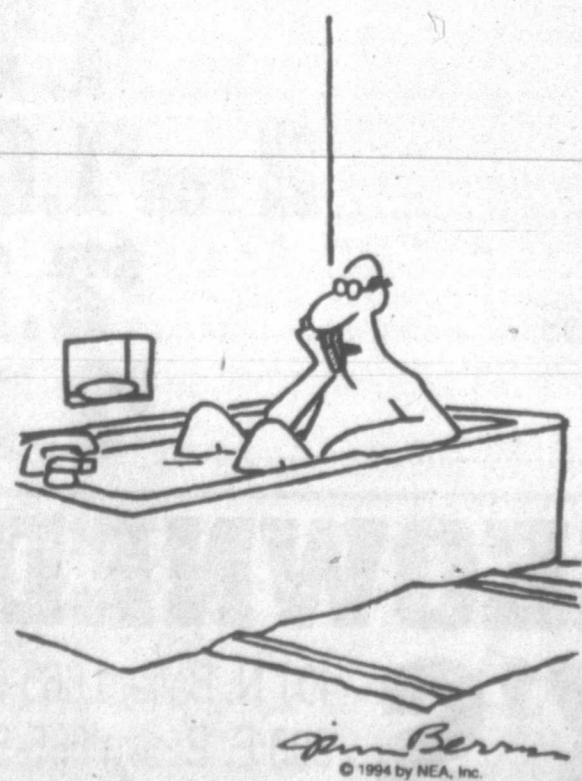
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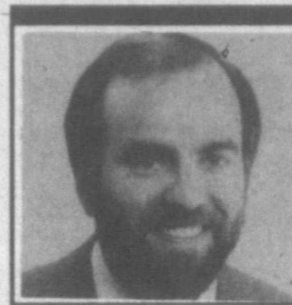
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Debt for future generations



Stephen Chapman

The Clinton administration has mounted an offensive against a proposed balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, warning of catastrophe if the American people have to pay for all the government they get.

The catastrophe is that we will pay more or get less. A melancholy White House report says that to bring the budget into the black, the average individual would have to remit an extra \$728 a year in income taxes and the average Social Security recipient would have to lose \$605 a year in benefits.

That's not all. Cabinet officers trooped up to Capitol Hill recently to roll out a parade of horrors that will follow in the wake of this measure — a weak military, more crime, deceased veterans being cruelly turned away from national cemeteries. Blood will roll down like water and tears like a mighty stream.

The implication is that the government programs endangered by the amendment are 1) absolutely indispensable and 2) not so important that the electorate would dream of being taxed for them. But it is just possible that the items Americans would be willing to give up are the ones they can most easily live without and that they would rather surrender more cash to the Internal Revenue Service than see the federal government abandon its vital responsibilities.

The beauty of the balanced budget amendment is that it would compel us to ponder how badly we value each federal outlay and to eliminate those of marginal importance. This is an obligation we've been spared in recent years, thanks to the agreeable option of paying for programs we want by charging them to our children.

Ronald Reagan usually gets the blame for this development, but the habit was ingrained long before he arrived. Not since 1969 has the federal

government taken in more than it has spent; not since the 1950s has the federal budget been balanced two years running. Still, the indulgence got worse in the 1980s, when volumes of red ink that once were unimaginable became the norm. Since 1981, the total debt owned by the federal government has more than quadrupled, to more than \$4 trillion.

President Clinton would have us believe that, as Mike Ditka once said of George Halas, he throws nickels around like manhole covers. But even under the supposedly spartan budgets he has proposed, the deficit would never fall below \$165 billion a year, and after next year, it would stop shrinking and resume growing.

That's how budgeteering has advanced since the 1980s: We now define a deficit that is \$165 billion and rising as fiscal austerity instead of fiscal excess. Even though we have escaped the heavy burden of the Cold War, the president can't imagine that federal spending could ever be made to match federal revenues. His complaint is not solely with the balanced budget amendment but with the very idea of a balanced budget.

Granted, there are serious arguments against this addition to the Constitution. One is that at some times, such as a recession or a war, it makes perfect sense for Washington to spend more than it gets.

Brookings Institution economist Henry Aaron argues that telling the government it should never borrow is like telling individuals or families they should never borrow.

The amendment, however, doesn't say the government can never borrow: Deficits are allowed during wartime and anytime they can get 60 percent of the votes in both houses of Congress. In a time of emergency, when the need for excess spending is plain, it shouldn't be too hard to muster that kind of support.

And people can't borrow if they have an unbroken history of living far beyond their means — people known as bankrupts. The federal government presumably will never go bust, because it can always acquire funds by force. But it has the same flaw as many bankrupts: It can't be trusted to take on debt only when it absolutely has to. Given the chance, it will borrow all the time; for luxuries as well as necessities, with no thought to the burden it is assuming.

The more telling criticism is that if Congress and the president can't agree on a balanced budget, the courts would be forced to take whatever measures are needed to comply with the constitutional mandate. That is a risk, if you assume that our elected officials will betray not only their fiscal obligations but their constitutional oath. Brazenly flouting the Constitution is not something most politicians are inclined to do.

It's awful to contemplate Supreme Court justices dictating budget policy. But that possible travesty has to be weighed against the certain travesty that otherwise awaits: a government that chronically lives at the ever-rising expense of future generations. A president who finds nothing wrong with that prospect serves as the best argument for the amendment.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, March 8, the 67th day of 1994. There are 298 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 8, 1917, Russia's February Revolution — so called because of the Old Style calendar used by Russians at the time — began with rioting and strikes in St. Petersburg.

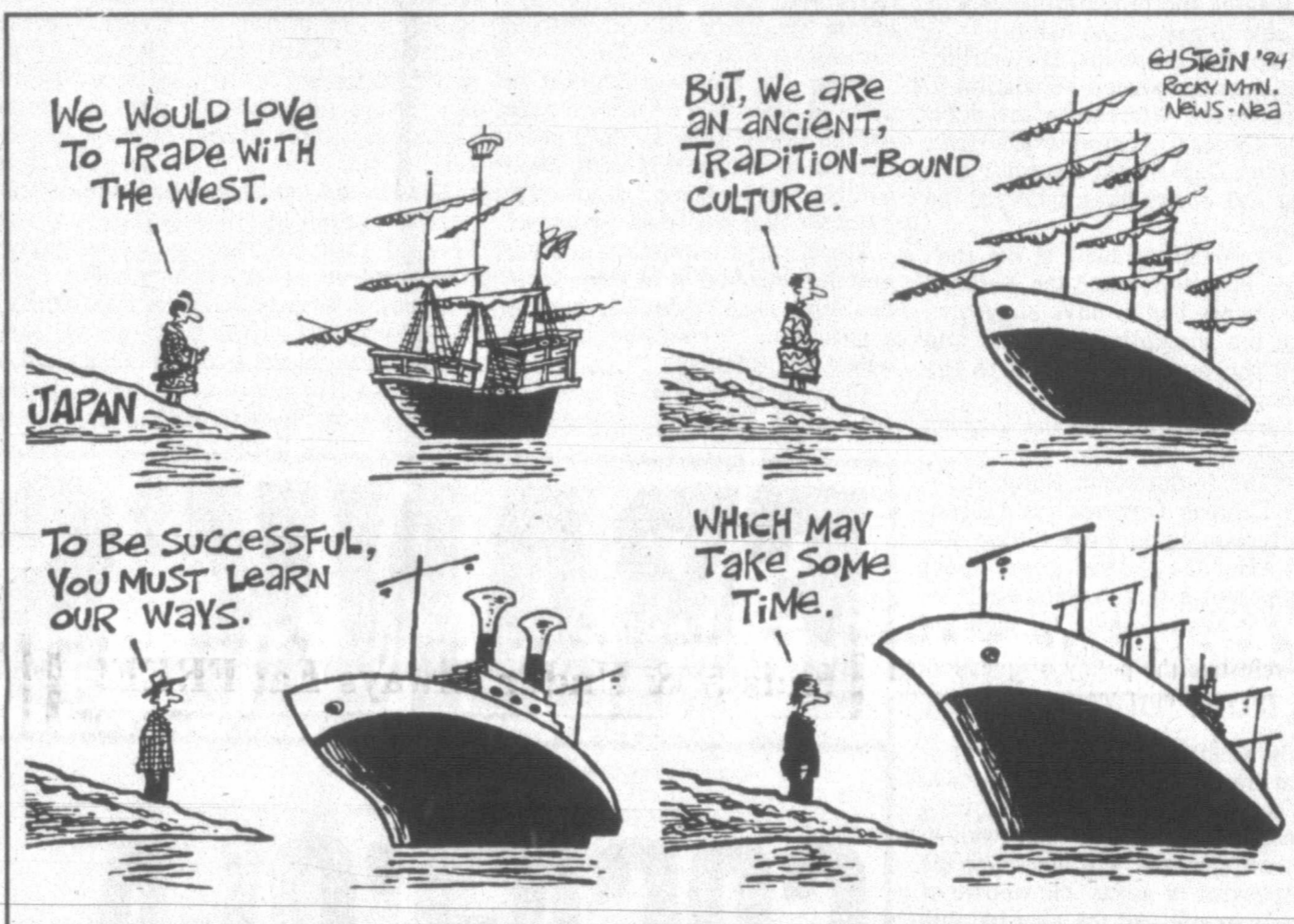
On this date:
In 1702, England's Queen Anne ascended the throne upon the death of King William III.

In 1782, the Gnadenhütten massacre took place as some 90 Indians were slain by militiamen in Ohio in retaliation for raids by other Indians.

In 1854, U.S. Commodore Mathew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan. Within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.

In 1917, the U.S. Senate voted to limit filibusters.

In 1930, the 27th president of the United States, William Howard Taft, died in Washington.



Snow skiing is for those idiots

It's time again for my semi-occasional anti-skiing column.

This column began eight years ago atop a mountain in Vail, Colo. Get the picture?

The windchill factor was twice my age. My feet hurt because they were in ski boots. They don't make ski boots that don't hurt your feet. That's why all skiers are red in the face. Their feet are killing them.

I was tired. I was angry. I was tired and angry because I was on top of a mountain in Colorado in the dead of winter, and my feet hurt and my face was red.

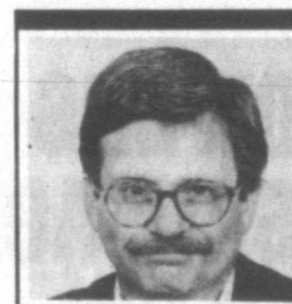
A friend was with me. He didn't have to say this, but he did:

"Do you realize," he said to me, "we could be in Florida playing golf?"

But no, we were on top of that stupid mountain and had to get down it on skis.

I said to God, "God, if you'll get me down off this mountain and out of these ski boots and into a hot shower, I'll never ski again."

Like God really cared if I ever skied again. My friend and I got down off the mountain. Neither one of us ever skied again. Thanks, God.



Lewis Grizzard

The reason for the appearance of my semi-occasional anti-skiing column is the Winter Olympics. They kicked up a storm in Lillehammer.

I watched them ski on television and remembered when I used to ski. I wrote another anti-skiing column. That's how big-time journalism works. Seriously, I tried to become a snow skier despite the fact God — that name again — made me a sun person and allowed me to live in the sunny South.

I recall when a number of my Atlanta friends began going West to ski.

They said to me, "Come on out. Once you learn to ski it's a lot of fun."

They lied. I learned to ski. I took \$40,000 worth of ski

lessons from some guy in tight pants who was named Olaf. It was no fun.

Skiing, as a matter of fact, was easy to learn. All you do to ski is aim your skis downhill and take off. You'll ski.

Teaching me to stop and turn going downhill on skis is what made Olaf the rich man he is today.

If you've never skied before and are thinking of trying, just remember the following:

- It's expensive. You have to travel to a ski area, buy a new wardrobe, rent a bunch of gear, buy a lift ticket, pay Olaf for lessons and pay for four nights in a condo. You can bribe a high-ranking politician for less than it costs for one ski trip.

- You can get hurt — and not just your feet. I fell getting off the lift, and a chair hit me in the back of the head. The only time my feet didn't hurt was the 30 minutes I was unconscious.

- Forget the nightlife. You'll be too sore and tired.

- Anybody who would travel to somewhere cold in the winter is an idiot.

I can say that I was one of those idiots, but a religious experience saved me. I'd send money to Oral Roberts, but I still owe Olaf two more payments.

Tax cuts are back in vogue in states

If President Clinton's record 1993 tax increase of \$262 billion wasn't bad enough, the Congressional Budget Office recently announced that his health-care plan will slap a \$400 billion five-year tax on the U.S. economy.

This comes just as state governments across the country are rushing to lower their tax rates. The states say they have a very simple reason for doing this: to boost their economies and create jobs.

Obviously the states aren't swallowing Clinton's economic wisdom, which says the more money government confiscates from the American people for important "investments" (since when did pork-barrel spending become an investment?), the faster the economy will grow.

You'd think the debate over which approach spurs more economic growth — cutting taxes or raising them — would have been settled long ago. After all, isn't it obvious that every dollar the government takes out of our pockets is one less dollar we can spend on the things we want and need ourselves?

But since Washington still doesn't get it, perhaps it should look at a new study by *Business Week*, showing that during the last eight years states with low taxes have experienced dramatic job gains, while high-tax states have lagged behind.

The numbers are impressive. In the 10 states



Edwin Feulner

with the highest tax burdens, the number of jobs in the private sector has risen by just 13 percent since 1985. By contrast, the 10-states with the lowest tax burdens have seen private-sector employment rise by 22 percent during that same period. That means if two states, one high-tax and one low-tax, each had 1 million jobs in 1985, the high-tax state would have added 130,000 jobs while the low-tax state would have added 220,000 jobs, a 90,000-job edge.

That explains why state governments are jumping on the tax-cut bandwagon. Newly elected New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, a Republican, campaigned on the promise of a 30 percent reduction in state income-tax rates. To prove her pledge wasn't empty campaign rhetoric (remember Clinton's middle-class tax cut?), Whitman called for a 5 percent cut on her first day in office. If the

state legislature approves the proposed cuts, watch New Jersey add jobs by the thousands.

New Jersey's neighbor to the north, New York, has not only one of the most liberal administrations of any state, but the highest tax burden in the country. Yet even Democratic Gov. Mario Cuomo, politically to the left of Clinton, has conceded that only tax cuts can give his state an economic lift.

In Georgia, Democratic Gov. Zell Miller wants to cut income taxes by \$100 million. In Massachusetts, Republican Gov. William Weld wants to cut income taxes by \$270 million. In Washington state, Democratic Gov. Mike Lowry has pledged to cut taxes on high-tech industries to spur job growth.

Cutting taxes is such a surefire way to spark economic growth and create jobs that even the Clinton administration is pushing it — for Japan! Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen — who last year said Clinton's tax hike would expand the U.S. economy — has been urging Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa to slash taxes to lift Japan out of recession.

Fortunately, Hosokawa recently succeeded in cutting Japan's income taxes by more than \$50 billion after a bruising battle with socialists in the Japanese government.

Unfortunately, the socialists in our own government are tougher.

Postal Service set to propose stamp price hike

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Postal Service is taking its first official step to raise stamp prices again, which means it could cost 3 cents or 4 cents more to mail an ordinary letter by early next year.

The agency's governing board, which was meeting today to look at a rate hike, reportedly was considering two possibilities. One would raise all postal rates by 10.3 percent, resulting in a 32 cent first-class stamp. The second calls for differing increases for various classes of mail, averaging 13.8 percent, which would mean a 33 cent stamp.

The *Washington Post* said today that the board voted Monday to seek the 10.3 percent hike. An announcement was expected today.

The current 29 cent stamp price took effect Feb. 3, 1991.

Each penny increase means about \$920 million in added income for the agency, which lost \$1.7 billion last year and expects to wind up at least

\$1.3 billion in the red this year.

Rates also will increase for other classes of mail, including magazines and catalogs, parcels and those items that the post office doesn't like to call junk mail.

But the new charges won't take effect until at least early 1995 because of the complex legal process required.

Officials have sought to hold postage rate increases close to the rate of inflation. Overall inflation from 1991 until the time the new rate takes effect is expected to be between 13 percent and 14 percent.

Millions of stamps carrying the letter "G" instead of a price already have been printed and stored in Kansas City for use at whatever the new rate turns out to be.

Before they can be used, however, the Postal Service proposal must go before the independent Postal Rate Commission, which can, and sometimes does, come up with a different answer.

For example, the post office wanted a 30 cent stamp the last time it raised rates, but the com-

mission settled on the current 29 cent price.

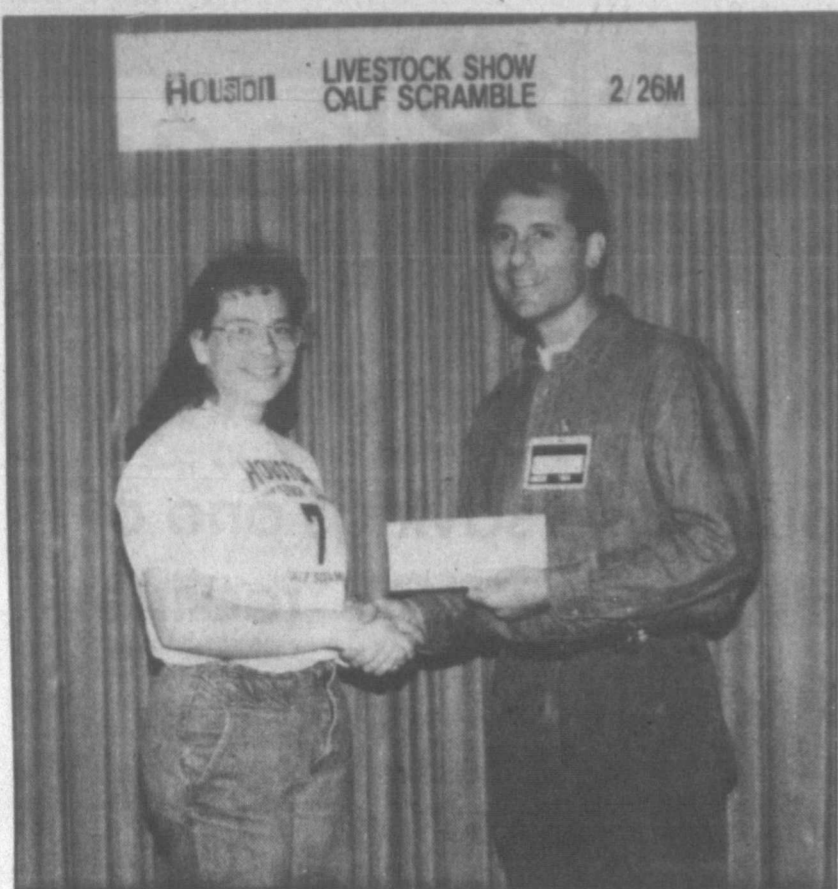
Since it became independent in 1971, the Postal Service has operated on about a three-year cycle — making money one year, breaking even the second and losing money the third year — followed by a rate increase and a return to profit. The agency no longer receives any tax subsidy.

The price of a first-class stamp is the focus of most Americans.

But postal rates are much more complicated, covering several classes of mail and varying widely for businesses that mail in volume, do their own sorting or otherwise save the post office work.

That is why raising rates is so complicated: They don't all increase by the same amount and interest groups spend millions of dollars trying to convince officials that their price should go up less than everyone else's.

The process, involving lengthy hearings before the rate commission, takes 10 months or more and costs the post office and the groups involved as much as \$100 million.



Pampa student Nonnie James, left, receives airline tickets from Continental Airlines representative Ray Scippa at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. (Special photo)

Pampa 4-H member wins prize in Houston rodeo calf scramble

Nonnie James, a 4-H student at Pampa High School, caught a "mystery calf" during the calf scramble at the 1994 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The "mystery calf" is randomly selected by show officials from the herd of calves at each of the 18 rodeo performances. The lucky scrambler to catch the special calf receives three round-trip tickets donated by Continental Airlines good for travel anywhere within the continental United States, Canada or Mexico.

James caught her "mystery calf" during the Feb. 26 matinee rodeo performance.

In addition to the tickets from Continental, she will receive a \$1,000 calf purchase certificate donated by Luke Johnson Ford to be used for the purchase of a registered beef or dairy heifer. Next year, James will return to the Houston Show armed with detailed records and a well-groomed heifer to compete in a special livestock show

competition for additional prize money and awards, show officials said.

Working with James on this project will be Danny Nusser, Gray County Extension agent, who will oversee all work with the heifer.

According to Robert Norwood, chairman of the Calf Scramble Committee, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has put approximately 13,000 animals worth almost \$4 million in the hands of Texas youth.

"The calf scramble offers a unique opportunity to young men and women who participate," he said.

Each contestant must demonstrate the tenacity to catch and halter a calf, in addition to having the desire to dedicate the time and resources to raising the heifer for at least one year, he explained.

Each year the show benefits Texas youth through individual scholarships and endowments to Texas colleges and universities, Norwood said.

Lawsuit filed against military gays policy

NEW YORK (AP) — A lawsuit challenging President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military contends the rule is unconstitutional and no different from the ban it replaced.

The policy prohibits recruiters from asking men and women about their sexual orientation, and military officials are not supposed to ferret out suspected homosexuals.

An accompanying federal law says a future defense secretary can

reinstate the policy of questioning recruits about their sexual orientation to keep them out of the military.

Both are tantamount to "the same old ban" used to keep homosexuals out of the military for 50 years, said Beatrice Dohrn of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a gay rights organization that filed the federal lawsuit Monday with the American Civil Liberties Union.

South African commuter train derails, killing at least 58

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) — A train packed with commuters derailed and plunged down a wooded hill today, killing at least 58 people and injuring hundreds. Railroad officials said sabotage had not been ruled out as a cause.

More people were feared trapped in the wreckage, and the death toll was expected to rise. The train was carrying about 800 people.

"It's very difficult to reach the train. It's inaccessible for emergency vehicles," said Burger Van Roooyen of the Pinetown Protection Services, which took part in the rescue effort.

Police Maj. Bala Naidoo said 58 people were confirmed dead and 370 injured. Rescue workers struggled to carry victims hundreds of yards across steep terrain to waiting ambulances. Helicopters and a military plane helped transport casualties to area hospitals.

Police pulled bloody handbags,

shoes, and severed limbs from the wrecked train cars as shocked survivors and spectators watched from the surrounding hills.

The train was approaching a station outside the eastern port city of Durban at about 5:20 a.m. when eight of its 10 cars derailed and tumbled down a heavily wooded embankment.

"We just got dizzy. We didn't know whether we were falling over the hills or what," said Fios Xaba, who escaped with minor injuries.

Rail officials said the driver, who was not injured, was being given blood tests, as is routine after an accident. The driver was not identified.

"At this point in time, we don't know what caused the train to derail, but we are not ruling out the possibility of a bomb or foul play," said Sylvia Mbhele, a spokeswoman from the rail company Spoornet.

"We currently have a group of engineers and security staff working

on the sight. We also have a special investigator trying to determine if there was in fact a bomb or explosive," she said.

Mbhele said police or private security guards usually ride on the trains but that metal detectors have not been installed in stations, making it possible for armed passengers to board trains.

The train was carrying about 800

people, almost all of them black, from the Kato Ridge suburb to central Durban.

A local African National Congress official, Sithunywa Dube, claimed the accident was politically motivated and demanded an independent inquiry.

Dube said when he arrived at the scene an hour after the crash, little was being done to help the victims.

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'Ace Ventura' still king at box office

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three new films came, but *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* conquered, remaining in first place at the box office for another weekend with a haul of \$5.1 million.

Of the three new films in wide release, *Greedy* fared the best. The Michael J. Fox comedy collected \$4.8 million for second place, according to figures released Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

The Charlie Sheen movie *The Chase* earned \$3.4 million in its debut weekend, finishing fifth. Geena Davis' new film, *Angie*, made \$2.8 million for seventh.

In third place was Steven Seagal's *On Deadly Ground* with \$4.5 million, *Sugar Hill* made \$3.5 million for fourth and Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List* moved up from eighth place last week to sixth with ticket sales of \$3.2 million.

Here is a list of the weekend's top 20 films, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. and Entertainment Data Inc., with weekend gross, number of North American theater locations, average per location, total gross and number of weeks in release.

Figures are based on actual receipts and projections where actual figures were not available.

1. *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*, Warner Bros., \$5.1 million, 1,963 locations, \$2,596 per location, \$52.4 million, five weeks.
2. *Greedy*, Universal, \$4.8 million, 1,710 locations, \$2,810 per location, \$4.8 million, one week.
3. *On Deadly Ground*, Warner Bros., \$4.5 million, 2,010 locations, \$2,221 per location, \$27.7 million, three weeks.
4. *Sugar Hill*, 20th Century Fox, \$3.5 million, 865 locations, \$3,998 per location, \$10.6 million, two weeks.

5. *The Chase*, 20th Century Fox, \$3.4 million, 1,632 locations, \$2,096 per location, \$3.4 million, one week.
6. *Schindler's List*, Universal, \$3.2 million, 803 locations, \$3,995 per location, \$50.3 million, 12 weeks.
7. *Angie*, Disney, \$2.8 million, 808 locations, \$3,440 per location, \$2.8 million, one week.
8. *Blank Check*, Disney, \$2.72 million, 1,577 locations, \$1,729 per location, \$21.4 million, four weeks.
9. *Blue Chips*, Paramount, \$2.66 million, 1,960 locations, \$1,357 per location, \$19 million, three weeks.
10. *8 Seconds*, New Line, \$2.62 million, 836 locations, \$3,142 per location, \$6.9 million, two weeks.
11. *Mrs. Doubtfire*, 20th Century Fox, \$2.61 million, 1,635 locations, \$1,600 per location, \$200.4 million, 15 weeks.
12. *Reality Bites*, Universal, \$2.3 million, 1,079 locations, \$2,175 per location, \$13.9 million, three weeks.
13. *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*, Paramount, \$2.1 million, 611 locations, \$3,445 per location, \$3.3 million, 12 weeks.
14. *In the Name of the Father*, Universal, \$1.7 million, 688 locations, \$2,430 per location, \$17.2 million, 10 weeks.
15. *My Father The Hero*, Disney, \$1.6 million, 1,086 locations, \$1,483 per location, \$21.6 million, five weeks.
16. *Philadelphia*, TriStar, \$1.5 million, 968 locations, \$1,569 per location, \$61 million, 11 weeks.
17. *China Moon*, Orion, \$1.2 million, 377 locations, \$3,140 per location, \$1.2 million, one week.
18. *Grumpy Old Men*, Warner Bros., \$1.1 million, 805 locations, \$1,370 per location, \$65.2 million, 11 weeks.
19. *My Girl 2*, Columbia, \$1 million, 1,263 locations, \$795 per location, \$15.3 million, four weeks.
20. *The Piano*, Miramax, \$926,000, 596 locations, \$1,554 per location, \$32.8 million, 17 weeks.

California representative unveils health care bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — All employers would pay a new 0.8 percent payroll tax to expand Medicare to cover the nation's poor and uninsured under a new plan unveiled Monday by Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif.

It would also impose strict spending limits on all health expenditures starting in 1998 unless medical inflation slows dramatically.

Stark, the chairman of the House Ways and Means health subcommittee, said his proposal would guarantee that all Americans have coverage by Jan. 1, 1997.

He plans to use the 168-page proposal as the starting point today for his subcommittee's work on a reform bill. Stark's panel will be the first in either the House or Senate to actually begin drafting a bill.

Stark's plan shares the same goals as President Clinton's massive Health Security Act, but differs in the details. It avoids Clinton's mandatory health insurance purchasing alliances but, like the administration plan, requires all employers and individuals to buy health insurance. Those without private coverage would be forced into the new Medicare Part C.

That would offer all the benefits of regular Medicare plus prescription drug coverage, but not cover long-term care coverage.

But the package would be less generous than Clinton's, with deductibles of \$500 per individual and \$700 per family, and no cap on annual out of

pocket expenses. Prescription drug coverage would require a separate \$500 deductible and patients would have to pay 20 percent for drugs with a \$1000 cap.

Stark predicted that his 11-member subcommittee will back the plan. He has been trying to hobble together six votes among the seven subcommittee Democrats. Rep. Mike Andrews of Texas, a co-sponsor of the Cooper bill, is considered the least likely of the Democrats to side with Stark. Andrews is a candidate in a gubernatorial primary today.

"We are unified on meeting the goals," said Stark. "We have all sliced our wrists and become blood brothers."

Stark said his plan would boost federal spending at first but be revenue-neutral by the year 2000 and save money in the long run.


"We have been encouraged by the White House to get a move on and begin the process. This is the first

step," Stark said Monday. Stark and his staff did not say exactly how much the premiums would be for Medicare Part C. But Stark said the health coverage would cost employers less than \$1 an hour.


He said the payroll tax of 0.8 percent would raise about \$24 billion a year, but suggested he was not wedded to it. Other possibilities to raise the same amount of money include addition taxes on tobacco and alcohol, a tax on health insurance premiums or even income taxes, an aide said.

The Stark plan retains Clinton's 75-cent increase in cigarette taxes and other revenue raisers, including exclusion of health benefits from cafeteria plans.

Employers with more than 100 employees would have to provide private insurance for their workers beginning Jan. 1, 1995, paying for at least 80 percent of the premiums and workers the rest, with subsidies available for low-income workers.




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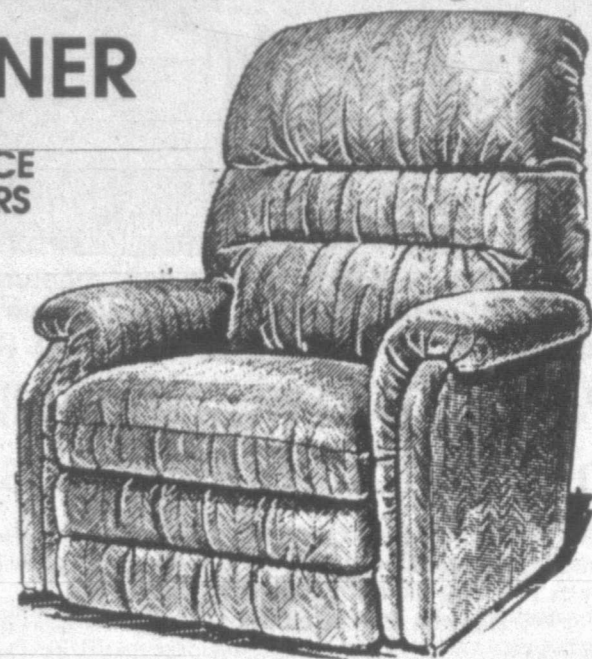
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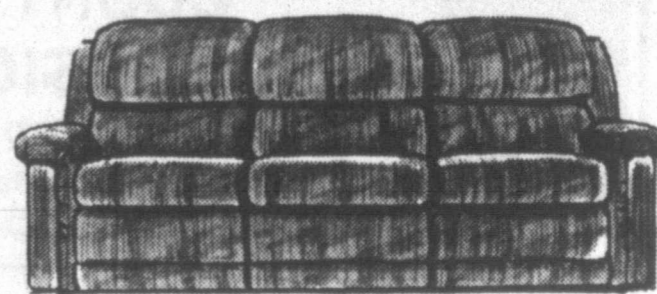
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Lifestyles

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: At the top of my Christmas wish list last year was my desire to give my husband the nicotine patch. He refused me flat-out!

When we were first married more than 40 years ago, I didn't mind his smoking, but now that we are in our 70s, I have respiratory problems as well as eye problems, and the smoke is very irritating. He refused to believe that secondhand smoke is injurious to others. Our grandchildren don't want to be near him; his sister and her husband refuse to stay here overnight or go on trips with us.

I enjoy taking walks in the crisp Maine air, only to be assaulted with a wall of smoke when I come home. I'm really a home person, but lately I try to be out of the house as much as possible.

We rarely watch television together, as I leave the room when he lights up. I miss the closeness we once had.

Not only did he refuse the nicotine patch, he didn't get me a Christmas gift again this year — not even a card. But somehow he always finds the extra money for cigarettes.

We both read Dear Abby faithfully, and I thought if you published this, he might recognize himself and it might also help to open the eyes of other smokers.

SMOKED OUT IN MAINE

DEAR SMOKED OUT: Here's your letter; I hope it helps. When will people realize that smoking is addictive? I have been playing on that one string ever since I started writing this column in 1956, and I have literally begged youngsters not to start smoking — it's too hard to quit. And secondhand smoke is not only irritating, it's damaging to others.

DEAR ABBY: Recently in your column, there was a letter from a woman about not donating clothing items to charity if they are stained, torn or out of style.

She meant well; however, I hope that people don't just throw away the used clothing. I recycle clothing by buying thrift shop clothes and using the buttons, ribbons, lace and other good parts for art projects or for decorating other clothes. An applique can easily hide a stain or tear, and long pants with holes in the knees can be made into shorts. Fabric alone can be used in a variety of ways, and our landfills don't need any unnecessary trash.

I'll bet your readers would agree and, perhaps, come up with many other ideas about recycling used clothes. Many of those "stains" come out when properly washed, you know.

JANET IN
BOYNTON BEACH, FLA.

DEAR JANET: Your point is well-taken. One person's trash can be another person's treasure.

DEAR ABBY: Being an extensive traveler, I have my own amusing story about customs officials. Returning to the U.S.A., I noticed that each fourth tourist was being searched. I was relieved as I was not to be — but lo, the lady in front of me said, "I have been flying for 18 hours straight. If you open this suitcase, one of us is going to be terrible embarrassed!" He motioned her past, and I dumped everything from all my bags for inspection.

Upon leaving the area, I spotted her at a restaurant table and quipped, "For once, how fortunate to be female!" With that, she opened the case, where two complete 24-piece settings of sterling flatware lay. She said, "Like I said, if he had opened that suitcase one of us would have been terribly embarrassed." Sign me ...

DOVER, DEL.

Persistent fever could signal heart infection

By Dr. ROGER E. WETHERBEE
New York University School of Medicine
For AP Special Features

For some people with heart problems, a persistent fever could be a symptom of a serious problem — the heart infection called endocarditis.

Endocarditis is an infection of the inner lining of the heart. People most vulnerable to it are those with faulty heart valves, artificial heart valves or heart malformations. Persons who abuse intravenous drugs are also at risk.

The bacteria that cause endocarditis often come from the mouth or from the large intestines, where they are normal inhabitants.

Normally, bacteria that could cause a heart infection are removed from the blood quickly and efficiently by the body's defenses. But in those persons at risk because of heart problems, blood flow in the heart is turbulent, allowing bacteria to become embedded on the heart wall

lining, where they then multiply.

Street use of intravenous drugs is another route for infection. Drug abusers often inadvertently inject infectious bacteria along with the drug, leading to potentially fatal infections.

In people with heart problems, endocarditis can occur as a complication of surgery on the urinary, respiratory or intestinal tracts. Surgery can dislodge the bacteria that inhabit these tracts, so that they get into the bloodstream and then move to the heart.

Another potential source of infection is ordinary dental care. Bacteria commonly establish colonies along the gums and teeth, where they normally present no problem. But the bacteria that inhabit the mouth can be dislodged by a tooth extraction, root canal treatment or even professional cleaning of the teeth.

Several measures are recommended to reduce the risk arising from dental procedures. One is vigorous dental hygiene, brushing and flossing

the teeth to reduce bacterial populations. Another is scrupulous attention to personal health.

Persons at risk for endocarditis also are advised to take large doses of antibiotics before and after a visit to the dentist. The most commonly used antibiotic is amoxicillin, a synthetic form of penicillin. The usual recommended dose is 3,000 milligrams one hour before the visit and another 1,500 milligrams six hours later.

Antibiotics also are given before and after surgery that might lead to endocarditis. For example, large doses of both ampicillin and gentamicin are administered to prevent infection from intestinal surgery.

Only about 20 percent of endocarditis cases are related to dental or surgical procedures, however. So persons at risk should be alert to the symptoms of a heart infection.

The most common symptom is fever that lasts for days. Such a fever is a clear signal to anyone at risk for endocarditis to seek medical care.

Area native finds his goals in the Navy

By GEORGE L. MARKFELDER
Special to The Pampa News

ONBOARD USS SAIPAN—The son of Harry Lambricht of White Deer and Sandra Lambricht of Pampa, Texas, knows what working under tough conditions is all about.

As a member of the assault division onboard the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan, homeported in Norfolk, Va., 24-year-old Fireman Apprentice Keith Lambricht keeps the equipment used in Marine beach assaults ready for action.

"I joined the Navy in December 1992 mostly because I just wanted to see what it was like," Lambricht said. "But when you maintain and operate the gear that gets Marines on and off the ship during beach assaults you learn to work in any type of weather and in any type of seas."

Lambricht, and more than 800 other crewmembers onboard Saipan recently completed a week-long training period off the coast of North Carolina. The USS Saipan carries landing craft and helicopters enabling it to land more than 1,000 Marines on any beach in the world.

"The life experience a person gets onboard a ship at sea is valuable, because it teaches you how to deal with people," said Lambricht, who attended Pampa High School. "It also shows you a lot of the world."

Saipan is the flagship for the U.S. military operation carrying out Support Democracy, the effort to restore the democratically elected



Navy Fireman Apprentice Keith Lambricht, son of Henry Lambricht of White Deer and Sandra Lambricht of Pampa, maintains and operates assault equipment onboard the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan, homeported in Norfolk, Va. (US Navy photo by PHI Jeff Doty)

government of Haiti.

As part of this process, U.S. Navy, Naval Reserve and Coast Guard ships, along with ships from Argentina, Canada, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom have been patrolling the waters around Haiti since October 18.

As of mid January, more than 3,000 ships have been questioned by ship-to-ship radio as they entered Haitian waters. More than 90 percent of the approximately 300 vessels boarded have been cleared for entry to Haitian ports, many of them carrying humanitarian goods such as food, cooking supplies, medicine and clothing.

Under U.N. sanctions, prohibited cargo includes petroleum, petroleum products, weapons and related material.

Lambricht's goal of experiencing the Navy has certainly been met since he arrived onboard Saipan. His ship recently returned from six months of cruising the Mediterranean. But this son of Texas isn't short of new goals to shoot for.

"My immediate goal is to finish my college degree and the Navy can help me do that too," Lambricht said. "Then I think I'd like to do something totally different again, like work with wildlife and our country's national forests."

Club news

Piecemakers

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met on Jan. 27 and Feb. 24 in the Pampa Community Building in Pampa.

Members began quilting on the raffle quilt that will be given away in conjunction with the upcoming quilt show.

The show is scheduled to be held on April 30 in the M.K. Brown room of the Pampa Community Building. Area quilters are invited to enter quilts in the show under a variety of classifications. For more information, you may call 665-2245 or 665-3878.

Committee members for the quilt show were also selected during the January meeting. They are as follows: Jane Jacobs, Chairperson; Jean Dietrich, ticket sales; Susie Edwards, publicity and election of judges; Alma Gooder, door prizes; Darlene Vespetsad, quilt entries; and Jean McCarter, ribbons.

Following the business segment, visitor Winnie Sweatt presented a beautiful antique quilt that had recently been quilted.

Work continued on the raffle quilt during the Feb. 24 meeting. Proceeds from the raffle quilt and the show will benefit charity.

The guild meets the fourth Thursday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for March 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Nona S. Payne room of the Pampa Community Building. Visitors are welcome.

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- 8 Treasury secretary — Bentsen
- 11 Speech of praise
- 13 — pig
- 14 Moves gently and smoothly
- 15 Make beloved
- 16 High mountain
- 17 Employ again
- 19 Anger
- 20 Vegetable
- 22 Rodent
- 23 — well that ends well
- 24 1944 invasion date
- 26 Cautiously
- 28 Legal matter
- 30 Piece of a tree
- 31 Antiered

DOWN

- 1 Lawful
- 2 Soothed
- 3 Wing-footed
- 4 Chic, in the '60s
- 5 Maturing agent
- 6 Crescent shape
- 7 Cover
- 8 Playwright Eugene —
- 9 Annual
- 10 Challenges
- 12 River in Belgium
- 13 Type of psychology
- 18 Labor org.
- 21 — Abdul-Jabbar
- 23 Shoelace tip (var.)
- 25 Shout
- 27 Highway
- 29 Frying pan
- 33 Drinking glass
- 34 Songlike
- 35 Temporary bed
- 37 Ancient Jewish ascetic
- 38 Touched lightly
- 39 Attire
- 41 Russian river
- 43 Relaxer
- 45 Employed
- 46 Supposing (2 wds.)
- 49 How was — know?
- 51 Wooden tub

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

I don't know... Howard and I just look at the world differently, I guess

Is he the type to say "The glass is half empty" or "The glass is half full"?

He's more of a "Where's the blasted waitress?" type

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

HEY, DAD! BET YOU CAN'T EAT JUST ONE POTATO CHIP!

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ECK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

THERE HE GOES... THE LAST OF THE GREAT RUGGED INDIVIDUALISTS

MEEK? HOW COME?

HE'S PROBABLY THE ONLY PERSON IN AMERICA WHO'S ACTUALLY HOPING FOR AN INVASION OF PRIVACY

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

IF "A" HAS 5000 CLAMS AND "B" BELIEVES IN SHARING THE WEALTH, WHAT SHOULD "A" DO?

JOHNNY?

SLEEP WITH THE LIGHTS ON.

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

BOY, JEFF! YOU MUST REALLY BE TIRED THIS MORNING!

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

BECAUSE YOU SHAVED THE WRONG END OF YOUR FACE!

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

WELL, THAT'S TWO MORE, OSCAR!

UH HUH! NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS FIND A BABY IGUANADON AND WE'VE FINISHED THE JOB!

AND THEN YES! WE GET OUR PRIZES!

MAYBE THE OTHER TEAM WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO LOCATE ONE!

WE WON'T FIND OUT UNTIL WE GET BACK TO THE BASE CAMP!

BEATTIE BLVD.

By Bruce Beattie

"For 10 cents more I'll do your glasses!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

"Jeffy's drivin' his sandwich all around the table!"

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

ROOT BEER, LEMON-LIME, COLA, DIET COLA, GINGER ALE, CREAM SODA, ORANGE...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, HATTIE?

STUDYIN' FOR OUR TEST...

YOU SAID IT WAS A POP QUIZ

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY THE BAT THAT WAS USED BY ROY HOBBS?

ROY HOBBS WAS A FICTIONAL CHARACTER

SO IF I SOLD IT TO YOU, IT WOULD BE A REAL CON JOB..

THAT'S RIGHT..

I'LL TRY SOMEBODY ELSE...

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY THE BAT THAT WAS USED BY ROY HOBBS?

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"Yes, it's a Hula-Hoop. He's quite a show-off."

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

ALVIN'S DOG GOT INTO OUR CLASSROOM TODAY, AND...

NEARSIGHTED OLD MRS. MOXEY DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS THERE UNTIL HE BARKED.

SHE SENT HIM DOWN TO THE NURSE TO GET SOMETHING FOR HIS COLIC.

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

MY HOMEWORK EXPLODED! SOMEBODY PULL THE FIRE ALARM! HELP!!

IT'S OUT OF CONTROL! IT'S SPREADING! AUGH!! PUT IT OUT!!

YOUNG MAN, I'M TIRED OF THESE CONSTANT DISRUPTIONS.

IT'S NOT MY FAULT! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

MAYBE THIS WILL TEACH YOU A LESSON! HA HA HA!

NO! NO! ACKK! HELP! GET THE PTA! MISS WORMWOOD'S AN ALIEN!

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

SIGN UP HERE →

WE'D LIKE TO ADOPT EASY STREET.

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

I WISH I WERE BETTER LOOKING

PAT PAT

NOW, NOW, THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO DO THAT

I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD WISH YOU WERE BETTER LOOKING

Astro-Graph

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Problems that have been on your mind recently can be worked out today in solitude where you have space to think. The answers for which you're searching could become quite obvious. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Conversing with friends today could be an educational experience if they discuss topics with which you're presently concerned. Unrelated banter will just turn you off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Once you focus your mind on something specific today, you are not likely to be swayed off course by peripheral issues. What you visualize you'll strive to achieve.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today let mental endeavors take precedence over activities which require muscle. Your mind is likely to be much stronger than your back.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) One of your best assets today is your ability to ferret out information pertinent to your present requirements. Having all the facts helps enhance your chances for success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If negotiating a critical agreement today, strive to be as fair as possible. However, once you're satisfied you are, don't make additional concessions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be a bit more attentive to common sense health habits today if you've been undisciplined lately. Don't eat or drink things you know you shouldn't.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you could be especially adroit at managing persons who are either younger or less experienced than yourself. When ruling the roost, be firm, but friendly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Because you might be more detailed conscious than usual today, this is a good time to put the finishing touches on several endeavors which still have loose ends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You should be quite effective today in explaining your position to persons whose support you're seeking. What you say comes over with sincerity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There are strong indications you should be able to get considerable mileage from what you spend today. Tomorrow this particular virtue might not be operating at full force.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your judgment regarding what's best for you today is apt to be superior to your companions. Don't let anyone talk you into doing something you think you shouldn't.

Sports

Notebook

BASEBALL
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Negotiators for players and owners met for the first time in nearly 14 months, though no proposals were presented in the two-hour session.

A salary cap was the main focus during the start of labor talks that both sides expect will span most of the season. A second meeting was set for March 30 in Phoenix.

Owners promised there will be no lockout this year, but players said a strike is possible, perhaps in September.

In January, owners voted to adopt a revenue-sharing plan contingent on players agreeing to a salary cap. Players and owners have been without a collective bargaining agreement since last December.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Two years after a series of incidents involving Arizona State athletes and the law, basketball coach Bill Frieder is trying to get untangled from bookmaker talk of unusual betting on his team's games.

Officials of the Nevada Gaming Control Board studied hours of surveillance of two college-age men who lost about \$250,000 on Arizona State's 73-55 home victory over Washington Saturday.

The pair raised suspicions through repeat trips to sports books along the Las Vegas Strip placing hefty wagers on Washington, which began as a 10-point underdog.

The Phoenix Gazette quoted a Nevada gaming industry source who said bookies called the board early Saturday because the gamblers weren't regulars, and even \$20,000 is heavy betting on a non-tournament NCAA game.

Cameras detected a third man, about 60, who stayed in the background and watched the others place bets.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal noted the game followed three inconsistent losses — 68-56 at home to Southern California Feb. 19, 87-80 at Oregon Feb. 24, and 80-71 at home to Washington State Thursday. The Sun Devils were favored in all three.

NEW YORK (AP) — Tennessee is a unanimous No. 1, while Colorado and Connecticut moved to highs of second and third in the Associated Press women's basketball poll.

Tennessee (28-1) received all 66 first-place votes and 1,650 points from a nationwide panel of women's coaches.

Colorado was second with 1,557 points, Connecticut third, while Penn State fell two to fourth.

North Carolina, Texas Tech, Louisiana Tech, Virginia, Southern Cal and Purdue held fifth through 10th. The second ten were Stanford, Vanderbilt, Iowa, Seton Hall, Kansas, Alabama, Washington, Boise State, Southern Mississippi and Montana.

The next five were Florida International, Florida, Mississippi, Hawaii and Bowling Green. Auburn and Western Kentucky fell out.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico gave Western Athletic Conference coach of the year Dave Bliss a four-year contract extension, through the 1998-1999 season.

Bliss' extension comes four days after the Lobos (22-6, 14-4) won their first regular-season WAC title in 16 years.

Bliss, 347-224 in 19 years as a coach, also was coach of the year in the Southwest Conference with Southern Methodist and the Big Eight with Oklahoma.

He's led the Lobos to six straight 20-win seasons, three NIT bids and two NCAA tournaments.

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — Kentucky assistant Billy Donovan was chosen Marshall basketball coach, making him the youngest coach in NCAA Division I.

Donovan, 28, replaces Dwight Freeman, who will resign at the end of the season. Donovan has served under Kentucky coach Rick Pitino since the 1990-91 season.

Marshall athletic director Lee Moon said Donovan would be paid \$60,638 and has a verbal commitment for four years, although state law limits Donovan to a one-year contract.

Marshall (9-18), lost in the first round of the Southern Conference tournament to last-place VMI.

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — Steve Welch, basketball coach at McNeese State the past seven seasons, resigned after an 11-16 season. Welch, 44, had a 75-121 record at McNeese, and tied for fourth in the Southland Conference this season.

BOSTON (AP) — Bob Brown, whose team went 11-16 and lost to Hartford in the first round of the North Atlantic Conference tournament, was fired as Boston University basketball coach.

Brown had a four-year record of 38-73. He also coached three years at Southern Maine and at St. Anselm College in Manchester, N.H.

BASKETBALL
NEW YORK (AP) — Center David Robinson of San Antonio, who averaged 36.3 points, 13.3 rebounds, seven assists, 3.7 blocked shots and three steals in three games, was chosen NBA player of the week.

It was the fourth time this season Robinson earned the honor — and third in the past four weeks.

Robinson leads the NBA in scoring with a 28.9 average and is third with 3.44 blocks per game. He is the only center to lead his team in assists (5.0).

HOCKEY
TORONTO (AP) — Sergei Makarov of the San Jose Sharks was NHL player of the week after scoring four goals and three assists in three games last week.

Makarov, a 35-year-old right wing from Russia, led the Sharks to a 2-0-1 record, and tied a single-game franchise record with two goals and two assists in a 6-0 victory over Anaheim.

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — The University of Maine went to court to get its defending national championship team into the Hockey East tournament this week.

Hockey East voted last week to bar the Black Bears from the postseason tournament because a Maine player, Patrice Tardif, was academically ineligible much of the season.

Tardif was one of five graduate student-athletes who were misinformed about credits needed in order to play. That led to the suspension of the school's athletic director and compliance officer.

BOXING
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Tyson lost his bid to have his rape conviction reviewed by the nation's highest court. Now, he will try to win early release from prison — through education.

The former world heavyweight champion was convicted in February 1992 of raping beauty pageant contestant Desiree Washington and sentenced to six years at the Indiana Youth Center. But his May 1995 release could be moved up as much as six months if he passes his high-school equivalency exam.

Longhorns make top 25 in next-to-last poll

By CHIP BROWN
 Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas coach Tom Penders kept saying his Longhorns would be a Top 25 team this year even as an 11-17 season rigged with unexpected setbacks unfolded last year.

It took the entire regular season, but now, he's right.

Texas (22-7) which has won its first outright Southwest Conference championship in 20 years and 15 of its last 16 games, entered the national rankings Monday for the first time since the final poll of the 1990-91 season.

Arkansas strengthened its grip on the No. 1 ranking in the next-to-last poll of the season.

The Razorbacks (24-2) were the top-ranked team for the fourth straight week and the ninth time this season. The Southeastern Conference Western Division champions had 61 of 65 first-place votes and 1,619 points from the national media panel.

Penders' confidence in his players never wavered last season.

"Wait until next year," he said then, fully aware that Rich McIver, a transfer from Michigan, and Tremaine Wingfield, a transfer from Louisville, would be eligible this season.

Star guard B.J. Tyler bounced back from a broken foot and a brief stay at the John Lucas Center in Houston, leading the SWC in scoring (23.3 points per game) and steals.

And power forward Albert Burditt, who re-enrolled at Texas after withdrawing early last season due to academic trouble,

leads the league in field goal percentage and is second in blocks.

"When Albert and B.J. went down last year, we were a Top 25 team and quickly became a less-than-average team," Penders said Monday. "Their performance and leadership has had a tremendous impact on the ball club. They help everyone else become better players."

Penders, who has taken four of his five Texas teams to the NCAA tournament, said his players have "used last year's disappointment to keep them focused for this season."

"A lot of people got down on us last year and thought the program was falling apart," Penders said. "But I knew who we had and that we would have a strong program."

The Longhorns are the top seed in this weekend's SWC tournament after sweeping through league play with a 12-2 record. The two losses came against Texas A&M and Texas Tech (in double overtime) by a combined four points.

Texas' non-conference losses were all to teams ranked at some point in the season: Florida, Connecticut, Kentucky, LSU and Illinois.

Connecticut (26-3) and Missouri (24-2) each had one first-place vote in moving to second and third from fourth and sixth, respectively — their highest rankings of the season. Both teams had started the season unranked, but went on to win the Big East and Big Eight conference titles, respectively. The ranking is the highest ever for the Huskies.

North Carolina (24-6), which had two first-place votes,

moved from fifth to fourth after beating Duke for the second time this season. The Blue Devils (22-4), who had already clinched the Atlantic Coast Conference title, dropped from second to fifth. They were the highest-ranked of the 12 Top 25 teams to lose a game last week.

Purdue (25-4), which clinched at least a tie for the Big Ten title with the victory at Michigan on Sunday, was sixth. The Boilermakers were followed by Arizona, Michigan, Massachusetts and Kentucky.

Kansas led the Second Ten, with Temple, Syracuse, Louisville, UCLA, California, Florida, Indiana, Marquette and Minnesota rounding out the top 20.

The remaining five ranked teams were Saint Louis, Alabama-Birmingham, Oklahoma State, Penn and Texas.



Laurie Marie Imel (right) helped the Lady Harvesters pile up 230 points with a pair of second-place finishes at the Top of Texas Relays last weekend. Pampa is entered in the Hereford Invitational Saturday. (Pampa News photo)

Pampa girls post runaway wins in first two track meets

By L.D. STRATE
 Sports Writer

The Pampa girls' track team has gone virtually unchallenged in its first two meets of the season.

Pampa opened the season two weeks ago at the Tiger Relays in Fresno and ran away with the meet title, scoring 154 points. Fresno was second with 132.

In the Top of Texas Relays last weekend in Pampa, the final results were even more lopsided. The Lady Harvesters finished with a whopping 230 points, leaving four other teams in their dust. Second place Tascosa was far back at 102.

The Lady Harvesters would surely have added more points had distance runners Marcy Leal and Candi Atwood been competing. They both had prior commitments. Leal had set meet records in winning both the 3200 and 1600 at the Tiger Relays.

Pampa came in first in nine events and Mechelle Abbott and Shelly Young each won four goal medals. Abbott won the high jump, 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles and was on Pampa's mile relay team. Young won the triple jump and was a member of all three winning relay teams.

"Winning four goal medals is quite an accomplishment for one track meet. One of our goals is to keep dropping our times and we were able to do that," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez. "Mechelle had personal bests in the 100 and 300

hurdles and Shelly had a personal best in the triple jump."

Others winning first-place medals for Pampa in the TOT relays were Jamie Hutcherson in the long jump, Kendra Rainey in the 100 and Renee Johnson in the 400. Kim Sparkman and Laura Marie Imel placed second in two events. Sparkman was second in the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles while Imel was second in the long jump and triple jump.

"We have a lot of young ones this year and we're counting on our senior leadership to keep us going. Barring injuries, they should go a long way," Lopez said.

Next on the track schedule is the Hereford Invitational on Saturday.

Harvesters place third at Plainview Tennis Tournament

Pampa varsity tennis team placed third at the Plainview Tournament this past Friday and Saturday. In boys' singles, J.B. Horton placed second, as did Lorrie Fulton in girls' singles and Stefan Bressler and Billy DeWitt in boys' doubles.

Today's match against Memphis was cancelled. The team continues Saturday in Amarillo against Dumas and Perryton.

Plainview Tournament Results:
 team results - 1. Hereford 104; 2. Plainview 101; 3. Pampa 79; 4. Lubbock High 60; 5. Randall 59; 6. Fresno 50; 7. Plainview JV 38; 8. Combined team 13.

BOYS' SINGLES
 1. J.B. Horton - (first round) def. Tom Stephens (Randall) 6-0, 6-1; (quarterfinals) def. James Stambaugh (Plainview JV) 6-2, 6-0; (semifinals) def. Wes Shealy (Fresno) 6-4, 6-3; (finals) lost to Zack Gibson (Plainview) 6-4, 6-2.

2. Brooks Gentry - (first round) def. Jay Fletcher (Fresno combined) 6-0, 6-0; (quarterfinals) def. B.J. Lockmiller (Hereford) 5-7, 7-5, 6-2; (semifinals) lost to Zack Gibson (Plainview) 6-2, 6-2; (third place) lost to Wes Shealy (Fresno) 7-5, 6-1.

BOYS' DOUBLES
 1. Stefan Bressler-Billy DeWitt - (first round) def. Lyles-Cole (Hereford) 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; (quarterfinals) def. Beakley-Boris (Lubbock) 6-1, 6-0; (semifinals) def. Henderson-Wing (Randall) 6-4, 6-1; (finals) lost to Clark-Pitts (Plainview) 6-2, 6-2.

2. Matt Rheams-Lanny Schale - (first round) lost to Clark-Pitts (Plainview) 6-3, 6-3; (consolation quarterfinals) def. Thrash-Grimes (Fresno) 6-2, 6-2; (consolation semifinals) def. Nichols-Love (Randall) 6-2, 6-0; (consolation finals) lost to Lyles-Cole (Hereford) 2-6, 6-1, 7-5.

3. Jamisen Hancock-David Kludt - (first round) def. Thrash-Grimes (Fresno) 7-6 (11-9), 2-6, 6-3; (quarterfinals) lost to Clark-Pitts (Plainview) 6-2, 6-3; (winners' consolation semifinals) lost to Allen-Kim (Lubbock) 6-1, 6-2; (seventh place) def. Beakley-Boris (Lubbock) injury default.

4. Kyle Esley-Ryan Morris - (first round) lost to Henderson-Wing (Randall) 6-2, 6-1; (consolation quarterfinals) lost to Bohannon-King (Fresno) 6-3, 6-3; (consolation loser semifinals) lost to Spake-Loafman (Plainview JV) 1-6, 6-4, 6-3; (15th place) def. Young-Pirtle (Plainview JV) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

GIRLS' SINGLES
 1. Lorrie Fulton - (first round) def. Gabriela Gamez (Hereford) 6-4, 6-3; (quarterfinals) def. Micah Wing (Randall) 6-1, 6-3; (semifinals) def. Mona Vera (Plainview) 6-3, 6-2; (finals) lost to Bri Reinauer (Hereford) 6-4, 6-2.

2. Cami Stone - (first round) lost to Jami Nightengale (Randall) 6-0, 6-1; (consolation quarterfinals) def. April Edwards (Plainview JV) 6-2, 7-6 (9-7); (consolation semifinals) lost to Brandy Morphis (Plainview) 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; (11th place) lost to Sara Stewart (Fresno) 6-4, 6-4.

GIRLS' DOUBLES
 1. Catarina Campos-Julie Noles - (first round) def. Gordon-Urnosky (Fresno) 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6); (quarterfinals) lost to Robbins-McWhorter (Hereford) 6-1, 6-1; (winners' consolation semifinals) def. Kramer-Glass (Lubbock) 6-1, 6-4; (fifth place) def. Etheredge-Dobbs (Fresno) 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

2. Misty French-Marissa Grabato - (first round) lost to Etheredge-Dobbs (Fresno) 6-2, 6-2; (consolation quarterfinals) lost to Attaya-Reynolds (Lubbock) 6-3, 6-3; (consolation loser semifinals) def. Robertson-Dines (Randall combined) 7-6 (7-5), 6-3; (12th place) lost to Gordon-Urnosky (Fresno) 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.

USFSA, Harding head for legal showdown

By BOB BAUM
 AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The U.S. Figure Skating Association is showing no sign of backing down in its legal showdown with Tonya Harding.

Association officials are proceeding with plans for a hearing Thursday in Colorado Springs, Colo., on whether to throw Harding out of the sport for her alleged role in the attack on Nancy Kerrigan.

"The panel continues to believe that the hearing will be held on Thursday at 9 a.m.," the panel's chairman, Bill Hybl, said. "The panel is very carefully following the bylaws of the United States Figure Skating Association to provide due process and a fair hearing."

Harding's lawyers, however, say it would be unfair for her to face the hearing while a criminal investigation into her role in the case is unfinished.

Unless the hearing is stopped, they say, "she will undoubtedly be found 'guilty' of violating some USFSA rule and deprived of her membership registration. That will effectively end her competitive figure skating career."

Harding's attorneys filed a lawsuit in Multnomah County Circuit Court Monday seeking a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction blocking the hearing. The USFSA's lawyers swiftly succeeded in moving the case to federal court,

where they feel they have a better chance for success.

U.S. District Judge Owen Panter scheduled a hearing for 2 p.m., PST, today.

Harding's lawyers contend she has not had time to prepare a proper defense because she spent two weeks at the Olympic Games and six days preparing for the legal challenge that ensured her participation in those Games.

Harding wants Panter to prevent the association from taking any action that would keep her from participating in the World Figure Skating Championships, which begin March 22 in Chiba, Japan. They also want the hearing put off until she has had adequate time to prepare her defense and until the investigation and potential prosecution of Harding is completed.

The five-member USFSA investigative panel found on Feb. 5 reasonable cause to believe Harding was involved with or knew of the plot to assault Kerrigan. Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly, has pleaded guilty to racketeering for his part in the scheme.

Gillooly says Harding was on the plot and gave the final go-ahead. Kerrigan was struck above the right knee with a metal police baton in Detroit on Jan. 6 as she prepared for the U.S. championships. With Kerrigan knocked out of the competition, Harding won the title.

He said he was "aware of factual evidence that directly contradicts serious allegations being made about

Willowridge star shot

MISSOURI CITY (AP) — A top-ranked basketball player remained hospitalized Monday for a gunshot wound that police said was fired by a man who caught the senior guard in bed with his 14-year-old daughter.

Jason Williams was in fair condition at the intensive care unit of Ben Taub Hospital in Houston after being shot in the stomach early Sunday, hospital spokeswoman Beth Branley said Monday night.

Missouri City Det. Richard Wiley said Earl Russell, who suffered a stroke during police questioning and was admitted to Twelve Oaks Hospital, came upon a naked and awake Williams in his younger daughter's bedroom at about 4 a.m. Sunday.

"He (Williams) was in the bed. They were awake, when he (the father) came in on them," Wiley said. "Mr. Williams had no clothes on."

The confrontation was just hours after Williams helped his Willowridge High School team Saturday night win a trip to the state's semifinals. The 36-1 Eagles beat Houston Milby 71-60 in the class 5A Region III championship game.

"The whole case will be presented to the grand jury," said Wiley, who added that no police charges had been filed in the matter.

Preparedness for tornadoes also involves insurance plan

AUSTIN — It's not the "Big Bopper," but spring can still twist its way across Texas in a chart-bustin' fury called tornado season.

"Texas averages 118 twisters each year with 189 being recorded in 1992 alone," said Russ Seifert, chairman of the Texas Insurance Advisory Association. "Even though tornadoes may occur in any month, the heaviest tornado activity has been recorded between April and June."

"The 1979 Wichita Falls tornado was one of the worst in Texas history, killing 42 people and causing \$415 million in insured property damage," Seifert said.

"These haunting statistics remind us that every family should have an emergency plan ready in case severe weather heads your way. It could save your life," Seifert added.

Before Trouble Heads Your Way

— Keep emergency supplies on hand, including a portable radio and flashlight with fresh batteries.

— Find the designated shelter areas in public facilities, such as schools and shopping malls.

— Make an inventory of all household furnishings and possessions, supplemented by photographs or a videotape of each room and its contents. (For a free household inventory form or tornado safety brochure, write to: Insurance Information Institute, 800 Brazos, Suite 4220, Austin, TX 78701.)

— Update your insurance coverage annually. Your household contents are insured for actual cash value under a standard HB-O policy, but if you insure your dwelling for at least 80 percent of its replacement value, you have the option of purchasing an endorsement which provides replacement cost coverage for your belongings.

During the Storm

— Know the difference between a "watch" and a "warning." A tornado watch means that conditions are ripe for formation; a tornado warning means one has been spotted and danger is imminent.

— During a tornado warning, take cover immediately in a basement, bathroom, closet or under a heavy piece of furniture away from windows. If you are in a mobile home or car, you will be safer taking cover in the nearest ditch or depression.

After the Storm

— Be alert for potential hazards, such as broken power or gas lines, shattered glass and splintered wood.

— Take photos of any damages and notify your insurance agent or company representative immediately.

— Your policy requires that you make temporary repairs as necessary to prevent further damage. Your insurance will pay for the cost of these repairs, so keep receipts. **DO NOT MAKE PERMANENT REPAIRS** unless the adjuster has reviewed the claim and given you permission.

— Make a detailed list of all damaged or destroyed personal property for the adjuster, keeping a copy for your records. Canceled checks, invoices or receipts can help determine the value of your items.

— Be available when the adjuster calls. Let your insurance agent or company representative know how you can be reached.

Tornadoes and severe weather can dance across Texas at any time, so it's best to prepare now and take those steps necessary to preserve your life and property, Seifert said.

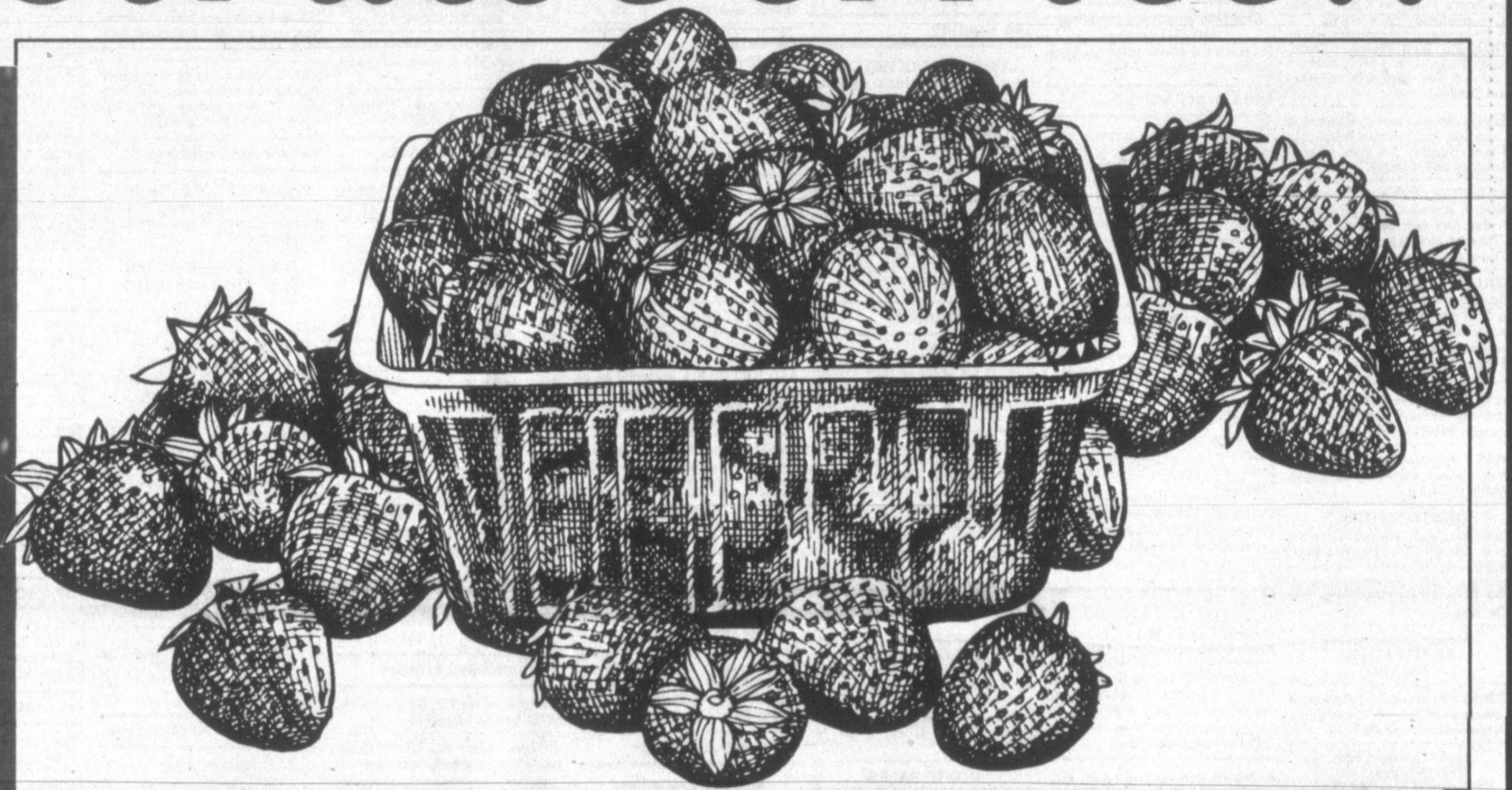
Through the efforts of the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service, March 6-12 has been designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week with the emphasis on preparedness and safety. Gov. Ann Richards has also signed an official proclamation recognizing this important week.

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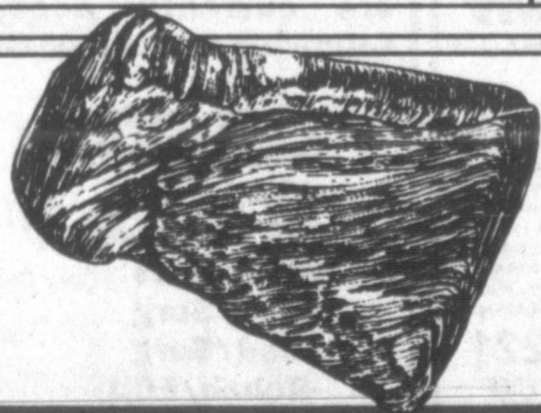
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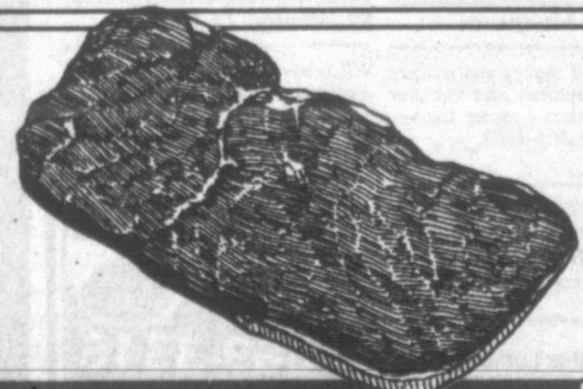
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