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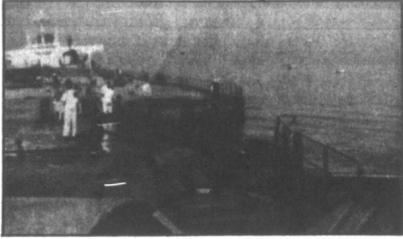
Thursday

March 31, 1994

PAMPA — City Hall and Gray County Courthouse will be closed Friday in observance of Good Friday. Offices will reopen for regular business hours Monday.

PAMPA — Pampa officials announced today that the landfill will be closed Sunday for the Easter holiday. The facility will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday and continue with regular hours.

PAMPA — The Pampa/Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross office will be closed Friday. As a result, blood sugar and blood pressure testing normally done by Red Cross personnel will not be conducted.



Crewmembers check damage of the oil tanker Seki as it sits at the mouth of the Persian Gulf today. The Seki and the oil tanker Bayunah collided Wednesday, spilling at least 2 million gallons of Iranian crude oil into the sea. (AP photo)

PAMPA — The noon Pampa Lions Club was to choose their sweetheart today. The club meets at noon each Thursday at the First Methodist Church.

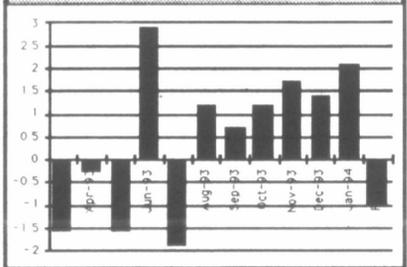
PAMPA — There will be a rally tonight for the Multiple Sclerosis Super Cities Walk in April.

According to Heidi Mitchell, a captain of one of the participating teams, the rally will be at 7 p.m. at Malcom-Hinkle Inc, 1925 N. Hobart.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A plan offering federal workers up to \$25,000 to quit their jobs could mean fewer bosses and less bureaucracy by trimming middle-management positions, unions say. That was one of the unions' goals when they suggested an employee buyout program last year when Vice President Al Gore was studying the federal structure for his National Performance Review. President Clinton signed legislation Wednesday allowing buyouts as part of a program to reduce the federal payroll, currently just over 2 million, by about 273,000 workers over the next five years. Some workers would be offered up to \$25,000 to resign or retire early. Between 60,000 and 100,000 people are expected to accept.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bell Atlantic Corp. is staking millions on a hunch that consumers will want to order up everything from stock tables to movies on their TV screens without leaving their living rooms. In the most ambitious effort of its kind to date, Bell Atlantic said Wednesday it will open a production center in July for Hollywood studios and independent producers to convert or create programs that consumers could call up on demand.

Factory orders
(Percent change)



WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories fell 1 percent in February, ending a string of six straight monthly increases, the government said today. The Commerce Department said the dip in the indicator of manufacturing growth was led by a turnaround in orders for military equipment and aircraft. Orders for both durable and non-durable goods totaled a seasonally adjusted \$269.9 billion, down from \$272.6 billion in January.

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Economy grows at 7 percent rate at end of 1993

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy grew at a 7 percent annual rate in the final three months of 1993, down a bit from the government's earlier estimate but still a sizzling pace not likely to be duplicated this year.

The seasonally adjusted gain in the gross domestic product announced today by the Commerce Department was 0.5 percent lower than its month-old estimate of 7.5 percent. The GDP is the sum of all goods and services produced in the United States.

The department also reported that corporate profits in the fourth quarter of 1993 rose 8.4 percent to \$297.4 billion, up 10.7 percent for the full year. The fourth quarter showing was the best for any three-month period since an 11.9 percent gain in the last quarter of 1992, and the full year performance is the best since 12.6 percent in 1990.

In another economic report today, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing the first time for state unemployment benefits contin-

ued to slide last week, dropping by 10,000. The report said a seasonally adjusted 330,000 people filed initial claims, down from 340,000 the previous week.

The downward revision in the GDP was anticipated by economists, who are focusing more on the current first quarter of 1994 that ends today and the upcoming three months.

Most analysts expect the economy to expand at a more moderate annual rate of between 3 percent and 4 percent for the first half of this year, a figure in

line with Clinton administration predictions. The administration expects inflation to be 3 percent in 1994, only slightly higher than the 2.7 percent for last year.

Such moderate growth accompanied by low inflation could ease the fears of investors who have been steadily selling off stocks for more than a week.

After a 3 1/2-year bull market, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks has fallen some 350 points, or about 9 percent, in the past two months.

Analysts said the stock mar-

ket slide might not be stemmed until interest rates stop their climb.

"Once interest rates stabilize, the stock market should do better," said Marilyn Schaja of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. in New York City. "And eventually rates will stabilize."

"The market, I suspect, is overreacting to some extent," said Michael Niemira of Mitsubishi Bank in New York City. "But you need to see some hard evidence" the economy is slowing down before investors' jitters will be eased, he said.

Pampa, Celanese strung out on training exercise



Russ Hughes, an employee of Hoechst Celanese, rappels from Pampa's fire training tower Wednesday afternoon as part of their high angle rescue training. Firefighters from the chemical company spent the afternoon at the training center as firefighters from Pampa's Fire Department observed. In addition to the high angle rescue training, the firefighters conducted confined space entry training. The Hoechst Celanese and Pampa fire departments hold joint training sessions throughout the year. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Area school officials glad court acting quickly on finance

From staff and wire reports

The Texas Supreme Court's decision to hear arguments in the state's much disputed education finance law beginning on May 25 was being welcomed today as good news by two local school superintendents.

Allan Dinsmore, superintendent of the Miami Independent School District, said he was glad the Supreme Court is acting quickly on the matter.

"We're glad to see that it is going to a direct appeal to the Supreme Court and not to the Court of Appeals," he said. "This will expedite a hearing and hopefully we'll have a ruling before the 1994-1995 school year."

Although a decision is expected before the 1994-1995 school year begins, a solution to the school funding problem shouldn't affect schools until later.

Texas' education funding law, which is being challenged by both property-rich and poor school districts in the state, was upheld last year by State District Judge F. Scott McCown.

In ruling in favor of the law, McCown called it "perhaps our last hope for establishing the system of public education our (forebears) believed essential to the preservation of our liberties and our rights."

Opponents to the school

financing law believe it to be unfair in the way it redistributes money from one school district to another across the state.

"The present system of school finance does not serve us well," said Dr. Dawson Orr, Pampa Independent School District's superintendent. "The present system still has broad inequities in it and doesn't provide adequate funding. It's not efficient and it's not sufficient."

Three previous school funding laws have been found unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, beginning in 1989 when it ordered lawmakers to even out funding available to school districts of differing property wealth.

In McCown's ruling, he said the law does not complete legislator's work on the school funding system, which relies on state aid and local property taxes.

Lawmakers were given until Sept. 1, 1995, to come up with an equitable way to pay for things like school construction. In the past, he noted, such expenditures have been made "almost solely from local tax dollars and almost solely by borrowing."

McCown said if lawmakers fail to reform funding of school facilities, he would order a halt to issuance of new school bonds. The state said it would appeal that part of his ruling.

Texas to become second most populous state of union during this year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The exact date can't be pinpointed, but at some point this year Texas will nudge aside New York to become the nation's second most-populous state.

Official population figures won't be released by the Census Bureau until December. But some demographers say Texas is expected to overtake New York by July.

In fact, by some rough estimates, the shift from No. 3 to No. 2 might have taken place in March, putting Texas behind only California in population size. Texas has far fewer people

than California, which in 1993 posted a robust 31,211,000 population count — almost 13.2 million more residents than Texas.

The Texas population stood at 18,031,484 last December, behind the 18,197,154 estimate for New York.

Texas is growing at a much faster clip than New York. A comparison of the two states' growth rates between 1992 and 1993 suggests that Texas is gaining an average 29,000 new residents a month versus 7,300 for New York. — assuming that current population growth is occurring at a similar pace.

Commissioners hear volunteer fire needs

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Gray County commissioners today told the chief of a volunteer fire department that it will take a careful search of the county budget to find funds to help keep his department financially sound.

Eddie Joe Roberts, chief of the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department, told the court that the department needs additional county funding in order to continue to meet agency obligations and upgrade the department.

"We just don't have enough money to keep improving the department," Roberts said.

He presented commissioners with a list of items either the department owes money for or needs to buy. Needed, he said, is \$36,400 to pay off a pager system, truck and rescue material, and to buy bunker gear, a truck engine, three radios and light bars and a building addition to house a truck.

"That ain't nothing but to keep up the service to the city of Lefors and the county," Roberts said.

The Lefors Ambulance Service, he said, could use \$14,960 to bring the agency up to date. That includes training fees for three, a suction device to replace a faulty unit, a glucose meter, vital signs monitor and a computer to tie in with Medicare/Medicaid.

"There's nothing about an ambulance that's cheap," Roberts said.

County Judge Carl Kennedy told Roberts that these items are usually addressed in the fall, during budget planning sessions.

Roberts told the court that perhaps an annual flat fee for service might be preferable because it could be budgeted specifically for department needs. Lefors Volunteer Fire Department now receives \$484 per fire run.

He suggested that a yearly contract like the county has with Pampa might be preferable to the per-run fee which netted the department \$13,500 in 1993.

Commissioners went on record today urging the development of surface water retention and processing in the High Plains and encouraging local control of underground water supplies. The resolution, which was unanimously endorsed, is in response to efforts of the Canadian River Water Authority to purchase water rights in Roberts County for use by 11-member cities of the authority.

The commission approved salaries and bills totaling \$231,244.02 and accepted an audit by Grantham, Cory, Call and Heare, P.C. of the books of the Juvenile Probation Department. They agreed to pay for seal coating a quarter mile strip of Browning Street when the city seal coats the other portion of the thoroughfare.



Eddie Joe Roberts

There was this six-foot tall rabbit...



Not Harvey, the six-foot tall white rabbit of theater fame, but Pampa banker Debbie Stokes dressed as the Easter Bunny today shares coffee with Malcom Denson at the First National Bank. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

LAMBERT, Margaret — 2 p.m., Aspermont Central Baptist Church, Aspermont.

Obituaries

DOROTHY MAE BROWER

AMARILLO — Dorothy Mae Brower, 71, a former resident of Pampa, died Saturday, March 26, 1994. Services were Monday at Memorial Park Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Earl Maddux, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Brower was born in McLean. She worked for the Pantex Plant during World War II. She also worked in the shipyards in Hunter Point, Calif. She then became a seamstress. She also worked as a chef at the Borger Hotel. She was married in 1947 at Pampa to Dennis A. Brower. She moved to Amarillo in 1960 from Borger.

Survivors include her husband; her son, Dennis Lee Brower of Amarillo; a daughter, Anna Mae Davis of Oklahoma City; two brothers, Floyd McDowell of Lefors and Austin McDowell of Pampa; two sisters, Ada Esther Lamb of Manford, Okla., and Thelma Jean McCain Carter of Pampa; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

MARGARET LAMBERT

CANADIAN — Margaret Lambert, 87, died Tuesday, March 29, 1994. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Aspermont Central Baptist Church at Aspermont with the Rev. Rick Timmons, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Canadian, officiating. Burial will be in Aspermont Cemetery by Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lambert was born Sept. 14, 1906 in Hollis, Okla. She graduated from Knox City High School and received a teacher's certificate from West Texas Teachers College in 1927. She married Frank Poore on Nov. 25, 1931 at Altus, Okla.; he preceded her in death in 1976. She later married Charlie Lambert on June 24, 1979 at Aspermont; he preceded her in death in 1980.

Mrs. Lambert was a volunteer of the American Heart Fund in Aspermont, was active in the Women's Missionary Association and was a member of the Central Baptist Church. She was a school teacher for 38 years, retiring in 1975. She moved to Canadian in 1986 from Aspermont.

Survivors include a daughter, JoAnn Ellison of Canadian; a brother, A.P. Denton of Knox City; a sister, Birdie Turner of Canadian; two grandsons, Allen and Keith Ellison of Canadian; two step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

The body will be available for viewing until 3 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions Pampa
Amy Michelle Saxour
Jo Kristi Simpson
Chel Maria Smith
Christie Diana Vasquez
Lillian Estelle Whitten

Lefors
Karla Michelle Murray

Births
To Mr. and Mrs. David Saxour of Pampa, a baby girl.
To Ms. Kristi Simpson of Pampa, a baby girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Mark Vasquez of Pampa, a baby boy.

Dismissals Pampa

Timothy H. Fatheree
Jovita O. Martinez
Flossie M. North
George A. Perkins
Chel Maria Smith
Dortha D. Weaver (rehab)

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions Shamrock
Lavern Wall
Hazel Gillispie

Dismissals Shamrock
Ella Mae Daberry
Chleo Davis
Helen Ross
Erick, Okla.
Ocie Harding

Police report

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

TUESDAY, March 29

Domestic violence was reported in the 1000 block of East Kingsmill.

WEDNESDAY, March 30

David R. Harris, 432 Pitts, reported assault at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Pamela Willis, 1120 Buckler, reported found property.

Offenses against the family were reported on East Murphy.

Nelda Dickman of Pampa Pawn, 208 E. Brown, reported theft of firearm.

Larry Wayne Erwin, Box 133, reported hit and run at Wal Mart, 2225 N. Hobart.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of North Zimmers.

THURSDAY, March 31

Domestic assault was reported in the 1500 block of Dogwood.

Arrest

Desond DeRon Johnson, 19, 538 N. Sumner, was arrested on two warrants, theft \$20-\$200 and failure to appear.

Accidents

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

MONDAY, March 28

7 p.m. — A red pickup was in collision with a legally parked 1990 Ford pickup owned by Larry Wayne Erwin, Wheeler, in a private parking lot at 2225 N. Hobart.

WEDNESDAY, March 30

11:08 a.m. — A 1979 Chevrolet driven by Maxine Speck Jack, 73, 403 N. Nelson, was in collision with a 1992 Ford pickup driven by Shon Loyd Kysar, 24, 1801 Hamilton, at the intersection of 19th and North Faulkner. Jack was cited for failure to yield right of way. She was transported to Coronado Hospital, where she was treated and released.

12:25 p.m. — A 1979 GMC pickup driven by Terry Joe Whiteley, 17, 912 S. Sumner, was in collision with a 1985 Dodge pickup driven by Leslie Matlock, 83, 120 S. Russell, in the 1200 block of North Hobart. No citations were issued and no injuries were reported.

Sheriff's Office

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

WEDNESDAY, March 30

I.V. Bryant, 738 N. Zimmers, reported forgery.

Stocks

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

Wheat..... 3.10
Milo..... 4.41
Corn..... 5.02

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

Serco..... 4 1/4 up 3/8
Occidental..... 16 1/4 up 1/8

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

Magellan..... 69.65
Putnam..... 15.56

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

Amoco..... 53 1/8 dn 3/4
Aroco..... 95 dn 5/8
Cabot..... 53 1/4 dn 1/8
Cabot O&G..... 19 3/4 dn 1/4

Chevron..... 84 up 1/4
Coca-Cola..... 40 1/2 dn 1/2
Diamond Shamrock..... 27 3/8 NC
Enron..... 30 1/8 dn 3/8
Halliburton..... 29 1/2 dn 3/8
HealthTrust Inc..... 30 1/4 NC
Ingersoll Rand..... 35 3/4 dn 1 3/8
KNE..... 22 1/4 NC
Kerr McGee..... 41 3/4 dn 1/2
Limited..... 20 1/2 up 1/8
Marco..... 59 3/8 dn 1/8
Maxco..... 4 1/2 NC
McDonald's..... 55 3/4 dn 1/4
Mobil..... 75 3/8 up 1/4
New Amoco..... 27 1/4 dn 5/8
Parker & Parsley..... 21 dn 1
Penny's..... 52 3/4 up 1/4
Phillips..... 26 3/8 dn 1 1/8
SLB..... 51 5/8 dn 3/4
SPS..... 28 1/8 dn 1/8
Tenneco..... 52 5/8 dn 1/8
Tetco..... 62 1/2 dn 5/8
Wal-Mart..... 25 3/8 dn 5/8
New York Gold..... 389.60
Silver..... 5.67
West Texas Crude..... 14.38

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

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

State of emergency declared in Zulu region

By JOHN DANISZEWSKI
Associated Press Writer

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — President F.W. de Klerk declared a state of emergency in the Natal region today, setting up a showdown with Zulu nationalists opposing the country's first all-race election.

De Klerk ordered troops to quell political violence in the Zulu-dominated Natal Province and the autonomous KwaZulu homeland ruled by the Zulu nationalists' leader, Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

He said Buthelezi would remain in office as head of KwaZulu's government but that the South African army would ensure free campaigning and voting in the homeland and surrounding Natal.

Buthelezi's opposition to South Africa's April 26-28 election is seen as a major factor in violence that has killed hundreds of blacks in politically motivated bloodshed in Natal in recent weeks.

An infuriated Buthelezi called de Klerk's action an "invasion" that would stoke the anger of Zulus. White right-wing politicians aligned with Buthelezi also criticized the emergency decree, the first in the country in four years.

Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, welcomed the decision but said he regretted it had proved necessary.

"People deserve the right to be able to lead their lives without fear of violence. They deserve the right to express themselves without threats of death," he said at a Johannesburg news conference. "We cannot and will not allow the spoilers and the wreckers to succeed."

The declaration came at the start of the Easter holiday and hotels in Natal's coastal resort of Durban reported cancellations poured in.

De Klerk refused to specify how many soldiers would be sent in. SABC Radio said at least 500 were ordered to Durban, Pietermaritzburg and Eshowe in Natal today.

An independent defense analyst estimated 20,000 soldiers would be needed to ensure the election could be held in Natal, home to 6.5 million people. But even that would be insufficient to stop ambushes and sabotage, said retired Brig. Bill Sass, of the Institute for Defense Policy in Johannesburg.

Sass said he doubted Buthelezi's 3,500 KwaZulu police would be "stupid enough" to oppose the army. But he warned that thousands of trained Zulu irregulars loyal to Buthelezi and Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini could make things difficult by mounting nighttime attacks and sabotage.

South Africa ousted two other black homeland leaders earlier this month, including one who also had opposed the election. But de Klerk said his action in KwaZulu was not a takeover.

"Law and order will be maintained and we will not allow anarchy to develop in any part of our country. And the elections, may I say, will take place," he said.

De Klerk said political meetings would be allowed in Natal, but organizers would have to give proper notice to the emergency authorities. Soldiers would have the power to ban marches and rallies, detain suspects and seize weapons.

Buthelezi said his Inkatha Freedom Party was "being coerced into the (election) process through the barrel of the gun." He questioned whether fair elections could be held under a state of emergency.

"I think that my people will get even more angry. They'll see this as an invasion ... as an effort to try to

coerce them to comply with a situation which they do not accept," Buthelezi told reporters in Durban.

This is the first time a state of emergency has been imposed since June 1990, when de Klerk lifted Draconian measures imposed five years previously to quell anti-apartheid protests.

De Klerk's crackdown was not expected to be nearly as harsh as the apartheid-era state of emergency, which among other things severely hampered news coverage of unrest and led to the detention without trial of more than 30,000 blacks.

The ANC, the expected winner of the vote, had been pushing de Klerk to launch a security crackdown in Natal. Joe Slovo, a leading ANC member and the head of the allied South African Communist party, welcomed de Klerk's announcement.

"The military presence is not there to intimidate the people of KwaZulu, the military presence is there to ensure that there can be a free and fair election," Slovo said on a radio talk program on Radio 702, a Johannesburg station.

Buthelezi is the only black homeland leader still actively opposing the election. A march Monday by Zulus through downtown Johannesburg led to fighting that killed at least 50 people in the city and nearby black townships, and it prompted government leaders to make plans for a security takeover in Natal.

Inkatha accuses the ANC of being a dictatorial group that would crush the Zulu culture if it came to power. It cites the ANC's plans to eliminate the KwaZulu homeland and other ethnic regions created under apartheid.

The ANC says Inkatha's opposition to the vote stems from a desire by Buthelezi to maintain the power and privileges he enjoyed as chief minister of KwaZulu.

DOE frees up to \$6 million for super collider study

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional critic of the superconducting super collider is attacking the Energy Department's decision to give Texas \$6 million to study possible future uses for the failed project's assets.

Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., said the Energy Department is "hunting aimlessly for a new program to keep the site active."

"DOE is engaging in this whole process backwards," he charged Wednesday. "Instead of starting with a program goal and then seeing if SSC assets or the site might be useful in achieving it, DOE is trying to fabricate programs that will make the site seem useful."

The department's announcement Wednesday was swiftly hailed by Texas Gov. Ann Richards, who has been prodding the Clinton administration to ensure that the \$2 billion in federal and state money spent

building the giant atom smasher doesn't go to waste.

"I applaud the Department of Energy in making this investment in finding alternative uses for the superconducting super collider facilities in Texas," she said.

Rep. Joe Barton, who vigorously defended the collider's interests in Congress for years, said the money is too little — and perhaps too late.

He questioned whether enough scientists and engineers remain at the collider laboratory to study future uses for the collider's resources.

The lab's workforce has shrunk from a high of 2,200 to 950, with another round of pink slips going to 250 workers at the end of April.

"They are really beginning to lose the kind of people they'd have to keep, I think, to implement some of those alternatives," said the Ennis Republican, whose district is home to some of the collider's facilities.

The National Academy of Sciences earlier this year suggested set-

ting aside \$20 million to \$30 million to retain a core cadre of 125 scientists and engineers to plot a future for the collider's resources.

A task force Richards created to advise her on possible future uses of the collider's assets has recommended a \$44 million allocation to retain some of the project's most important staff.

Barton said the Energy Department is "not allocating nearly enough money to do the kind of analysis and keep the kind of people that are going to be needed to implement whatever is going to be done."

When Congress killed the collider last year, it charged the Energy Department with finding ways of maximizing the project's assets. A report is due to Congress by July.

Richards' task force has offered several recommendations for post-collider alternatives — a regional high-performance computing center; medical applications from the collider's linear accelerator; and advanced research in superconductivity and cryogenics.

No Lotto winner

By The Associated Press

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

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$10 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 9, 13, 16, 26, 36 and 38.



Wednesday's winning numbers are:
9 - 13 - 16 - 26 - 36 - 38

City briefs

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

AMMUNITION FOR Sale: For information call 669-0479. Adv.

COME JOIN the fun at the MS Rally, March 31st at 7 p.m. at Malcolm Hinkle Inc. (The Super Cities Walk) to be held April 9 in Canadian. For more information, 665-1841. Adv.

LOST 3 month old Brown Goat. Call 665-5513, 665-6476. Adv.

OPENING SOON More Precious Heirlooms, 301 W. Foster. Booth space available for crafters and antiques. 669-7851. Adv.

DISCOUNT SALE, Call's Antiques, 300 N. Ward. Thursday, Friday 9-5 p.m. Adv.

HIGH SCHOOL student with car to babysit this summer, Wednesday thru Friday, 1 child 10 years old. 665-9339. Adv.

EVERYONE COME and join us for Jack Edwards Retirement Party, Thursday, Easy's Club. Adv.

MOVING SALE: Friday and Saturday 9-6. Furniture, refrigerator, new and used boots, tack, gun cabinet, TV and miscellaneous. 859 W. Foster. Adv.

DON'T MISS Sagebrush Sales, Tupperware April Fools Specials, April 1 and 2, 9-6, 523 W. Foster. Southwest Tile. Discounts on selected items. Cash-n-carry available. Adv.

JERRY'S APPLIANCE, 106 S. Cuyler, now has certified equipment to dispose the refrigerant for refrigerators and freezers. Call 665-3743 for details. Adv.

BUY YOUR prom dress 11 a.m.-4. Gray County Extension office, east Highway 60. Saturday, April 2. Adv.

EASTER PERM Sale: Friday and Saturday \$25 and up. Untouchable Salon, 316 S. Cuyler, 669-0703. No appointment necessary. Adv.

SIDEWALK SALE: Friday and Saturday. 12 pack 7-up \$2.99, 12 pack Pepsi \$3.39, 3 liter Coke and Dr. Pepper \$1.79. Easy's Pop Shop, 729 N. Hobart. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the mid 30s and southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy with a high in the lower 70s and southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday's high was 57; this morning's low was 36.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in mid 30s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s. Friday night, fair. Lows 40-45. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in mid 70s. Friday night, fair. Lows in the 40s.
North Texas — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 39 northeast to 49 southwest. Friday, mostly sunny. Windy west. Highs 73 northeast to

80 southwest. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows 49 to 55.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Lows in upper 40s Hill Country, 50s south central. Friday, partly cloudy and mild with isolated showers. Highs in the 70s. Friday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 50s. Coastal Bend: Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Lows in the 50s. Friday, mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in the 70s. Friday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 50s and 60s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Lows in the 50s. Friday, mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in the 70s. Friday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 50s and 60s.
BORDER STATES
New Mexico — Tonight, partly

cloudy northwest with fair skies elsewhere. Lows in the upper teens to near 30 mountains with 30s to low 40s at lower elevations. Friday, fair skies northeast and southwest otherwise partly cloudy and a little warmer. A slight chance of showers north central mountains and northwest. Highs in upper 40s to mid 60s mountains and northwest mid 60s and 70s elsewhere. Friday night, partly cloudy northeast with a few sprinkles. Fair skies elsewhere. Lows 20s and 30s mountains with upper 30s and 40s at lower elevations.
Oklahoma — Tonight, fair. Lows from mid 30s to mid 40s. Friday, mostly sunny with highs in the 70s. Friday night, partly cloudy with lows from mid 40s in northern Oklahoma to low 50s along the Red River.

Convicted killer: Day after Easter 'a great day to die'

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned murderer Richard Beavers speaks calmly, laughs easily and said he's prepared for Easter Sunday to be his last day in this life.

"It's really a great day to die, to leave the body," he said Wednesday. "I'm accepting responsibility for my actions, whatever the consequences may be."

For the second time in recent months, the Virginia native is scheduled to die by injection for killing a Houston restaurant manager during an abduction and robbery. He is scheduled to die by injection early Monday.

"I think laying down my life is one way to apologize. I just hope the

courts don't grant the rights to attorneys (to intervene)," he said.

Last September, only a few hours before his scheduled voluntary execution, Beavers changed his mind and allowed attorneys for the Texas Resource Center to clear the way for appeals.

The center won Beavers, 38, a reprieve from the U.S. Supreme Court. Beavers said his change of heart then was meant to better prepare his mother in Alexandria, Va., for his death.

"I believe a man reaps what he sows. I feel I have a debt to pay, a penalty for a crime. It is a hard pill to swallow," he said. "I have no fear of death. I have life eternal. I know I'm going to have a new life."

Beavers was sentenced to death for

the Aug. 19, 1986, slaying of Doug Odle, a former neighbor.

Beavers accosted Odle and his wife, Jenny, taking them to an automated teller machine to withdraw money so he could buy heroin. He then demanded they go to the restaurant Odle managed and forced him to turn over \$6,200 in cash.

The three drove to a remote spot southeast of Houston and Beavers shot Odle, then drove to another site and shot Odle's wife. She survived and testified against him.

"I knew what I was doing," he said. "I knew when I knocked on that door that I would murder. I did have a hard time shooting Doug. It wasn't easy."

When he learned later that Jenny survived, he said: "I was shocked."

when they receive that tone. They are widely used in many Plains States where tornadoes are common.

Officials are expected to begin a push to place such instruments in churches, community centers and other public buildings where people would be unlikely to be listening to commercial radio or television.

A test program to expand the use of warning radios in Florida, where hurricane season will begin in a few months, had been under discussion.

On Wednesday, Gore told reporters in Piedmont, Ala., that "one of the lessons our nation must learn from this tragedy is we must do a better job of providing severe weather warnings to communities."

Vice President Gore announces disaster warning system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government is placing a new emphasis on disaster warnings in the wake of the devastating tornadoes that ripped through Alabama and other Southern states.

Vice President Al Gore is expected to announce today an upgrading of the National Weather Service's national warning radio system to help bring word of danger to rural areas.

The weather service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will work together on the project.

The 370-station NOAA Weather Radio network is expected to be the focus of the warning system.

At the same time, the weather service is planning to launch a new

weather satellite April 12, which offers the potential for more detailed local forecasts. And it is in the midst of a multiyear program of installing new weather radars across the country. Both new systems could improve tornado forecasts.

The weather service currently operates a network of low-power radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information. It is known as NOAA Weather Radio for the weather service's parent agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

These stations send out a special tone when a weather warning is issued and inexpensive radios are available that turn on automatically

Networks of grocers buy food stamps below value, sell at full price

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the latest scheme to launder food stamps and stay a step ahead of investigators, unscrupulous grocers are banding together to buy the paper coupons from recipients at a discount and then redeem them from the government for full value.

Federal officials say such underground networks of small groceries are springing up around the country as food stamp traffickers become more sophisticated in their efforts to defraud a program that provides \$22 billion in benefits to 27 million low-income Americans.

Retailers who traffic in food stamps buy them at less than their value, typically 50 cents to 75 cents on the dollar, then cash them in at full price. Sellers include welfare recipients or middlemen and drug dealers, who trade the paper coupons for drugs or other items of value on the street.

Federal investigators tend to discover laundering when a store redeems more food stamps than other neighborhood grocers or when food stamp redemptions are out of line with food sales.

Merchants in these new conspiracies are trying to

sidestep those trip wires by shipping coupons from a store with a high volume in illegal food stamp purchases to retailers with a smaller volume, investigators say.

The Agriculture Department estimates that all types of trafficking cost the food stamp program at least \$100 million a year, but USDA officials say there is no way to know how much laundering is being done by the underground networks.

Department officials who oversee the program say stores involved in trafficking tend to be small grocers, not large supermarkets or major chain-store outlets, and represent a small minority of the 207,000 retailers authorized to accept food stamps.

Craig Beauchamp, the assistant inspector general in charge of investigations for the Agriculture Department, says investigators are finding more retailers "cooperating among themselves" to evade detection.

He said that underground networks of stores are operating all over the country and coupons are being shipped across state lines.

In a recent case, authorities in California charged three grocery stores in Stockton and one in San Jose with illegal food stamp trafficking. The government alleged that the owner of a Stockton market bought food stamps and

then brokered them through the three other stores.

Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., is convinced it is an emerging and widespread problem.

"It looks like it's being done by very savvy, well-organized, sophisticated crooks who understand the technology and are obviously able to get out in front of law enforcement," said Wyden, whose House Small Business subcommittee on regulation has spent several years investigating food stamp fraud.

The average monthly food stamp benefit is \$68.78. Food stamps come in denominations of \$1, \$5 and \$10 and can be used to buy almost any type of food. Exceptions include hot prepared foods, alcoholic beverages, cigarettes and household items such as toilet paper and diapers.

Beauchamp said attempts to defraud the food stamp program have grown increasingly sophisticated with the dramatic growth in the number of people on the rolls and the number of coupons in circulation.

Switching from paper coupons to electronic benefits, a system USDA hopes to have in place nationwide by 1996, Beauchamp said, "would significantly decrease the amount of street trafficking in food stamp coupons" and reduce the exchange of food stamps for drugs.

Delivering benefits electronically also would increase investigators' ability to identify retailers who abuse the program, he said.

In a letter to Wyden in February, Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy said investigators uncovered 841 instances of trafficking last year.

The inspector general's office reported 2,097 indictments and 1,950 convictions in 1991, 1992 and 1993 involving various types of food stamp fraud. The office is investigating 517 cases of suspected food stamp fraud.

Wyden said the issue is especially critical now that the Clinton administration is pushing a welfare reform plan that would spend billions of dollars on new services for the poor.

"To have credibility on welfare reform, which everyone acknowledges is going to cost some additional dollars short term, you better show you're squeezing out the fraud and other rip-offs in the program," Wyden said.

Neal Flieger, a spokesman for USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, said: "We're cracking down on everybody who is attempting to defraud the food stamp program, and we are aggressively investigating all forms or possible ways that the program can be defrauded."

City's Action Center keeps busy with citizen calls

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK
Staff Writer

In its five years of operation, Pampa's Action Center has received thousands of calls from people reporting problems with everything from alleys needing cleaning to high weeds to potholes.

From the onset, it was designed to be a place to which the citizens can respond with problems and get something done, according to Phyllis Jeffers, city secretary.

"Since it opened, we have answered several thousand calls requesting service or needing information," she said. "The whole purpose of the Action Center is to direct citizens' comments to the proper department, and then it enables us to call the citizen back or get hold of them by letter to let them know what action was taken."

The vast calls taken in the Action Center are responded to in one way or another, although some do fall between the administrative cracks, Jeffers said.

"There always might be a case in which one falls through a crack or something that we don't get back to, but when a call comes in, we develop the work order, then we send a letter and a postage-paid evaluation card to the citizens so that they can evaluate the response time by the department and the Action Center," she said.

As an example of the number of calls the center gets, more than 2,300 calls have been received by the Action Center and directed to the sanitation department this year.

In February alone, the center received 106 calls or more than four per day, from people needing help. Of those calls, 98 were directed toward the sanitation department.

Most of those calls, 42, were related to alley clean up, which has traditionally been a major reason for calls to the Action Center, Jeffers said.

An additional 33 calls concerning the repair of trash containers were also received by the Action Center in February.

Ultimately, the goal of the Action Center is to increase communication from the people of Pampa to the employees in city government, according to Jeffers.

"This is their city and we work for them, and as a service delivery organization, I think we should be responsible," she said.

To report any problem within the city concerning streets, alleys or general code enforcement, contact the Action Center at 669-5888 from 8 a.m. to noon or from 1 to 5 p.m.



Chris Tice, a student at Baker Elementary School, recently won first place in the engineering competition of the Regional Science Fair held in Amarillo. His project was an electromagnetic crane. This is the first year judges have given a separate award for engineering. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Pampa students compete in Regional Science Fair and return with a number of top ribbons

Dozens of students from Pampa schools recently participated at the High Plains Regional Science Fair competition held in Amarillo on March 26.

The participants and the winners of the competition, along with the category in which they entered displays, are as follows:

At Baker Elementary School, nine students participated in the science fair with one, Chris Tice, placing first in competition, in the engineering category.

Baker Elementary Students qualifying for the competition included Venessa Soliz, Drew Wilson, Lapita Resendiz, Candice Noble, Stacy Dunn, Mario Soliz, Derrick Cummings and Cinthia Cordova.

At Horace Mann Elementary School, 12 students qualified for competition and four students finished with either first, second or third place ribbons.

1st place, Amanda Dyson in microbiology and Tiffani Neef in zoology.

2nd place, Casse Meadows in chemistry.

3rd place, Michelle Haley in mathematics.

Those qualifying to participate included Shawntyl Baker, Matthew Smith, Joshua Harrison, Lorena Baker, Jessica Morrison, Charis Snider, Rick Blain and Chelsea McCullough.

At Stephen F. Austin Elementary School, 10 students qualified for competition, while four students finished in either first or second place in the competition.

1st place, Barry Howington in physics.

2nd place, Lindsay Langford in biochemistry, Taylor Harris in

microbiology and Kevin Schaub in earth/space science.

Other students qualifying for competition included Davey Anderson, Ryan Bradley, Jamie Clay, Ashley Knipp, Summer Sanders and Jimmy Story.

Travis Elementary School had eight students in competition with three of those students finishing with either first or second place ribbons.

1st place, Michelle Gomez in medicine and health and Courtney Moreland in chemistry.

2nd place, Don Shuck in engineering.

Those Travis students qualifying to compete in the science fair but not placing included Ryan Chambers, Bonnie Schiffman, Ryan Zemanek, Cassie Gibson and Jill Crawford.

Five students from Woodrow Wilson qualified to compete in the competition. They included Mindy Doss, Cody Douglas, Bridget Stephens, Amanda Wilson and Casey Lee.

Pampa Middle School was represented by nine students.

1st place, Marci Hansen and Wesley Warren.

2nd place, Christopher Stellman

and Lacy Plunk

3rd place, Kristen Stevens.

Other students who participated in the competition included Michael Plunk, Kristen Stevens, Robert Underwood and Wesley Warren. Special awards given out by the American Chemical Society, the U.S. Department of Energy and J.E.T.S. and were given to Stevens, Underwood and Warren.

Pampa High School's science fair contingent did well in the science fair and one student took top honors.

The five students placing in either first, second or third place at the science fair included Matt Crider, who placed third in physics competition; Edith Osborne, who finished second in behavior science competition; Ann Carmichael, who finished second in microbiology competition; Peggy Williams, who placed first in chemistry competition; and Angela Rogriguez, who placed first in microbiology competition.

Rodriguez also placed first in the overall competition, the second year she has done so. She qualified for the International Science Fair to be held at Birmingham, Ala., in May.

Sarpalius, Thornberry spar over post on subcommittee

By JEFF CARRUTH
Staff Writer

In the first spat of the campaign for the 13th District congressional seat, Rep. Bill Sarpalius labeled as totally false a charge by his Republican opponent that the congressman will not be the chairman of an agricultural subcommittee next year.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," Sarpalius said in a prepared statement, adding that he will rank eighth in seniority on the Agriculture Subcommittee in the next Congress.

GOP candidate Mac Thornberry in a prepared statement called on Sarpalius to be forthcoming about the nature of his assignment to the House Agriculture Committee and the Agricultural Subcommittee on General Commodities.

Thornberry claims Sarpalius cannot hold the chairmanship of the subcommittee in the next Congress once Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kansas, returns to that body after serving the maximum number of years on the House Intelligence Committee.

"I will rank eighth in seniority on the Agricultural Committee next year and clearly will be in line for a subcommittee chairmanship on agriculture, whether or not Congressman Dan Glickman returns to the (Commodities) committee," Sarpalius said in the statement.

"If Mr. Thornberry were elected, he would rank 48th on the Agriculture Committee, to my ranking of eighth. And that's assuming a lawyer could get an appointment to that committee," the congressman said, adding that Thornberry's charges were a misrepresentation.

There are currently 48 members on the Agriculture Committee.

Thornberry claims Sarpalius is using the potential of a chairmanship and being influential in writing the 1995 Farm Bill to gain clout with farm groups. He further charges that Sarpalius would likely chair the Foreign Agriculture and Hunger subcommittee and would have little influence on the 1995 farm bill.

Sarpalius spokesman Phil Duncan said the make-up of the subcommittees was not set and which one Sarpalius would serve on was "total speculation" on the part of Thornberry.

Glickman concurred with Sarpalius in a press conference Wednesday that the congressman would chair a subcommittee in the next Congress.

Thornberry said Sarpalius should have said his present assignment was temporary.

"Unfortunately, Mr. Sarpalius has shown a tendency to vote for higher taxes and more regulations. I don't think anyone with those tendencies should be writing a new farm bill," Thornberry said.

Burial ground debated at Alamo meeting

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A newly formed American Indian group says it plans to fight any archaeological dig proposed for the Alamo Plaza site believed to be the burial ground of mission-period Indians.

Richard Garay, co-founder of the American Indians in Texas at Spanish Colonial Missions, told Alamo Plaza Study Committee members Wednesday that a dig would be in violation of federal law.

"It will be a desecration," he said. "We will consider it a desecration."

Garay said he has spoken with

Curtis Tunnell, executive director of the Texas Historical Commission, asking that the group be notified if anyone requests an archaeological dig permit for Alamo Plaza.

However, Howard Peak, co-chairman of the Alamo committee, told Garay there is no proposal for a dig.

In January, the Inter-Tribal Council of American Indians asked the city to close the eastern section of Alamo Plaza permanently to vehicle traffic after discovering records showing more than 1,000 people may be buried there.

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Opinion

Feds' meddlesome efforts are limitless

What a tangled web the government has woven in the federal Fair Housing Act. The latest to get caught up in it is regional telephone heavyweight US West. In trying to anticipate this arbitrarily defined law's broad breadth, the company recently learned the limits of political correctness.

US West's telephone directory division, which produces some 40 million copies of nearly 400 different directories in 25 states, recently decided to rein in all housing-related ads in its *Yellow Pages* editions to conform to the anti-discrimination act. The law in part bars religious discrimination in housing, so in an apparent effort to head off any possible discrimination claims by its *Yellow Pages* users, US West forced two St. Cloud, Minn., nursing homes to remove religious symbols from their ads.

Never mind that the nursing homes happened to be religious to begin with. St. Benedict's Center, a Catholic nursing home, had to remove a cross from its advertisement under US West's new policy. And the logo for Good Shepherd Lutheran Home, which includes a shepherd's staff, was deleted. Apparently it didn't occur to the relevant folks at the phone giant that religious organizations tend to use religious emblems — as a sign of their affiliation, not as a forewarning of discrimination. But that wasn't lost on US West for long. A company spokeswoman concedes customers were "enraged." The company quietly rescinded the policy earlier this month.

To be sure, it seems US West had indulged in a bit of overzealous interpretation of federal law from the outset. Absent even a court action on the issue, the company simply eyed the act and feared it wasn't "fully covered," the spokeswoman said.

But ultimately, the government's anti-discrimination agenda is itself to blame. There have been other detours from common sense in the name of the Fair Housing Act, after all. A local government housing agency in Milwaukee, also anticipating the intent of the federal law, not long ago fined a woman for advertising a room for rent in her private home to a "Christian" and "handyman" — she simply meant someone with decent morals, and she needed someone to repair the place. She was dragged before the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council for sex and religious discrimination. Facing appeal, she may have to mortgage her house just to cover her legal fees.

The irony in all of this is that even the most ambitious social engineers who implemented the Fair Housing Act decades ago surely didn't expect such offbeat and irrational applications of the law. The idea simply was to halt intentional discrimination. But once the feds begin meddling, their efforts know no limits.

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A warning is sometimes a threat

Clinton administration officials and foreign leaders met in Detroit recently to show their common determination to stimulate job creation and raise wages. Back in Washington, an idea was resurfacing on Capitol Hill that would hinder both.

It comes from Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio), one of those lawmakers who think employment is something not to be lovingly coaxed from the economic soil but to be forcibly extracted from miserly corporations. His measure is a tax on hiring disguised as a hedge against layoffs. It reflects the belief that anything taken from companies can be given to workers, which overlooks the likelihood that employers will find a way to recapture the loss at the expense of employees.

Metzenbaum's bill would stiffen the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN), a 1988 law requiring firms with 100 or more employees to provide 60 days' advance notice before shutting down a plant or laying off 50 or more workers. Beginning in the late 1970s, organized labor and its allies had lobbied for onerous plant-closing restrictions such as forcing companies to pay restitution to dismissed workers and affected communities. WARN, with its comparatively mild provisions, was all that came of the effort. But supporters figured that WARN could always be upgraded later, a point obviously taken to heart by Metzenbaum.

The theory behind the notification mandate was that employees would be better off if they had the chance to start looking for a new job before the old one was gone. Though the intent of WARN was admirable, the results strike Metzenbaum as inadequate.

From his point of view, they are. A study of 11 states last year by the General Accounting Office found that about half of all major layoffs are exempt



Stephen Chapman

from the law and that in many of the ones that are covered, companies either don't know they're supposed to comply or just don't bother. But few workers have filed lawsuits to enforce the rule. Metzenbaum wants to narrow the exemptions and strengthen the remedies.

That sounds innocuous if you assume managers refuse to notify workers out of meanness. Being nice, as our mothers always told us, doesn't cost anything. Most of our mothers never had to preside over a corporate downsizing. In reality, providing advance notice can be another affliction for a company that already has plenty, which is why it is cutting back in the first place.

The GAO survey found that the side effects foreseen by opponents of WARN weren't imaginary. For most companies, the paperwork cost was small, but 29 percent of the employers who gave advance notice said they suffered a decline in productivity "due to lower worker motivation, increased use of paid leave or the loss of management or non-management workers" who were not going to be dismissed. Eight percent said they lost customers, and 7 percent experienced headaches like picketing, threats of sabotage and boycotts.

All this is bad enough, but it doesn't sum up the

total aggravation. For corporations with imperfect ability to see 60 days into the future, the law demands either better foresight or greater patience with losing operations. If you realize today that you need to lay off a lot of workers a month from now, you have the choice of ignoring the law and facing possible sanctions or keeping people on the payroll a month longer than financial necessity allows.

Even if the interests of workers deserve unvarying precedence over those of employers, tough advance-notice rules aren't a great idea. By making demands of beleaguered companies, a stricter WARN law may help one set of workers (those whose jobs are vanishing) at the expense of another (those whose jobs could be doomed by the extra burden on their company) — throwing good jobs after bad.

It's cases like these that the new law would be most likely to affect, since they're the ones in which the corporation is least likely to provide notice on its own. Employers who can announce layoffs ahead of time without real inconvenience, by contrast, can probably be persuaded to do so without the threat of a federal lawsuit.

What workers gain from these kinds of regulations, they are apt to lose elsewhere, probably without knowing it. Companies can hire fewer workers or pay them less or both. As Ohio University economist Richard Vedder and Lowell Galloway note, they can also rely more on temporary workers, who aren't covered by WARN.

Slow job growth, stagnant wages and a growing temporary work force — those are ills Washington is supposed to be trying to eliminate, not enlarge. If Congress and the administration see a tougher plant-closing law as part of the solution, improvement will take longer than we thought.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 31, the 90th day of 1994. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 31, 1889, engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

On this date:

In 1492, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain issued an edict expelling Jews from Spanish soil, except those willing to convert to Christianity.

In 1880, Wabash, Ind., became the first town completely illuminated by electrical lighting.

In 1917, the United States took possession of the Virgin Islands, which it had purchased from Denmark.

In 1933, during the Great Depression, Congress authorized the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1943, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical play *Oklahoma!* opened on Broadway.



Ah, for those times with Lucy

This is a reprint of a previous column which originally ran in May 1989.

Lucy was a riot. And just think, she became a big star, and, as far as I know, she never appeared anywhere outside her bedroom without her underpants on.

We can't say that about many of today's actresses, comedians or otherwise. Name just about any actress, and she's done at least one nude scene. Some I wouldn't recognize with their clothes on.

I was in a hotel room the other day and the movie *Tequila Sunrise* was available for \$6.95 on the television in my room.

I was on an expense account, so I dialed in the movie and, sure enough, before it was over, Mel Gibson had persuaded Michele Pfeiffer to take off her clothes for a romp through his hot tub.

I'm not saying I didn't enjoy seeing Michele Pfeiffer, a very lovely woman, without any clothes on, but I'd already seen Kim Basinger in *9 1/2 Weeks*, Kathleen Turner in *Body Heat*, and then there were all those nudes who gave Eddie Murphy his bath in *Coming to America*.

Nude scenes are so common place in movies nowadays (and they're taking off more and more of their clothes on television, too), I've been known to go for popcorn smack in the middle of one.

You wonder if the great Lucille Ball could have



Lewis Grizzard

made it if she had come along today, that is, if she had come along today and said things like, "You want me to show what in front of the camera?"

And would she have been as funny to the young people of today as she was to me when I was 9 and my grandfather and I never missed an *I Love Lucy* episode?

Eddie Murphy is funny to kids today. He says things in public my grandfather never heard. I saw Buddy Hackett on a cable comedy show not long ago. I never knew he could get in the gutter with Eddie and the boys, either, but he can.

Joan Rivers can have a filthy mouth, too.

But remember Lucy?

There was the time she was working on an assembly line at a candy company, and the candy kept com-

ing faster and faster and she began cramming the candy in her mouth in an effort to keep up. Would that be funny today?

And what about all the times she tried to con Ricky into letting her perform with the band? And remember how she'd make fun of her husband's Cuban accent?

She couldn't do that today. Well, maybe she could, but then the Hispanic anti-defamation league would be on her, and she'd have to apologize to everybody from Castro to Julio Iglesias.

Fred and Ethel Mertz, Lucy's landlords, neighbors and friends, killed me in the old days, too.

Fred was tight with his money, and Lucy and Ethel were forever scheming for it. Once, Fred and Ethel were entertaining old friends they wanted to impress and they made Lucy act the part of their personal maid. Great stuff. Or at least it was back then.

In a tribute to Lucy last week on one of the news shows, it was mentioned that when she became pregnant in real life and it was written into the show, the word "pregnant" was not allowed in the script.

Maybe some of that was stupid and narrow-minded, but as I get older, it seems more and more of a comfort to know at least I lived part of my life in a time when good taste wore a chastity belt.

I loved Lucy. Maybe I loved her time even more. It will never be that way again.

Being fair to all college athletes ...

"One stays, one goes," the headline reads. The newspaper article beneath it is just as somber, describing the axing of the wrestling program at Southwest Missouri State University.

SMSU, which is in Springfield, Mo., has a new president. He's reorganized the university's objectives and programs in many ways. Cutting the men's wrestling program will give SMSU more money with which to comply with Title IX, the ineffectually enforced 1972 law that mandates equal opportunities for men and women in college sports.

The article begins, "Two athletes. Two sports. Two futures. Both came to Southwest Missouri State University to continue their sports careers. One will. One won't." Photos show the wrestlers disconsolate.

The article quotes both men and women athletes who think the program-cutting was a horrible thing to do. Women athletes at the college understand how devastated they would feel if any of their programs were ended. Those who have an understanding of history empathize only too well. Their mothers and grandmothers had no chance at collegiate athletic careers open to them today.

No one is happy about the men's wrestling decision, but many of the older women wonder: Where were the cameras 25, 35, 45 years ago, when "the one who goes" was always a woman? Where were the TV films of promising women athletes who had no college sports programs, no places to play, little or no budget for uniforms, coaches or equipment?



Sarah Overstreet

It's an especially bittersweet saga for SMSU sports fans, as we watch the career of perhaps the two most beloved female basketball stars in school history come to an end. Melody Howard and Tina Robbins have provided four years of thrills that helped pack our arena, exceeding attendance at our men's games and leading women's basketball crowds throughout the nation. This occurred despite significantly less funding for every aspect of their program. They traveled to games on buses while males players flew.

After graduation, there's no place in this country for Howard or Robbins to play professionally. Had Title IX been adequately implemented and enforced, women's programs would have started pumping out players of their caliber shortly after it was enacted 22 years ago. It would have quickly raised the level of the game to the exciting pace we've seen in the last few years at the women's NCAA championships, producing millions more fans and, I think, a women's pro

league that could support itself.

Throughout the 22 years that schools have not complied fully with Title IX, they've used the excuse that "women's sports just don't bring in enough revenue to justify spending the same money we do on men's sports." That's not a legal leg to stand on, mind you, but it sure works fine when no one enforces the law.

That excuse is close to wearing itself out at SMSU. The average women's basketball attendance was 8,033 this season, compared with 7,588 for the men. At 4,707 season tickets sold, they're only 215 season tickets away from the men's mark of 4,922. The women's tickets don't cost as much as the men's, and the Lady Bear boosters don't want them to. They'd rather keep prices lower, a payback to fans who brought attendance from a few hundred a game to the highest in the nation.

It will be interesting to see how revenues rise if SMSU ever takes full financial advantage of the Lady Bear craze, which even brought 7,002 fans out on March 8 while the worst snowstorm of the year was beating up southwest Missouri. It will be even more interesting to see how this university, as well as others that are showing more fear of Title IX, address long-standing inequities in athletic programs.

Like the young people quoted in the newspaper article, I wish no one's program had to be cut. If schools had truly started to make sports equal 22 years ago, they wouldn't be sacrificing entire programs today.

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Convicted killer put to death for robbery slaying

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A convicted killer labeled by his prosecutor as a predator on society was put to death early today for killing the husband of a Corpus Christi restaurant manager during a robbery nine years ago.

Freddie Lee Webb, 33, was strapped to a prison gurney and given lethal injection by Texas prison officials.

He was pronounced dead at 12:20 a.m. CST, eight minutes after the drugs began flowing into the veins of his arms.

His mother and sister watched a few feet away from behind glass, praying aloud, telling them they loved him and imploring him to be strong. He smiled and nodded toward them and a tear slipped down the side of his face but he had no final words.

Attorneys for Webb argued in final-day appeals that jurors at the execution worker's 1986 trial were given improper instructions before they sentenced him to death. Lawyers also contended Webb's attorneys mishandled his original appeal.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court, however, refused Wednesday to grant a reprieve.

Webb was sentenced to die for killing Leopoldo Cantu, who was abducted and then fatally shot after a robbery at a restaurant where his wife worked.

At the time of the killing, Webb was on parole for raping a child. He also had previous convictions for robbery and theft.

"He's just a predator," said Bill May, the former assistant prosecutor in Corpus Christi who sent Webb to death row. "Sometimes you have to protect yourself from predators, even though it's not pleasant."

Cantu, 26, and his wife, Elizabeth, were abducted Dec. 8, 1985, at a car wash after closing the restaurant. They were returned to the downtown restaurant where Mrs. Cantu was forced to open the safe and surrender the day's receipts. She was tied up with an electrical cord and left inside the building.

Her husband was driven to an isolated area by Webb and an accomplice and fired upon at least a dozen times. Five of the shots struck him. His wife was able to free herself and call police.

Webb was arrested more than three months later following a robbery at a convenience store in Live Oak County. The gun used in that incident was traced to the Cantu slaying.

Apolonia Cantu, the murdered man's mother, said she was disappointed the execution took nearly nine years to carry out.

"It seems to me the people doing the bad things have more rights than the innocent ones," she said. "When somebody walks up to my house at 1 o'clock in the morning and says your son is dead, it's something you never forget. It's something that has really torn me. I'm physically and emotionally exhausted."

Webb refused recent requests for interviews but told a judge several years ago he was innocent and disagreed with the conviction and punishment.

Cantu's wife identified Webb and Webb's fingerprint was found on an adding machine where the cord was used to tie up the woman.

Webb's accomplice in the shooting, Larry Alfred, is serving a life prison term.

Webb became the second convicted killer to be put to death this year in Texas and the 73rd since the state resumed carrying out the death penalty in 1982. The total is the highest in the nation.

Settlement reached in disability lawsuit

HOUSTON (AP) — The state of Texas reached a settlement Wednesday with a university student who claimed discrimination because her learning disability prevented her from passing a state-mandated math test.

University of Houston student Jennifer Silverman had sued the school and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board after she failed the math portion of the Texas Academic Skills Program test.

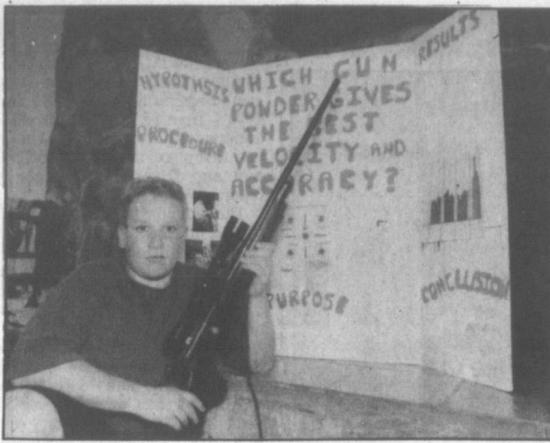
Passing the TASP is a prerequisite for taking upper-level courses.

Ms. Silverman, 22, a senior journalism student, said she was diagnosed in high school with a learning disability known as dyscalculia that prevents her comprehending mathematical concepts beyond simple arithmetic.

The settlement was reached the same day the trial was to have begun in federal court.

Under the agreement, the university will provide a special tutor to prepare Ms. Silverman for the test, said her attorney, Beatrice Mladenka-Fowler.

If Ms. Silverman still fails the test, the university will develop a test geared to compensate her for her disability.



Russell Grisbeck, 12, kneels in front of his seventh-grade science project on testing various types of gunpowder. (AP photo)

California science fair organizers up in arms over gunpower project

By BRIGITTE GREENBERG
Associated Press Writer

RAMONA, Calif. (AP) — A science project in which a seventh-grader tested gunpowder to learn which type gives a bullet more bang has been tentatively rejected from a science fair for fear other youngsters might get ideas.

Twelve-year-old Russell Grisbeck, a member of the National Rifle Association, wrote a 12-page report, complete with charts and graphs.

He packed different types of gunpowder in shell casings and fired the bullets from a hunting rifle mounted on a bench to learn which mixture gives a bullet the greatest velocity and accuracy.

The project got an A-plus from his teacher, who nominated it for the Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair, April 13-17. The fair is organized by a committee representing San Diego County businesses and schools.

But a subcommittee recommended the project be rejected.

"The number one concern for the committee was the issue that other students viewing this project at the science fair might go home and actually try it out," said Tony Spears, the county Office of Education's director of curriculum and staff development. His agency is represented on the committee.

Russell said he wouldn't bring the gun to the fair — just the report and a storyboard.

Russell's father said stopping the boy would violate his freedom of speech and right to bear arms.

"This has been a learning experience for Russ, ... learning that it's a little bit of hard work preserving

your rights and your freedoms," Irv Grisbeck said.

Several lawyers have expressed interest in taking the boy's case. The NRA also is supporting Russell.

"This young man is being used as a pawn ... by people who will stoop to any level and any age group that they can to advance their anti-gun political agenda," said George McNeill, director of state and local legislative affairs for the Fairfax, Va.-based NRA.

"The young man has done a sterling science project," McNeill said. "Isn't the purpose of the science fair to cause children to question and to search and to look for answers? And this is obviously a safe way to do it." The fair's management committee is scheduled to make a final decision next week, but Spears didn't give the project much of a chance.

"Should a 12-year-old be having access to these kinds of weapons?" he asked Wednesday.

Russell's father said he directed his son's project at every step and took the strictest safety measures.

"Russell has learned the responsible use and care of this weapon and other weapons, and we'd really like to show this to other kids, let them know that guns aren't all bad, used in the right way," said the elder Grisbeck, who owns a sport fishing business.

Russell, who lives in rural Ramona, started shooting .22-caliber guns when he was 7. He got his hunter's safety certificate at 10 and has shot turkey, rabbit and pheasant.

The boy said the science project taught him the laws of physics and to "stand up for your rights, and don't let other people push you around."

Lawsuit planned over no pass, no walk

AUSTIN (AP) — The local NAACP plans to organize parents to sue the Austin Independent School District because trustees voted to ban seniors who haven't passed a state skills test from graduation ceremonies.

"We intend to fight them every step of the way," said Jeff Travillion, president of the Austin chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Students must pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills to get their diplomas, but school districts decide whether to allow students who fail to take part in graduation ceremonies.

The Austin school board voted 5-4 Tuesday to stick with district policy saying seniors who don't pass, don't walk the stage.

Evangelina Mangino, assistant director of the Austin school district's Office of Research and Evaluation, said 605 seniors took the test this month. Those who failed will have their eighth and last chance to pass the test early in May.

High school graduations generally begin June 1, although ceremonies for some special campuses are earlier.

When the Austin school board last year voted to bar from graduation ceremonies students who failed the TAAS, the NAACP organized parents and provided legal representation, winning a restraining order that allowed 174 students to participate.

This time, the NAACP may join the parents as a named plaintiff, Travillion said.

China showing support for North Korea in U.N.

By LOUIS MEIXLER
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — China is rallying U.N. support for a Security Council statement that would urge North Korea to open its suspect nuclear sites but would include no threat of sanctions.

The United States on Wednesday proposed the stronger action of a Security Council resolution that included the threat of "further action if necessary," a reference to possible sanctions.

Beijing is one of Communist North Korea's few allies and the United States had hoped for Chinese support for the draft resolution, which was backed by Britain, France and Russia.

But China said it would not go along with the resolution, which gives North Korea a month to allow U.N. inspections of nuclear sites suspected of making weapons. China would have the option of vetoing the resolution or abstaining from the vote.

"We don't think that the council should act in a threatening way," said Chen Jian, China's deputy ambassador.

Beijing countered by proposing a weak statement urging North Korea to allow the inspections of its nuclear sites. The statement, non-binding, would not require a vote, just consensus.

The Chinese approach appeared to

be gaining ground as the council met late Wednesday. There was no indication of when a decision might be made.

North Korea denies that it is developing nuclear weapons but has warned of war if it is pushed too far. Two cargo ships carrying Patriot missile launchers were expected to leave Oakland, Calif., within a few days for South Korea.

The Korean border remained tense, with nearly 2 million troops in both Koreas on high alert.

In today's editions of *The Washington Post*, Defense Secretary William J. Perry said the United States will take whatever steps necessary to stop North Korea from developing a nuclear arsenal — even if those steps lead to war.

The U.S. strategy is to proceed "step by step" toward sanctions, which could wind up backing North Korea into a corner "from which it feels it has to lash back," he told the paper.

President Clinton, speaking with reporters on his Southern California vacation, called on North Korea to make good on its commitments to allow nuclear inspections and resume dialogue with the South.

"If we're going to do business in this world, people have got to be able to rely on the commitments that countries freely undertake," he said. "The way is still open to North Korea simply to follow the commitments they have already made."

He stressed that China's "long-term economic interests" lie in pursuing a nuclear-free Korean peninsula.

Relations between Washington and Beijing have been rocky recently.

Chinese officials are incensed over U.S. pressure on Beijing to improve its human rights record in exchange for most-favored-nation trading status. China says the United States is meddling in its internal affairs and infringing on its sovereignty.

In Washington, South Korean Foreign Minister Han Sung-joo said China would be unlikely to veto the resolution. U.S. deputy ambassador Edward Walker also appeared optimistic, brushing aside questions of the Chinese proposal.

"It is still a resolution that we are seeking," he said as he entered the council earlier Wednesday.

Hours later, however, Security Council President Jean-Bernard Merimee was raising doubts the U.S.-backed resolution would come to a vote because of opposition from non-aligned countries. Those include Pakistan, Djibouti, Oman, Nigeria and Rwanda.

But he said many countries also objected to the weak wording of the Chinese statement.

"Many delegates are ready to abandon the format of a resolution for a presidential statement if it contains substance," he said.

Farrakhan decides to move speech from TSU campus

HOUSTON (AP) — Louis Farrakhan will not give a speech at Texas Southern University because women would have been allowed to attend, a spokesman for the Nation of Islam leader says.

University officials had said that the April 11 event, billed as a man-to-man discussion of issues involving black men, could not be held on campus if women were prohibited.

At first the Nation said Wednesday the speech would proceed as planned but that women would be encouraged not to attend.

But Farrakhan later decided he didn't want to hold the event at the university if women could attend, said Houston-area Nation leader

Robert Muhammad.

"We're not having it at TSU. It's not canceled, it will just be moved," Muhammad said. A new site has not yet been selected.

The school had said women must be allowed to hear the speech because it was to be held in a public building.

Since January, women have been barred from several events by the controversial Muslim group, whose leaders have been under fire for statements derogatory to Jews, Roman Catholics and others.

In New York on Jan. 24, women from the public and at least three

women journalists, one an Associated Press photographer, were barred from a Farrakhan speech in a state armory. In Boston on March 10, two dozen women were left outside when Farrakhan spoke at an arts center.

In a similar men-only speech in Washington, D.C., March 21, also in a public building, Farrakhan told the audience that women were excluded because violence is a more pressing issue among black men.

"The morgues of America are not filled with black women," he said.

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France drops youth wage plan on eve of protests

PARIS (AP) — On the eve of a promised show of force by student protesters, conservative Prime Minister Edouard Balladur on Wednesday scrapped a plan to pay young people less than minimum wage for entry-level jobs.

Withdrawal of the plan, which had been suspended since Monday, was another retreat by Balladur on austerity policies amid widespread demonstrations.

Farmers, airline employees and fishermen have also forced concessions from Balladur since he came to power a year ago after crushing the Socialists in legislative elections.

His plan to pay students 80 percent of the \$1,000 monthly minimum wage and provide training was aimed at reducing France's 25 percent unemployment rate among young people.

Students strongly opposed the plan, staging near-daily street demonstrations that often ended in clashes with police.

Balladur offered instead on Wednesday an incentive to businesses to hire young people.

The government would pay \$175 a month to any business that hired a young person for at least 18 months who had not yet held a stable job. That aid will be doubled for hirings before Oct. 1.

The measure is expected to result in 500,000 jobs for youth, costing the government about \$1 billion this year, said Michel Bon, head of the Agency for National Employment. The government is already struggling with a \$50 billion deficit.

"It's a victory for young people in France," said Philippe Campinchi, head of the Independent National Union of Students in France, a major force in the movement against the wage cut.

Student organizers said they still planned a march Thursday across Paris, and protests in other cities. A demonstration in the capital last week drew an estimated 30,000 people.

On Wednesday, hundreds of students occupied a train station in the south-central city of Saint Etienne near Lyon. About 200 high school students in Brittany blocked a train station, demanding cheaper fares to Rennes, where a major demonstration was planned Thursday.

In the western city of Nantes, near the Atlantic coast, students hampered traffic at bridges across the Loire River and at major intersections.

Holy Week in New Mexico



Rev. Casimiro Roca of the Santuario de Chimayo in Chimayo, N.M., offers heartfelt invitations to pilgrims and other visitors to the famous New Mexico site during Holy Week and the annual pilgrimage that ends at the sanctuary on Good Friday. Roca, however, also cautioned that even though police have arrested several suspects believed to be responsible for recent robberies and car break-ins, visitors should be security conscious with their cars and belongings while in the area. (AP photo)

U.S. lowers bar to telecommunications exports

By JAMES H. RUBIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving away from Cold War rules limiting the sale of sensitive U.S. technology, the Clinton administration has made it easier for U.S. companies to sell telecommunication and computer equipment to China, Russia and other former communist nations.

The administration said Wednesday it is lifting licensing requirements for numerous non-military "low-level" items that could not be used for military advantage against the United States or its allies.

The new policy takes effect Friday and applies to nearly all civilian telecommunications equipment and some computers to civilian users, the White House said in a statement.

Last year the Commerce Department received about 25,000 export license applications. By exempting products that are routinely granted licenses, such as basic personal computers, applications are expected to fall by half.

Exports of high-end computers and exports destined ultimately for military use will still require individual licenses, the White House said. These include goods that have

both civilian and military uses, and technologies used in chemical, biological, nuclear, advanced conventional weapons and missile delivery systems.

One White House official said among the items that will be affected by relaxed rules are cellular mobile phones that can be used to send and receive calls over a wide geographic area.

Another official said the administration does not believe the new policy will hinder efforts to promote human-rights reform in China.

"We think it's in U.S. interests" to promote the trade, he said.

The administration said the relaxed rules will help U.S. companies compete in a \$150 billion global market.

The companies still would be barred from exporting to nations the United States regards as supporting terrorism, including North Korea, Iran, Iraq, Libya and Cuba.

"This licensing change will make our businesses more competitive abroad ... while maintaining controls on items and technologies we consider to be sensitive for security and non-proliferation reasons," Commerce Secretary Ron Brown said in a statement.

The announcement was welcomed by some businesses.

Peter McCloskey, president of the Electronic Industries Association, said the government is lifting controls on "virtually all computers up to nearly the supercomputer level and almost all telecommunications products destined for formerly off-limits countries."

Some business groups had expressed disappointment earlier this year when the administration proposed changes in federal export licensing law, saying the reform did not go far enough.

That administration proposal would reduce the time that government agencies have to review applications for export licenses and would limit the government's ability to control some exports when other nations are not willing to go along.

Most export controls were originally imposed during the Cold War to keep sensitive technology out of the hands of communist countries.

The administration also said Wednesday that countries in the International Coordinating Committee, or CoCom, have agreed to work together after the formal expiration of CoCom on Thursday to form a new system of controls on exports of sensitive technology.

U.S. leads in arming the world

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States doubled its share of world arms exports between 1981 and 1991 — from 19.3 to 37.8 percent — and swept past the Soviet Union into first place, the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency reported Wednesday.

The United States exported \$59 billion in arms during 1987-1991, with \$35 billion, or 60 percent, going to developing countries. In that period, Saudi Arabia purchased \$5.1 billion in arms, Israel \$5 billion and Taiwan \$3 billion.

Actually, U.S. arms exports declined by almost 34 percent between 1989 and 1991, while world arms sales were dropping 53 percent. The result, the agency said in a report, was that the U.S. share doubled while the Soviet Union's share declined from 43 percent in 1986 to 26 percent in 1991.

The largest recipients of arms from the Soviet Union, which broke up in December 1991, were Afghanistan, India and Iraq.

The Middle East consistently is the largest purchaser of weapons, although imports declined from \$31 billion in 1984 to \$11 billion in 1991. However, Middle Eastern

countries contracted to purchase \$17 billion in arms in 1991, an increase of \$4 billion from 1989.

Saudi Arabia was by far the largest weapons importer in the region, accounting for \$29.7 billion from 1987 to 1991. Iraq was second with \$16.3 billion; Iran, \$8.8 billion; Syria, \$5.9 billion; Israel, \$5 billion; and Egypt, \$4.2 billion.

China, a frequent target of U.S. criticism, held a 5 percent share of weapons exports to developing countries in 1991.

The leading exporters were, in order: the United States, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, West Germany, France, China, Canada, Israel, Czechoslovakia, North Korea, the Netherlands, Italy, Poland, Brazil and Bulgaria.

In a related development, the total of armed forces around the world dropped from 28.4 million in 1989 to slightly more than 26 million in 1991. Developing countries accounted for two-thirds of the total.

China was in first place with 3.2 million, followed by the former Soviet Union with 3 million, the United States with 2.1 million, and India and North Korea, with 1.2 million each.

School finance hearing date set

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court will hear arguments May 25 on the state's education funding law, which is being challenged by property-rich and poor school districts.

The law, which requires the school districts with the most property wealth to share some of it, was upheld last year by State District Judge F. Scott McCown of Austin.

In ruling for the law, McCown called it "perhaps our last hope for establishing the system of public education our (forebears) believed essential to the preservation of our liberties and our rights."

Three previous school funding laws have been found unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, beginning in 1989 when it ordered lawmakers to even out funding available to school districts of differing property wealth.

McCown also ruled that the law does not complete legislators' work on the school funding system, which relies on state aid and local property taxes.

He gave lawmakers until Sept. 1, 1995, to come up with an equitable way to pay for school construction. In the past, he noted, such expenditures have been made "almost solely from local tax dollars and almost solely by borrowing."

McCown said if lawmakers fail to reform funding of school facilities, he would order a halt to issuance of new school bonds. The state said it would appeal that part of his ruling.

Lawyers for property-rich and poor school districts said they were pleased the court was moving quickly to hear arguments, but said it is unlikely that a ruling could come quickly enough to affect funding for the 1994-95 school year.

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Lifestyles

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a linguist who teaches English at a university in California.

Language has always fascinated me, and one phenomenon that I have noticed recently is the overuse of the word "basically." Have you noticed this?

At an international conference for English teachers I attended last year, I kept a running tally of the times I heard the word "basically." Within one 50-minute session, one presenter used "basically" 12 times!

I told my mother about it, and she wrote the following poem:

BASICALLY

I've heard things described from A to Z

And they always start out, "basically."

It's basically good, or basically bad

It's basically happy, or basically sad.

It's swept thought the nation like a great big flood

"Basically" is basically in everyone's blood.

When you get down to basics, basically for me

I hear it and tune it out automatically.

Basically has become a boring refrain

Basically, "basically" drives me insane.

SICK OF BASICALLY
IN FRESNO

DEAR SICK: I, too, am sick of "basically." Overusing a word indicates a limited vocabulary. I nominate "for the most part" as an acceptable alternative for "basically."

DEAR ABBY: My problem is one I rarely see addressed in your column. I have a daughter who is 5 years old and in kindergarten. She has been taught not to talk to strangers. Unfortunately, strangers don't seem to want to leave her alone. We cannot go to the grocery store without some man - usually older - speaking to her or touching her.

Last summer, we had a frightening experience when a strange man grabbed her and tickled her roughly. It took my hysterical screaming to get him to let go of her, and then he acted like I was nut.

When I try to explain to these men that my daughter is not allowed to talk to strangers, they invariably say, "It's all right; I'm a grandfather!" (As though that ensures he's not a pervert.)

How am I supposed to act? Perverts don't wear signs to identify themselves. So how do I know who is OK and who is not?

MURIEL D. IN WASHINGTON

DEAR MURIEL: You are rightly disturbed when strangers approach your daughter, but please remember that older people were brought up in a time when violence was not so widespread and children were taught to be friendly.

Most strangers mean no harm, but because there is no way to know who is harmless and who is not, you must continue to teach your daughter to be wary of all strangers. You must also teach her how to respond to strangers and how to fight back and get away if necessary.

4-H sponsors prom dress sale

The Gray County Extension service is offering a chance for young women to acquire that desired prom dress at a reasonable price.

The Extension Service is holding a prom dress resale Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Extension Office, located in the Gray County Annex east of Pampa on Frederic.

Those wanting to sell their prom dresses are asked to bring the dresses to the Extension office from 4-6 p.m. Friday and from 8-10 a.m. Saturday. There will be a \$10 consignment fee. If the dress is not sold, \$5 of the consignment fee will be returned. Dresses not sold can be picked up between 4 and 6 p.m. Saturday.

Those bringing their dresses to the sale will be asked to set a price.

The sale is sponsored by the 4-H Paws Plus Dog Project. For more information, call Lynn Ledford at 665-5622.

Inexpensive motel chains leave the light on

By JENNIFER MERIN
For AP Special Features

Americans are learning what foreign tourists have long known: That there's no reason to spend a big chunk of the travel dollar just for a place to sleep.

Mind you, we're talking about a place to park your luggage by day and a place to sleep at night.

That means you can bypass the well-appointed rooms with turn-down service, in-room mini-bar and free coffee and tea service, the use of bathtubs and electric hair dryers and complimentary upscale soaps and lotions. And you don't need access to social activities, entertainment or use of sports facilities.

Leave all of that to travelers who want to cocoon in luxury, play golf on a resort course or lounge by the pool. Look, instead, for a small inn, pension or bed and breakfast. Or consider one of an increasing number of motel and hotel chains that guarantee basic comforts at base rates.

In the United States, Motel 6's familiar, folksy radio ads promise the lowest rates in any market. With nearly 800 properties, the chain provides single rooms with private bath, telephone and television featuring two premium cable channels for \$19.99 to \$41.99 per night, depending upon location. Additional adults pay \$6 each, and kids stay free. Rooms can accommodate a

total of four people. Most Motel 6 properties have swimming pools. They do not offer food service, but they do have vending machines and most are located near family restaurants.

Motel 6's major competitors are Days Inn's Daystops properties and Super 8.

Daystops rates range from \$29 to \$69 per night, double occupancy. Rooms usually sleep four, with \$3 to \$7 charged for third and fourth adults. Children under 12 stay free.

Super 8 single rooms range from about \$25 to \$50 per night, with prices for additional adults varying by location. Children under 18 usually stay free. Like Motel 6 properties, Daystops and Super 8s are

often along major highways and offer standard size rooms with color television. They may or may not have pools. In addition, Daystops with restaurants usually offer free meals to kids under 12 accompanied by a paying adult. Overseas, there is the France-based Formula 1 chain, still relatively unknown to Americans. These familystyle motels are low-cost and ultra-clean with surprisingly chic standardized rooms. Each room has one double bed with a single bed, built bunklike overhead, a writing desk, color television and alarm clock. The cost is about \$25 per night for up to three people. The chain has about 300 properties on the outskirts of cities and big towns, near airports and along major highways in France, Belgium, Great Britain, Holland, Germany, Hungary, Switzerland, Sweden and South Africa.

Formula 1 check-in and check-out are quick and painless: Insert your Visa credit card into a machine and pre-pay a night's lodging. There's plenty of free parking. Self-service continental breakfast is about \$3 per person, or try inexpensive food vending machines.

Rooms are air-conditioned and soundproofed, but there are no private baths. Three rooms share one toilet and shower, which are automatically sanitized with a disinfectant spray after each use.

For kids' sake: Elementary counselor seeks solutions

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK
Staff Writer

To Cheryl Robbins, it's all about kids.

As a counselor at Woodrow Wilson Elementary and Travis Elementary schools, Robbins works with between 25 and 40 students on a weekly basis. The time she spends on other duties having to do with testing and other administrative work, is time she would rather spend with students.

"With the younger ones at the elementary school level, the kindergarten and the first and second graders, I feel like many times we do a lot of nurturing, helping them to feel secure in the school setting and letting them know someone cares about them here at school," she said.

Prior to the 11 years she has spent as a counselor, Robbins was an elementary school teacher. She has a master's degree in education from West Texas State University and is currently working on becoming a licensed counselor.

"I was always interested in children and concerned with the things they had to deal with on a daily basis," she said about the few years she spent teaching and her eventual move to counseling. "Plus I had several colleagues who said, 'You should go into counseling,' so I did."

Because Robbins deals with young children on a daily basis, it's her job to keep track of the warning signs to problems that are often reflected in the kids.

She does that in different ways, depending on the child with whom she is working. Often, counseling by Robbins comes in the form of one-on-one discussions. Other times she uses games to determine what is wrong.

One of the biggest problems she sees in elementary school students' lives nowadays is that of divorce and the general breakdown of the family structure.

"It seems like the family structure is not what it used to be," Robbins said. "Sometimes adults don't think kids are affected by things like divorce, but I've found over the years that is one area that they are greatly affected."

In fact, she argues that children are affected by more than is readily apparent and that by the time she has access to them much has been done in forming their basic personalities and behavior.

"On the elementary level, the problems we deal with are more problematic because it seems like with the breakdown of the family structure, there are more things involved in (fixing) it," Robbins said.

She does see hope, however, in the concerned parents with which she works. Without that parental

involvement, her job is much more difficult considering many of the things children are often influenced by today, she said.

"Kids are hearing a lot of different messages," Robbins said. "There's not as much of a firm foundation as to what is right and wrong. When I first started, it seemed like kids had a clearer idea of absolutes. I also feel like they don't see as many positive role models."

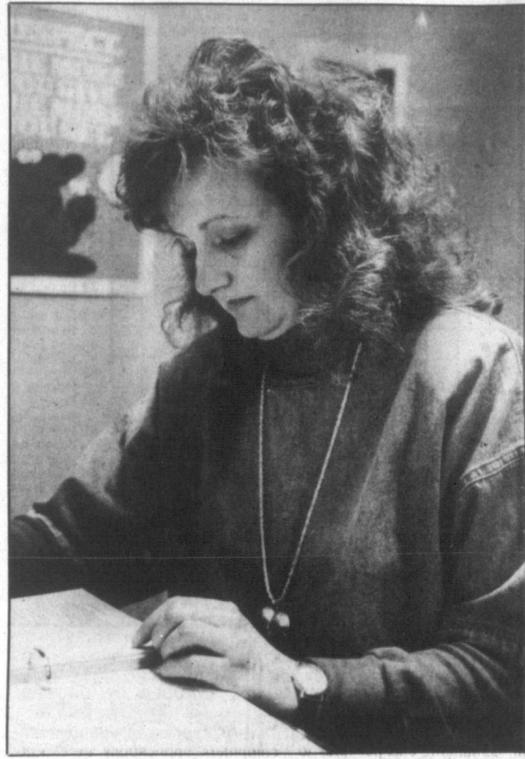
Robbins' belief in positive role models and work in helping children is backed up with her effort outside the counselor's office.

Currently, Robbins is serving as the past president of the Christian Counselors of Texas, a statewide professional organization of counselors.

A member of the organization for the past eight years, she said that her beliefs help in the understanding and compassion needed for counseling.

As for the problems faced by elementary students, they seem to linger from student to student and from year to year, as do Robbins' efforts to help.

"I pretty much deal with finding solutions all day long and deal with problems," she said. "I deal with a lot of neat kids, but because of circumstances ... they have problems. We're always looking for solutions. It seems like there is never a rest time or a down time - we're always looking for answers."



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)
Cheryl Robbins

Newsmakers



Shannon Adams, left, and Jeff Beyer.

DECA students advance to nationals

Three marketing education students from Pampa High School - Katie Smiles, Jeff Beyer and Shannon Adams - were recently named state finalists in the DECA Career Development Conference.

The trio earned the right to advance to the National DECA Career Development Conference to be held in Detroit, Mich., on April 23-27. They advance to that level after competing in a DECA Texas Association conference earlier this month in Houston.

Smiles placed first in entre-

preneurship participation. Beyer placed first in the general marketing written event. Adams won first in the fashion merchandising promotion plan category.

Approximately 2,200 students from 500 Texas high schools competed in Houston.

Other Pampa students representing the local DECA chapter in Houston were Jessica Carr in entrepreneurship participation and Amber Lindsey, general marketing, supervisory level. Lindsey also ran for DECA state president.

Club news

Junior Service League

The Junior Service League of Pampa met on March 22 in the home of Jane Jacobs. New officers were elected for the coming year. These officers will be installed at the May luncheon: Janet Watts, president; Janice Miner, vice president; Melanie Kirksey, recording secretary; and Gina Greenhouse, parliamentarian. Six new members were also proposed at the meeting. They will be invited to the Invitational that will be held on April 19 at the home of Marcia Julian.

Disbursements from the Charity Ball were approved. In addition to the eight placement agencies, special

requests from the Pampa Area Literacy Council and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) were funded. Janice Miner with CASA explained the purpose of the organization to the members.

Grace Cory presented a program on volunteerism. Mrs. Cory has been a volunteer for many years and continues to volunteer for several agencies in Amarillo. She sets an example for all of us to follow in using our time to help those who need it.

The next meeting of Junior Service League will be the Invitational on April 19. The May luncheon will be held at noon on May 7 at the Pampa Country Club.

USDA urges caution with easter eggs

By MARGARET SCHERF
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Easter eggs. They're fun, they're colorful, and, according to the government, potentially hazardous.

In a cautionary news release aimed at averting a seasonal spurt of salmonella, the U.S. Department of Agriculture urges would-be Easter egg hunters to treat the eggs with care, making sure the shells of hard-cooked eggs remain intact.

"Eggs, like raw meat and poultry, may contain bacteria. Salmonella enteritidis is of particular concern," said Susan Conley, director of the department's meat and poultry hotline.

"Because of this, consumers should avoid eating raw or undercooked eggs or foods containing them. Raw and cooked eggs should be refrigerated at all times."

If shells are cracked, bacteria from hands or the hiding places could contaminate the interior of the egg.

Wash your hands thoroughly before handling the eggs at every

step, including cooking, cooling, dyeing and hiding. Since hard-cooked eggs should not be out of the refrigerator for more than two hours, hide them just before the Easter egg hunt, not the night before.

The eggs should be hidden in places protected from dirt, pets and other sources of bacteria.

Refrigerate the found eggs as soon as the hunt is over and use them within a week.

"Another safe alternative is to use plastic eggs - they can be easily hidden at any time," the department advises.

Here are some other seasonal safety tips:

-Recipes for traditional braided Easter bread often call for dyed, hard-cooked eggs to be pushed into the plaits before or after baking. These eggs should be considered decoration only and not eaten.

-Don't court danger in hollowing fresh eggs by blowing the white and yolk out of the shell before decoration. "There is a risk of ingesting bacteria like Salmonella that could be on the surface of the egg shell or in the raw egg itself," Conley said.

-Take care when preparing meringues using raw egg whites. Meringue shells that have been heated and air-dried are safe if all the moisture has evaporated. Meringues on a pie are safe if heated in a 350-degree oven for at least 20 minutes, and the temperature in the center of the meringue has reached 160 degrees.

-It is wise to find a frosting recipe for bunny-shaped cakes that uses hot syrup and egg white instead of raw egg whites. If the egg-white mixture reaches 160 degrees on a thermometer, it should be safe.

Divinity candy and seven-minute frosting, made by combining hot sugar syrup with beaten egg whites, also are considered safe.

"Whipped cream or whipped toppings can be a safe substitute in some recipes," the department said. "You may also be able to use a pasteurized meringue powder, generally available where cake decorating supplies are sold."

The department also issued this overall safety rule to follow: Refrigerate all meats, eggs and poultry promptly after purchase.

Amarillo air base reunion scheduled

Former U.S. Air Force members and civilians who served at the Amarillo Air Force Base are invited to the 1994 Amarillo AFB Reunion.

The reunion will be held in Amarillo May 20-21.

For information on reunion activities, contact Bob Balliett, reunion chairman, at 6305 Stoneham Dr, Amarillo, TX 79109, or call (806) 352-8875 or 355-0242.

In old Virginia

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) - This 19th-century college town 155 miles southwest of Washington, D.C., is the home of Washington & Lee University, endowed by George Washington and the Virginia Military Institute founded in 1839.

Among the town's historic sites is the Stonewall Jackson House, where the famed Confederate lived while a professor at V.M.I.

Close to Lexington is the farm and workshop of Cyrus McCormick, inventor of the mechanical reaper, and the well known landmark Natural Bridge of Virginia.

CITY scene

Elaine Ledbetter book signing



Elaine Ledbetter, left, signs a copy of her autobiography, *Called to Teach*, for Jack Skelly during a reception at Lovett Memorial Library on March 25. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

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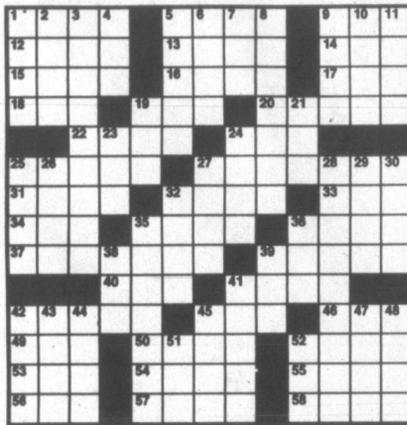
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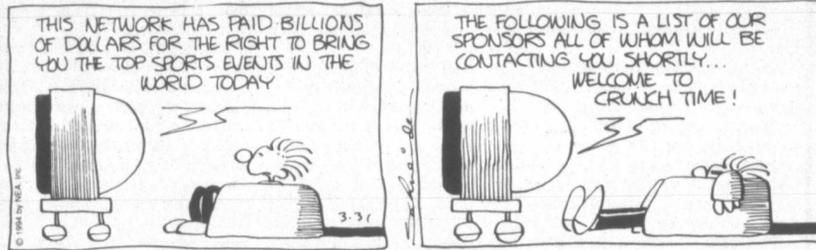
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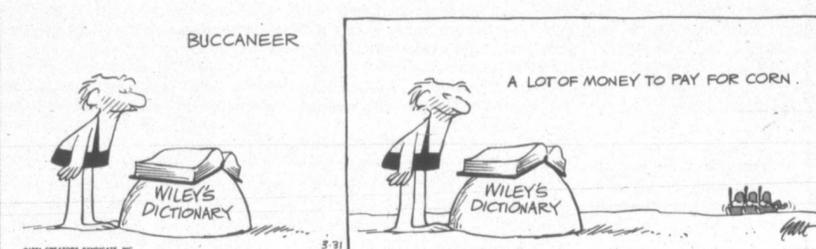
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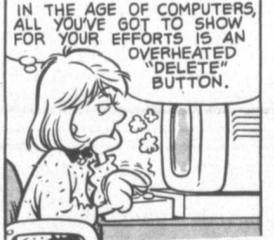
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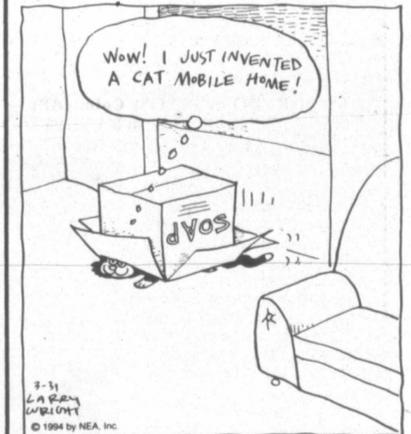
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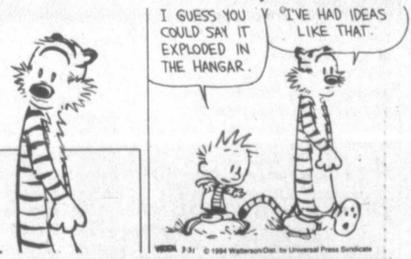
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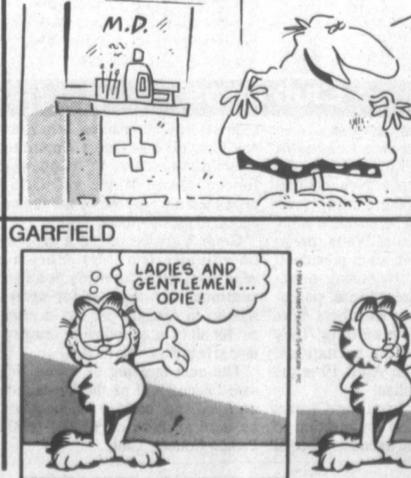
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POOL
PAMPA — Weekly pool tournaments were held at the Derrick Club.

The March 24 winner was Curtis Cates. Kenny Joe Addington was second and Gary Timmons, third. There were 14 players entered.
 Eddie Phengsengham was the March 26 winner out of 20 contestants. Cole of Canadian was second and Addington was third.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Pete Gillen switched college basketball coaching jobs, leaving Xavier of Ohio for Providence.

Gillen, 46, replaced Rick Barnes, who left Providence last week to take the job at Clemson.
 Gillen is a native of New York and coached Xavier since the 1985-86 season. He led the Musketeers into the NCAA tournament six consecutive seasons prior to the 1991-92 season. This year, Xavier went to the NIT, where the Muskies won two games before being eliminated by eventual champion Villanova.

NEW YORK (AP) — Villanova completed an amazing turnaround from its dreadful 1992-93 season, winning the NIT championship with an 80-73 victory over Vanderbilt.

The Wildcats, who finished 20-12 after going 8-19 last year, rallied from a 15-point halftime deficit and won going away despite great outside shooting by Frank Secker, who finished with 30 points for Vanderbilt (20-12).

Jonathan Haynes scored 19 points, including a 3-pointer with 3:22 left that gave Villanova the lead for good and capped its comeback from a 41-26 halftime deficit. Kerry Kittles had 18 points and Eric Eberz 16. Villanova became the 15th school to win both an NCAA and NIT championship and posted its first 20-win season since 1987-88.

In the consolation game, Doremus Bennerman scored 51 points as Siena (25-8) beat Kansas State (20-14) 92-79.

BASEBALL
MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Anthony Young, who set a major-league record with 27 consecutive losses, was traded with minor-league pitcher Otis Smith from the New York Mets to the Chicago Cubs for shortstop Jose Vizcaino.

Young was 1-16 with a 3.77 ERA in 39 games, 10 starts, in 1993. In 101 major-league games, the 28-year-old right-hander is 5-35 with 18 saves and a 3.82 ERA.

Vizcaino, 26, hit .353 this spring after batting .287 for Chicago last season. The switch-hitter has a career .265 average and a .969 lifetime fielding percentage. Smith, 23, was 10-7 with a 3.57 ERA in 22 games for Class A St. Lucie last season.

BASKETBALL
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal of the Orlando Magic and Reggie Miller of the Indiana Pacers were the final two players selected to the USA team that will compete in this summer's basketball World Championships.

The tournament will be played Aug. 4-14 in Toronto and Hamilton, Ontario.

The other members are Derrick Coleman of the New Jersey Nets; Detroit's Joe Dumars; Tim Hardaway, Golden State; Larry Johnson and Alonzo Mourning, Charlotte; Shawn Kemp, Seattle; Dan Majerle, Phoenix; Mark Price, Cleveland; Steve Smith, Miami; Isiah Thomas, Detroit; and Dominique Wilkins, Atlanta.

Golden State coach Don Nelson is the head coach and his staff includes Don Chaney of the Pistons, Rick Majerus of Utah and Pete Gillen, new coach at Providence.

NEW YORK (AP) — Houston teammates Carl Herrera and Vernon Maxwell and Olden Polynice of Sacramento were fined by the NBA for actions in Tuesday's game.

Herrera and Polynice each received \$5,000 fines and one-game suspensions for throwing punches and attempting to fight with 1:05 remaining in the first quarter of the Rockets' 122-101 victory.

Maxwell was fined \$10,000 for failing to leave the court quickly, berating officials and throwing objects following his ejection in the second quarter.

HOCKEY
AMHERST, N.Y. (AP) — Buffalo Sabres forward Alexander Mogilny testified that he feared for his life when a Russian countryman who helped him defect confronted him last week and demanded \$150,000.

After 30 minutes of testimony, a judge ruled there was enough evidence to send an extortion case against Sergey Fomitov to a grand jury.

Mogilny said Fomitov followed him to a restaurant and threatened him after practice Friday. Fomitov demanded money and said he had a gun in his jacket pocket.

Fomitov, 30, did not have any weapons when arrested outside the Sabres' locker room at Memorial Auditorium after a game against Hartford.

Robert Riordan, Fomitov's attorney, said his client was down on his luck and wanted to borrow money. Riordan said he initially thought the incident was a misunderstanding, but now believes Mogilny is lying about what happened.

Fomitov, 30, helped Mogilny defect from the Soviet Union and join the Sabres in 1989. Mogilny said he paid Fomitov \$75,000 of his \$150,000 signing bonus, and Sabres vice president Gerry Meehan said the team also paid Fomitov "an agent's fee" for acting as translator and representative for Mogilny.

NEWTON, Mass. (AP) — Tired of contract negotiations and other duties as Boston Bruins assistant general manager, Mike Milbury left to become hockey coach at Boston College.

Milbury, who went from star defenseman to coach to assistant general manager during a 20-year career with the Bruins, had been promised the general manager's job at the end of next season.

Milbury, 41, becomes only the fourth BC hockey coach since 1946, but second in three years.

Switzer takes command of Cowboys

Former OU coach faces Super Bowl challenge

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
 AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — Barry Switzer moved today into the same office at Valley Ranch where Jimmy Johnson had once replaced Tom Landry, hoping he has as many Super Bowl trophies in his future as they did.

The first priority for the former Oklahoma coach was to meet players on the roster of the back-to-back Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys, including such free agents as center Mark Stepnoski, fullback Daryl Johnston, wide receiver Alvin Harper and offensive linemen Nate Newton and Kevin Gogan.

The second priority is to familiarize himself with the NFL, where he's never coached. "There's a lot going on and the draft is on April 24," Switzer said. "I'm going to try to learn as much as I can as quickly as I can."

Switzer said he was "tanned, rested and ready" after five years away from football. He faces a challenge of matching two Super Bowls won by both Johnson and Landry.

Switzer said he plans to do it Johnson's way. "There won't be any changes," said the 56-year-old Switzer. "I hope the Cowboys don't change. Jimmy and I are a lot alike. We've always been motivated and able to communicate to our teams. I just hope I can be compared to what Jimmy did."

Switzer, in one of his Sooner pep rally moods, said, "I've been watching the Super Bowl and wishing I was there. I want to be there, baby. I want to take this bunch there. Just give us a little time to get it together."

With that he grabbed owner Jerry Jones around the shoulders and shook him.

Jones, who played under Switzer as a freshman at Arkansas, didn't divulge the details of his contract other than to say, "I'm very committed to Barry Switzer."

Switzer will retain every coach on Johnson's staff, including offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese and defensive coordinator Butch Davis.

"It's the greatest coaching staff in the NFL," Switzer said. "I competed against some of them. I just ask them to give me a chance. Just let me garner their respect."

At times Switzer acted a little overwhelmed at being with the Cowboys.

"I never thought I would have an opportunity," he said. "I thought my time had passed."

When Jones mentioned Switzer's name in a bar during a tirade against Johnson at Orlando, Fla., last week, it infuriated Johnson to the point of seeking a break from Jones.

Jones and Switzer had trouble getting their stories straight on when Jones first called Switzer. Switzer said, "I got a call last week from Jerry asking me if I wanted to coach."

Jones had said his first contact was on Monday, when the hassle with Johnson was boiling. Jones backtracked to say he called Switzer last week "to avoid embarrassment about mentioning his name."

Johnson visited Valley Ranch early Wednesday, then left, leaving the packing to secretary Barbara Goodman. Johnson later called the accounting department to see if his multi-million dollar check had been cut.

A source said "It wasn't. Coach Johnson will probably get it tomorrow."

Switzer gave his pledge of allegiance to Jones, who has felt he hasn't been given enough



New Cowboys coach Barry Switzer (right) and team owner Jerry Jones answer questions from the media during a news conference Wednesday afternoon. (AP photo)

credit for the two Super Bowl titles.

"I give my commitment of loyalty, excellence and commitment to make it the best," said Switzer, looking Jones in the eye.

Jones said: "I feel we have one of the most talented teams that there is in the NFL, if not the most talented team, and one of the best that has ever been put together. I feel very confident that the continuity can be kept in place and be motivated with the new head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, Barry Switzer."

There were mixed reactions from the players, but running back Emmitt Smith and quarterback Troy Aikman signed on with Switzer.

"I think Barry is an outstanding coach and the transition should be smooth," said Aikman, who played one year for Switzer at Oklahoma before going to UCLA because the Sooners wouldn't pass. "I believe he will do a good job.

He's keeping the same staff. We're keeping the same offense and defense. I think we'll be comfortable with what he's trying to do."

Aikman said he felt grateful to Switzer in college because "he was very helpful getting me to a university (UCLA) to do what I do best."

Aikman transferred to UCLA in 1985 and later became the Cowboy's No. 1 draft pick.

Smith, who had said on Saturday "if you fire Jimmy, you fire me," had calmed down after talking to Johnson.

"I talked to Jimmy and he was very positive and upbeat," Smith said. "He said Jerry treated him well with his contract. If Jimmy is satisfied, I'm satisfied."

"There is no need for me to moan and groan. I have to make the best of the situation and keep moving."

Smith said he had never met Switzer.

"I understand he's a player's coach, and you don't have too

many like that," Smith said.

Smith joked about Switzer running the Wishbone-T at Oklahoma, saying: "I think Barry knows the Wishbone won't work on the NFL."

Wide receiver Michael Irvin, who had said earlier "Hell, no!" when asked if he would play for Switzer, was back at Valley Ranch slamming doors and declining interviews.

"He'll learn to deal with it," Smith said.

Switzer led the Sooners to three national titles and 12 Big Eight championships in 16 seasons at Oklahoma. He finished with a 157-29-4 record, the best among all active coaches, and ranks fourth in career winning percentage at .837.

Switzer left Oklahoma in 1989 amid several scandals involving arrests of his players.

"I get to work with 50 professionals now," Switzer said. "I don't miss the hassles with the NCAA and recruiting."

Wildcats hope to contain Williamson

By ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN
 Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — He runs like a guard, rebounds like a center and shoots like a small forward. Arizona coach Lute Olson has this problem: What to do about Corliss Williamson of Arkansas?

The 6-foot-7, 245-pound sophomore forward has scored 20 or more points in eight of his last nine games.

The Wildcats (29-5) meet Arkansas (29-3) on Saturday in Charlotte, N.C., in the opening game of the Final Four. The winner advances to the national championship game Monday night against Florida or Duke.

Olson said it's not easy trying to figure out the best way to counter Williamson.

"He runs it like a guard," he said Wednesday. "So it's really going to put a lot of pressure on our big guys to make the transition or he can really hurt you. The other thing is that he's so strong and has a great touch on his shots."

Earlier in the week, Olson said he'd start 6-foot-8, 200-pound Ray Owes, the Wildcats' leading rebounder (8 per game) against Williamson.

"I think Ray will do a great job, but this is one he'll have to step up big-time," Olson said.

The coach said he hadn't decided whether to try doubling down defensively on Williamson. That worked in holding Louisville all-American center Cliff Rozier to five points last week.

Olson said he thinks his players are up to the challenge of handling Williamson.

"We're going to work hard at it," he said. "Our guys have done a really good job defensively in the tournament, and I think they're up to another good, strong defensive effort."

Usually, he said, a defense can be designed to deny some move by an opposing player. Williamson, a second-team all-American, is something else.

"The thing with him is that he can take it both ways, he can power it through you, he can shoot the jumper," Olson said. "... So it's his versatility that creates the problems."

Earlier, Olson likened Williamson to a young Charles Barkley. But Wednesday, he agreed with Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson's comparison of Williamson with Larry Johnson of the NBA's Charlotte Hornets.

"There are a lot of similarities," said Olson, whose team faced Johnson while he attended UNLV. "After he (Richardson) said that I got to thinking about it because Johnson was such an all-around player that just didn't have any weaknesses, and that's what it appears with him (Williamson) also."

Richardson, speaking by conference call Wednesday, said when playing someone as powerful as Williamson, "you're going to have to give him something," with the likely result either a basket or free throws. This year he's averaging 20.1 points and 7.5 rebounds a game. What's more, he's become one of the Razorbacks' best free throw shooters.

"Corliss pound-for-pound is probably the strongest kid in the university," Richardson said. "I've never seen a football player who can lift what he lifts with his legs."



The unbeaten Lady Harvesters' track team displays the trophies and medals won in four track meets this season. (Pampa News photo)

Lady Harvesters take aim at Borger Relays

By L.D. STRATE
 Sports Writer

The Borger Relays are back on the high school track schedule.

Thirteen schools, including both Pampa boys and girls teams, are expected at the meet, which begins at 9 a.m. Friday. The Borger Relays haven't been held for the past three years.

The unbeaten Lady Harvesters are heavy favorites to win their fifth meet of the season. Randall and Canyon should battle for second place.

"Barring any injuries we should do well. The girls are ready to run," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez.

The Pampa girls are coming off their fourth victory last weekend at the Deaf Smith County Invitational in Hereford.

"We had our usual gold-medal winners. Our times weren't as good as I would have liked them to be, but we had to deal with the wind and some cold weather," Lopez said.

Marcy Leal, one of those gold-medal winners, beat Randall's standout distance runner Abby Murdoch to win her third 3200 run this season.

"Marcy ran a smart race. She was looking forward to running against Abby and had really worked hard all of last week. She was psyched up for it," Lopez said.

Leal, a junior, stayed right on Murdoch's heels until the final lap when she surged into the lead and

won by several strides.

Murdoch has the Amarillo area's best time in the 3200 with a 12:01.6. Leal's best is a 12:02.8, right behind Murdoch.

Another Pampa junior, Mechelle Abbott, has been dominant in the hurdles and high jump events. Abbott won the 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles and high jump at Hereford. She also ran the second leg on Pampa's winning 1600-meter relay team.

Since finishing second in the season's opening meet (Tiger Relays at Frenship) the 1600-meter relay team of Renee Johnson, Abbott, Elisha Calloway and Shelly Young have won their last three races. The 400-meter relay team of Tammy Chesher, Kendra Rainey, Calloway and Young have also won three straight after taking third at the Tiger Relays.

Other gold-medal winners at Hereford were Renee Johnson in the 400 and Jamie Hutcherson in the long jump. The 800-meter relay team (Chesher, Hutcherson, Atwood and Young) also came in first.

Lopez is looking at the Borger Relays as a stepping stone to the Amarillo Relays on April 9.

"Our goal right now is to win the Amarillo Relays. That's a big one, but of course we want to take care of this one first," added Lopez.

The Pampa boys competed in the Class 4A Division of the San Angelo Relays last weekend and scored 19 points. Luis Resendez of Pampa was third in the 3200 for Pampa's highest finish.

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Florida's Final Four experience expected to boost recruiting efforts

By FRED GOODALL
AP Sports Writer



Lon Kruger

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Florida coach Lon Kruger says the Gators will benefit on and off the court from their first trip to the Final Four.

The coach not only expects his team's success in the NCAA tournament to help recruiting, he's confident the exposure from this weekend's appearance also will heighten fan awareness in this football-crazy state.

"The interest has grown consistently, yet I think this experience is so healthy for everyone because people here and even throughout Florida still don't fully realize the magnitude of the Final Four," Kruger said. "I don't think they fully recognize this is the No. 1 sporting event in the world, and that it's such a neat experience for everyone involved in the program and throughout the state. I don't know that until you're involved in it that you really take note of how significant it is."

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"What it does is give us a better starting point for next season," Kruger said. "Hopefully we won't do anything between now and November to make them jump off."

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been for the coach. His 10-year-old son Kevin, who sits on the bench and frequently is seen on television during Florida games, has received several requests for interviews that were denied.

"It's fun. It's exciting. It's what it's all about," the elder Kruger said of all the attention. "It's what these players have worked for. We want them to experience the right amount of the Final Four atmosphere."

"But you have to be careful, obviously, to not allow it to become such a distraction that all of a sudden their preparation is different from what it has been throughout this season."

President undecided about plans

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The president's coming. He's not coming.

Planners for the NCAA Final Four are preparing to go either way depending on what the Arkansas Razorbacks' most visible fan chooses.

The latest version of President Clinton's weekend plans appear to rule out a trip to Charlotte on Saturday. Secret Service agents have told police planners Clinton will skip the semifinal games.

"Monday is still up in the air, or any other day for that matter," police spokeswoman Mickey Casey said Wednesday.

Clinton said on national television last Sunday he planned to attend Saturday's game between Arkansas and Arizona. If

the Hogs win, he could be back for Monday night's championship game.

If the First Family wants to catch the games, they will be handed some of the hottest sports tickets of the year.

"Basically, the NCAA has a reserve pool of tickets in case something happens," said Kathryn Reith, spokeswoman for the NCAA entourage in Charlotte. "I think it's less than 50 (but) we do have a chunk of tickets that we hold onto."

Security measures already in place for the Final Four would be tightened if Clinton and his family come to Charlotte, Reith said.

"I don't think the security would cause huge delays, but I don't think you should show up five min-

utes before tip off and expect to waltz in," she said.

Clinton knows the chaos that a visit by the president would cause at the Final Four.

The president scrapped plans to visit the winners' locker room after Sunday's Michigan-Arkansas game in Dallas because he didn't want to tie up traffic trying to get out of Reunion Arena, White House aides said.

Instead, he walked onto the floor after the game to congratulate both coaches and meet the players.

Norris Anderson, a Charlotte-Mecklenburg police major, will coordinate traffic and logistics for the area around Charlotte Coliseum.

"I don't expect to get much rest this weekend," Anderson said.

Pitching is key for Astros

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Bob Watson hesitates to say the Houston Astros have pitching problems.

How could there be a problem on a staff that includes Doug Drabek, Greg Swindell, Pete Harnisch and Darryl Kile?

"I believe our pitching matches up as good as anybody in our division and probably second to the Atlanta Braves in baseball," the general manager insisted. "So when you say concern about the pitching, I say not so."

There will be no concern if Drabek and Swindell bounce back and Harnisch and Kile repeat their 1993 performances.

"If Doug and Swindell just have average years for them we'll be OK," Watson said. "And, I hope that Harnisch and Kile coming off their years, can take that and go with it."

Drabek (9-18) and Swindell (12-13) were supposed to anchor the rotation last season and make the Astros contenders. Instead, they had disappointing years while Harnisch (16.9, 2.98 ERA) and Darryl Kile (15-8, 3.51 ERA) led the way.

Drabek expects a better season too.

"I look at the new year and see what I have to do," he said. "I was taught early on that you can't do anything about what happened yesterday. I can only take control of

what's in front of me."

Terry Collins, the new manager, and Watson strengthened the bullpen by adding closer Mitch Williams, who had a club-record 43 saves for Philadelphia last season, then was traded after giving up the World Series-losing home run to Toronto's Joe Carter in Game 6.

"There are concerns about the bullpen, not so much the arms because we have some quality arms," Watson said. "The thing I'm concerned about is the lack of experience. You've got Mitch Williams and the next most experienced at Tom Edens and Todd Jones. The rest are babies."

The nucleus for a stronger hitting attack is there, something the Astros have lacked in past seasons. Left fielder Luis Gonzalez (.300) and first baseman Jeff Bagwell (.320) became the first Astro duo to each hit .300 since Terry Puhl and Jose Cruz in 1984.

With rookie James Mouton expected to start the season in right field and lead off, second baseman Craig Biggio can drop down to No. 3 in the order behind center fielder Steve Finley and ahead of Bagwell.

"We've got some offense," Watson said. "This year, I want us to be the intimidators instead of the intimidated. Let's play 27 outs and I'll take my chances."

Collins went to his first Astros training camp looking for a fifth starter, experimenting with Jesse Barfield in right field and hoping to

solidify the bullpen. Barfield was cut, leaving the lineup fairly young.

"We were in the right place at the right time, going through the youth movement," Gonzalez said. "Now, the young guys of 1991 are the guys that in the big leagues. We aren't kids anymore. We're ready to win it now."

Mouton, a solid hitter and improving defensive player, answered one question.

A stronger, steadier Andujar Cedeno returns to shortstop. Ken Caminiti wants to prove his leaky glove (24 errors last season) was a fluke. The catching duties fall to a tandem of Eddie Taubensee and Scott Servais.

Gonzalez returns to left field and Steve Finley to center. Finley's average dropped from .292 in 1992 to .266 last season, although he hit .284 after the All-Star break.

"We feel we're capable of winning it this year," Biggio said. "We know what we're capable of doing. Everyone knows their role. If we don't get into serious injuries in key position, hopefully we'll stand a chance."

Watson, a career .295 hitter in 15 major league seasons, says aggressiveness will make the Astros better this season.

"It's the style of ball that Terry is going to bring, the style I like," Watson said. "I'm going to ask this club to play the way I played, hard, aggressive. I wasn't intimidated and they won't be either."

Pampa 8th graders take second at Dumas

The Pampa 8th grade team came in second in a boys middle school track meet held recently at Dumas.

Pampa finished third in the 7th grade division.

Pampa 8th grade results: 2400: 1. Julio Silva (8:39.06); 400 relay: 4. (Bryan Sprinkle, Tyson Alexander, Dustin Chase and Jason Vance); 800: 1. John Resendiz (2:19.25); 4. Lupe Ramirez; 110 hurdles: 2. Dustin Chase; 100: 1. Dustin Chase (12:05.6); 2. Kevin Jernigan; 200: 2. Lupe Ramirez; 4. Kevin Jernigan; 1600: 1. Julio Silva

Pampa 7th grade results: 2400: 2. Grady Lockman; 3. Barry Brauchi; 400 relay: 4. (Shawn Young, Daniel Fought, Ty Pearson and Jared White); 800: 4. Ollie Lowe; 110 hurdles: 1. Justin Roark (19.91) 5. Blake Bass; 100: 4. Jared White; 800 relay: 3. (Trey Stokes, Adam Hillman, Cody Leak and Steven West); 300 hurdles: 2. Daniel Fought; 6. Blake Bass; 1600: 1. Justin Roark; 5:50.55; 2. Grady Lockman; 5. Andreas Vasquez; 1600 relay: 5. (Ollie Lowe, Joel Barker, Trey Stokes and Johnny Salazar).

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1600: 1. Justin Roark; 5:50.55; 2. Grady Lockman; 5. Andreas Vasquez; 1600 relay: 5. (Ollie

Lowe, Joel Barker, Trey Stokes and Johnny Salazar).

Pampa bowling roundup

CELANESE MIXED LEAGUE		
Team	Won	Lost
B & 3 J's	6	2
The Golfers	6	2
Avengers	5	3
Ramblin Wrecks	5	3
Gutter Patters	5	3
Hit and Miss's	5	3
Pin Busters	4	4
Pin Defenders	3	5
New Power Generation	3	5
The Four L's	2	6
D-J's	2	6
Alley Cats	2	6

Week's High Scores
High series: Men - Ade Becker, 624; Women - Sherry Tyrrell, 520; High game: Men - Rick Bryant, 235; Women - Sherry Tyrrell, 194; High handicap series: Men - Gary Tyrrell, 698; Women - Carol Sellers, 670; High handicap game: Men - Rick Bryant, 268; Women - Tammy Hill, 229.

LADIES TRIO LEAGUE		
Team	Won	Lost
Wheeler Evans	71	37
Schiffman Machine	68	40
Bill Stephens Welding	64	44
R.L. Gordy Trucking	62	45
Ward's Tree Two	55 1/2	52 1/2
Freeman's Flowers	53 1/2	54 1/2
McCarty Hull	46	62
Quality Cleaners	42 1/2	65 1/2
Rosie's Raiders	39	69
Ward's Tree One	38	70

Week's High Scores
High game: Carla Schiffman, 221; High series: Freddie Dougherty, 541; High handicap game: Carla Schiffman, 252; High handicap series: Shirlene Bowles, 633.

HI PLAINS TRAVEL LEAGUE		
Team	Won	Lost
Harvester Lanes	46	26
Western Bowl Two	43	29
Cedar Lanes	42 1/2	29 1/2
White House Lumber	41 1/2	30 1/2
Northside Phillips 66	38 1/2	33 1/2
Don's Pro Shop	38 1/2	33 1/2
Dalhart Bowl	38	34
First National Bank	37 1/5	34 1/2
Turbo Exchange	37	35
Western Bowl	36 1/2	35 1/2
ABC Pro Shop	34 1/2	37 1/2
Kegler Club	33 1/2	38 1/2
Amarillo Bowl	33	39
Harvester Pro Shop	29	43
Loze Star Bowl	26	46
Ghost Riders	21	51

High Scores
High scratch game: Nancy Cooper, 256; High handicap game: Darlis Cooper, 272; High handicap series: Darlis Cooper, 677; High scratch series: Carrie Duroy, 632.

Solid starters could put White Sox over the top

By RICK GANO
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — By the time they see Michael Jordan in their dugout again on a regular basis — perhaps in September after late-season call ups — the Chicago White Sox hope to be comfortably on the way to another division title.

Now in the AL Central, instead of the West, the White Sox have the one constant manager Gene Lamont thinks can carry them to the top, realignment or no realignment: one of the league's best rotations, which features Cy Young Award winner Jack McDowell.

"The team in most every division that puts a solid starter out there every day has a chance to win," Lamont said. "Our division is different, of course. We don't have the teams in the West. Everybody talks about Cleveland and they have made themselves better. But with our rotation, we feel comfortable in our division."

McDowell, 22-10 last season, has proclaimed this his last year with the White Sox following his third consecutive salary arbitration hearing. Then there's 18-game winner Alex Fernandez, 15-game winner Wilson Alvarez and 12-game winner Jason Bere, who struggled this spring. The fifth starter, when needed, will be Scott Sanderson.

League MVP who agreed to a \$29 million, four-year contract last Oct. 25, will see if he can match his .317, 41-homer, 128-RBI season of 1993.

"I've got to stay consistent," Thomas said. "I don't know if I can come up with another year like last. It's possible I could do better. Baseball has become a mental sport more than physical."

"The Big Hurt" is just the fifth player ever to hit over .300 in three consecutive seasons with 20 homers, 100 RBIs, 100 runs and 100 walks.

"People tell me the things I've done the last three years haven't been done in a while. I hear that from others, but I haven't looked back to read those things," Thomas said, promising not to be lackadaisical. "Hopefully I'll be the same way here for the next 15 years."

To add punch to a lineup that already had Tim Lincecum, Joey Cora and Robin Ventura, the White Sox signed Julio Franco to replace last year's two-headed DH of Bo Jackson and George Bell. They also signed Darrin Jackson, ill most of last season with a hyperthyroidism, to fill the right field vacancy created by the loss of free agent Ellis Burks.

The defense is solid up the middle with veteran Ozzie Guillen at shortstop, Cora at second and

steady Lance Johnson in center. Ventura, who agreed Jan. 31 to a \$20,685,000, four-year contract, has won three straight Gold Gloves at third and drove in 105 runs last season. Craig Grebeck can fill in at all infield positions as can Steve Sax.

Catcher Ron Karkovick, hitting .266 with 11 homers and 32 RBIs when he separated a shoulder after 58 games, struggled in 70 games following the injury, hitting only .195. He's healthy now and will be backed up by Mike LaValliere.

Closer Roberto Hernandez saved 38 games. When set-up left-hander Scott Radinsky was diagnosed at the beginning of spring training with Hodgkin's disease, the White Sox acquired Paul Assenmacher.

This may be the weakest part of the team. Veteran Kirk McCaskill will be a long and middle man in a bullpen unit that could also include Dennis Cook, Jeff Schwarz, Scott Ruffcorn or Jose DeLeon, who hurt his knee during spring training.

Vejeran Dan Pasqua, Warren Newson and Joe Hall are backup possibilities in the outfield. Michael Huff, meanwhile, was traded to the White Sox for prospect Domingo Martinez.

Jordan had hoped to win one of those spots but was only 3-for-20 — including two infield hits — this spring before he was sent to the minors.

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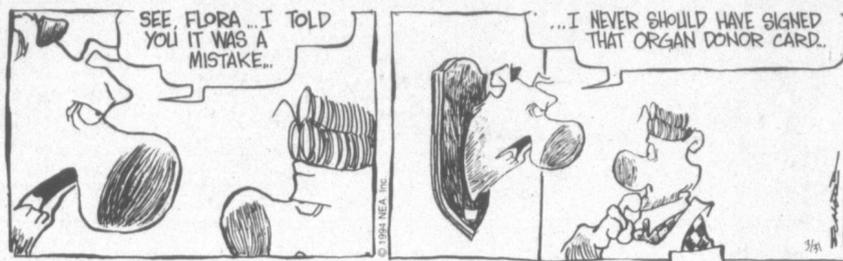
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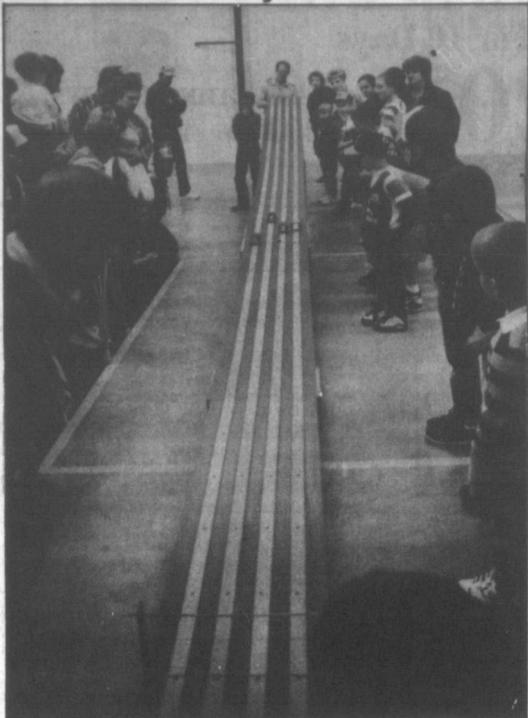
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New gang war ignites calls for renewed gun sweeps

By MATTHEW FORDAHL
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — A gang war rages in a high-rise public housing project. Gunshots ring out as many as 300 times in a matter of days, killing one person and wounding six. Tenants cower in their apartments, afraid to venture out.

Officials believe they have a partial answer to the violence: Let police search the project's apartments for guns, with no search warrants required.

The episode has renewed a legal battle with civil libertarians who oppose plans for the searches, arguing that people don't give up their constitutional rights when they move into the projects.

But many of the tenants themselves don't buy that argument.

"I know if nobody tries to help us, more people will be killed — innocent people," said Tamerra Evans, who lives in the massive Robert Taylor Homes project. "That's terrible. This is the United States of America, and we can't get no help. We're not free. We're here trapped."

Police said more than 300 instances of gunfire have been reported in the 28-building, 12,320-tenant complex since last Thursday. Authorities don't agree on the origins of the gang war, but they say the Gangster Disciples and the Black Disciples are likely battling over drug turf.

Since Saturday, housing police using metal detectors at the project's doors seized 26 weapons.

Evans says since the warfare broke out, she has had to dodge bullets just to buy groceries. She calls police to report more shootings, but says they tell her to stay away from the windows. That can be difficult in a one-bedroom apartment.

Violence last summer in the city's housing projects prompted the Chicago Housing Authority to ask police to conduct random gun searches. The American Civil Liberties Union responded with a class-action lawsuit against the CHA on behalf of its 135,000 tenants.

ACLU lawyers argue that gang violence should be confronted with a strong police presence in the projects, not an end run around the Constitution.

Skull confirms antiquity of 'Lucy' species

NEW YORK (AP) — Call him Lucy's long-lost cousin. His recently unearthed skull reveals that Lucy and her prehuman kind walked the Earth 3.9 million years ago, at least 150,000 years earlier than previously shown.

Lucy is perhaps the most famous representative of Australopithecus afarensis, the oldest-known species in the evolutionary branch that led eventually to humans after splitting off from the apes.

Her remains — about 40 percent of a 3.2 million-year-old skeleton — were found at Hadar, Ethiopia, in 1974.

Now, scientists have found nearby by the most complete afarensis skull so far.

The skull, that of a male, is about 70 percent to 75 percent complete, including the lower jaw. It is only about 3 million years old — 200,000 years younger than Lucy.

But the skull is similar enough to a

"If the same level of violence occurring in and around CHA developments was occurring around upscale residential housing, there would be a constant police presence," said Harvey Grossman, the ACLU's legal director in Chicago.

U.S. District Judge Wayne Andersen temporarily halted the searches last month and called the policy a "greater evil than the danger of criminal activity."

On Monday, after the weekend violence, he refused to lift his restraining order. He said he would allow limited searches for specific reasons after showing probable cause, immediate danger or with the consent of the tenant. But the judge emphasized he would not grant the housing authority "carte blanche" to raid the projects.

Andersen's rulings incensed city and housing officials who support the warrantless searches.

"We are trying to get the guns and drugs out of public housing," Mayor Richard M. Daley said Wednesday. "Public housing is owned by the people. They do not want guns, gangbangers and drugs in their buildings."

CHA chairman Vincent Lane said police don't have enough manpower or money to keep a constant presence. He said the housing authority's private police force are often scared or bribed by gang members.

At a hearing scheduled for Thursday, city officials planned to ask Andersen once again to lift the restraining order.

"I would hope somebody out there realizes that we have not ceded over Robert Taylor to anybody," Lane said. "We will do whatever is necessary to protect life and limb and to protect our property."

Some tenants hope the apartment searches will start sooner rather than later.

"When they swept the building twice last summer, there weren't anymore shootings," said Deron Williams, a father of two infants.

Evans, who lives in another of the broken-down high-rises, said more manpower is needed for the searches to work.

"We need the National Guard out here," she said. "We need help. The police can't do nothing about it. There's not enough of them."

3.9 million-year-old skull fragment found earlier in Ethiopia for scientists to now say the older fragment was indeed a member of the same afarensis species, researcher William Kimbel said.

Previously, the oldest well-identified remains of afarensis dated to about 3.6 million to 3.75 million years ago.

The skull was among 53 fossil specimens unearthed at Hadar between 1990 and 1993. The finds are reported in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature* by Kimbel and Donald C. Johanson of the Institute of Human Origins in Berkeley, Calif., and Yoel Rak of Tel Aviv University.

The findings confirm that the nearly 300 specimens found so far at Hadar represent just afarensis rather than two species, as has been suggested, the researchers wrote. Moreover, they add to evidence that afarensis changed little over 900,000 years, they wrote.

Report criticizes private manager of Baltimore public schools

By KIM I. MILLS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A company hired by the city of Baltimore to run 11 public schools has fallen short of its promises, a teachers union charged Wednesday, citing falling test scores and a rising ratio of students to teachers.

Education Alternatives Inc. is not doing the job it was hired to do, said Greg Humphrey, executive assistant to the president of the American Federation of Teachers.

"The letter grade we'd give is an incomplete," Humphrey said at a news conference.

"Their contract calls for better schools and they do not have better schools," said Loretta Johnson, co-president of the Baltimore Teachers Union, which has been highly critical of EAI.

But Nat Herrington, a spokesman for the Baltimore school system, said the union is embarking on a national campaign to discredit school privatization and is using outdated information to manipulate the media.

"They're twisting it to make it appear that the program was a dismal failure," he said.

In July 1992, the financially strapped Baltimore schools hired EAI for \$132 million to run nine of its 159 schools for five years. Two additional schools have since been turned over to the company.

Humphrey released a report that looked at the nine original Baltimore schools taken over by EAI. The report found that student scores on the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills declined at eight EAI-run elementary schools, while other city schools "showed modest progress" in the 1992-93 school year. (The test is not given beyond elementary school.)

Lory Sutton, a spokeswoman for EAI, which is based in Bloomington, Minn., said it is premature to discuss standardized test results from the first year of EAI's stewardship.

"Any time you implement a new program, it takes time for the teachers to adjust," she said. "Improving scores on a test do not happen overnight."

The report also said the ratio of pupils to certified teachers rose at the nine schools even though EAI promised to improve it. The company replaced certified teachers and paraprofessionals with interns hired through a temporary employment agent, the report said.

Thus, the pupils-to-certified teacher ratio in elementary schools climbed from 18.5 before EAI to 23.2 in the first year of the contract and 25.3 in the second year, the union said.

Fifty-six of 205 teaching positions were cut, the report said.

"There is no indication that EAI intended to increase class size, but that's what occurred," the report continued. "Hiring problems, turnover and similar problems in obtaining permanent low-paid interns to supplement the certified teaching staff kept EAI from reaching its goal."

However, Sutton said the reductions in certified teachers and paraprofessionals "were more than offset by 167 instructional interns ... which brought the student-to-adult ratio to 15-to-1."

Sutton defended the interns as having more education than paraprofessionals. Most have bachelor's degrees, she said, while paraprofessionals are not required to.

The AFT also charged that the company reduced the number of special education teachers as it placed their students in regular classrooms. And, it said EAI failed to provide extra resources for special education students, as required.

But Sutton said all the EAI schools are in compliance with state regulations for special education.

"We believe that we have followed through on many of the initial things we agreed upon in the contract," she said. "A lot of wonderful things have happened."

She cited increased supply budgets for all teachers, the installation of telephones in classrooms, and the addition of faxes, copying machines, and four computers per classroom.

Plus, she said, attendance is at an all-time high and the incidence of vandalism, assaults and burglaries has declined.

Court hears arguments over special school district for Hasidic Jews

WASHINGTON (AP) — The constitutional separation of church and state allows creation of a public school district to accommodate an insular Hasidic Jewish community's beliefs, the Supreme Court was told Wednesday.

"We believe that is part of the spirit of accommodation" of religion allowed by the Constitution's First Amendment, attorney Nathan Lewin argued for the school district for disabled children in the New York village of Kiryas Joel.

But a lawyer for state school board officials said the district's creation violated the amendment's concurrent ban on government establishment of religion.

"New York state has offered its arm to these individuals to be able to run a school district," attorney Jay Worona told the court. "The purpose is ... segregation along religious lines."

Lewin asked the court to overturn a New York

court ruling that said the district unconstitutional-ly created a "symbolic union" between the government and the Satmar Hasidic sect.

School district officials also hope the court will use the case to throw out its longstanding test for interpreting the separation of church and state.

The court ruled in 1971 that laws or government practices are unconstitutional if they have a religious purpose, primarily advance or promote religion or excessively entangle government and religion. Many of the justices have criticized that standard, but so far the court has not replaced it.

The court has used the three-part test in deciding numerous church-state issues such as what types of government aid can be provided to parochial schools. But in 1992 it sidestepped the standard in reaffirming the longstanding ban on officially sponsored prayers in public schools.

The court is allowing the Kiryas Joel school

district in Orange County, N.Y., to continue operating until it issues a ruling, expected by late June.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor expressed concern Wednesday that the district was created by a separate state law instead of one that applied statewide.

But Justice Antonin Scalia suggested the state was seeking to accommodate the Hasidic Jewish children's cultural differences, not their religion.

"I don't see how the state is accommodating any of their religious beliefs. The state is not allowing worship in the school, is it?" Scalia asked.

New York lawmakers created the district in 1989 after village residents withdrew their disabled children from other public schools, saying they were traumatized by attending classes outside Kiryas Joel.



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