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**PAMPA** — Three Pampa men are suffering head and facial injuries today following an early morning fight which sent them to the hospital and led to the questioning of four others about the fray.

Brian Wayne Noack, 22, 745 E. Scott; Johnnie Lee Brookshire, 30, 211 N. Starkweather; and Tommy Ray Carver, 37, 900 E. Brown, told officials that they were jumped by a group of men about 1 a.m. at a residence on Roberta Street.

The three were discovered bleeding and injured by Pampa Police Department officers after they fled to 225 W. Brown and called for help from a payphone. Four men were questioned about the fracas, but no charges have been filed, said Ellen.

The men were taken via American Medical Transport ambulance to Coronado Hospital, where they were treated and released, hospital officials said.

**PAMPA** — Today is the last day for voters to cast their ballots in early polling, said Gray County Clerk Wanda Carter. Her office on the second floor of Gray County courthouse will remain open until 5 p.m. today for those who want to vote early. As of 5 p.m. Thursday, 57 Democrats and 64 Republicans had voted early in the run off election set for Tuesday.

**PAMPA** — A 1982 Chevrolet half-ton pickup was reported stolen before dawn today. The pickup, belonging to Curtis Well Service of 1801 Price Rd., was pinched from a residence on Scott Street. It bears license plates Texas 151 0DQ.

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)** — Bad weather forced NASA to scrap today's liftoff of space shuttle Endeavour on a flight to study Earth's surface with the most sophisticated environment-monitoring radar ever built. Launch officials said they would try again Saturday, when more favorable conditions were expected.

Six astronauts had been inside the fueled rocketship for more than five hours, slightly longer than desired, when NASA gave up for the day because of clouds and high wind. Endeavour was supposed to soar at 7:06 a.m. CDT.; Saturday's launch time was one minute earlier.

NASA held the countdown clocks at nine minutes, then went down to the five-minute mark in hopes the sky would clear enough. It did, but then the crosswind exceeded safety limits.

"Nice try, everybody," launch director Bob Sieck said.

**AMARILLO (AP)** — The disassembly of nuclear bombs at the Pantex Plant has been halted for a month-long maintenance project.

The Department of Defense suspended its weapons shipments to the facility about 17 miles northeast of Amarillo, officials said Thursday.

Defense Spokesman Tom Walton said Pantex's contracting company decided Tuesday to shut down disassembly — and launch maintenance work planned throughout 1994 — after a manager found a faulty filter in an air system designed to trap contamination in case of a nuclear accident.

Walton said Pantex employees will perform maintenance work on devices such as security alarms, radiation detectors and fire suppression tools.

About 2,000 nuclear weapons are expected to be disassembled this year at Pantex.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Two years ago, John Malone, president of the nation's largest cable company, made a bold prediction: In not too many years, TV viewers would have 500 channels to choose from.

On Thursday, Malone's Denver-based Tele-Communications Inc. took a crucial step in that direction when it opened a \$100 million facility that, using new technology to "compress" electronic signals, will allow TCI to cram as many as 10 times more channels onto the wires that carry television into the home.

The TCI facility, located in a Denver suburb, will take movies and other programs and convert them into a digital format for delivery to cable systems via satellite and fiber-optic cable. These systems will relay the programs into homes over existing coaxial (twisted copper wire) cables, where a newly designed set-top cable box will reconvert the signals back into the analog format required by today's TV sets.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Villagers in the mountains of Bolivia are testing new gadgets that, for pennies a week, remove the threat of cholera and a host of other diseases from the contaminated river they use for drinking water. The simple strategy uses just salt, a small generator and a germ-resistant water bucket. But its creators say it has the potential to fight world epidemics of water-borne disease.

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## Japan's prime minister to resign

By ERIC TALMADGE  
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**TOKYO (AP)** — Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, who rose to power vowing to clean up Japanese politics, today announced he would resign over the very type of money scandal that plagued his predecessors.

Hosokawa's sudden resignation over questionable financial dealings deepened the country's political confusion.

His coalition, the first government not led by the Liberal Democrats in nearly 40 years, lasted only eight months.

"I have told the leaders of my coalition government and an emergency meeting of the Cabinet of my intention to resign," Hosokawa said today. "I have received their approval."

Hosokawa, mired in a scandal over his personal finances that has paralyzed initiatives in Parliament, would be the fourth of Japan's last five prime ministers to step down because of scandal.

Hosokawa said that although the questions regarding his finances relate to transactions that occurred before he took office, they were "something for which I must take moral responsibility."

"I apologize, and ask for your understanding," he said after the Cabinet meeting. He said he made the decision to step down Thursday night after talking with his wife.

It was unclear when Hosokawa would actually step down. The Japan Broadcasting Corp. said Hosokawa's Cabinet could offer their resignations as early as Saturday. They would then become lame ducks until Parliament approves a successor.

Though no clear successor had emerged, speculation centered on Foreign Minister Tsutomu Hata. Coalition leaders were meeting this evening to discuss the succession.

Hata, who is also deputy prime minister, refused to comment on his own ambitions.



Hosokawa

"It's all happened so fast, I haven't had time to think about it," he said. "The most important thing now is to resume our tasks and maintain harmony."

President Clinton, told of Hosokawa's decision, was sorry to hear the news, a spokeswoman said. She said he looked forward to working with the new government.

Japan's political world had been in a state of confusion since two politicians who dined with Hosokawa earlier this week told reporters the beleaguered prime minister said he felt like quitting. Hosokawa was forced to hold a news conference late the same night to say he didn't plan to step down.

News of Hosokawa's intention to resign stunned Japanese financial markets, sending the Nikkei Stock Average plunging more than 400 points, or about 2 percent, in just five minutes. The stock prices recouped those losses, however, to close slightly higher.

The news renewed investors' fears that budget legislation for the fiscal year that began last week will be delayed even longer.

"We hope that the situation will return to normal as soon as possible," said Finance Minister Hirohisa Fujii.

His offer to resign also apparently caught many of his own coalition leaders by surprise. Socialist

Party leader Tomiichi Murayama described it as "sudden."

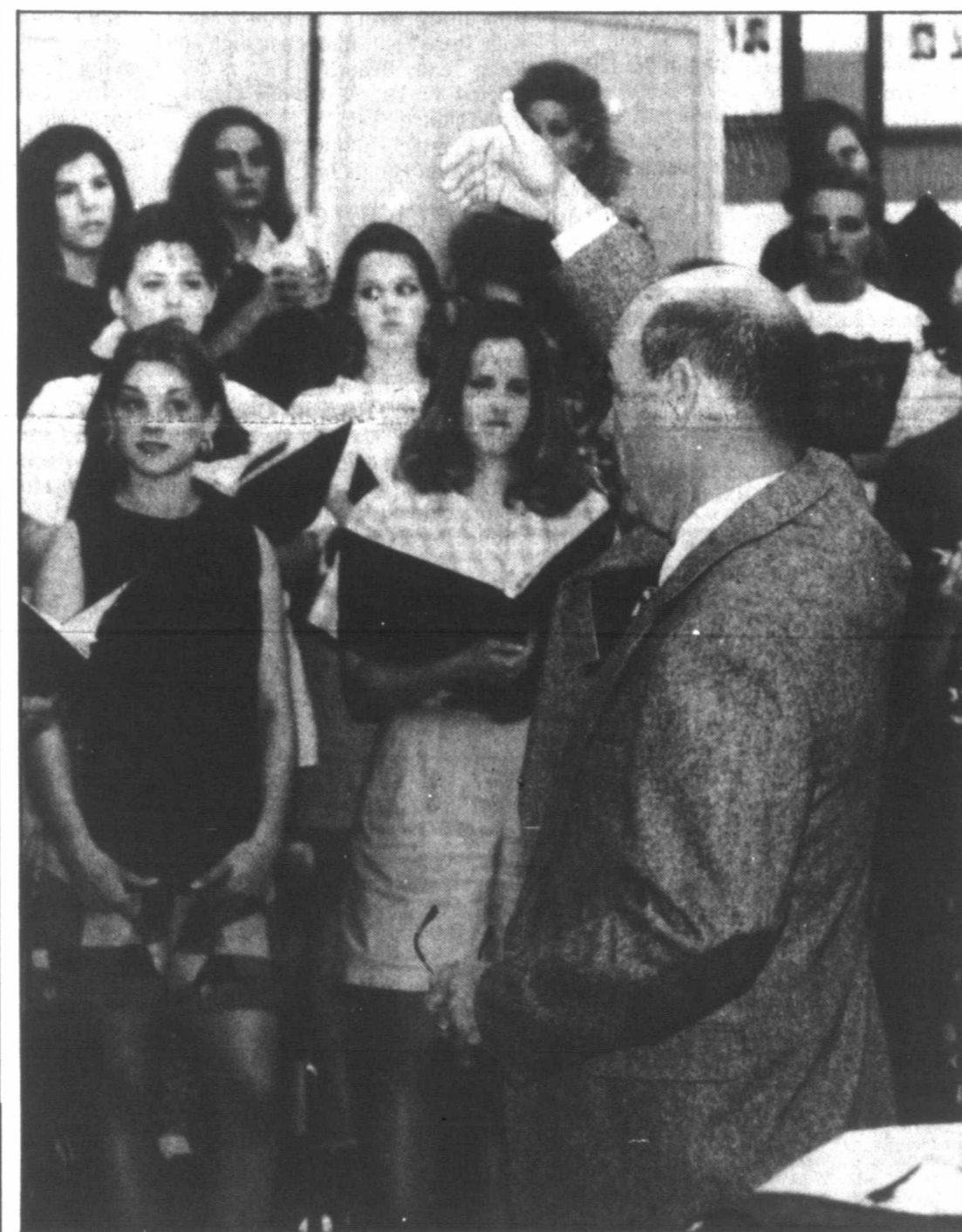
Yuichi Ichikawa, chairman of the coalition Komeito, or Clean Government Party, said Hosokawa told coalition leaders he was resigning because of a scandal involving questions over his personal finances.

The scandal centers around a \$970,000 loan Hosokawa received in 1982 from a mobile-linked trucking company executive. Opposition lawmakers had charged the loan, from the head of Sagawa Kyubin, was actually a political donation.

Hosokawa also had been grilled by the opposition over the purchase of stocks in the name of his father-in-law that were later resold for a profit of \$485,000.

The prime minister also disclosed a new potential scandal over personal investments entrusted to a close friend. Hosokawa said laws may have been broken but refused to say who the friend was or give other details.

## Choir clinic



Dr. George Biffle, director of choral activities at West Texas A&M University, conducts a choir clinic with Pampa High School choir members this morning. Dr. Biffle spent today conducting clinics for the Concert Choir, Concert Men, Concert Women and Women's Choir at the high school. The choirs are preparing for UIL concert and sightreading competition April 19-20 at West Texas A&M in Canyon. The choirs will present a pre-contest concert at Pampa-Middle School on Tuesday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m., with the public invited. Directors for Pampa High School choirs are Fred Mays and Susie Wilson. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

## U.S. renews air strike threat

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Clinton administration, in a tactical shift, is threatening Serbs with NATO air attacks to protect U.N. peacekeepers likely to be sent to the beleaguered Bosnian town of Gorazde.

The aim is to end an 11-day Serb siege, as an ultimatum in February rescued Sarajevo, and to prod the Serbs into negotiations in the Bosnian capital this weekend.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher and National Security Adviser Anthony Lake issued separate but similar threats on Thursday, only days after Defense Secretary William Perry and Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, signaled that air power was unlikely.

"Those statements were made at the beginning of this week and at that time they were perhaps accurate," Christopher said Thursday night. However, he added: "Neither Gen. Shalikashvili nor Secretary Perry ruled out any options."

Lake said in a speech in Baltimore that "nei-

ther the president nor any of his senior advisers rules out the use of NATO power to help stop attacks such as those against Gorazde." The carefully drawn statement was designed to alert the Serbs and the rest of the world that Perry and Shalikashvili subscribed to the ultimatum.

Meanwhile, plans were accelerated to send hundreds of U.N. peacekeepers to Gorazde, where 65,000 mostly Muslim civilians have been hammered by Serb guns.

Deploying the peacekeepers "could be a basis for possible air strikes," Christopher said.

"Once we have United Nations troops there in Gorazde then we do have a military option, because NATO has a right to go to their protection if they ask for help," he said on PBS' *MacNeil-Lehrer NewsHour*.

"We have an obligation and a right to go in and help those troops," Christopher said.

In a policy speech at Johns Hopkins University, Lake said "a contingent of U.N. forces should soon be on its way to Gorazde. It is important that this happen as soon as possible."

## Sharp's prison audit criticized

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD  
Associated Press Writer

**AUSTIN (AP)** — A state prison official is critical of an audit that says 5,500 more inmates could be housed in Texas prisons without violating a federal settlement in a long-running prison lawsuit.

The audit released Thursday by the state comptroller's office says additional prisoners could be moved into the prison system to help alleviate the backlog of 29,000 state inmates in overcrowded county jails.

The 400-page audit described the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a "troubled giant" beset with mismanagement.

Comptroller John Sharp said recommendations in the audit would save the state \$737 million over the next five years.

Allan Polunsky of San Antonio, a member of the Criminal Justice Board, strongly disagreed with Sharp.

"The vast majority of beds that Mr. Sharp has referred to are in the scope of the Ruiz judgment, and we are therefore prohibited from using them," Polunsky said.

The long-running Ruiz lawsuit, which forced improvements in the state prison system, was settled last year.

"Sharp knows we cannot use those beds. It is a great disservice and is nothing more than political demagoguery," Polunsky said.

Sharp said Texas Attorney General Dan Morales told him that the Ruiz settlement would not preclude the use of those prison beds. He accused Polunsky of being one of the problems in the criminal justice system.

The release of the audit

caused political explosions in the Capitol.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney said the recommendations wouldn't provide immediate relief and could re-open the Ruiz lawsuit.

"Anytime you re-enter a lawsuit, there is the possibility of losing as much as winning," they said.

Gov. Ann Richards also expressed caution.

"The most important thing to remember is that we want state control of our penitentiary and prison system. We have been through a situation where we have been under the thumb of the federal court and we do not want to return to that position," she said.

Carol Vance, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, said there are no extra beds in the prison system. Some of the audit recommendations, such as putting two gang members in one cell, are questionable, he said.

Under the federal prison lawsuit settlement, the state has agreed to isolate in single cells prisoners who are dangerous to the staff, themselves or others.

"They said we could double-cell gang members. This is something that really would require some thought before we would change the way that we're handling gang members," Vance said.

The issue spilled into the governor's race.

"My question is where has Gov. Richards been the last three years?" Republican nominee George W. Bush asked. "The comptroller's report is a major embarrassment for Gov. Richards, revealing that she has not effectively addressed the prison overcrowding problem."

## Grand jury returns indictments for drug and burglary cases

A 31st District grand jury returned indictments Thursday against eight men accused of delivery of a controlled substance.

Indicted were Rickie Lee Johnson, address unknown; Henry Williams, 35, 1040 Huff Rd.; Rodney Scott, 18, 1028 Neel Rd.; Miles Colbert, address unknown; Clyde Cornelius Sirls, 32, 1029 Huff Rd.; Robert Conor, 19, address unknown; Ronald Wayne Wallace, 24, 1023 S. Love; and William David Wortham, 34, 1053 Varnon Dr. Each man's bond was set at \$12,500 by District Judge Kent Sims.

Six of the men — Scott, Williams, Wortham, Sirls, Wallace and Conor — were arrested last week when members of the Pampa Police

Department and the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force executed 11 arrest warrants alleging delivery of crack cocaine.

Also indicted by the grand jury was Billy Brown, 22, 840 E. Beryl, who is accused of theft which is alleged to have occurred April 14, 1992. His bond is \$1,500.

Re-indicted were Joseph David Woods, 18, 1515 N. Arthur, Amarillo, and Forrest Wayne Burks, 19, 2521 Redwood, Amarillo, who are accused of burglary of a habitation. Woods' bond is set at \$20,000 each on three burglary charges. Burks' bond is set at \$20,000 each on two burglary charges. The offenses are alleged to have occurred on Nov. 24, 1993.

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## Services tomorrow

**SMITH, Amelia N. Smith** — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Bonham.  
**STUCKER, Jeremiah** — 2 p.m., Church of the Nazarene, Higgins.  
**THOMAS, James Ray** — 2:30 p.m., St. John Baptist Church, Amarillo.

## Obituaries

**JEREMIAH STUCKER**  
HIGGINS — Jeremiah (Jerry) Stucker, 83, died Wednesday, April 6, 1994. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Church of the Nazarene in Higgins with the Rev. Orbin Crouch, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Higgins Cemetery. Arrangements are by Stuckley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Stucker was born on Nov. 12, 1910 in Ellis County, Okla. He attended school in Higgins. He joined the army on Nov. 14, 1942. He served as a medical technician and received the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Medal TWXWD, American Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He moved to Higgins in 1946 with his brother, Jesse Stucker, where they farmed and raised cattle. He was a member of the Higgins American Legion.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Leo Stucker.  
Survivors include two brothers: Jesse Stucker of Higgins and Bennie Stucker of Adel, Iowa; and two sisters, Bessie Mitchell of Mountain Home, Ark., and Norma Dot Dempsey of North Highland, Calif.

**JAMES RAY THOMAS**  
AMARILLO — James Ray Thomas, 40, a native of Shamrock, died Sunday, April 3, 1994. Wake services were at 7 p.m. today in the Warford-Walker Mortuary Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in St. John Baptist Church with Elder E.L. Demerson, pastor of the Emmanuel Church of God, and Elder John T. Bowser, pastor of the Galilee Church of God in Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery.

Mr. Thomas was born in Shamrock and attended school there. He was an Amarillo resident for 15 years and graduated from Palo Duro High School. He was a resident of Dallas at the time of his death.  
Survivors include a daughter, Rhonda Evans of Washington; two sons, James Rivers of Amarillo and Toby Lynn Smith of Oklahoma City; his mother, Dorothy Thomas of Amarillo; three sisters, Evelyn Wells, Anita Wells and Ocie Smith, all of Amarillo; and four brothers, Tommy Lee Thomas of Denton, Larry Thomas of Dallas and Gary Thomas and Robert Thomas, both of Amarillo.

The family will be at 2403 Irene Drive in Amarillo.

## Police report

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

**THURSDAY, April 7**  
Jesse Bailey, 1056 Huff Rd., reported forgery.  
Sgt. Katie Gerhardt, Pampa Police Department, reported a wanted by outside agency report.  
Laxman Bhatia, 2642 Chestnut, reported unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of Russell.  
Cecilia Patricia Gonzalez, 412 Graham, reported assault by threat.  
Debbie D. Hendricks, 329 Henry, reported theft over \$750.

**FRIDAY, April 8**  
Cpl. Stephanie Raymond, Pampa Police Department, reported a wanted by outside agency reported from Anderson Co.

Brian Wayne Noack, 745 E. Scott, reported assault with bodily injury which occurred at 732 Roberta.  
Johnnie Lee Brookshire, 211 N. Starkweather, reported assault with bodily injury at 732 Roberta.  
Tommy Ray Carver, 37, 900 E. Brown, reported assault with bodily injury at 732 Roberta.

Officer Mike Shelton, Pampa Police Department, reported liquor law violations at Minute Mart, 1106 Alcock.  
Johnny Henry Brookshire, 945 E. Scott, reported theft of a motor vehicle belonging to Curtis Well Service, 1801 N. Price Rd.

**Arrests**  
**THURSDAY, April 7**  
Kenneth Childress, 23, was arrested at 408 N. Frost on a wanted by outside agency report. He was taken to Gray County jail.

**FRIDAY, April 8**  
Sylvester Ware, 26, 500 Harlem, was arrested in the 700 block of Roberta on a charge of public intoxication.  
Loretta Aguirre, 30, Skellytown, was arrested at 201 W. Kingsmill on a warrant from Palestine County.

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

**THURSDAY, April 7**  
Assault-domestic violence was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

**Arrest**  
**THURSDAY, April 7**  
Jerry Lee Hicks, 28, 1109 Varnon Dr., was arrested on a charge of domestic violence.

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

**THURSDAY, April 7**  
11 a.m. — A 1989 Ford van driven by Delbert Royce White, 54, 2124 N. Sumner, was in collision with a 1993 Chevrolet pickup driven by Benny Lee Baker, 31, 117 N. Sumner, in the 100 block of East Foster. No citations were issued.

8:20 p.m. — A 1977 Chevrolet pickup driven by David Tryon Bridges, 16, 401 Red Deer, was in collision with a 1983 Ford pickup driven by Jefferey Don Tidwell, 19, 1107 S. Finley, at the intersection of Randy Matson Avenue and Charles. Bridges was cited for failure to yield right of way at stop sign.

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

Wheat	3.16	
Milo	4.25	
Com	4.86	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		
Secific	4	NC
Occidental	15 5/8	dn 1/4
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Magellan	71.88	dn 1/8
Puntan	15.65	dn 1/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa:		
Amoco	53 1/4	NC
Aroco	94 1/2	dn 3/4
Cabot	52 3/4	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	19	NC
Chevron	85 1/8	dn 1/8
Coca-Cola	40 7/8	dn 3/8
Diamond Sham	27 3/4	NC
Enron	29 1/8	dn 3/8
Halliburton	29 1/2	dn 1/8
HealthTrust Inc.	30 3/4	NC
Ingersoll Rand	36 1/2	dn 1/8
KNE	21 7/8	up 1/8
Kerr McGee	44	dn 3/8
Limited	21 3/8	NC
Mapco	59 7/8	dn 1/8
Maxus	4 1/2	dn 1/8
McDonald's	57 1/4	dn 1/8
Mobil	75 1/2	up 1/8
New Atmos	26 1/2	NC
Parker & Parsley	21 7/8	NC
Penney's	56 1/8	dn 3/8
Phillips	28 1/2	NC
SLB	52 7/8	NC
SPS	27 7/8	dn 1/8
Tenneco	53 7/8	dn 7/8
Texasco	63 3/4	NC
Wal-Mart	26 1/4	dn 3/8
New York Gold	384.10	5.44
Silver	5.44	5.44
West Texas Crude	15.58	

## Hospital

**CORONADO HOSPITAL**  
Admissions  
Pampa  
Ruth Mary Just  
Johnny George Speegle  
Laverne Gertrude  
Priest  
Dismissals  
Pampa  
Thomas J. Adams  
Bobby Lee Cole  
Gayla J. Lee  
Charles Woodrow Mullins  
**SHAMROCK HOSPITAL**  
HOSPITAL  
No admissions or dismissals were reported.

## Calendar of events

**PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB**  
Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.  
**THEE PLACE**  
Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.  
**SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS MOBILE MEALS**  
The mobile meals menu is turkey pot pie, mixed vegetables, lettuce and tomatoes, dessert.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**THURSDAY, April 7**  
3:55 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a grass fire two miles north of Pampa on U.S. 70.  
**FRIDAY, April 8**  
12:45 a.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 225 W. Brown.

## Gay rights group to protest murderer's sentence

MIDLAND (AP) — A murdered gay man was victimized again during his killer's trial, gay-rights activists say.  
The Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas is joining other groups in a protest Saturday against the 12-year prison sentence Ramsey Harrell received for gunning down Tommy Musick last April.  
Harrell's sentence sends "a message that you can go out and kill someone and we'll give you a slap on the hand," said the Rev. Billy Charles Cawley, pastor of Prodigal Ministries Community Church in Odessa.  
Organizers hope the "Justice for All" rally in downtown Midland will call attention to what they say is bias against homosexuals.  
"This case illustrates that not only

are lesbians and gays victims of violence in Texas, but lesbians and gays are also not treated fairly by the judicial system," said Dianne Hardy-Garcia, executive director of the gay-rights group.  
Ms. Hardy-Garcia's group says Harrell and co-defendant Michael Scott Thomas intended to rob Musick. The Austin-based organization says the teens should be convicted of capital murder.  
Musick, 48, was shot four times in the back of the head with a .22-caliber handgun as he sat in his car just a few doors down from his home. Midland County authorities said Thomas — Musick's neighbor — had asked Musick for a ride.  
The body was dumped in an isolated area of the county.  
But attorneys for Harrell portrayed their 18-year-old client as fearful of being sexually assaulted by Musick.  
Defense attorney Vern Martin said Ms. Hardy-Garcia's group misunderstood the trial and is overreacting.  
"The fact that Musick's homosexuality was brought up in the trial was simply related to the fact that Harrell said this gay fellow aggressively was trying to seduce two young kids, which was the precipitating factor for the shooting," Martin said.  
District Attorney Al Schorre, who prosecuted the case, said the jury made its decision based on the defendant's personality and history, rather than Musick's sexual orientation.  
Schorre said the rally could cause a change of venue for the Thomas trial.

## Secretary Bentsen counted days until money bore his name

FORT WORTH (AP) — Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen had counted 442 days since taking office without seeing his name on U.S. currency.  
Now the only thing he will likely be counting is the dollars that go into his pocket bearing his signature.  
"Do you know how much money they've printed with someone else's name?" he asked a crowd of about 200 who gathered at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's Western

Currency Facility on Thursday.  
Bentsen returned to his native Texas to introduce the money printed with his signature and that of U.S. Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow. Currency bearing Bentsen's name could not be printed until there was a new treasurer. Ms. Withrow, who joined Bentsen at the ceremony, was sworn in March 1.  
"I waited 442 days," the former Texas senator told the group, which included numerous family members, political supporters and dignitaries.  
"I would have gone ahead, but this department required two signatures."  
Since taking over as treasury head, Bentsen said the country's two plants — in Washington, D.C., and Fort Worth — have printed nearly 11 billion notes worth about \$145 billion. Laying end to end, they would make 387 round trips between Dallas-Fort Worth and the nation's capital, he said.

## City manager welcome



Dr. Dawson Orr, left, president of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, joins city officials, municipal workers and civic leaders in welcoming Bob Eskridge, Pampa's new city manager, and his family to town at a reception in the Pampa Community Building on Thursday. Eskridge started as Pampa's city manager Monday. (Pampa News photo)

## Volunteers prepare for Great Texas Trash-Off

It's spring cleaning time for the state of Texas once again.  
With a backdrop of blue bonnets, or tall grass in the Panhandle's case, Adopt-a-Highway and Keep Texas Beautiful groups across the state will be participating in the ninth annual "Great Texas Trash-Off" on Saturday.  
Nearly 95,000 participants are expected to pick up more than 9 million gallons of litter across the state.  
This event, which is organized by the Texas Department of Transportation along with the "Don't Mess with Texas" anti-litter campaign and Keep Texas Beautiful Inc., is considered the largest one-day cleanup in the United States.  
In Pampa, volunteers associated with Clean Pampa Inc. will be pick-

ing up litter along a two-mile stretch of U.S. 60 in addition to a number of parks in town, according to Rick Stone, Pampa's sanitation superintendent.  
The great Texas Trash-Off has become one of the rites of spring that addresses one of the "wrongs" of the roadway — littering. To carry that point home, all Texans are encouraged to kick the littering habit.  
In addition to keeping Texas beautiful, volunteer programs like this also save the state millions of dollars annually.  
"Programs like the Trash-Off are saving taxpayers nearly \$4 million in litter pickup expenditures every year," said J. Don Clark, director of the Texas Department of Transportation's Travel and Information Divi-

sion. "That's a great improvement, but there's a lot of trash out there in our bluebonnets right now. What we want to see is a zero tolerance level for litter in Texas."  
Some 1,500 Adopt-a-Highway groups will clean state roadways, while 150 Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate cities scour streets and parks. Keep Texas Beautiful, a grassroots partner of the Texas Department of Transportation's anti-litter program, is a non-profit, environmental umbrella organization consisting of a network of private citizens, communities, industries, civic groups, schools and government agencies.  
Anyone interested in participating in the Trash-Off can contact Keep Texas Beautiful at 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

## Court: Jurors should answer questions about AIDS bias

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge should determine the punishment for Sam Wendell Ryan, who was found guilty in June 1993 of failing to stop and give information after hitting a parked car. Ryan's attorney, James Kuhn, said his client panicked because he was intoxicated and had an arrest record.  
The 1st District Court of Appeals on Thursday threw out a 180-day jail sentence assessed a man convicted of fleeing the scene of an accident, saying his attorney should have been allowed to ask jurors about their feelings toward AIDS.

The appeals court said a new jury should determine the punishment for Sam Wendell Ryan, who was found guilty in June 1993 of failing to stop and give information after hitting a parked car. Ryan's attorney, James Kuhn, said his client panicked because he was intoxicated and had an arrest record.  
Kuhn said he informed Criminal Court-at-Law Judge Michael Peters that AIDS would be an issue in arguing the case and in the punishment phase. However, Peters allowed Kuhn to discuss Ryan's medical condition only during the

sentencing portion of the trial.  
Kuhn said he wanted to gauge which jurors might or might not be fair to his client.  
"Some people may be uncomfortable just being in the same room with someone with AIDS," Kuhn told the Houston Chronicle.  
"It's like asking jurors if they are biased because someone is black, or Hispanic or gay," he said. "I am not trying to go for sympathy here, but I would like to have been allowed to take people off the panel who were biased."

## City briefs

- BRICK REPAIR**, Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.
- MOTOROLA CELLULAR** (tote bag phone) \$19.95 with activation. Berger Radio Shack, 274-7077. Free Pampa Delivery. Adv.
- SADDLE: LOST** Sunday. If found call 669-3527. Adv.
- PAMPA SHRINE** Club Spring Barbeque, Sunday, April 10th, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sportsman Club, on S. Barnes. Take out orders available. Adv.
- COMPLETE BEAUTY** Shop for sale. Closing shop, moving out of town. Huge savings. Call 669-2451 or come and see at 1129 Terry Rd. Adv.
- DANCE/BARBEQUE** - Pampa Desk & Derrick Club, Lost Injun Band at MK Brown, Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m.-1 a.m. For tickets call 665-2593, 665-2445, 669-7884. Dance tickets only available at door. Adv.
- BASKETS** Of Love and Party Too, selected items on sale. Combs-Worley Bldg. Adv.
- FURNITURE UPHOLSTERY** Call Bob Jewell, 669-9221. Adv.
- I DAY** Garage Sale: Saturday April 9, 1900 Fir, Open 8 a.m. Furniture, appliances, dishes, linens, toys, bicycles, nic-nacs, clothing for men, women and little boys, many more items. No checks. Adv.
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Tonight, partly cloudy with a low near 40s and east to southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy and windy with a high in the lower 70s and south winds 10 to 20 mph, becoming southwest 20 to 30 mph and gusty in the afternoon. Caution will be advised on area lakes. Thursday's high was 70; this morning's low was 45.  
**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 40 to low 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy and windy. A slight chance of thunderstorms north. Highs in low to mid 70s. Saturday night, partly cloudy and colder with a slight chance of showers, possibly mixed with snow by morning. Lows in mid to upper 30s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 50. Saturday, partly cloudy and windy with areas of blowing dust. Highs near 80. Saturday night, partly cloudy and cooler with a slight chance of showers. Lows in upper 30s to low 40s.

North Texas — Tonight and Saturday, late night and morning low cloudiness, otherwise partly cloudy with chance of thunderstorms. Lows 55 to 62. Highs 76 to 84. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows 56 to 66.  
South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Today, morning clouds. Otherwise partly cloudy, breezy and warm. Highs in the 70s and 80s. Tonight through Saturday night, mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Highs in the 80s. Coastal Bend: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 60s inland, 70s coast. Saturday and Saturday night, mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Highs in the 80s inland, 70s coast. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 60s inland, 70s coast. Saturday and Saturday night, mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s inland, 70s coast. Highs in the 80s.

**BORDER STATES**  
New Mexico — Tonight, variable cloudiness north, a slight chance for showers northern mountains and northwest. Mostly fair skies south. Lows, 20s and 30s mountains and north with 40s lower elevations south. Saturday, variable cloudiness north with scattered showers mainly mountains and northwest. Partly sunny but windy south. Cooler northwest, continued warm southeast. Highs mid 40s to upper 50s mountains and northwest, 80s southeast, 60s and 70s elsewhere. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers north, snow showers northern mountain regions. Partly cloudy south. Lows, 20s and 30s mountains and north with 30s to low 40s at lower elevations south.  
Oklahoma — Tonight, increasing cloudiness with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows mid 40s northwest Oklahoma to mid 50s Red River valley. Saturday, a chance of thunderstorms. Highs mid 70s to near 80. Saturday night, a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 40 northwest Oklahoma to near 60 southeast.

# Mattox and Fisher have tame final debate

By MICHAEL GRACZYK  
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Democratic Senate candidates Jim Mattox and Richard Fisher broke little new ground in their final face-to-face meeting before next week's runoff election.

But an hour-long debate between the two Thursday had one new twist — a semblance of civility.

"We're at the end of a long road," Fisher said after a tame appearance with Mattox on a phone-in show on Houston radio station KTRH. "We're very close to the finish line."

"I think we're both kind of dog tired," Mattox said when asked about the low-key debate.

Fisher and Mattox fielded more than a dozen questions, spanning diverse topics like the federal deficit, international affairs, Social Security and crime and refrained from much of the mudslinging that has marked a campaign that ends with Tuesday's balloting. The winner will face incumbent Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison.

"I think we've got to get away from the high school politics and showmanship," Fisher said afterwards. "This isn't a game of showmanship. This isn't a television show. This is trying to get elected to the United States Senate."

The Dallas businessman said he thought Mattox had responded to his presence in the race by assuming his position on issues like campaign finance reform. Fisher also said Mattox was concentrating much more on small business issues.

"Win or lose, Jim's come around," Fisher said. "He sounds a little bit more like me. I'm rather

happy to see I'm being parroted to an extent." Mattox, however, denied any turns toward Fisher.

"I think you can go back and check my record," Mattox said. "I don't have to worry about his positions."

"I've been for campaign finance reform since the beginning. I supported the Small Business Administration. I supported setting up and still support setting up a program of selling small business loans into a secondary market. I have specific suggestions of how you do it instead of the kind of nebulous statements that Mr. Fisher likes to make."

In the debate, Mattox did accuse Fisher of flip-flopping on his support for the space station.

"In the last campaign, he opposed it," Mattox said.

Fisher conceded he had altered his stance but said his shift reflected the Clinton administration's changes in the NASA budget.

There was no discussion of personal financial assets, a subject which erupted during a similar joint television appearance earlier this week.

"I think enough has been said about that subject," Fisher said.

"I don't really care how much money Fisher's got," Mattox said. "I don't think there's any doubt he's a very wealthy individual. I think how he got his money is something that can be explored by the press at another time."

"It doesn't appear either one of us really care a whole lot how much either of us has got or don't have. I don't think it makes much difference now."

In other political developments: — Gov. Ann Richards made public her 1993 federal income tax return showing she owed \$27,639 in taxes on income of \$110,645. That includes \$94,086 in salary, \$4,520 in interest on her savings and \$12,039 from mutual funds, her campaign said Thursday.

Because she paid more than she owed in taxes, Richards is due a refund of \$1,232, which she asked be applied to her 1994 estimated tax.

The Democratic governor also again released three previous years' tax returns, showing total income of \$92,211 for 1990, when she was state treasurer; \$101,633 for 1991, her first year as governor; and \$102,044 for 1992.

She has made her returns public every year since entering public office as a Travis county commissioner in 1976.

Richards' spokesman, Chuck McDonald, challenged GOP gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush to also release four years of his tax returns.

"Texans know nothing of him and it's time he started letting them know about his personal wealth and how he got it," McDonald said.

Bush campaign spokeswoman Deborah Burston-Wade said Bush would release tax returns by the federal deadline of April 15. Reggie Bashur, a spokesman for the campaign, said returns would be released for 1991-93.

"To release the last three years appears to be the most appropriate," Bashur said. "Ninety-three is the year he announced for governor, and '91 and '92 cover the years Ann Richards has been in the governor's office."

## A bit of history



Wearing Revolutionary War period costumes, members of the Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution re-enact a group of wives waiting for word on the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown as part of their meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. Charles Jefferies. Seated are Willie Mae Mangold, left, portraying Mrs. Henry Lee, and Betty White as Martha Washington; and standing, Donna Burger, left, as Lucy Knop, wife of Brig. Gen. Henry Knop, and Mary Ann Nace as the wife of Jacky Curtis. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

# Union ponders next move in trucking strike

By ROBERT NAYLOR JR.  
AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top Teamsters Union officials are assessing their next move in a strike that has shut down some of the nation's biggest trucking companies.

Teamsters President Ron Carey summoned his trucking industry national negotiating committee to a meeting today to decide whether to call off its strike against 18 of the 22 targeted companies. Union leaders were considering whether to return to the negotiating table while continuing the walkout.

"This is not just a Teamster fight," Carey told several hundred people Thursday at the Consolidated Freightways terminal in Woburn, Mass. "This is a fight about working people in this country."

The principal issue, this time, is plans by trucking companies to hire part-timers and use trains more often for hauling.

"All over the country, craft unions, working people are rooting for us," Carey said. "I assure you, what we went out to fight for, we are going to win."

There were scattered reports of harassment and disorderly conduct on picket lines around the nation, but apparently no serious incidents Thursday.

"I have seen solidarity over the last day and a half like I've never seen before," said George Cashman, president of Local 27 in Massachusetts.

Meanwhile, some of the companies sought to settle the first trucking strike by the Teamsters in 15 years and the union negotiating committee meeting was called to determine a response. But there was no contact between the union and four other companies, including the three leaders in the "less-than-truckload" freight industry, which handles shipments of 150 pounds to 10,000 pounds.

"We are definitely interested in negotiating," said Teamsters spokeswoman Gaye Williams. "We have never refused to negotiate. It's the freight companies that we haven't been able to get to the table."

The strike by up to 75,000 drivers, dock workers and mechanics entered its second day Thursday, causing manufacturers of everything from toilet paper to auto parts to look for other means of getting their goods to market.

The big beneficiaries were nonunion companies, some of which were unable to keep up with the increased demand.

Trucking Management Inc., which represents 23 companies in negotiations with the Teamsters, released 18 of its member operations to negotiate so-called "me-too" contracts, under which they agree to accept provisions of a master agreement once it is negotiated. No walkout was staged against Carolina Freight, the nation's fifth largest trucking concern, after it

made a similar agreement.

But there was no movement toward reconciliation between the union and four companies, including the three industry leaders. Still holding out were Roadway, Consolidated Freightways, Yellow Freight and ABF. Roadway, Consolidated and Yellow together control 62 percent of the market.

The Teamsters' contract expired last week after talks bogged down over use of part-time workers.

Spokeswoman Anne Banville said no resumption of talks was planned. "There's nothing on the schedule," she said.

The companies wanted as many as 24 percent of their hires for dock and local driving jobs to be part-time workers making \$9 an hour by 1995. The full-time employees now earn a maximum of \$17 an hour.

The union accused the companies of destroying well-paying jobs, but the companies said using part-timers was vital to reducing costs and remaining competitive. They also wanted to divert some work to trains that carry truck trailers.

## Grass fire



Two units and four firefighters from the Pampa Fire Department responded to a grass fire about two miles north of Pampa Thursday afternoon. The smoke from the fire, which burned about half a mile of grass along side Texas 70, was thick enough to interrupt traffic on the highway for about 30 minutes. (Pampa News photo by Randall K. McGavock)

## Passenger attacks Federal Express crew

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Blood running down his face, a Federal Express pilot managed to land his cargo jet safely after he and his crew were attacked by a fellow employee wielding a hammer and a spear gun.

The attacker had been awaiting a disciplinary hearing today for allegedly falsifying his credentials when he was hired, and was probably going to be fired, The Commercial Appeal newspaper reported.

He was subdued during a melee with the three-man crew that left him and two crew members seriously injured Thursday afternoon.

When the fight was over, the captain of the DC-10, David G. Sanders, was the only one able to fly the jet, said Larry Cox, president of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority.

The FBI identified the attacker as Auburn Calloway, 42, a DC-10 pilot who had been riding along as the lone passenger. He will be charged with attacking an aircraft crew and endangering an aircraft in flight, the FBI said.



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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

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David Bowser  
Managing Editor

Texas Editorials

**The Baytown Sun on smoking in the workplace:**  
The Labor Department is considering banning smoking in the workplace.

While we are in favor of smoke-free restaurants, offices and businesses, we oppose a federal regulation to make them a reality. It would represent another intrusion of the federal government into the free-enterprise system.

Businesses are already saddled with too many unfunded federal mandates. Money that would normally be invested back into businesses is instead being spent to implement government regulations.

More federal regulations, no matter how well-intentioned, are not needed. A better alternative would be for businesses and offices to voluntarily ban smoking on their premises.

Several restaurant chains have already taken this step. Hopefully, other businesses and offices will follow.

The result would be a more pleasant work environment — one that would be accomplished without government intervention.

**Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Jerry vs. Jimmy:**  
Things we consider more important than the Jimmy Johnson-Jerry Jones dispute (in no particular order):

Bosnia; public funding for education; smelling fresh coffee; gangs in our schools; Serbia; nuclear weapons in North Korea; health care; gangs in our streets; taxes; a cure for AIDS; gangs in our prisons; the homeless; voting turnout; telling people important to you that you love them; going to church; watching a Texas sunrise or sunset; hunger; the balance of trade; revamping the welfare system; the elections in Mexico; taking a walk in the park; joblessness; visiting with people you really like; going to a baseball game; reading to your kids; curing the cat of coughing up hairballs on the furniture; not putting celery down the disposal; filing taxes before April 15; the U.S. dollar rising to 2148.04 Indonesian rupiahs; hugging your kids; being kissed by a brown recluse spider-woman; gangs in shopping malls; earthquakes in California; violence and pornography in the movies; continental drift; crab grass; Africanized bees; illegal immigration; the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations; the national debt; the trade deficit with Taiwan; graffiti; saving the whales; saving the dolphins; saving the snail darter; losing weight; losing hair; losing sleep over Whitewater; remembering one's wedding anniversary.  
And so on and so forth.

**Austin American-Statesman on family violence:**  
Because *Ozzie and Harriet* and *Leave It to Beaver* remain imprinted on our culture as the family norm, the reality and tragedy of family violence is often hidden and denied.

Not only is it repudiated by the actual victims and the perpetrators of family violence, it is far too often denied by the legal system. The parents of Michelle Gomez — who was killed by her husband March 25 before he turned the gun on himself — blamed a failed legal safety net for the tragedy. Two little girls, a 4-year-old and a 2-year-old, are now orphans because of the tragedy. ...

Most people want to think of families as comfortable, safe harbors. For too many, they are not. With more understanding about family violence and better communication methods, the legal safety net will not permit as many people to fall through.

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# Getting inside Whitewater

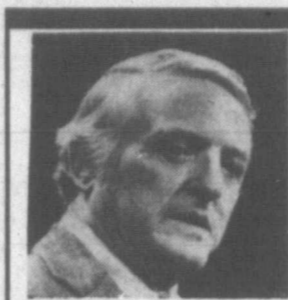
President Clinton turned in a fine forensic performance on television, defending himself and the first lady on the narrower implications of Whitewater. But then he scared half the country to death by telling us that the time consumed on Whitewater is distracting him from his other business.

"None of this," he said by way of dismissing Whitewater, "in the light of history, will be remotely as important as the fact that by common consensus we had the most productive first year of a presidency last year of anyone in a generation."

That is a provocative challenge to America: Keep up the pressure on Whitewater and we stand to lose out on the Clinton program. Some unindicted member of the president's staff should bring to his attention that the principal accomplishments of the first year of his presidency were NAFTA, which was originated by George Bush, and low inflation, which is the contribution of Alan Greenspan, appointed by Ronald Reagan. The three achievements of the Clinton administration are a health plan that deserves to be defeated, the imposition of new and higher taxes, and a budget bill passed only after Bill Clinton made promises to a dozen legislators, including to eat more peanut butter.

Recently Barry Goldwater held a press conference at which he recommended that Whitewaterites lay off. The day after Goldwater's conference I posed the question to a constitutional scholar: Assuming (I said) that the worst case is made using the component parts of the existing situation, what would be left left with?

He applied his powers as a dramatist and came up with: "Suppose that money from a federally protected S&L that was floundering was eased over



William F. Buckley Jr.

a) to bail out Whitewater, or b) to fatten Bill Clinton's re-election campaign fund. That c) some federal regulator surveying unshredded documents saw that such an operation was going on and the next thing we knew, he had committed suicide ..."

Whoa! I cried, my powers of imagination overstrained. Sure, and we could take it one step further and find that some local Zapruder on the scene took a picture of a man who first shot Vincent Foster and then stuck the pistol in his hand — and a high-process developer gets the film and lo! it was none other than the president of the United States who pulled the trigger!

But that is grassy knoll stuff, fit only for the likes of Oliver Stone. Barry Goldwater is right. We know that Bill Clinton is an unregulated lecher, that he dodged the draft, that he toured with Barnum & Bailey as the man who could exhale marijuana without first inhaling it. Still, he was elected president. And his defense of big-government, big-tax policies continues to drain the natural juices of economic recovery and threatens that which is best in our health system.

Clinton is right: These are the questions we need to confront, and all the other stuff is foreplay —

basically, not all that interesting.

Not one American in 20 can recite who-all were responsible for the S&L debacle, the cost of which exceeds \$100 billion. The reason this historical defalcation didn't become a national issue is that it was the legacy of big government. Congress was responsible for raising insurance protections to the dizzy sum of \$100,000 and the executive for failing to make timely recommendations to the legislature. It is somehow more manageable to concentrate public attention on whether investor Bill Clinton side-slipped \$70,000 from one pocket to another than to ponder the billions that float by every time President Clinton spots a constituency whose loyalty to his administration is less intense than desired.

Goldwater didn't say that the investigation should be quashed; quashing investigations, as Barry Goldwater had the painful duty of explaining to Richard Nixon on the eve of Nixon's resignation, is a hazardous business. Let Robert Fiske proceed as special counsel looking into the question, and let Congress go ahead and investigate it with more energy than it investigated the S&L collapse.

But the public should know to focus on other matters, even as Clinton requested that we do. And professional critics of the Democratic president should bear it also in mind that to place stakes overlarge on Clinton's vulnerability over Whitewater is to run the risk that if Whitewater fizzles, Clinton will soar; even as Jennifer Flowers giving her story to the *National Enquirer* had the effect of restraining Clinton's marital oath.

There is a real danger that those far-off history books to which Clinton alluded might tell us that, back in 1994, the collapse of Whitewater gave us socialized medicine.

Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Friday, April 8, the 98th day of 1994. There are 267 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
Twenty years ago, on April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record. The round-tripper was off pitcher Al Downing.

On this date:  
In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration was approved by Congress.

In 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for the last time.

In 1952, President Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike.

In 1970, the Senate rejected President Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.



## Is golfing hazardous to health?

Something more than two years ago, son Paul and I, playing Chicago-area golf course, began to notice crippled birds — hobbling as though falling-down drunk — unable to fly.

Paul Jr. will interrupt any golf match to retrieve a sick or wounded anything and take it to the nearest veterinarian.

"A neuro-toxin," he was told. "There is no remedy."

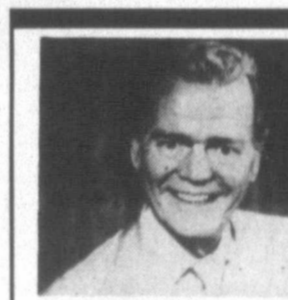
The little bird would have to be put to sleep. Gradually, we noticed it was a silent spring.

The birds, which had been everywhere, were nowhere on the golf courses.

An occasional stray from a nearby forest preserve would show up once in a while, only promptly to fly away or die.

It was then that I first sought to focus your attention on the degree to which pesticides were poisoning the landscape.

Immediately, I received indignant responses from golf-course greenskeepers and pesticide manufacturers protesting that the stuff they were spraying on fairways and greens was not toxic. "In no



Paul Harvey

way harmful," they insisted.

Their organization publication noted my indictment and motivated a further write-in campaign demanding a retraction.

Instead, I urged further investigation.

So ...

The Golf Course Superintendents Association did commission a research project.

When the association met recently in Dallas for its annual convention, the members learned the results of their own research. Now, it appears not only are golf-course pesticides killing birds, but

THEY ARE ALSO KILLING GOLF-COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS!

The statistical mortality study confirmed that among golf-course superintendents there is more lung cancer, more brain cancer, more cancers of the large intestine and prostate.

Especially lung cancer.

Surely the pesticide manufacturers and users now have to know that this is going to open the door to lawsuits by golf-course employees — and perhaps by golfers — claiming that they have been exposed to cancer-causing chemicals.

Admittedly, this is a preliminary study, though it did trace the deaths of 618 former GCSA members between 1970 and 1993.

Dr. Burton Kross, University of Iowa, one of the researchers involved, recommends further studies. "Meanwhile," he says, "golf-course workers must minimize however possible their exposure to pesticides."

There is a moral here that demands to be underscored: We and the beautiful things will live in harmony together or perish together.

## Two institutions ending long runs in D.C.

WASHINGTON — They worked across the street from each other, in distinctly different worlds. Now, Harry Blackmun and Jamie Whitten are bowing out of extended public service careers that made each an institution.

Blackmun, 85, announced Wednesday that he would retire from the Supreme Court after 24 years that saw him evolve into its most dauntless liberal voice. He was best known as the author of the 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* decision that established a constitutional right to abortion.

Whitten, 83, the Mississippi Democrat whose nearly 53 years in Congress is a record, said Tuesday he will not seek re-election to the House seat he has held since November 1941.

As chairman of the mighty House Appropriations Committee until he became ill in 1992, Whitten was one of the last of the baronial Southern chairmen who once wielded nearly unfettered power.

The two men's lives have had some marked parallels. Both came of age during the Depression. Both became more liberal later in their careers. And both seemed to believe they could use their work to help people, Blackmun with the cases he considered, Whitten with the hundreds of billions of dollars his committee controlled.

But ultimately, each will be remembered quite differently, in part because they are creatures of two very distinct institutions.

Blackmun works in a world of black robes and hushed chambers, at once forbidding and dignified. When the high court is in session, attorneys

Alan Fram  
AP Special Correspondent

address the nine justices in only the most respectful of tones. And the finished product often deals with some of the highest profile issues that society faces.

Whitten's environment, though similar in its abundance of marble columns, is far earthier. His committee controls about one-third of the \$1.5 trillion federal budget, and his source of power was his ability to dole out money for highways, water projects and other programs largely as he saw fit. Handshakes and back-room deals were his stock-in-trade.

Blackmun will always be remembered as the graceful scholar who was appointed by a Republican president, Richard Nixon, as a conservative but who gradually came to be viewed as a liberal. He rejected that perception and said he was always somewhere in the middle of that spectrum, that it was the court that had moved.

He remains intellectually sharp, forever examining issues. Just a few weeks ago he announced his outright opposition to capital punishment, saying he now believes that the death penalty cannot be administered in a constitutional way.

Whitten's mark is on the grittier side. He began his congressional career as an unabashed segregationist, but abandoned that view as blacks began to

vote more heavily. And as he built up seniority, his power on the Appropriations panel increased — as head of its agriculture subcommittee beginning in 1949, then in 1979 as chairman of the full panel.

Whitten never hesitated to use that power, although it was diluted by a 1975 rules change that forced subcommittee chairmen to be more responsive to other members.

To his own northern Mississippi district, he brought money for the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway and the Natchez Trace Parkway. And while others ruefully accused him of distributing pork, Whitten — who came to Congress during the New Deal — said he believed the government's role was to use its money to nurture economic growth.

After suffering what some on Capitol Hill said was a stroke in 1992, Whitten seemed weakened and at times disoriented. Months later, his fellow Democrats stripped him of his committee subcommittee chairmanships. And last year, they killed a multibillion-dollar rocket engine project in his district that he had successfully defended for years.

Blackmun may well be replaced by someone similar. Indeed, President Clinton made a campaign pledge to fill Supreme Court vacancies with people who support abortion rights, and Clinton seems likely to look for a moderate as well.

But Whitten is among a vanishing breed of Capitol Hill dinosaurs: born before World War I, in Congress before World War II and a one-time chairman whose power was nearly unchallengeable.

His type soon will be gone forever.

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THE PRESIDENT LISTENING TO HIS WONK MAN



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President Clinton presents part of his health care plan during a town hall meeting Thursday in Kansas City, Kan. (AP photo)

### Many skeptical of health plan

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP) — The White House got what it wanted: a town hall meeting with questions limited to health care. But even in such an accommodating forum, President Clinton encountered plenty of skepticism, underscoring the plan's vulnerability with the public, and in Congress.

Clinton today was wrapping up a week-long pitch for the measure with yet another televised town hall meeting and a rally.

On Thursday night, Clinton explained and defended his complex national health insurance program for 90 minutes in a Kansas City, Kan., televised town hall meeting. He used colorful charts and moved around on the small stage like a talk-show host.

"Please urge your members of Congress, not necessarily to agree with me on every detail but to seize this moment to do something profoundly important for the American people," Clinton said at the session that was broadcast in four Midwestern states.

But aides conceded that, despite months of promoting the plan, they are finding support for it to be lukewarm.

The Kansas City station, KCTV-TV, that sponsored the town hall meeting limited questions to health care, affording Clinton a rare opportunity to showcase the measure without being pelted with distracting questions on other subjects, including Whitewater — as happened earlier this week at a town hall session in North Carolina.

And at least one of the questioners — the leadoff one — was selected from a list submitted by the White House and asked a softball question that

## Rampaging troops on killing spree in Rwanda

By PAULINE JELINEK  
Associated Press Writer

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The death of Rwanda's president in a plane crash left the country at the mercy of rampaging troops who have killed the acting premier, as many as 11 U.N. soldiers and aid workers.

Three Cabinet ministers and two Rwandan human rights activists were reported abducted as intense gunfire and explosions echoed across Kigali, the capital.

At least 19 Rwandan clerics also were reported killed in the bloody aftermath of the crash Wednesday that killed President Juvénal Habyarimana and Burundi's president, Cyprien Ntaryamira, on their way back from peace talks.

"Several dozen" local employees of Doctors Without Frontiers and other aid workers were killed by the military, many in cold blood in front of other aid workers, DWF spokeswoman Anouk Delafortrie said today in Belgium.

"The fighting and plundering in Kigali continues unabated," she said.

### 'Just say no' ads losing favor as public loses interest

WASHINGTON (AP) — Where have all the anti-drug ads gone? Time was, a night of television wasn't complete without that guy breaking an egg into a sizzling frying pan with the warning, "This is your brain on drugs."

But those days are over as the public has moved on to other worries, such as war, violent crime and the economy.

At the same time, there have been fewer drug-related network news stories and television shows with anti-drug messages, while pro-drug messages from entertainers become more numerous, say those who monitor such matters.

There is no hard data showing the individual impact on young people of anti-drug ads, news stories and TV programs on drug use, but some specialists say the collective changes could be factors in a recent rise in drug use.

A European speaking by telephone today said the gunfire began at dawn Thursday and has continued nearly nonstop.

"It's out of the question to go into the streets, because there's too many armed gangs," he said.

Tracers lit up the sky Thursday night, and heavy arms were heard being fired, he said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Youths with machetes and clubs were roaming otherwise empty streets in the Rwandan capital Thursday, and some Rwandans were reportedly being killed in their homes, U.N. spokesman Mactar Gueye said by telephone.

Acting Prime Minister Agathe Uwilingiyimana was dragged from a U.N. compound and killed by presidential guards in front of U.N. volunteers, U.N. sources said. She had escaped to the compound after soldiers disarmed her U.N. guards as she left home, the sources said.

Ten of the U.N. soldiers killed were Belgians guarding Uwilingiyimana, said a communique from the Belgian defense ministry in Brussels.

The men were surrounded, dis-

armed, taken to a military camp, then tortured and killed, according to their commander, Belgian Col. Luc Marchal, speaking to RTBF public radio in Belgium.

Soldiers killed 11 nuns, five priests and three Jesuit priests, all of them African, said Jose M. de Vera, a spokesman at Jesuit headquarters in Rome. Three Belgian Jesuits were spared, he said.

A Papal Nuncio source reached by telephone from Paris reported that 22 clergymen and women, all Rwandans, had been killed since the outbreak of fighting.

The churches in Kigali "are full of people looking for refuge," the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

It was not clear who controlled Kigali, much of which was without electricity late Thursday. Telephone lines to the central African country were jammed this morning.

Rwanda's government said the presidents' plane "was shot down" at Kigali airport "by unidentified elements in circumstances which are still unclear."

Witnesses reported hearing heavy-weapons fire moments before the

plane crashed, said the French Embassy in Kigali. U.N. sources could not confirm the cause of the crash.

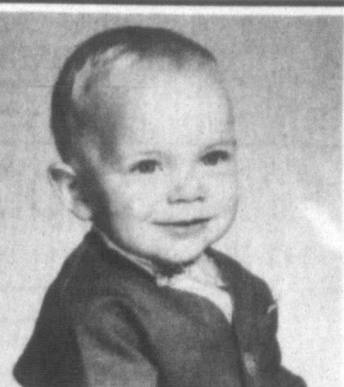
The presidents were returning from Tanzania after trying to find a solution to ethnic hostilities in both nations. Hutus and Tutsis have been fighting for decades in Rwanda and Burundi.

Rwanda has been torn by divisions among ruling Hutus over a peace accord that Habyarimana, a Hutu, signed in August with rebels of the minority Tutsi tribe last year.

Uwilingiyimana was made acting prime minister after the peace accord, which called for a new, more representative government but split Hutus.

Ntaryamira was also Hutu. Burundi's capital was reported calm Thursday. Ethnic fighting in Burundi has killed an estimated 100,000 people since the assassination of Burundi's first Hutu president, Melchior Ndadaye, in October.

In Rwanda, as many as 600 rebel Rwandese Patriotic Front forces were reported fighting with Hutu-dominated presidential guards, estimated to number 700.



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Religion roundup

**ST. CLARA, W.Va. (AP)** — In 1921, a priest awed by a statue of Jesus on the cross labored to bring it from France to Doddridge County. Today, it sits atop a hillside cemetery, attracting visitors from around the country.

St. Clare Catholic Church is scheduled to close in June as part of a statewide reorganization by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

But the 12-foot iron statue, which also depicts two figures flanking the cross and one at Jesus' feet, will remain.

"We've had people here from about every state," said Priscilla Schulte, who lives a few steps from the cemetery. Her husband, Matthew, is the church caretaker.

"It makes you stop and think what he went through for the rest of us," she said of the statue.

Centennial celebration in Mobeetie

**MOBEETIE** - First Baptist Church of Mobeetie is to celebrate their 100th anniversary on Sunday with special services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

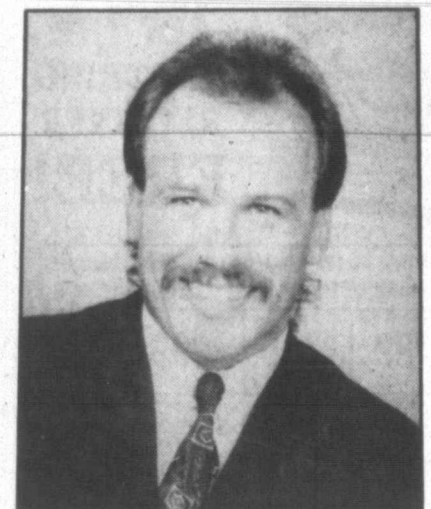
It is the oldest church in Wheeler County and has the double distinction of being located in the oldest town of the Panhandle. Many pastors and wives are expected to attend Sunday.

Speaker for Sunday will be Bro. Ted Ewing, a former pastor. Ewing was pastor in 1942 when the church moved from old town to new.

The First Baptist Church of Mobeetie was organized April 2, 1894, with 13 charter members, J.W. Brice presiding. Dedication services for the first building were held July 27, 1919 with Bro. H.A. Godwin presiding.

On Dec. 7, 1941, members voted to move the building to New Mobeetie. Last services for the Old Mobeetie Church were Jan. 25, 1942. First services in New Mobeetie were May 29, 1942. The first building has served church and community for more than 63 years and was replaced in 1982. First services in the new church building were Oct. 31, 1982 with Rev. Ralph Hovey as pastor.

Commemorative plates and mugs will be available at cost at the church. The public is invited to join the celebration.



First Assembly hosts Mark Shell

Evangelist and gospel recording artist Mark Shell will be at First Assembly of God Church, 500 S. Cuyler, Sunday through April 17 for a revival crusade. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays and at 7 p.m. weeknights.

Shell has been to First Assembly for the past two years. The Rev. Charles Shugart invites the public. For more information call 665-5941.

Bethel to speak at revival service

St. Mark Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 406 Elm, has set spring revival for Monday through Friday with services at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. John R. Bethel, pastor Mt. Zion CME Church, Tyler, will be the speaker. The public is invited, said the Rev. Merle L. Houska.

Taco luncheon at St. Mark CME

St. Mark Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 406 Elm, is sponsoring a taco luncheon, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday. It is hosted by the men of the church and donations will be accepted. The Rev. Merle Houska is the pastor and the public is invited.

Monthly singing at First Pentecostal

The monthly gospel singing will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock. The Rev. Albert Maggard extends an invitation to the public.

Catholic-evangelical vow to put aside differences welcomed

By RENE DeCAIR  
Associated Press Writer

**COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)** — The agreement between evangelicals and Roman Catholics to end their "loveless conflict" is being welcomed in some parts of the Bible Belt.

The agreement signed a week ago by evangelical leaders, including Pat Robertson, and by Catholic bishops continues progress that began seven years ago when Pope John Paul II visited South Carolina and suggested closer ties, religious leaders said.

"Indeed, is it not the duty of every follower of Christ to work for the unity of all Christians?" the pope told 26 American leaders of several denominations at the time.

Parishioners at West Columbia's First Baptist Church said they were glad to hear of the recent agreement, especially the part calling for an end to trying to convert each other.

Baptists and Catholics each believe theirs is the only religion to follow, parishioner Dale Finley said.

"I think for peace, they should work together and quit trying to shove (beliefs) down their throats," she said.

Helen Ford, another member of the large brick church with a wooden cross of flowers on its lawn the day after Easter, said she welcomed the cooperative effort.

"I'm not so narrow that I cannot accept the fact that there are other very good Christian people in other denominations," she said. "I think we're all working toward the same goal; we're just taking different routes to get there."

Conservative Protestant ties run deep in South Carolina, with an estimated 1 million evangelicals statewide, said the Rev. Don Burnett, head of the state's chapter of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The South Carolina Baptist Convention is the state's largest denomination, with 600,000 members. There are about 87,000 Catholics.

At St. Joseph's Catholic Church nestled in one of Columbia's more stately neighborhoods, Wayne Weible said the agreement was a "tremendous step forward."

Weible, a former Lutheran, said he believed the agreement would foster greater understanding. Catholics and Protestants share many concerns,

such as abortion and the decline of the family, he said.

"They have found they have a great deal in common, which has been there all along," he said.

Fellow St. Joseph's member Billie Rose said she supported some evangelical efforts, such as the Rev. Billy Graham's crusade, because he urges followers to go to church, regardless of the denomination.

Others see the agreement as an extension of the cooperation that already exists between Catholics and evangelicals in groups like the Christian Action Council, which includes 16 denominations.

For instance, members from various denominations cooperate to help take care of AIDS patients, said the Rev. L. Wayne Bryan, a Presbyterian who heads the council. Baptists and Catholics also are collaborating on a "True Love Waits" campaign to promote abstaining from sex until marriage.

But not everyone is ready to accept a new era of cooperation.

Bob Jones III, president of the 5,000-student Bob Jones University in Greenville, said the agreement was evidence that the "church of

Antichrist" is forming rapidly.

The Christian school, with fundamentalist views and stringent rules, forbids students to date interracially, watch movies or listen to rock music.

"The Christian Church has as much reason to separate from Catholicism as it does from Islam,

Mormonism, or any other of the world's religious deceptions," Jones said in a written statement.

The Rev. Michael McCafferty, a Roman Catholic chaplain at the University of South Carolina, said the document is fine as a goodwill gesture as long as the cooperation does not end there.



Dr. Bob Evans

**LEFORS** - Dr. Bob Evans, evangelist, will lead revival services at First Baptist Church beginning Sunday and continuing through Wednesday.

Bringing special music will be Roy Livingston, music minister at Central Baptist in Canadian.

Services are set for 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday. On Monday through Wednesday, morning services are set for 10:30 a.m. with prayer meeting and choir rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. and evening services at 7 p.m.

Evans, a professor of religion at Oklahoma Baptist University, was ordained to the ministry at First Baptist Church in Melissa in 1953. He has been the pastor of churches in Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico prior to accepting the position as professor in 1982.

He received an associate of arts degree from Decatur Baptist College, attended Hardin-Simmons University and received bachelor's degrees from both Wayland Baptist



Roy Livingston

College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also received masters of divinity degree and doctorate's of theology and philosophy from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Evans has served on various boards and committees of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Baptist General Convention of New Mexico and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Livingston, a native of Lefors, has been the music and youth minister at Central Baptist Church in Canadian for the past six years. In May 1993, he was licensed into the gospel ministry in the area of music.

Livingston, and his wife, Charlotte, have two sons, Steven, 9, and Tony, 6.

Pastor Lewis Ellis said the public is invited to attend the special services. A nursery will be provided for prayer meeting, choir rehearsals and all morning and evening services.



The Carpenter's Church (Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)

Carpenter's Church, 639 S. Barnes, has associated itself with the Independent Assemblies of God Churches, announced the Rev. Fred Palmer.

Carpenter's Church opened July 19, 1989, with 10 members as an interdenominational ministry. Average attendance is 80-100 now, he said.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., youth service, 5:30 p.m. and intercessory prayer, 6 p.m., evangelistic service, 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. Wednesday, the church holds mid-week Bible service. Afterglow is on

the first Sunday of each month following the evening service.

Independent Assemblies of God began in 1918 as the Scandinavian Assemblies of God in the United States, Canada and overseas. It existed under that name until 1935.

The Scandinavian Church merged with the Independent Pentecostal Church in 1935 and adopted the name Independent Assemblies of God International. The denomination is headquartered in Laguna Hills, Calif.

Missionaries service in Africa, Canada, Guatemala, India, Mexico,

Nagaland, Philippines and Romania.

Independent Assemblies of God do not exercise authority over the local church.

Denominational doctrine includes belief in the Bible as inspired and infallible Word of God, one God existent in the Trinity, virgin birth of Christ, His atoning death, resurrection and ascension, water baptism, salvation through belief in the atonement of Christ, divine healing, speaking in tongues, sanctification of the believer, second coming of Christ and final judgement of non-Christians.

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## March of the Living



A group of Israeli youth, waving Israeli flags, pass rails leading to the Birkenau Nazi Death Camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau, Germany, on Thursday. More than 6,000 Jews from all over the world, mainly young people, took part in this year's March of the Living held to commemorate the 6 million Jews killed during the World War II Holocaust years. (AP photo/Czarek Sokolowski)

## Scientists report first proof AIDS causes cancer

By RICHARD COLE  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Researchers have found that the AIDS virus directly causes cancer, and the discovery offers a possibility of better treatment for cancer and AIDS. It also raises doubts about the safety of some new forms of gene therapy.

The results, being announced today, could lead to safer ways to treat certain forms of cancer in AIDS victims, said the study's authors, University of California at San Francisco Drs. Michael McGrath and Bruce Shiramizu.

"This is the first direct evidence that we have a human virus causing cancer through some mechanism — not just indirectly by immunosuppression," McGrath said.

Cancers, including lymphoma and kaposi's sarcoma, have long been associated with AIDS. But most researchers have thought the cancers were opportunistic, taking advantage of AIDS' weakening of the immune system rather than being caused by the virus itself.

The study, however, found that when the AIDS virus inserted its genetic material into a cell's DNA it apparently switched on a nearby cancer-causing gene, starting up a less common variety of lymphoma called non-B-cell lymphoma.

The scientists spent two years reviewing 30 lymphoma cases, and found four in which the AIDS virus inserted itself into the same spot in a cell's DNA. McGrath said the researchers now have additional examples, and estimated that up to a third of non-B-cell lymphomas in AIDS patients show similar results.

The study is to be published April 15 in *Cancer Research*, the journal of the American Association for Cancer Research.

Dr. William A. Blattner, chief of the viral epidemiology branch of the National Cancer Institute, hailed the finding as an important step in understanding how a retrovirus, the class of virus that includes the AIDS virus, can cause cancer.

"This has been seen in animal retrovirus, but it's the first example of an insertional retroviral situation in man," he said.

## CDC: Cats increasingly are source of human plague

ATLANTA (AP) — Cats that roam newly suburbanized areas in the Southwest are a growing source of human plague, federal health officials warned Thursday.

Before 1977, domestic cats were not known to transmit human plague, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

But since then, they have been identified as carriers in at least 15 cases.

Cats can pick up the disease from infected fleas or rodents and pass it on when they bite, scratch or lick humans. And if an infected cat has mouth lesions, even its breath can transmit the plague bacteria.

About half of infected cats die but the disease is rarely fatal in people.

Dogs also may be infected by dead rodents or fleas but they usually don't fall ill and transmit the disease to their owners.

The increase in cat transmission to humans is linked to the suburbaniza-

tion of the Southwest, where the plague is commonly found, said Kenneth Gage, acting director of the CDC's plague section.

"People are moving out, building new houses or setting up mobile homes. They have a junk pile or a wood pile outside where rodents live, right at their house," he said.

"People turn their cats out, and then they bring infected fleas or a dead rodent back to the house."

Since 1944, 362 cases of human plague have been reported. In the first decade of reporting, the disease was found in only California, Arizona and New Mexico. But during 1984-93, the disease was reported in 13 states as the bacteria moved eastward to Texas and as far north as Montana.

Plague is unlikely to spread east of the mid-Plains states because the rodents carrying the bacteria — including the deer mouse, rock squirrel and prairie dog — don't live outside semi-arid regions, Gage said.

He recommended that residents of newly suburbanized areas of the Southwest keep the area around their houses clear of trash, treat pets with flea powder and keep them from roaming freely.

Any pet owner who suddenly falls ill with fever, chills, headache, nausea and swollen lymph nodes should seek treatment immediately, Gage said.

Few people in the United States die from the plague because most doctors in the Southwest now recognize its symptoms, Gage said.

Of the 10 cases of plague reported in 1993, one person died after waiting six days to seek medical aid, according to the CDC.

At least two of the patients were infected by cats and three others by fleas, the CDC said. Seven of the 10 were infected at home.

So far this year, health officials have reported one case of plague, in a California man who had worked in a gold mine.

## Decorated Marine turns himself in as illegal alien

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A decorated Marine turned himself in to authorities and admitted he was an illegal alien, but he probably won't be deported.

Sgt. Danny Lightfoot, who is stationed in Barstow, is a native of the Bahamas. He entered the country on a student visa but stayed after it expired. He enlisted in 1983, using fake documents he said were supplied by a recruiter.

The Marines discovered he was an illegal immigrant in 1991, but he wasn't prosecuted because of his outstanding record, said Carl Shusterman, Lightfoot's attorney. Lightfoot's recruiter wasn't charged because the statute of limitations had run out, Shusterman said.

The military told immigration officials about Lightfoot, but they did nothing, Shusterman said. Lightfoot, 29, surrendered to the Immigration and Naturalization Service

on Tuesday, saying he wanted to become a citizen. He was freed until authorities decide whether to grant him citizenship or deport him.

"I couldn't go on like this," Lightfoot said. "I guess my back just got up against the wall. I did it for myself and my family."

One of his three children is a U.S. citizen, but the two born outside the country are not. His wife, Raquel, is a Bahamian citizen and is seeking legal residency in the United States.

Los Angeles INS deputy director Donald B. Looney said it was "very unlikely" Lightfoot would be deported, and that his office would recommend that Lightfoot and his family be allowed to stay.

"Over the years, we've had a number of aliens get in the military and then come forward to adjust their status ... and they usually get to stay," Looney said. Lightfoot holds a Navy achieve-

ment medal, three good conduct medals, two certificates of commendation, seven letters of appreciation and a meritorious unit commendation. He also has the support of military superiors and Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif.

"Sgt. Lightfoot is deserving of special consideration because he has demonstrated his commitment to America by his willingness to defend it with his life," said a letter from Lt. Col. F.L. Keelman III, executive officer at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow.

Illegal immigrants can apply to have their deportation proceedings suspended if they have lived in the United States for seven years and deportation would cause their families hardship. For illegal immigrants in the military, the residency requirement is only two years.

If deportation is suspended, they can apply for citizenship.

## Russia backtracks on plan for new base in Latvia

MOSCOW (AP) — Facing an uproar in the Baltics, Russia hastily retreated Thursday from a plan to establish a permanent military base in Latvia, one of 30 new outposts to be created in former Soviet republics.

President Boris Yeltsin had approved the plan in an executive order made public Wednesday that specifically mentioned Latvia. But a day later, the government blamed the flap on a "technical mistake."

"The issue of deployment of any Russian bases on the territory of Latvia is not being raised and does not exist," Yeltsin's spokesman, Vyacheslav Kostikov, said in a formal statement.

The confusion over the base raised

questions about how well the Kremlin was coordinating its military plans with top defense and foreign ministry officials.

A similar misunderstanding has emerged over Russia's plans to join NATO's Partnership for Peace program. Government officials have issued a series of conflicting statements on whether and when Moscow would join.

Yeltsin's decision to try to establish permanent bases in the "near abroad," as the former Soviet republics are known, drew immediate protests from Latvia and its Baltic neighbors Lithuania and Estonia. The bases were to be situated where existing military units are located.

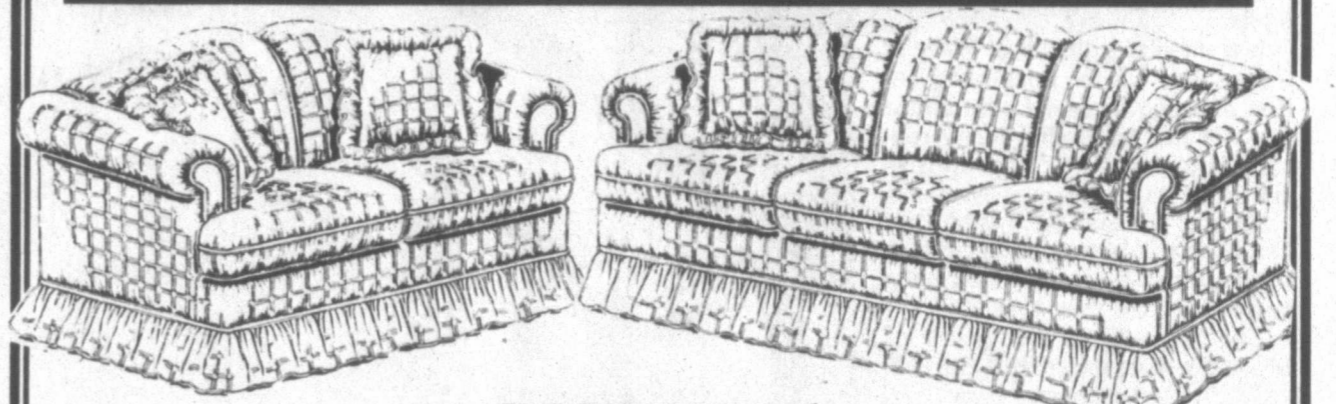
"Latvia will never allow the building of a Russian military base on its territory," Latvian President Guntis Ulmanis said.

President Lennart Meri of Estonia, which has failed to resolve its own dispute over the withdrawal of Russian troops, also condemned the plan.

"There has never been talk about deployment of military bases on Latvian territory before," Meri told The Associated Press. "This is also in sharp contrast with all the international obligations accepted by Russia."

The Lithuanian Foreign Ministry protested Yeltsin's order and said the plan contradicted international law.

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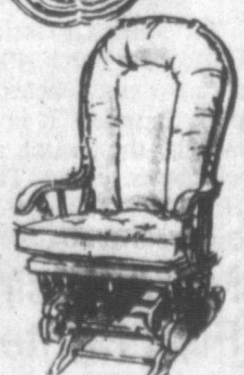
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# Dear Abby Sewing the seeds of classical music

**Abigail Van Buren**

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I went out together throughout college. We have been married 12 years and have three children, ages 5, 7 and 9. Now that we are older (we are both in our 30s), my sex drive seems to be increasing, and my wife's sex drive is definitely decreasing. We are both in good health and hold down full-time jobs, but on a scale of 1 to 10, our sex life would probably be a 2 (for twice a month).

We discussed the problem and ended up going to a marriage counselor. The counselor suggested that I look for other things in my life for satisfaction. I took his advice, found a new hobby, took up a sport and spent more time with the children. This was very rewarding, but I would still like a more romantic relationship with my wife.

Please don't suggest flowers, candy, etc., because I have tried these things with little success. (I also had an affair, and although the immediate gratification was exciting, the guilt that followed was terrible.)

Any positive suggestions you can offer would be welcome. Right now I am...  
**FRUSTRATED**

**DEAR FRUSTRATED:** Perhaps holding down a full-time job and mothering three pre-teen children has left your wife with little energy for anything else. Have you considered giving her a day off now and then, and helping with the housework and the children? It's also possible that some short vacations without the children could rekindle your sex life.

Another thought: Make an appointment for the two of you to see a licensed sex therapist.

You both have too much invested in this marriage to let it wither.

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**DEAR ABBY:** This is in response to "Longtime Reader" who was upset by bragging newsletters tucked inside Christmas cards.

She should send her own letter in return. There's an easy solution, and there is an example, guaranteed to stop 99 percent of the braggers:

"We have had a busy year. My husband had to work so many hours over time that he fell asleep at the wheel and totaled our car. Our 12-year-old son wrecked his bicycle and broke his leg. Our 15-year-old daughter may or may not be pregnant; we are waiting for the test results.

"My mother had cancer surgery on Thanksgiving, so we didn't have time for a turkey dinner. My dad died last June and we are still paying for his funeral. Last month, we had a tornado and our washing machine and garage were blown into the next county. Our dog was killed.

"Otherwise, we are well and glad to hear all your happy news."

Abby, I've sent a few similar notes, and have not received a bragging newsletter since.

CINDERELLA

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## 4-H raffle winner



**James Ray, representing Country General, recently drew the tickets in a raffle to help the 4-H Horse Project. Jerry Billingsley of McLean won a \$100 gift certificate from Country General, Charles Hall of Pampa won a \$100 gift certificate from Wayne's Western Wear and Paula Brock of Pampa won a \$50 gift certificate from Watson's Feed and Garden. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)**

With a program ranging from Beethoven to Joplin that lights-up young faces and eager minds, two renowned musicians toured elementary schools in the Pampa area this week spreading the sounds of classical music.

Pianist Ann Saslav and Harrington Quartet first violinist Dawn Harms played for elementary students in Pampa, Lefors, Skellytown and White Deer this week. They began their final day of the performances this morning at Horace Mann Elementary in Pampa.

With the help of the Texas Commission of the Arts Touring Program and Mt. Washington Concerts, Inc., the duo is bringing new sounds to young ears while re-enforcing what the students learn from their school music teachers.

"When we're in front of these children, we're showing them for the very first time, say, a work that is 300-years-old by Bach, but it's entertaining. It goes fast and it's entertaining to watch," said Saslav, who pulls the front off of the piano so the audience can see the mechanisms inside.

She ties in things about the composers, lives that the children can relate to, such as Mozart being 7-years-old when he began to gain notoriety or the fact that Beethoven, who sought to carve out a middle-class audience for chamber music, was a contemporary of George Washington.

Saslav, who gives about 150 school performances annually nationwide, said she takes care not to patronize or use negatives in front of her young audiences. "We don't talk down to them and we don't do silly things. We just show them that this is wonderful," she said.

"What's exciting to me is the chil-



dren like this sort of thing," said Wanetta Hill, the music teacher at Horace Mann.

"We've not had one audience that wasn't just wrapped with attention," Saslav said, whose program includes musical variety and student interaction.

In one part of the program, a student plays a violin with Harms. Later, students place notes on a chalk board from which the duo improvises a tune.

Hill said her students' interest in concert music is evident by the number of books they have checked out of the library on the subject.

The benefits of strong musical education carry-over into the classroom and the outside world, Harms and Saslav said.

"(Music) gives the kids something to do. It makes them different in an interesting way. ... (Other students) looked up to me because I could do this great thing," Harms said recounting her experiences with music in high school.

"It gives them an enrichment you

can't get anywhere else," she added. "It gives a child his or first success in organizing a pattern and doing it right a second and a third time. And you achieve success gradually, and it carries over..." Saslav said.

Hill said she sees music helping students' skills in listening and drawing logical conclusions to problems.

For parents, Saslav suggested having a lot of music in the home and to watch for clues of musical ability such as clapping and singing.

Saslav also maintains a regular recital schedule and often plays in concert halls and schools with her violinist husband, Isidor Saslav. In 1993, the Saslav Duo was awarded the national Peggy and Yale Gordon Trust Award for Excellence in Chamber Music Education.

She credits the Detroit, Mich., public school system for providing her husband with a violin at an early age for helping him make it out of an impoverished section of that city.



Left, Dawn Harms shows fifth graders Celeste Stowers the particulars of the violin. Above, Ann Saslav and Harms.

She said she knows many professional musicians and gifted amateurs who started from similar backgrounds and benefitted from similar support.

Saslav said she tells students, "If you start today, you can learn several pieces, ... in a year you can be pretty good and in 10 years you can be a professional..."

## Pampa Shrine benefit barbecue is Sunday



The Pampa Shrine Club will hold its all-you-can-eat spring barbecue Sunday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Top of Texas Sportsman Club on South Barnes.

Take out orders will be available.

Proceeds from the barbecue will help defray transportation costs to and from the network of Shriners hospitals for crippled children.

The hospitals and Shriners services have helped between 400 and 500 children in the Pampa area alone.

Shriners Hospitals treat children, conduct research into orthopedics and burn care and help in the training of medical professionals in the care and treatment of orthopedic disabilities and burn injuries.

The local Shriners organization also caters reunions and other events to raise funds. The group also helps with admissions gates and serves food from the concession stands at the Top 'O Texas Rodeo each year.

The Pampa Shrine Club is serving the Desk and Derrick club Saturday night.

Another barbecue is planned for the fall.

**Top, Pampa Shrine Club members season meat for the barbecue. From left, James Washington, Al Soukup and Ralph Jackson. Bottom, Margaret Washington, left, and Peggy Soukup slice onions for potato salad. (Pampa News photos by Darlene Holmes)**



## McCarley Foundation scholarships available

Applications for the McCarley Foundation Scholarship are available for all Pampa High School graduates from 1988 forward.

The exact amount of each scholarship will be determined by the McCarley Foundation, ranging up to \$4,000 a year, payable at \$2,000 at the beginning of each semester.

Applicants must have been in the upper one-fourth of their graduating class at Pampa High School and must maintain a grade point average of 2.75 or better on a 4.0 point scale in order to remain eligible for the scholarship.

The student must use the money to attend as a full-time student (12 or more hours per semester) a four-year college or university in the United States. The scholarship must be used for the payment of tuition, lab fees, books, room and board, and other expenses directly related to pursuing an undergraduate degree.

Students wishing to apply for this

scholarship should go by the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard; Clarendon College - Pampa Center, 900 N. Frost; or Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, to pick up application forms.

The application should be returned along with the high school transcript with class rank, college transcript including the fall 1993 semester, and an essay or letter stating the student's college goals, including major and place of study (college).

Application deadline is April 15.

The McCarley Foundation Scholarship is administered by the Education Committee of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. Scholarship criteria state that an applicant may not be related to any of the Chamber directors.

Preference will be given to those who can show proof of successful completion of a college semester(s) and specific goal plans.

## Benefit circus tickets on sale

**CLARENDON** - The excitement and thrills of an old-fashioned circus performing under the "Big Top" will be coming to Clarendon on Saturday, April 16.

Sponsored by Yesterday's Children, shows are scheduled for 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the Old Cotton Gin Yard on U.S. 287 East.

All area residents are invited to attend, according to Dortha McNutt, circus chairman and Clarendon VISTA volunteer for Yesterday's Children.

Lions, tigers, acrobats, aerialists, clowns and jugglers will all be part of the magic under the tent of the Allen Bros. Circus from La Feria. Pony rides, a petting zoo and other activities will be available before performances.

Reduced-price advance tickets are \$4 for children and \$6 for adults. Tickets will be \$2 more on circus day, McNutt said.

Tickets are available from Yesterday's Children volunteers and the Donley County Senior Citizens Center.

Other ticket outlets are Biven's Pharmacy, Don's Place at Greenbelt Lake, Guys and Dolls, the Hitchin' Post, Harlan's Flowers, the Nook, Stavenhagen Video and West Texas Utilities, all in the Clarendon area.

Pampa area residents may call 665-4495 to arrange for ticket purchases, or send advance ticket orders to Yesterday's Children, P.O. Box 716, Clarendon, Texas 79226, or P.O. Box 1578, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

## Simple steps for helping infants learn through their senses



### Homemakers' News

**Donna Brauchi**

April is recognized nationwide as Child Abuse Prevention month. As we focus on child abuse prevention, we will look at positive parenting techniques as the key. My columns during the month of April will provide ideas and tips for positive parenting with variety of ages of children. We will start with some tips for parenting infants.

Parents can help infants learn in a number of ways by taking simple steps. Some routine activities are important to a baby's growth and

well-being.

Parents can help infants to feel safe and secure by:

- (1) Handling them gently.
- (2) Supporting the back and head of infants when you pick them up.
- (3) Picking them up gently when they cry. You won't spoil babies if you pick them up every time they cry during the early weeks and months. Crying is the infant's only way of letting you know his or her needs.
- (4) Let babies suck on a pacifier if

this comforts them.

Parents also need to make the baby feel clean and comfortable. Here are a number of things you can do.

- (1) Keep infants dry and clean. Change their diapers and wash their bottoms when wet or dirty. Young babies have very tender skin that gets sore easily.
- (2) Dress babies according to the temperature. A baby's body cannot adjust to outside temperatures as well as an adult's body. Avoid overdressing infants.
- Babies learn through sight, sound, touching, and motion. These activities can help your child learn:

- SIGHT**  
-Place unbreakable mirrors and simple patterns within the baby's sight. In the early weeks, black and white objects are just as interesting to babies as colored ones.

-Hold the child close so the baby can see your face. Use animated expressions, smile and laugh with your baby.

**SOUND**  
-Expose the baby to various sounds such as the vacuum sweeper, water running, radio, TV and music.

-Talk to the infant about what you are doing.

**TOUCH**  
-Touch the baby with your hands or soft fabrics. Give a gentle massage.

-When parents feed, bathe or hold infants, they should stroke their heads or bodies gently as they speak to them.

**MOTION**  
-Slowly move around, or dance with them.

-Rock them gently.

-Walk them in a stroller.

These parenting behaviors let babies know that they are loved. Parents also communicate through body language and emotions. When parents are tense, they communicate this by the way hold and touch the baby. Infants often respond with fussiness or tension.

Parents will grow in confidence as they spend time getting to know the uniqueness of their infant and appropriately responding to meet those needs.

A letter series highlighting important information on growth and development, safety, health and nutrition for infants during the first 12 months of life is available to parents free of charge.

"Parenting the First Year" is designed for first-time parents and can be obtained by contacting the Gray County Extension Office.

# The Pampa News

## NEA Crossword Puzzle

### ACROSS

- 1 Carefree
- 7 Hit with foot
- 11 High regard
- 12 Fruit
- 14 Gossip
- 15 Rootlessness
- 16 From — Z
- 17 Jealousy
- 19 Meshes
- 20 Sanction
- 22 Flying toy
- 25 Cook's measure
- 26 Bi plus one
- 29 Macaw
- 31 Loving
- 33 Small stool
- 35 — fruit
- 36 Abstract being
- 37 1,051, Roman
- 38 Supervisor
- 39 Diffusion
- 42 Vitamin —
- 45 Something remarkable

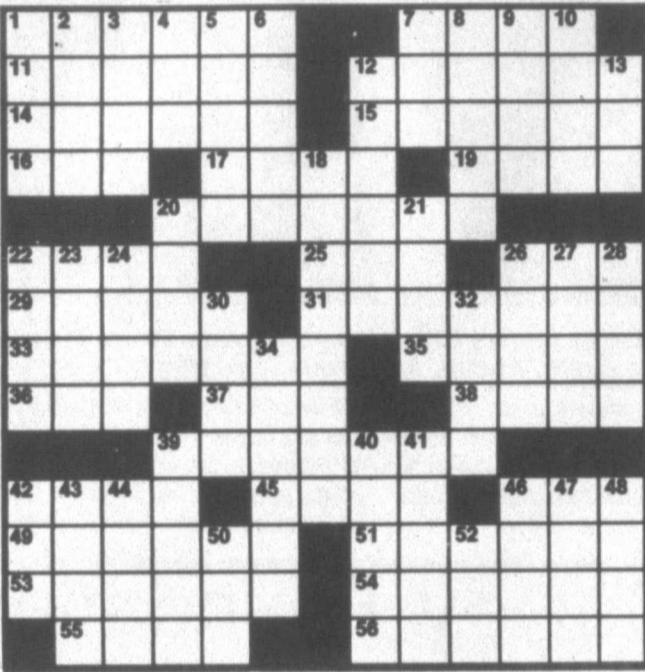
### DOWN

- (sl.)
- 46 Fib
- 49 Dodger
- 51 Football coach Weeb
- 53 Reproductive cell
- 54 South Dakota capital
- 55 Zola heroine
- 56 Reptiles
- 1 Type of videotape
- 2 Future attys. exam
- 3 Leave — Beaver
- 4 Southeast Asian holiday
- 5 Singer — Reddy
- 6 Correct (a manuscript)
- 7 Between Colo. and Mo.

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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### WALNUT COVE



Anyone can wave a baton around. The question is, can he interpret the music?



By Mark Cullum

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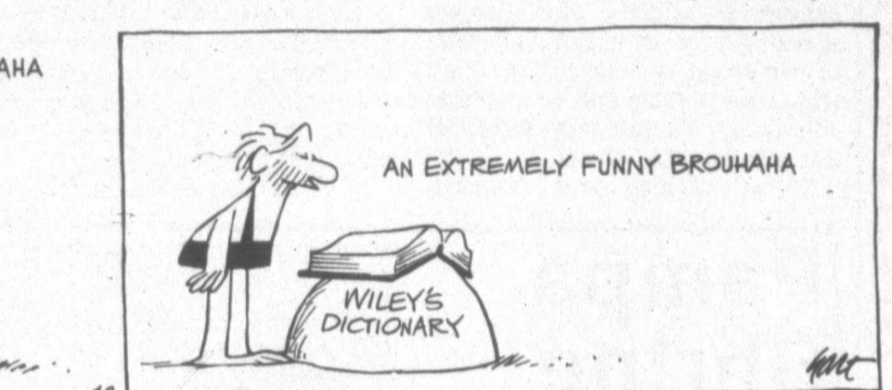
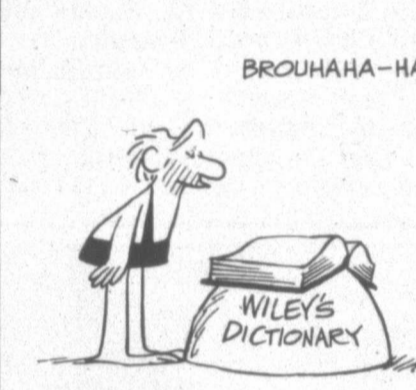
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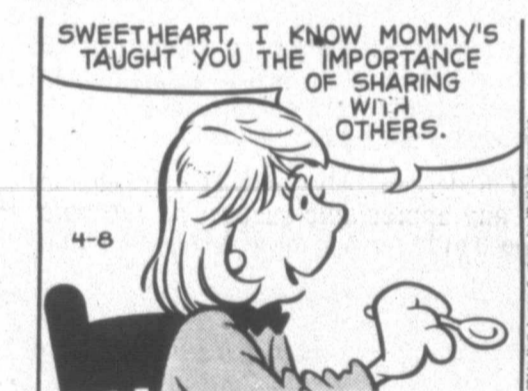
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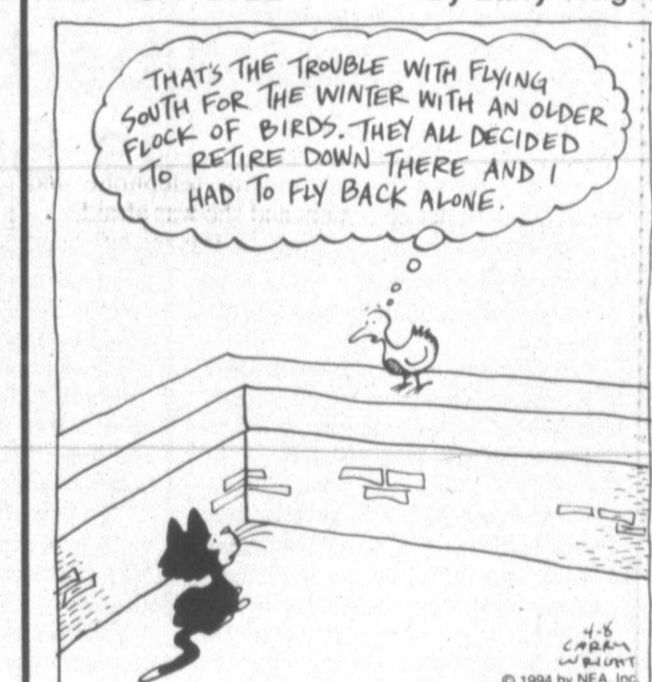
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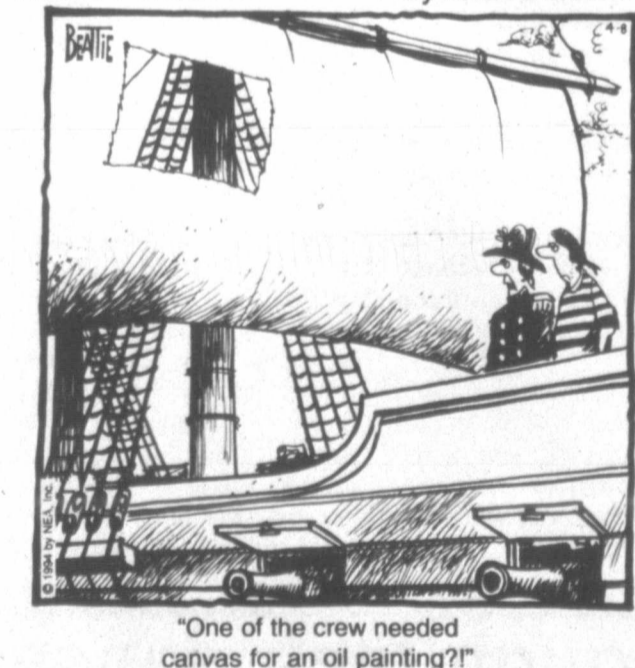
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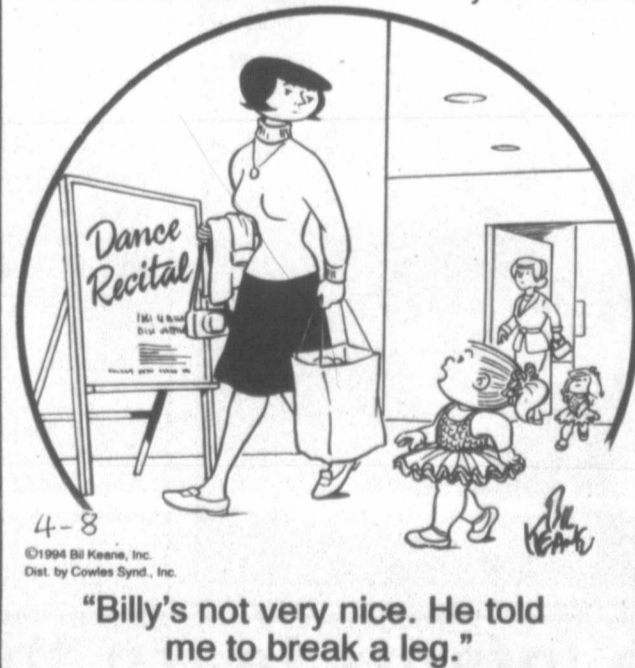
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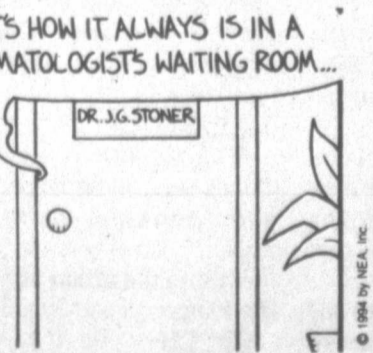
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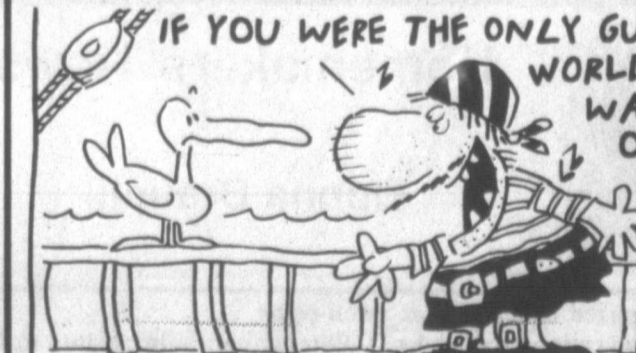
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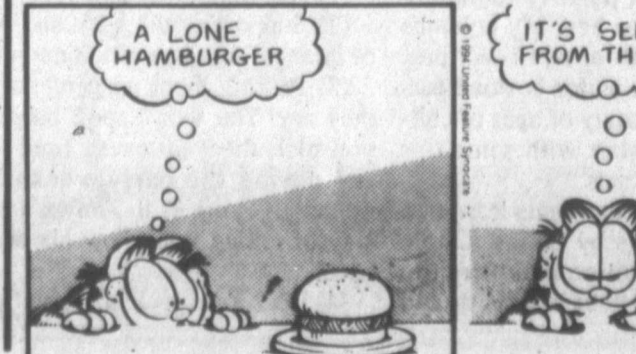
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Focus your efforts today on a secret ambition you've come close to fulfilling, but haven't as yet. This might be your day if you go all out. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You have a lot more in common than you may realize with a person you recently met. Today you could become aware of the fact that a foundation exist for a relationship.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Something on which you've been working independently might have a better chance of success if you change it into a joint endeavor. Two key people you need are at your disposal.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Trust your decision making faculties today, even if you have to make snap judgments under pressure. Making accurate assessments could be one of your best assets at this moment.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Usually you don't like to have your establish routines disrupted, but today you might welcome changes, because you'll instinctively know how to use them to your advantage.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Cupid might be inclined to favor you today where matters of the heart are concerned. Additionally you could also be lucky in your material affairs as well.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** This might be a day of discovery for you in measuring the depth of your resourcefulness. Instinctively you'll know how to improvise when meeting with opposition.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You're apt to be the person others turn to today when in need of reorganizing something that isn't functioning properly, even if you aren't personally involved in the endeavor.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You are now in a rewarding cycle that could present you with unique opportunities for personal gain. Act immediately on whatever develops, because it may be of a fleeting nature.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** When a person whose mind and views you respect talks today, be a dedicated listener. He/she may give you an idea that can be reshaped to your present needs.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Conditions are extremely unusual today, in that you might derive substantial benefits from two situations where you appear to be on the outside looking in, instead of being at the helm.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Involvements you have today which include close friends should work out to everyone's liking. When it gets down to push and shove, the buddy system could kick in and produce benign results.







## Clinton wants to liberalize abortion view in U.N. plan

By RITA BEAMISH  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is trying to get more liberal abortion language into a United Nations plan to stabilize the world's population.

Already under attack by Roman Catholics and anti-abortion forces, the draft of a 20-year population stabilization program is under negotiation at a U.N.-sponsored meeting in New York. The 170 participating nations are preparing for an international conference on population in September.

The population plan that ultimately is adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, Egypt, will outline goals and actions that participating countries should take to help check the world's burgeoning population.

The administration believes the draft under consideration in New York should support broader availability of abortion.

The State Department told its diplomats around the world last month to contact foreign governments and stress the U.S. wish for "stronger language on the importance of access to abortion services" in the draft document.

"The current text, although it notes the high mortality levels and the serious maternal health problems associated with unsafe abortion, is inadequate as it only addresses abortion in cases of rape or incest," the State Department said in its cable.

The draft calls for stabilizing world population — about 5.7 billion today — at 7.8 billion by 2050. Unchecked, it is forecast to increase to 12.5 billion by then.

Shortly after taking office, President Clinton reversed the Reagan and Bush administrations' ban on federal funding of international pop-

ulation-control organizations that provide or pay for abortions.

The administration also is pressing Congress to ease restrictions on federal funding for abortions. Officials have previously said that U.S. foreign aid programs nonetheless would fund abortions in limited circumstances, namely cases of rape, incest or botched abortions.

The State Department cable said "the global community should work to reduce the demand for abortion by eliminating the unmet need for family-planning services."

But it added that the U.S. delegation "will also be working for stronger language on the importance of access to abortion services."

State Department Counselor Tim Wirth, representing the United States at the New York meeting, said Wednesday that the administration position is: "Abortion should be safe, legal and rare."

He said the U.S.-proposed language for the Cairo document is still in the works, but essentially stresses the principle that "women ought to have access to safe abortions. It's not just rape or incest."

The administration seeks also to focus on women's health and access to "the full range of reproductive health care services," Wirth said in a telephone interview.

The National Right to Life Committee accused the administration of "accelerating efforts to legalize abortion on demand as a population-control method in less-developed nations."

Doug Johnson, the group's legislative director, said the administration "has no moral right to seek to export an ideology that radically devalues human fetal life."

Wirth and other officials insist the administration does not support abortion as a family-planning tool, but as "a last resort" for pregnant women.

## A head in the hole



A Ukrainian street photographer puts his head into a hole in a giant 100-dollar U.S. bank note in Kiev on Thursday, attracting potential clients to be photographed with their head replacing the portrait of Benjamin Franklin. One picture costs 60,000 coupons, or about \$1.50 U.S. An average monthly salary is 400,000 coupons, less than \$10. (AP photo/Efrem Lukatsky)

## Millions at risk from drought in East Africa

WASHINGTON (AP) — The lives of more than 20 million persons in 10 East African countries are at risk because of civil strife and drought, government relief officials said Thursday.

The country most affected, according to the officials, is Sudan, where the lives of about 5 million are threatened.

The other countries with large numbers of people who could face severe malnutrition or perhaps starvation are Ethiopia, Somalia, Eritrea, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Tanzania, Djibouti and Kenya.

The ethnic strife in Rwanda and Burundi was underscored Wednesday when the presidents of both countries died when their plane was shot down as it arrived at the international airport in Rwanda.

The two presidents were on their way home from a summit in Tanzania that was aimed at bringing peace to the two countries, which have been plagued by tribal warfare for decades.

Lois Richards, a senior official of the Agency for International Development, said 11 million people in the 10-country region are affected by the drought, 7 million more are internally displaced and about 2.75 million have fled to neighboring countries.

Once donor countries are alerted to drought conditions in a given area, she said, it normally takes three months to arrange for delivery.

"That's why it's important that we get these warnings as early as we can before there is mass famine," Richards told a news briefing.

She said the United States had authorized \$275 million in emergency food aid to African countries in need, of which \$170 million was for the horn of Africa. Because of the dire conditions, that figure has been increased by \$44 million recently.

## Drivers in San Antonio, Dallas sold fake insurance

DALLAS (AP) — About 3,000 drivers in Dallas and San Antonio have been defrauded of at least \$130,000 from companies that sold bogus insurance policies, state Insurance Commissioner Robert Hunter said.

Hunter said that agents for Southwestern County Mutual Insurance Co. and SCM Insurance Co. sold the fake insurance policies. Neither company is licensed to do business in Texas.

The policies were sold through

the Dallas and San Antonio offices of Able Insurance Agency, which was licensed by the state. The agency's owner, Massoud Monshizadeh, surrendered his license this week after the Texas Department of Insurance said it would seek its revocation, insurance officials said.

Monshizadeh could not be reached at his home or office Thursday by The Associated Press.

A consumer complaint about poor service on a claim prompted the insurance department's fraud unit to

begin investigating the insurance companies.

The fraud unit found that the companies gave the appearance of legitimacy by using an Austin mail drop and a toll-free telephone number.

"Consumers who bought these fake policies should act immediately to protect themselves," Hunter said.

"Don't pay any premiums that are due, stop payment on any check you've sent in and seek new auto insurance coverage."

## Survey: Americans madd-er about drunken driving issues

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans increasingly support stronger penalties for people who drink and drive, according to a Gallup survey.

And, more Americans say they are selecting a designated driver when they plan to drink, according to the survey released by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The share of all highway deaths caused by impaired drivers was a record low 44 percent last year, according to the Transportation Department. But impaired drivers still accounted for 17,500 deaths.

But while this decline shows progress "too many innocent lives are still being lost," said Beckie Brown, MADD national president.

The study found that 53 percent of Americans think penalties for first-time drunken drivers are not severe enough, up from 48 percent in a similar 1991 survey.

For third offenses, the share who felt penalties were not strict enough rose from 59 percent to 68 percent.

And at the same time, 64 percent of people said they assign a designated driver to stay sober and take the wheel when they are planning to drink. That's up from 58 percent in 1991.

The Gallup telephone survey conducted between February 1993 and February 1994 involved 2,032 people. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.2 percentage points.

The changes in opinion occurred as more people said they knew someone involved in a drunken driving accident.

Those who knew someone killed or injured by a drunken driver rose from 42 percent to 43 percent. Those who know someone who had property damage climbed from 39 percent to 52 percent. And 61 percent said they knew someone convicted of drunken driving, up from 55 percent.

Asked what factors they thought might discourage drunken driving, 98 percent listed the realization that you could kill or injure someone, up from 97 percent.

Fear of death or injury to oneself rose from 93 percent to 95 percent, and concern about going to jail increased from 89 percent to 92 percent.

The poll found 91 percent cited fear of losing their driving license as a deterrent, up from 89 percent; 88 percent were worried about a fine, up from 81 percent, and having the car impounded was listed by 85 percent, up from 74 percent.

## Judge nixes warrantless gun sweeps

CHICAGO (AP) — Police can't conduct warrantless gun searches in public housing projects, a federal judge said Thursday in a decision that rebuffed pleas from housing officials and tenants who hoped the sweeps would quell gang violence.

U.S. District Judge Wayne Anderson's ruling ended the latest round in an emotional dispute between city officials and civil libertarians who argue that the courts can't grant a wholesale waiver of the Constitution's protection against unreasonable searches.

"The erosion of the rights of people on the other side of town will ultimately undermine the rights of each of us," Anderson said in refusing to lift a ban he imposed last month.

Violence last summer prompted the Chicago Housing Authority to ask police to conduct the random, door-to-door searches for guns without search warrants.

Some tenants also backed the warrantless searches, saying they would prefer the sweeps to random gunfire that made it dangerous to stand near windows or venture outside.

"Mothers put kids in their bathtubs in fear of their lives," CHA chairman Vincent Lane said before the hearing.

Lane left the courtroom without comment after Anderson's ruling. Earlier, he had said he didn't expect Anderson to lift the ban and predicted the case would wind up in the Supreme Court.

The American Civil Liberties Union sued to halt the searches on behalf of Chicago's estimated 150,000 public housing tenants.

Gang warfare last month in the huge Robert Taylor Homes project brought new urgency to the debate. Police received more than 300 reports of gunfire in the 28-building, 12,320-tenant complex over a five-day period.

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