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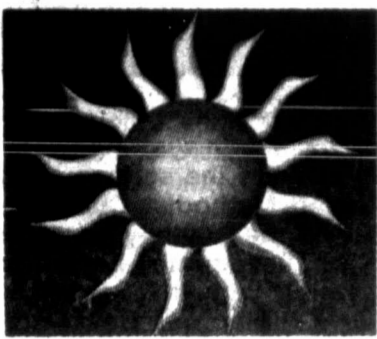
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PAMPA — The Pampa United Way will be having its Awards Luncheon and Annual Meeting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Dos Caballeros will be serving a Mexican lunch at a cost of \$6.50 a plate. Reservations should be made no later than Friday, Jan. 24, by calling the United Way office at 669-1001. Cancellations on reservations can be made as late as Monday, Jan. 27.

Total amount pledged for the 1996 fund-raising campaign drive was \$341,631, according to Jack Reeve, campaign chairman.

"Our goal was \$315,000, so we exceeded our goal again this year, thanks to everyone's hard work," Reeve said.

"This will be a time of celebration for our 17 agencies and all the volunteers who made this drive a success," he said.

Pampa United Inc. will be voting on an amendment to its by-laws at the annual meeting. The proposed amendment to the by-laws would modify the surplus funds requirements to match changes in accounting requirements for non-profit corporations.

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts is pushing to implement a state law passed last year that legalizes marijuana use for medical reasons, joining at least two other states that recently challenged federal law with their own measures.

The state Department of Public Health was to formally propose regulations today that protect patients from criminal prosecution if they are certified by the state to use marijuana for certain medical reasons. They are to be considered by a task force.

The proposal would implement a law passed in August that declares medical certification a defense against a charge of marijuana possession.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A one-day walkout by West Coast longshoremen to support locked-out British dock workers prompted delays at several major ports.

Monday's walkout by the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union was aimed at the West Coast's biggest ports: Seattle, Portland, Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Long Beach.

About 50 ships are unloaded each day, industry officials said. Some ships were delayed 12 hours or more because of the walkout, costing owners \$3,000 to \$4,000 an hour in extra costs.

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U.S. Bus Manufacturing ready to move to Pampa

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

When driving by 822 E. Frost, Pampans may notice a flurry of activity within the next two months. U.S. Bus, a school bus manufacturing company based in Suffern, N.Y., is preparing to move the majority of its operations into Pampa.

Irv Kushner, president of U.S. Bus Manufacturing Inc., was in town Monday getting ready for the move. With the help of local residents, Kushner said he is planning on rolling out the first school bus in April.

However, there's a lot to do between now and then.

The building on Frost will have to be expanded to give the company enough production space. So, the first thing Kushner is planning is to add about 12,000 square feet to the east side of the building. Construction is scheduled to begin on the addition in mid-February.

The addition to the building is the biggest requirement before U.S. Bus can begin production. Most of the other changes are minor, he said, such as installing tools, paint booths and a service pit in the warehouse.

Once the construction is finished, Kushner plans on beginning work immediately.

"I know it's going to be a wonderful deal for you people because it'll be putting in around 50 to 100 jobs," he said.

Although the firm is only hiring about 50 employees right away, Kushner is hoping it will have around 100 workers by the end of the first year. Kushner said he will be offering competitive

salaries, as he believes in paying fair wages to skilled workers.

But the city of Pampa is not the only one benefiting in this deal.

One benefit to the company, said Kushner, is the strong work ethic of the local residents and their friendliness.

"I like it (Pampa) very much," he said. "I think the people are incredible."

The decision to move to Pampa wasn't so clear cut, however. The company needed to expand and Kushner was originally looking for an area near their base company in Suffern. It wasn't until he realized the high real estate costs and taxes that he began looking at other options.

A representative from Southwestern Public Service had been coming into the U.S. Bus office for a few years in an attempt to persuade Kushner to relocate to the Panhandle. It was an alternative that Kushner said he finally began to take seriously last year.

After visiting several different cities in the Panhandle, Kushner chose the city of Pampa, with the help of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. PEDCO had already done some work on the building at 822 E. Frost for another company, Fork Stork.

Unfortunately, Fork Stork declared bankruptcy before moving into the warehouse and beginning production. However, the tools installed by PEDCO for Fork Stork turned out to be beneficial, as U.S. Bus could use many of the same tools.

Shortly after visiting the cities, PEDCO sent Kushner informa-

tion about the city and an offer for the company to move. The incentive offered by PEDCO, the central location and the community enticed Kushner, and plans to move the company were announced in October 1996.

"I've never seen a more welcome community," said Kushner about the move.

It is this community spirit that PEDCO is relying on to help attract other businesses to the area. One project, recently announced by PEDCO, is the development of a new business district on the east side of town.

Other projects in the past PEDCO has contributed to include the expansion of Crall Products, which will bring approximately 45 more jobs to the area; a loan guarantee to help renovate the Coronado Inn; and the construction of a building for Control Equipment. Control Equipment, said PEDCO representative Susan Tripplehorn, was planning on moving to Amarillo because they could not find a bigger building. Now, with the help of PEDCO, the company has bought some land and is building a bigger work area, keeping jobs in Pampa.

The aggressive recruiting by PEDCO was one of the attributing factors for U.S. Bus' move to Pampa, said Kushner. They were the only one, he said, to respond so quickly and actively to his visit.

In the end, the move will benefit both the company and residents of Pampa.

Anyone interested in applying for a job with U.S. Bus is encouraged to see Ray Hupp with Personnel Services in the NBC Plaza.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Hoechst Celanese emergency crew and DPS Officer Lupe DeLuna examine the wreckage of the late model Mercury which plowed into a train crossing Highway 60 in front of the Celanese plant.

Amarillo couple injured in car and train accident

Flashing red lights at the railroad crossing at Highway 60 and FM 2300 were not enough to prevent an accident involving an Amarillo couple and a train Monday evening just after 8 p.m.

According to Department of Public Safety Trooper Lupe DeLuna, the driver stated he saw the red lights flashing, but that's all he saw. The driver put his foot on the brake, but slowed only slightly before plowing into the train.

DeLuna said there were no skid marks to indicate the speed of the car.

Anna Ruth Erwin, 75, was flown to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. According to hospital officials, she suffered a fractured hip, multiple fractures in her right leg, a dislocated shoulder and a broken right arm.

The driver, Kenneth F. Erwin,

75, was being treated at Columbia Medical Center for an injured right ankle.

The conductor said the train was traveling about 5 miles per hour while crossing the Highway 60 intersection. According to a fire department spokesman, the crossing is used by the Hoechst Celanese Pampa Plant to move newly loaded rail cars to a main line for transport from the plant.

The spokesman said there were no chemical spills involved with the accident.

The Hoechst Celanese Emergency Response Team, Pampa Fire Department, the Gray County Sheriff's Department and the DPS responded to the scene.

Kenneth Erwin was treated and released. Anna Ruth Erwin is listed in serious condition and remains in intensive care at Northwest Texas Hospital.

PISD receives TEA recognized rating

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Texas Education Agency has released the accountability reports for the Pampa Independent School District for the 1995-1996 school year.

The school district as a whole earned a recognized rating, with Austin and Travis elementary schools earning exemplary ratings. All other campuses were rated as recognized.

Pampa Independent School Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr said, "This is a tremendous accomplishment for our faculty, staff and especially the students. They had to work very hard and take their education very seriously to reach these goals."

"We are very excited about our overall rating of recognized, since only about 20 percent of schools statewide receive that score," said Orr.

Pampa High School received an additional recognized rating due to the increase in the number of students taking college entrance exams, he said.

"This shows that our students are looking ahead and are prepared to go to college, whether they go immediately after high school or not," Orr said.

TEA bases the reports on the previous year's TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) scores, attendance, the dropout rate, SAT/ACT scores, honors enrollment and faculty certification.

"For the 93-94 school year, Pampa received a warning, due to our dropout rate, which was 3.8 percent," Orr said. "This year we are very pleased that the dropout rate has fallen to 1.9 percent."

Orr explained that during the 1993-94 year, the Hispanic population dropout rate climbed to

7.2 percent. With some hard work from teachers and community leaders, the district has decreased that to 2.5 percent.

According to Orr, the high school staff have made strong inroads to preventing students from dropping out and have used programs which depict the realities of living on their own with less than a high school diploma.

"We've made sure all students know the cost of living and the difference an education can make," he said.

Each campus receives an individual assessment report and districts receive assessment as a whole. Ratings are unacceptable, acceptable, recognized and exemplary.

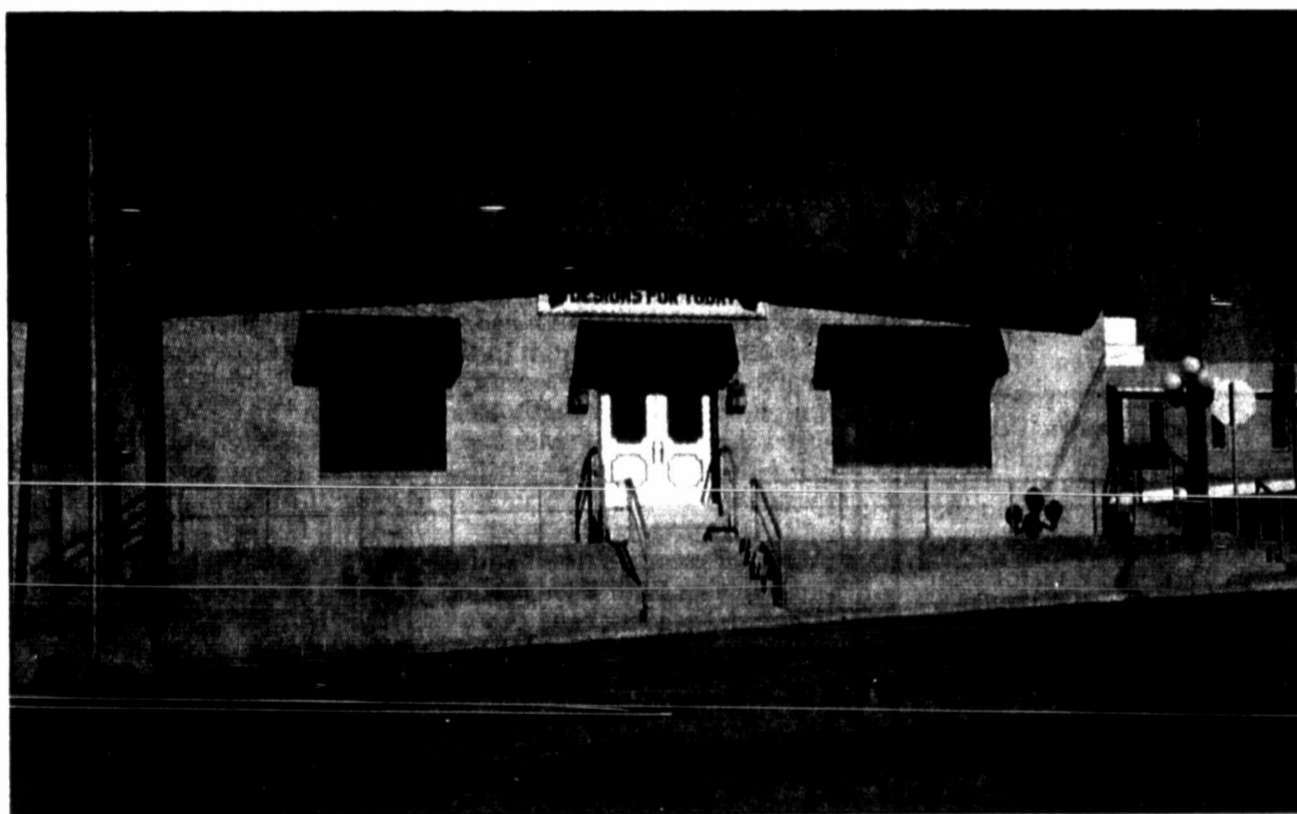
Pampa Independent School District has shown an increase in TAAS scores since 1994 for grades 3-8 and 10. Ninth graders are not tested.

The number of students passing TAAS reading has increased 4.2 percentage points, from 86.3 to 90.5, writing has gone from 84.7 to 92.4, and the number of students passing the math portion of TAAS had the largest gain of 14.9 points. Students passing math went from 70.00 to 84.9.

The number of students taking college entrance exams plays a major part of the TEA ratings. In 1994-95, the Pampa school district lost points when it had a 10 percent drop in students who took the tests. But for 1995-96 school year, the district regained nearly half those points.

The annual performance report will be presented at the January school board meeting on Thursday.

A full report is available at the Lovett Memorial Library and the public is welcome to review the document and present questions to the board at the January meeting.



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Designs for Today, the name of the one-time furniture store given to be used by the youth of the Miami United Methodist Church, depicts the exact feelings of the young children and teen members of the church who use the building for their special activities and class meetings. The building was donated by Georgia B. Wells Locke before her death in 1993.

Miami church begins 100th year celebration

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Members of the First United Methodist Church of Miami attended the official dedication of the "Designs" building in conjunction with the church's celebration of its 100th year of services on Sunday immediately following regular church services.

The building is a gift to the church from Georgia B. Wells Locke, who died March 24, 1993, at age 71. Her husband, Ellis Locke, whose pioneer family represent part of the history of Miami, died June 1991.

Mrs. Locke owned the building and operated her home furnishings, Designs of Today, for 11 years in downtown Miami, first opened in 1978. The 50 by 100 foot building, located on the corner of Wichita and Main

Streets and built in 1981, became the new location for her gifts, furniture and accessories. The corner lot was once the site of the historic old office building of Dr. Moses Gunn.

Presiding over the dedication ceremony were visiting Bishop Alfred Lloyd Norris Sr., Episcopal leader for the Northwest Texas/New Mexico Area, of Albuquerque, N.M.; District Superintendent of the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, of the district office in Pampa; Miami's pastor, the Rev. Daniel Moore; and William Clark, chairman of the board of trustees.

Bishop Norris accepted the building for dedication, saying, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate this building to Christian service under

the calling and charge of the United Methodist Church of Miami, Texas and the Northwest Texas Annual Conference."

District Superintendent O'Kelly recognized the building as part of the Lord's holdings and that its care and use is under the charge of the calling of the Miami United Methodist Church.

The people of the congregation responded, accepting the dedication in unison.

"This building is dedicated to the loving memory of all who have gone to be with the Lord and to that one who now is with Jesus but gave back to him this building for His will to be done," stated Bishop Norris, closing the ceremony with a prayer of blessing on the building and the people.

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Martin Luther King Jr. remembered in ceremonies throughout Texas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The dream of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. has lived on in Texas with prayers, parades and calls to end persisting racial discrimination.

"This has been a joyous occasion for me, to show my daughter what Martin Luther King is all about," said Anthony Todd, with his nine-year-old daughter, Corrina, at the King Day march in San Antonio.

Sunny skies prevailed in Dallas-Fort Worth, but even drizzly weather didn't deter thousands of people in San Antonio and Houston who turned out Monday to commemorate King's birthday.

A red fire truck helped lead the San Antonio procession, and moments before the march a group of firefighters decried what they say is bias against blacks in hiring and promotions in the San Antonio Fire Department.

"It hurts," said Johnny George, a fire department captain with more than 22 years of experience. "You would like to think that you have a fair and equal chance."

Donald Fields, a spokesman for the Fire Fighters Equality Coalition, said the group was speaking out on the King holiday because his dream of racial equality is not a reality in the Fire Department.

"For these firefighters, that dream is a nightmare," Fields said.

Some firefighters have filed claims with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and are seeking "right to sue" permission from the agency so a class-action lawsuit can be filed, said Larry Green, the group's attorney.

Later, Fire Chief Robert Ojeda said hiring and promotions are carried out according to state regulations and the firefighters' collective bargaining agreement with the city.

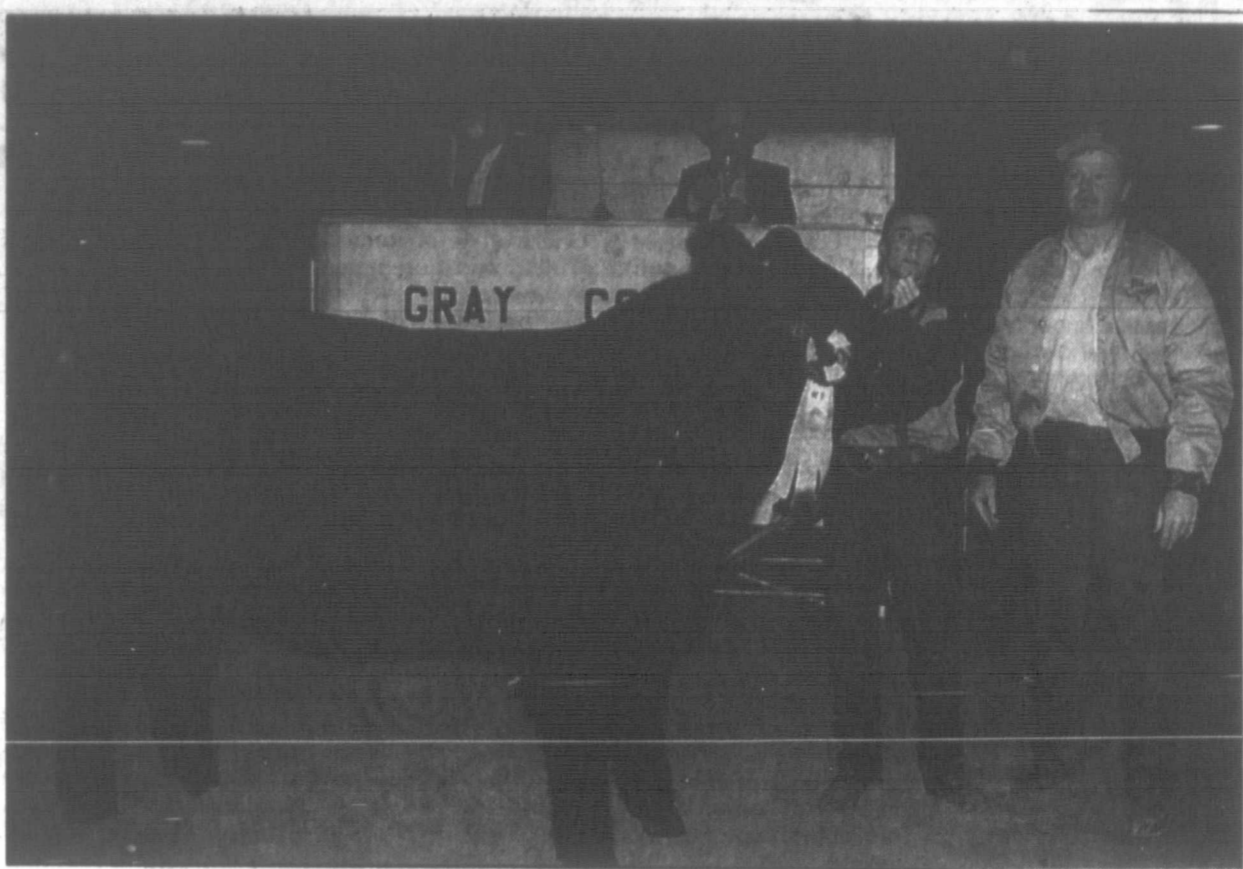
"It is not the policy or the practice of the San Antonio Fire Department to discriminate against any individual or group of individuals," he said.

In addition to seeking legal relief, the firefighters called for state and federal investigations and a convention boycott of the city.

Of about 1,250 firefighters in San Antonio, approximately 85 are black.

Mayor Bill Thornton participated in the San Antonio march, which ended with a wreath-laying ceremony and speeches at Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza.

Reserve Grand Champion steer



Tejas Feeders paid Kelby McClellan \$650 for his Reserve Grand Champion steer this past weekend at the Gray County Livestock Show.

Hunt for oil becoming more difficult, challenging

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of offshore drilling rigs needed to hunt for oil and gas is meager while the world's appetite for energy is growing, according to a major offshore oil supplier.

The dilemma facing the energy industry is that most of the easily found oil and gas around the world already is being tapped, C. Russell Luigs, chairman of Houston-based Global Marine Inc. said Monday.

"By our analysis, the market is getting tighter and tighter and tighter on a worldwide basis," Luigs said. "The easy stuff that was shut in has been brought back. Now, we're going to have to go out and drill for it."

"The excess capacity is gone, and the demand continues to accelerate."

Global Marine's 2,400-person workforce and fleet of 26 rigs drilling worldwide for major, independent and government-owned energy companies makes it one of the largest such operations in the nation.

Luigs noted that at the depths of the oil industry depression in 1986, the worldwide drilling fleet had 340 offshore rigs sitting idle. His company now counts 65 idle, but only nine of those are capable of going to work quickly.

None of those nine, for example, is available for the Gulf of Mexico, the world's most active natural gas producer and an increasingly busy site for deep-water drilling.

"We have a standing offer to take any rig that comes available in the Gulf of Mexico, and we are standing in line for months to get them," he said. "There's nothing left that really qualifies as a decent drilling rig."

Another problem is not enough trained workers, he said.

"This industry essentially has lost a whole generation of skilled people," Luigs said of the losses of hundreds of thousands of people in the 1980s and the subsequent reluctance of young workers to enter the field.

"Today the shortages of engineers and supervisory people, also shortages of electricians, mechanics and welders, are going to limit the rate at which we are going to be able to pursue this recovery."

But over the past decade, worldwide demand for oil steadily has grown from 60 million barrels a day to about 72 million, a gain of some 20 percent.

At that rate, the industry must find another 20 million barrels a day in the next ten years.

Poor district in West Texas employs one of state's highest paid superintendents

EL PASO (AP) — Although he heads one of the state's poorest districts, a superintendent in far West Texas is one of the state's best-paid school administrators, the *El Paso Herald-Post* has reported.

Anthony Trujillo, superintendent of the Ysleta Independent School District, makes \$165,000 a year, has access to an expense account that has cost taxpayers more than \$50,000 over three years and has a \$1 million life insurance policy paid for by taxpayers.

The newspaper said Monday that the policy and a \$20,000 raise were included in a new contract Trujillo accepted last year that angered some school board trustees and parents throughout the district, the second-largest in El Paso County.

In a copyright story in Saturday's *Herald-Post*, the newspaper quoted Trujillo as saying he hasn't asked for a raise since his original 1992 contract and hasn't requested any perks.

"The board presented me with a contract. I felt it was a reason-

able contract. I don't see anything in the contract that's out of line," Trujillo said.

Not everyone agrees.

"What's wrong here is that Mr. Trujillo is making a salary neither the public, parents, students or teachers had a say in," Ysleta parent and activist Pam Harder said.

"It's too much money and should never have been given him. It's also about him having an exorbitant life-insurance policy, incredible health benefits, and still he's spending the taxpayers' money to buy lunch for friends and gifts for anybody he wants."

Trujillo spent thousands during a three-year period on meals, entertainment and travel, including stays at the Ritz Carlton in San Francisco and the Grand Hyatt in New York, according to school records reviewed by the newspaper.

Among the records are credit card statements and personal checks describing transactions that had nothing to do with school business and under state education codes could be considered illegal loans and misuse of funds.

According to an October 1994 Visa statement, Trujillo spent \$162 for Broadway theater tickets while he was in New York attending a conference.

Trujillo's wife, Aimee, signed a personal check for the amount to reimburse the district, but under state law the cost of the tickets can still be considered an illegal loan and misuse of taxpayer money.

Trujillo's salary and spending is a contentious issue within a district that has been wracked by allegations of wrongdoing and bribery attempts, while being plagued by a high dropout rate.

Some school board members have alleged that they have been offered bribes in exchange for votes and have been harassed and intimidated. They blame Trujillo and fellow board members.

"I don't know what's happened to education, the students and the parents in all this," said trustee Ronda Scrivner, one of three board members who have complained. "There seems to be no end to how low they will go. It's like the Mafia or something."

State briefs

Residents: H.E.B. expansion ruining neighborhood

AUSTIN (AP) — Adele Plauche bought her first house last April with a "lovely, little quiet back yard."

Within months, the back yard became as tranquil as a high school football field on a fall Friday night.

The culprit, Plauche and her neighbors say, is an H.E.B. store undergoing an \$8 million expansion. In April, as part of the expansion, H.E.B. knocked down a strip of retail stores that backed up to the neighboring homes.

With the shops gone, residents say they've lost the giant wall that was a buffer from the commercial hustle and bustle. In its place, the revamped H.E.B. has a loading dock, a trash compactor and a parking lot illuminated by rows of 40-foot-high, 1,000-watt lights.

City officials say the lights, which went up after Thanksgiving, violate city codes. H.E.B. admits it made mistakes and says it will reduce the lights' height and intensity.

Residents of the otherwise peaceful neighborhood say the lights, coupled with the noise from the construction and delivery trucks,

have ruined their quality of life.

Lawyers frustrated over continuing "obsession"

DALLAS (AP) — Four months after Diane Zamora and David Graham were arrested on murder charges, the former cadets spend their days exchanging letters and absorbing the prospect of spending 40 years in prison for the 1995 killing of a 16-year-old girl who came between them.

They read books, exercise in their cells and talk to their lawyers about the death of Adrienne Jones, who had a one-time romantic involvement with Graham. The two have told police they killed Miss Jones in December 1995 to restore the purity of their relationship.

As Miss Zamora approached her 19th birthday today, the couple's lawyers expressed frustration that the pair won't stop corresponding daily despite the possibility they will be pitted against each other during their trials.

Miss Zamora, who was a first-year midshipman at the Naval Academy, and Graham, 19, a former U.S. Air Force Academy cadet, are in the Tarrant County jail in Fort Worth awaiting trial on capital

murder charges. Prosecutors have said they will not seek the death penalty against the two.

Robert Swofford, one of Graham's lawyers, said he would prefer his client cut off communications with the woman he had promised to marry in 2000.

Reserve Champion lamb



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Pampa FFA was well represented at the Gray County Junior Livestock Show. Among its representatives were T'Andra Holmes with her Reserve Grand Champion lamb, which was purchased by Dorman Tire and Service for \$325. Pictured with Holmes is Carolyn Law, purchaser.

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Opinion

Gingrich should keep a low profile

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, the first Republican elected to two consecutive terms in that office, assumes his position as what many see as a weakened political figure. His best bet for reclaiming influence is to work quietly, effectively, and with the most high-minded brand of civility on concrete issues designed to reduce the size and scope of the federal government.

For better or worse, Newt Gingrich is a much more complex political animal than the simple right-wing caricature painted not only by his opponents but by many of his supporters as well. He has painted himself as a historian and a futurist visionary, as a political entrepreneur and a warrior, and all along as a supremely pragmatic nuts-and-bolts political operator.

He should find a way to identify the key issue, around which most politicians have been dancing in recent years, and get on the right side of it: Does America want a smaller role or a larger role for the federal government?

That is another way of asking whether we want a smaller or larger role for the independent activities of a free and open-alternatives American people.

The choice underlies all other political issues, and on that axis, smaller or larger government are the only two choices. If active steps are not taken to reduce the size and scope of government, it will continue to grow and assume more and more power over our lives and decisions.

For many reasons, Congress this year is not likely to take very dramatic steps. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's agenda calls for passing a balanced budget amendment and a modest cut in capital-gains tax rates. This is less revolutionary than the 1994 Contract with America, which was itself a modest menu that didn't prescribe deep enough cuts in the size of government or a drastic change in its direction.

But seeds of future change can be planted in such a period of relative quiet. Long range issues abound: Congress will have to come to grips with Social Security and Medicare eventually. Support for replacing the current income tax with something simpler, fairer, flatter - or levied on something other than income - is strong, but Americans want to consider alternatives in some depth. Corporate welfare is an ongoing scandal of much greater consequence than campaign finance reform. The federal budget process is an irrational mess with a built-in bias for more spending, and regulatory reform is still needed.

Such issues can "ripen" if the speaker encourages fellow Republicans to submit proposals, hold hearings, widen the discussion and identify constituencies with an interest in reform and the staying power to see the process through.

Gingrich starts his new term from a low point of disadvantage, a speaker returned to power by a modest majority, a leader viewed by some colleagues as marginalized and, at best, not harmful to Republicans because he only has two more years to serve, under House rules.

Can he reinvent himself as a leader? Can he survive the ethics questions? Can he define what it takes to be a success in today's Congress and carry it through? No question, Gingrich has a lot to overcome.

But the opportunity is there: A speaker with an eye for the grand patterns of history could nurture the process intelligently, lay a promising foundation and emerge as a truly landmark figure in years to come.

Thought for today

"Laughter is the sun that drives the winter from the human face."

Victor Hugo

Berry's World



"Family leave? Yes, indeed, we have family leave - but you'd better not take it!"

The president isn't above the law

I don't know what Bill Clinton tried to do with Paula Jones, if anything, but what he's trying to do to the rule of law is quite indecent in its own right. One of the glories of American democracy is that the president, unlike princes and potentates of yore, is subject to the same laws as his lowliest constituent. Clinton has a major problem with that time-honored doctrine. Sure, I'm subject to the laws, he says, but only when I'm good and ready.

The Supreme Court will be considering the claim that the responsibilities of his office are so vast and oppressive that he can barely manage to squeeze in a round of golf every week, much less hassle with a simple lawsuit. The president wants to be excused this inconvenience until the next century, after he has left office - and, with luck, after enough witnesses have passed on, enough evidence has been misplaced and enough memories have faded to make the case an easy one for him.

Jones is suing the president for an episode of sexual harassment that she says occurred in 1991, when she was an Arkansas state employee and he was governor. By her account, he tried to interest her in illicit relations by a tactic that I could not possibly describe without causing severe discomfort to both me and you, dear reader. When she declined, Jones says, he warned her to keep quiet. After she came forward with the alleged incident in 1994, in response to a magazine article about her, Clinton called Jones a liar. So she's also suing him for defamation.

The Supreme Court is doubtless grateful that, for the moment, it will not be asked to plunge into all this muck. Its sole concern is whether Jones' suit should be allowed to proceed as if it had been filed against any of the other 260 million inhabitants of the United States.

Clinton and his lawyers say it shouldn't. They



Stephen Chapman

argue that because the president bears such awesome responsibilities, he and the nation can ill afford for him to waste time and energy defending against every petty lawsuit that comes along. They fear that if the court doesn't postpone the case, future presidents will be buried under litigation brought by political enemies. And they say the constitutional separation of powers makes it unthinkable to let any state judge in the country order him around.

They have only one Supreme Court ruling to cite in their favor - a 1982 verdict granting presidents permanent immunity from liability for official acts. But that decision weighs more against Clinton than for him. The court's main concern was making sure that a president wouldn't hesitate to "deal fearlessly and impartially with the duties of his office." The only way to protect the public interest, it ruled, was to grant him complete immunity for acts taken in his official capacity - as the law does for prosecutors and judges. That rationale doesn't cover acts, if any, committed with trousers down in Little Rock hotel rooms.

Neither a prosecutor nor a judge nor anyone else enjoys the prerogative claimed by Clinton - to be untouchable by civil suits as long as he holds office. Past presidents, notably Theodore

Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John Kennedy, all coped with such annoyances. Despite lacking the privilege Clinton asserts, no other president has been drowned in lawsuits.

It may sound like no big deal to make Paula Jones wait four years. But if the court were to accept Clinton's request, the implications would be large and outrageous. As University of Illinois law professor Ronald Rotunda asks, "If he can't be sued for four years, why should he pay for his food when he goes into McDonald's? What if he stays in someone's house for a week and then refuses to pay the rent? What if Hillary wants a divorce? Does she have to wait four years?"

As for the idea that, under the Constitution, the president may not be ordered around by judicial functionaries - well, in his dreams. He's already been compelled to testify in the Whitewater case and to give depositions in Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation. Regrettably, none of these kept him from pursuing his presidential agenda or even from staying up till all hours at Renaissance Weekend.

Courts should and most likely strive to minimize a lawsuit's interference with the exercise of presidential duties. There is no reason to assume that in the middle of a nuclear alert, some judge is going to make the president appear in court in East Nowhere, South Dakota, to respond to a lawsuit claiming that the vapor emitted by Air Force One ruined Melvin Spratt's Labor Day cookout. If and when the lower courts decide to amuse themselves by tying the nation's highest officeholder in knots, the Supreme Court can put a stop to it.

Until then, the president should accept normal, legal obligations as if, in his personal capacity, he were not the public's ruler but its servant. Which, by the way, he is.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 1997. There are 344 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 21, 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

On this date: In 1861, Jefferson Davis of Mississippi and four other Southerners resigned from the Senate.

In 1908, New York City's Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance that effectively prohibited women from smoking in public. However, the measure was vetoed by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr.

In 1915, the first Kiwanis Club was founded, in Detroit.

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Ilyich Lenin died at age 54.

In 1942, Count Basie and His Orchestra recorded "One O'Clock Jump" in New York for Okeh Records.

In 1950, a federal jury in New York found former State Department official Alger Hiss guilty of perjury.



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HE SAYS HE'S HOMELESS?
HE STEPPED OUT FOR A BREATH OF FRESH AIR AND THE CLINTONS RENTED HIS BEDROOM

Prejudice, hatred have differences

Charley Reese

It would probably be a good idea if we all admitted that we are racists - black, white, conservative, liberal, Hispanic, whatever.

That's a proposition I believe could be proven. Much racism is latent and takes the form of paternalistic attitudes. But whether it could be proven or not, it would be a good working hypothesis. That way we could take finger pointing and self-righteousness out of the equation.

The second step - and it's important - is to recognize that mere prejudice does not equate to hatred. If someone thinks black people can jump higher and dance better than white people, that does not indicate that he hates black people. Prejudice and hatred are two separate phenomena.

Mere prejudice is just a wrong idea, usually a generalization about a group based on limited experience with a few individuals or just adopted from the general culture at the time. When I was a boy, it was commonly said of the Japanese that they could imitate but not invent. I'm sure there are a lot of manufacturers, left behind by Japanese inventions, who today wish that were true.

The more important point is that prejudice is just a wrong idea, and wrong ideas can be corrected by education or new knowledge gained by experience.

It would be impossible to rid all people of all prejudices. For one thing there is too big a turnover of people and prejudices. For another, the difficulty with wrong ideas is that we don't

know they are wrong at the time we accept them. Nobody goes around saying, "I know this isn't true, but I believe it anyway."

Prejudice, then does not equate to hatred and may or may not be harmful to others. Some people, though prejudiced, treat others fairly and even with compassion. Some might unfairly discriminate based on a wrong idea that the person isn't qualified or trustworthy.

Hatred, on the other hand, is a pathological condition. It is always bad. It is always potentially dangerous. And it is much more difficult to correct by education and experience because it is rarely based merely on misinformation and wrong ideas.

I'm talking, of course, about irrational hatred of groups. If somebody murders your family, your hatred of that person might not be Christian, but it would certainly be rational. But hating people who have not in fact ever harmed you is irrational.

It's my experience with such individuals that the hatred is real, but the people on which the hatred is focused can be a rather arbitrary choice. Such people really hate everyone, often including themselves. But perhaps as a survival mechanism

they externalize their hatred on a particular group - especially if their circle, society or the government condones or even seems to condone hating that group. Prejudice is used to justify the hatred, but the hatred is really independent of the prejudice and can be turned in any direction.

There are several reasons to make the distinction between mere prejudice and hatred.

1. Constant overreaction to harmless prejudices may create the cry wolf effect.
2. It is unjust to accuse people of more than they are guilty of, and unjust treatment can itself generate hostility that was not previously present.
3. Heavy handed treatment of even inconsequential prejudices will just ensure that there will never be any honest communication about race and ethnicity in our society.

And honest communication is needed. Our country is diverse, and people are tribal and we will all tend to hang out with our own groups even in the face of encouragement to mix. That's simply a matter of comfort. If we hang with our own group, we avoid the risk of rejection. Because we have so many shared experiences, our communication can be more relaxed and informal.

It isn't necessary (or possible, probably) to dissolve groups, but we do have to maintain intergroup communication and some association. If the groups become isolated from each other, wrong ideas can more easily flourish and blossom into conflict.

Americans cynical? You can bet on it

Across a span of 25 years comes the memory of a moment that delights me still. I was giving a talk in Georgia, and a heavyset young man in a John Deere cap rose to make a comment.

The press always badmouths the politicians, he said, and the politicians always badmouth the press, and it was just a personal opinion, but: "I don't trust none of you sonsabitches."

Or words to that effect. I recall that scene when I hear pundits say America is too cynical. Take the remarks of ex-Drug Czar and current Morality Expert William Bennett on the NBC Today show last November:

"We need to find out why the citizens of the world's wealthiest, most envied, most powerful country are so cynical. Many are so cynical, so distressed, so angry, so ticked off about so many things... People are wondering whether there's something wrong with American society, something wrong at the core."

Well? Are you cynical? Is something wrong at the core? Let's examine the second question first, and let's tackle it with some good old "gotcha" journalism.

First, let's sit in with the speaker of the House in the fall of 1996 as he delivers unto a Washington Post reporter his opinion of the House ethics committee investigation of him. "I don't think anybody in the city thinks I lie," Newt Gingrich says. "I mean, people think I'm extreme or I'm too harsh or I lose my temper or I lack good judgment on occasion, but I don't think I've ever heard... a suggestion I would lie."

And now let us read from a statement that



Joseph Spear

Newt released on Dec. 21: "In my name and over my signature, inaccurate, incomplete and unreliable statements were given to the committee... I did not seek personal gain, but my actions did not reflect creditably on the House of Representatives."

Note the incongruity, please, between claim and confession.

Now listen to Bill Clinton's 1992 Inaugural Address: "Let us resolve to reform our politics so that power and privilege no longer shout down the voice of the people."

And now, let's transmogrify ourselves into a fly and attach ourselves to a White House wall. There we see Clinton pal Charles Yah Lin Trie, who just delivered half a mil to Bill's legal defense fund and has a Chinese arms dealer he wants the prez to schmooze. And over there we see Pauline Kanchanalak, a Thai businesswoman who stopped by for coffee after dropping a hundred thou at the DNC. And that list there - those are the reservations for the big donors who will be

staying in the Lincoln bedroom.

Is it just cynical Joe, or does an odor of deceit hang in the air? Perhaps something is wrong. Perhaps it is this:

Many of those who govern us are liars, pretenders, hypocrites, charlatans and thieves. What's more, it has always been thus. Even the demigod George Washington was accused of skimming his soldiers' pay to finance real estate deals. Take a cursory ride through 20th-century history and note the names and phrases that pop up: Teapot Dome, Joe McCarthy, Sherman Adams, Bobby Baker, Richard Nixon, Spiro Agnew, Watergate, Koreagate, Jim Wright, savings-and-loans, Irangate, Whitewatergate.

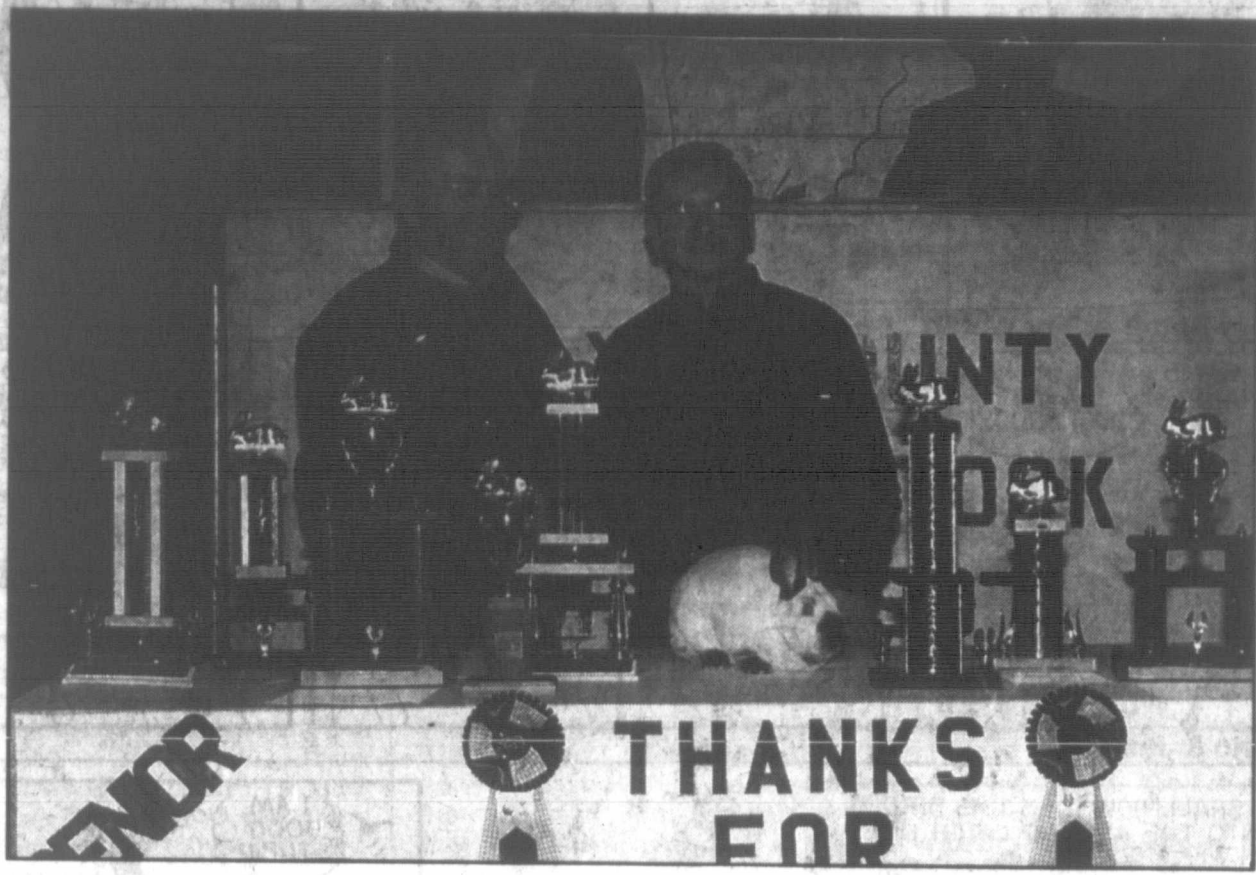
So, back to the first question: Are we cynical? Of course we are. My critic in the John Deere cap showed it; talk radio reverberates with it; the polls demonstrate it. Indeed, it is a healthy thing, and we are much the better for it. Our distrust, our skepticism, our suspicious minds keep the politicians honest, relatively speaking. I shudder to think what the polls might try to get away with if we were not cynical.

And that goes for anyone involved in the public process.

A few weeks ago, the Harris polling group released the results of a survey which brought your cynicism to my own stoop. You said the press is baleful in a dozen ways. You said it is biased, one-sided, negative, uncaring, intrusive, and on and on.

I can't say I completely agree, but I like your attitude.

Reserve Champion rabbit



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)
Shawn Dawes' work paid off when the Hoechst Celanese Corporation paid \$200 for the Reserve Grand Champion rabbit at the Gray County Junior Livestock Show and Sale this past weekend.

Astronaut feeling stressed during mission on Mir

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A few weeks after he joined two cosmonauts he hardly knew on Russia's space station, astronaut John Blaha began to feel depressed because of his cultural isolation and a lack of privacy, he said today.

Blaha, who lived on the Mir station the past four months, has been picked up by the space shuttle Atlantis and is to return to Earth on Wednesday morning.

In a radio hookup today with four Johnson Space Center workers spending 60 days in an airtight chamber, Blaha candidly discussed his stay on Mir.

"After I'd been there a month, I was a little bit getting

psychologically depressed," the former combat pilot said.

"So what I finally said to myself is 'Hey, John, you're here. You may live the rest of your life here.'"

"The more I got into that mode, I became very comfortable," said Blaha, 54. "I would've been happy to stay there for the rest of my life except for one thing, and that's that I missed my wife."

The four volunteers in the chamber are testing recyclable life support systems to be used for future space ventures. Blaha told them they have something that would have made his stay on the orbiting outpost more enjoyable: private quarters.

Trace analyst offers key testimony in Routier trial

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — A trace evidence analyst testifying in Darlie Routier's trial says a shirt the accused was wearing the night her sons were slain had four bloody punctures, but her body had no corresponding wounds.

Charles Linch, an analyst from the Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences, testified Monday as Mrs. Routier's capital murder trial began its third week.

Prosecutors said the punctured shirt was further proof that Mrs. Routier staged a scene to lead police into believing an intruder stabbed her sons to death.

"What the jury's going to see is that the story about an intruder breaking into the house has been a hoax from the beginning," Assistant District Attorney Greg Davis said after Monday's testimony.

Linch also said fiberglass slivers and rubber dust that seemed to match a window screen from the Routiers' home were found on a knife in a kitchen butcher block. Tests also indicated that the screen was cut from the outside, he said.

Mrs. Routier says an intruder dressed in dark clothing and a baseball cap attacked her and the boys before fleeing through a cut screen in the garage of their Rowlett home.

Defense attorneys said that the state's attempt to link the slashed screen to the fibers on the knife was inconclusive.

"They've got to prove things beyond a reasonable doubt — not just what could've been or what might've been," said defense attorney Richard Mosty.

Mrs. Routier, 27, is accused of fatally stabbing five-year-old Damon and six-year-old Devon last June 6. Prosecutors say she also slashed herself and staged a crime scene to fool investigators.

She is first being tried in the death of Damon and could later be tried in Devon's death. The trial was moved to Kerrville because of widespread notoriety the case has received in North Texas.

Nation briefs

Former secretary of state falls, breaks wrist

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warren Christopher fell and broke his left wrist while cleaning out the garage of his home on his last day as secretary of state.

Christopher, 71, was taken to Georgetown Hospital by his security detail Monday. He was treated and then went directly to the airport for a flight to Los Angeles.

Christopher had attended President Clinton's inauguration and returned to his home in Georgetown, where he and his wife, Marie, were preparing for their move back to Southern California.

State Department spokeswoman Nancy Beck said Christopher fell while cleaning out his garage, but had no information on what caused him to fall.

Christopher officially stepped down as secretary of state as Clinton was sworn in. His deputy, Strobe Talbott, will fill in until the Senate confirms Madeleine Albright as Christopher's successor.

later to his biological parents.

Now, the father who fought so fiercely to get his son back has left his wife and the five-year-old boy, the latest twist in a case that broke hearts and captured headlines.

Otakar Kirchner moved out several months ago, and the boy, now known as Danny Kirchner, is staying with his mother, Daniela, said Kirchner's former lawyer, Loren Heinemann, a family friend. The couple has one other child, an eleven-month-old girl.

"I visit the family frequently and for extended periods of time," Kirchner said in a statement Monday. "I love my children very much. Although it is painful for me not to be with them at all times."

The move comes 21 months after the boy was taken from Kimberly and Jay Warburton, who haven't seen him since.

Mrs. Kirchner gave the boy up for adoption days after his birth, believing that Kirchner had abandoned her. At first, Kirchner was led to believe the boy had died.

Two months after the child's birth, on learning the truth, Kirchner began fighting for custody. The couple later married, and the case soon captured national attention.

Following a fierce court battle, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled that Kirchner's parental rights had been denied and invalidated the adoption.

Motorist chases down wallet, turns them in to police

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — Teresa Roda was talking to her parents on her car phone when she saw something that made her jump out and run into traffic.

"You're not going to believe this," she told them. "There's money blowing down the street."

Ms. Roda dodged speeding cars Sunday as she chased down the swirling \$100, \$50 and \$10 bills. "But when you're chasing \$100 bills, you have a lot of motivation," she said.

When she got back to her car she had \$2,510, all from a wallet lying in the street.

Inside was a New York driver's license and an ID belonging to Michael Civale, a student at Franklin & Marshall college in this eastern Pennsylvania town.

Ms. Roda also found a Western Union receipt for \$2,500.

She gave the wallet to police, who tracked Civale down and returned his cash. Civale sent Ms. Roda a bouquet and a thank-you note Monday.

Man who fought for Baby Richard moves out

CHICAGO (AP) — Baby Richard went home with an adoptive family when he was four days old, only to be returned sobbing three years

Police progress in Cosby slaying

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police spent several hours interviewing two possible witnesses to the killing of Bill Cosby's only son after finding them in a suburban drugstore.

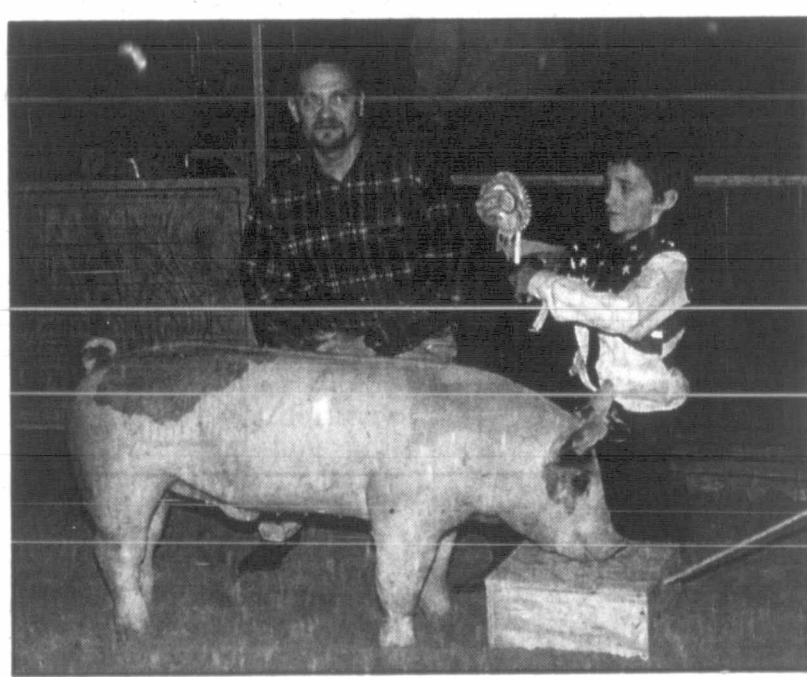
Meanwhile, a woman claiming to be the entertainer's illegitimate daughter was arrested in New York along with an accomplice in an unrelated attempt to extort \$40 million from him, federal prosecutors said Monday. Cosby denied her claim.

Autumn Jackson, 22, and Jose Medina, 54, were arrested Saturday at a New York law firm representing Cosby after signing a purported \$24 million settlement to end Ms. Jackson's threat to go to tabloid newspapers, U.S. Attorney Mary White said. Medina was to write her story.

In Los Angeles, police Cmdr. Tim McBride planned to issue a statement today regarding what, if anything, investigators learned from questioning the unidentified pair who may have seen Ennis Cosby's slaying.

They were not considered suspects, police said.

Reserve Champion barrow



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

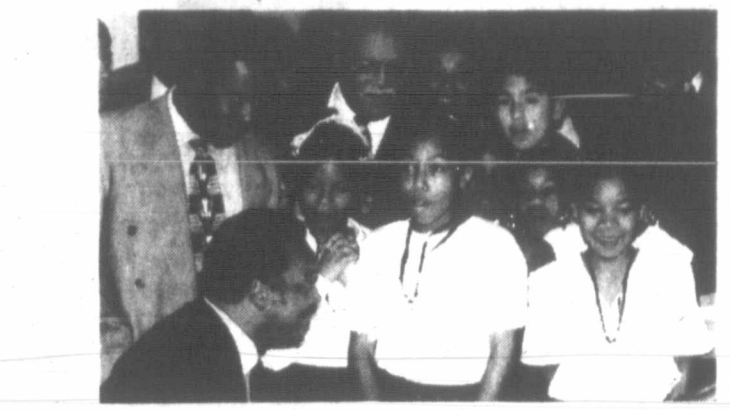
Royce O'Neal collected several prizes during the Gray County Junior Livestock Show, but none were better than the \$1,000 he received from Jerry O'Neal and Duke Grain of Amarillo for his Reserve Grand Champion barrow.

THE QUIZ

THE QUIZ IS PART OF THIS NEWSPAPER'S NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION PROGRAM

WORLDSCOPE

(10 points for each question answered correctly)



1) The Rev. Jesse Jackson talked with Oakland school children recently, after a controversy about teaching ... or "black English" ordered by the Oakland school board.

2) Israel and the Palestinian Authority reached a tentative agreement on Hebron. It hinges on an Israeli pullout from the occupied West Bank by mid-...
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3) The Supreme Court heard a case about whether the President could be sued in a personal matter. The case involves President Clinton and former Arkansas state employee ... who is suing him for sexual harassment.

4) Two women have left (CHOOSE ONE: the Citadel, Virginia Military Institute), charging that they had been harassed by other cadets.

5) A turbo-prop commuter airplane carrying 29 people crashed in the Midwestern state of (CHOOSE ONE: Wisconsin, Michigan), killing everyone aboard.

NEWSNAME

(15 points for correct answer or answers)



As the nations "drug czar," I approved research into the possible medical benefits of marijuana. Who am I?

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91 to 100 points — TOP SCORE!
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71 to 80 points — Good
61 to 70 points — Fair
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MATCHWORDS

(2 points for each correct match)

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| 1-bizarre | a-unconventional |
| 2-bohemian | b-reward |
| 3-banish | c-perplex |
| 4-boon | d-grotesque |
| 5-baffle | e-expel |

PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1) Character actor ... who played gangsters in movies and went on to produce television hits like "I Spy" and the "Danny Thomas Show" died recently at 89.

2) Super Bowl XXXI, between the Green Bay Packers and the New England Patriots, will be played Jan. 26 in the Superdome in ...

3) The new movie starring John Travolta as a tarnished angel named "... has become a surprise hit of the new year.

4) The popular comic book character "... will be losing his red cape and famous costume in favor of another suit that the character's owners hope will make him relevant to young people.

5) Young golfing sensation ... recently won his third major tournament in nine tries when he came in first in the PGA Mercedes Championships.

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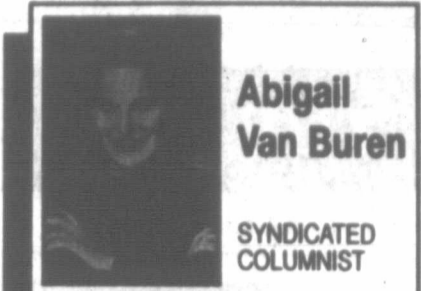
Reading Enriches Needy Kids In Ways That Money Cannot

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "D.W." in Reno, Nev., about giving needy children books for the holidays caught my attention. I would like to tell D.W. about Rolling Readers, California's largest nonprofit children's literacy organization. It was started in 1961 by a father, who — after noticing the profound effects of reading aloud to his sons — volunteered to read to kids at a homeless shelter. The experience was very rewarding (as I can attest, because I am a Rolling Reader volunteer), and it took only an hour per week. And after that, he began recruiting others with a love of books, reading and children.

We volunteers go to our assigned schools (or other locations, such as homeless shelters) once a week and read aloud to one or more classes. Three times a year we have a Book Give-Away when each child gets his or her own new book.

We hope that by reading aloud to children, we will help them to learn to read, and that, by giving them books of their own, they will learn to love reading. I always tell my "story children" that education is one of the most important gifts of life, and the key to a good education is reading. Besides, it's fun!

Children love to hear stories, but they are thrilled to have their own books. "I don't have to bring it back, Miss Mary Ann?" You mean I can keep it? I am often asked by children who never before owned a book. It's been four years since my



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

first Book Give-Away, and kids stop me on the playground and tell me they still have the first book I gave them.

Abby, I hope you will let your readers know about Rolling Readers.

MISS MARY ANN,
VOLUNTEER, BRADDOCK
DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
SANTA MONICA, CALIF.

DEAR MISS MARY ANN: I'm pleased to inform my readers about this worthwhile project. Your letter reminds me of the poem:

"Richer than I you will never be,
"For I had a mother who read to me."

Although Rolling Readers is a California project — it's the largest nonprofit children's literacy organization in the state — there is no reason why it can't be replicated in every community where there are

concerned adults willing to give their time. Rolling Readers represents a most noble form of diversity: They are black, white, yellow and brown; college students and retirees; executives and actors; homemakers and cab drivers; Republicans and Democrats.

For more information about this worthwhile effort, contact: Rolling Readers, P.O. Box 927315, San Diego, Calif. 92192-7315, or call 1-800-390-READ or 619-738-7243. They will help you volunteer, start a volunteer team or start a local chapter.

DEAR ABBY: Recently you printed a letter from a hospital volunteer who asked that mail for patients be addressed with their legal (first, middle and last) names, not nicknames.

Perhaps this hint will also help your readers when they address cards to people who are hospitalized: Instead of your own return address, use the patient's home address.

If the person is discharged before the mail arrives at the hospital (which is often the case), the card will be delivered to his/her home, rather than coming back to you.

ELSIE PRIBULA,
BETHLEHEM, PA.

DEAR ELSIE: Several readers offered this tip, which I think is excellent. I'm pleased to share it.

be paid well; if you don't, there won't be a paycheck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Watch your partner carefully today. If she starts pushing the wrong buttons and pulling the wrong levers, you should be prepared to make corrections.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone with whom you usually get along quite well might be testy today. However, if you are tolerant and understanding, this anomaly can be handled easily.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Worthwhile accomplishments are possible today, but you may have to inspire less-ambitious co-workers, so that they don't impede your progress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take care not to play favorites today. If you shower one friend with attention while ignoring the other, you might end up with one less friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Subdue your own desires today, and do your best to help your loved ones. You will feel good about this later.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1997

In the year ahead, you might move into a new social circle, and it will be more exciting and fulfilling than your present one. You will admire the pizzazz and charisma of these new associates.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Everything will proceed smoothly today if you operate out in the open. Conversely, if you attempt to be coy or devious, your ploys could backfire. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill

Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you are involved in a business deal today, you might be both shrewd and frivolous. Hopefully, your extravagant urges will not dominate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, top priority should be given to opportunities to augment your finances. If you spend too much time playing around, your paycheck will be small.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are in a positive financial cycle at this time. However, don't depend on others. You should count primarily on yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In a collective endeavor today, it will be best if you mastermind the operation. Your way of doing things will be the most effective.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will be rewarded today if you follow the golden rule. Treat others as you would like to be treated and watch what develops.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The rewards you receive today will correspond to the effort you expend. If you do a good job, you will



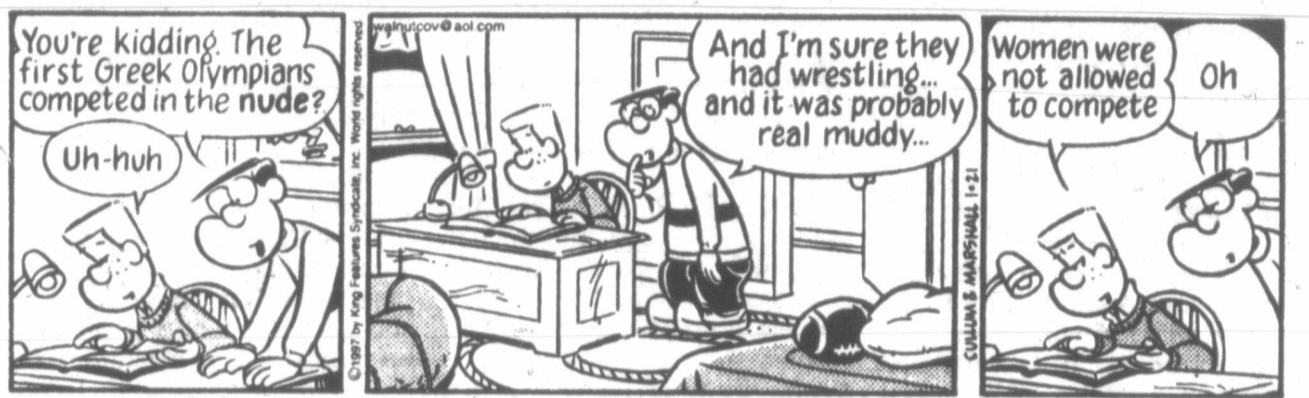
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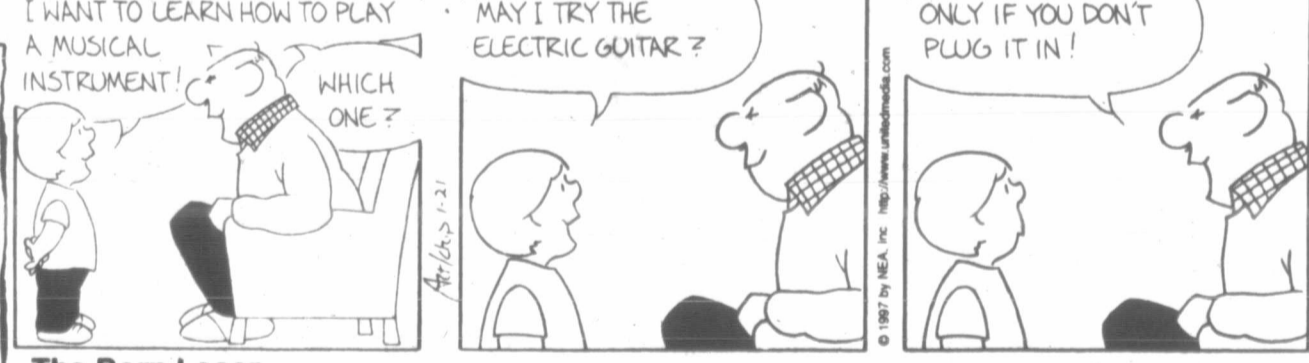
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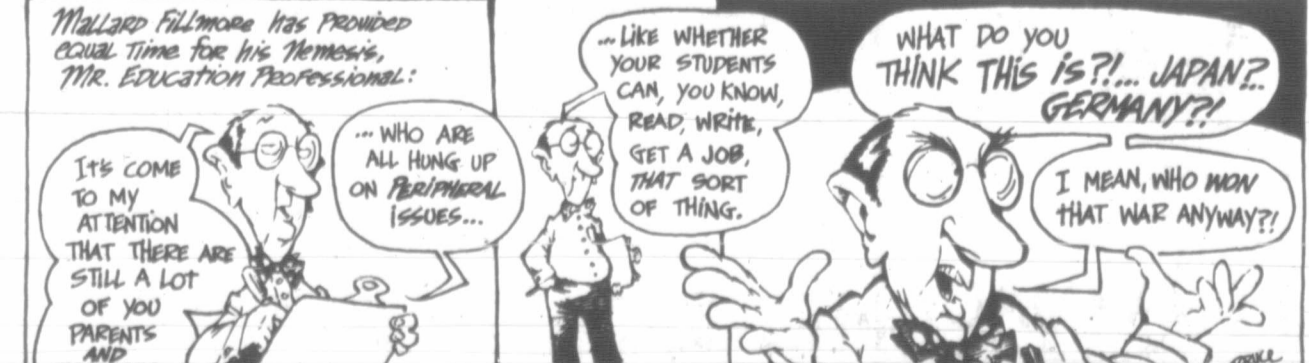
Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank & Ernest



Maillard Fillmore



"I'm three. How many fingers are you?"



"Your face looks innocent, but the rest of you looks guilty."

The Family Circus



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts

Sports

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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa 9th grade girls' basketball team won two district games last week.

Pampa defeated Amarillo Caprock, 46-27, and archival Borger, 61-52, last week.

In both games the Lady Harvesters played excellent pressure defense and had key shooting performances, according to coach Larry Dearen.

"I am very proud of how we have played all season and how the team has improved in many skilled areas," said Dearen. "The girls have worked hard to reach their season goals as a team."

The 9th grade Lady Harvesters are currently in third place in District 1-4A play. Team members are Candace Cathey, LeVonne Evans, Emily Curtis, Kristi Walling, Amanda Jenkins, Mary Grace Fields, Emily Waters, Teresa Brown, Anne Gaddis and manager Jessica Conner.

PAMPA — Pampa won over Borger, 58-53, last weekend in junior varsity girls' basketball action.

Lisa Kirkpatrick had 17 points and Lisa Dwight to lead Pampa in scoring.

Pampa's record is 8-1 in district play and 15-3 overall. The Pampa JV's next game is Friday at Hereford.

RODEO

GREAT FALLS, Mont. — For the first time in his 10-year career, 1993 world champion and nine-time National Finals Rodeo qualifier Deb Greenough of Red Lodge, Mont., finished in the lead in the Montana Circuit bareback riding standings to become the circuit's year-end champion.

The 33-year-old cowboy also won the average title in his event at the Montana Pro Rodeo Circuit Finals, Jan. 10-12 in Great Falls. Greenough won two rounds to finish the average with 238 points and earn \$3,286.

Other Montana Pro Rodeo Circuit Finals average champions were Dan Mortensen (Manhattan, Mont.), saddle bronc riding, 249 points in three rounds, \$3,755; Jess Matt (Billings, Mont.), bull riding, 221 points in three rounds, \$2,112; Bill Boyce (Lewistown, Mont.), calf roping, 30.4 seconds in three rounds, \$2,464; J.W. Ray (East Glacier, Mont.), steer wrestling, 12.3 seconds in three rounds, \$3,990; Shane Schwenke (Zortman, Mont.)/Derick Fleming (Broadus, Mont.), team roping, 31.4 seconds in three rounds, \$2,626 each; and Judy Myllymaki (Arlee, Mont.), barrel racing, 38.75 seconds in three rounds, \$3,990.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Amanda Coetzer and Carlos Moya escaped the searing heat with victories in air-conditioned comfort. And when the heat relented, Michael Chang provided his own.

The American wore down Marcelo Rios 7-5, 6-1, 6-4 today to reach the Australian Open semifinals, after Coetzer and Moya became the first and only match winners so far in a Grand Slam tournament with the stadium roof closed because of extreme heat.

By the time Chang played at night, outside temperatures had cooled from 102 degrees in the shade — and up to 140 degrees on court — to the low 70s, and the center court roof was open.

Chang, a finalist last year seeded No. 2, acted as his own pressure-cooker, pounding back shot after shot against the ninth-seeded Chilean.

France's Mary Pierce, the 1995 champion, also got to play in the evening cool, but had to come back from 0-3 in the final set to beat No. 16 Sabine Appelmans of Belgium 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Pierce, who has slipped to 22nd in the rankings from No. 3 early in 1995, had plenty of help from Appelmans. The Belgian double faulted three times in the final set's fourth game and once in the sixth as Pierce battled back to 3-3. Six of Appelmans' 11 double faults came in the final set. Another one ended the second set.

"I think it was mostly nerves," Appelmans said.

Patriots' Parcels won't discuss future plans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Bill Parcels stood defiantly on the podium. His jaw muscles flexed, his eyes brimmed with an anger that seemed on the verge of boiling over. Here he was, just six days away from the Super Bowl, and everyone wanted to know what he's going to do the day after the game.

Will Parcels remain the coach of the New England Patriots? Will he wind up with the New York Jets? Hardly the kind of questions conducive to game preparation.

Parcels' future has been the subject of speculation all season, brought on by his agreement with owner Robert Kraft to void the last year of the coach's contract. Then The Boston Globe reported Monday that Parcels will leave New England after the Patriots meet the Green Bay Packers in the Super Bowl.

"There's no new news, in my

estimation," the coach said at a Monday evening news conference dominated by questions about the report. "That's it. Let's leave it at that. Why can't you leave it at that? I'm not saying anything."

With the Patriots mired in speculation about their coach's future, Green Bay ... Practiced.

Working outdoors for the first time since Oct. 31, the Packers reveled in the un-Green Bay-like 66-degree temperatures. Quarterback Brett Favre, who grew up in nearby Kiln, Miss., even stripped off his shirt prior to practice to run wind-sprints.

"It was nice being outside," said coach Mike Holmgren, who has no intention of leaving Green Bay after Sunday's game. "You know, it's been a couple months since we've been able to do that."

The Globe story was written by Will McDonough, who knows

Parcels well and shares the same agent, Robert Fraley. Kraft pointed the finger at Fraley for igniting a pre-Super Bowl tempest that could make it tougher for the Patriots to keep their minds focused on Sunday's game.

"To me, it's unfortunate that his agent, Mr. Fraley, took this time to try to put something in the paper," Kraft said. "I'm not going to let any foolishness, or other people's agendas, distract us from one of the greatest weeks in football history in New England."

Parcels left the Giants after the 1991 Super Bowl, and New York's other team, the Jets, reportedly is willing to pay him whatever it takes to straighten out their 1-15 mess.

Some of the Patriot players were caught off guard by the report that Parcels is leaving.

"I knew it has been speculated about throughout the course of the

season," said Chris Slade, speaking just a few feet away from his coach at the team's downtown hotel. "I didn't know it was a sketched-in-stone type of thing. But until I hear him tell me he's not going to be the coach, then I'm counting on him to be the coach next season."

William Roberts, a member of Parcels' two Super Bowl championship teams in New York, speculated that he might be trying to divert the spotlight from his players.

"You have to wonder," Roberts said. "Sometimes he does things and you wonder why he does them."

Dave Meggett, another ex-Giant who reunited with Parcels in New England, knows equally well the unpredictable nature of his coach. Still, he sounded a bit annoyed about being inundated with questions about an issue that really has nothing to do with the game itself.

"I'm getting questions in the supermarket, the dry cleaners, wherever I go," Meggett said. "I can't control Bill Parcels. Bill Parcels controls Bill Parcels. Whatever he decides to do will be the best thing for him and his family. Me and everyone else will have to live with it."

The Packers must be a bit pleased that their opponent is having to deal with a Super Bowl-sized distraction just a few days before the game. Holmgren, quite naturally, sidestepped questions about Parcels' future, realizing that there's no need to inject himself into the Patriots turmoil.

"This has been kind of a turbulent year in the coaching fraternity," Holmgren said. "The decisions Bill has to make are obviously personal decisions on his part. I don't think he's going to let anything be a distraction to his football team at this stage."

Young sparks overtime win

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Rayford Young's five-point spurt late in overtime wouldn't have happened if not for Tony Battie, sore hamstring and all.

Battie finished with 28 points and 10 rebounds — playing all 45 minutes in the process — while freshman Young came through in the clutch to give No. 20 Texas Tech a 70-64 comeback victory over Oklahoma State.

"Next to (Wake Forest's Tim) Duncan, Battie is the best center in the country," Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said.

Battie frustrated the Cowboys' frontcourt all night, but it was Young who saved Texas Tech (13-3, 5-1) with a 3-pointer with 1:31 left in overtime to give Raiders a 66-64 lead just seconds after OSU's Joe Adkins missed two free throws.

Young iced the game a minute later after putting back his own missed layup.

"I was wide open," Young said of his bomb that gave Tech the lead for good. "I couldn't turn it down. I just shot it."

Young and Battie, who played his first full game of the season despite the left hamstring problem that had his status in doubt until game time, credited relentless defense for the Red Raiders' rally from a 43-30 deficit early in the second half.

"I think the press may have won the game for us," said Battie, who said his hamstring bothered him the entire game.

Battie capped his performance by stuffing Brett Robisch's meaningless last-ditch shot for Tech's only block of the game.

Tech has won six of seven while OSU (9-7, 1-4) has lost four of its last six, all in conference play. Two of those losses have been to Tech, and Sutton had high praise for the team coached by his one-time protégé, James Dickey.

"Next to (No. 1) Kansas, Tech is the best team in the conference," Sutton said.

The Red Raiders looked nothing of the sort midway through the game.

Texas Tech went 10:41 over the end of the first half and the beginning of the second without a field goal as OSU built their 13-point lead off a 16-1 run.

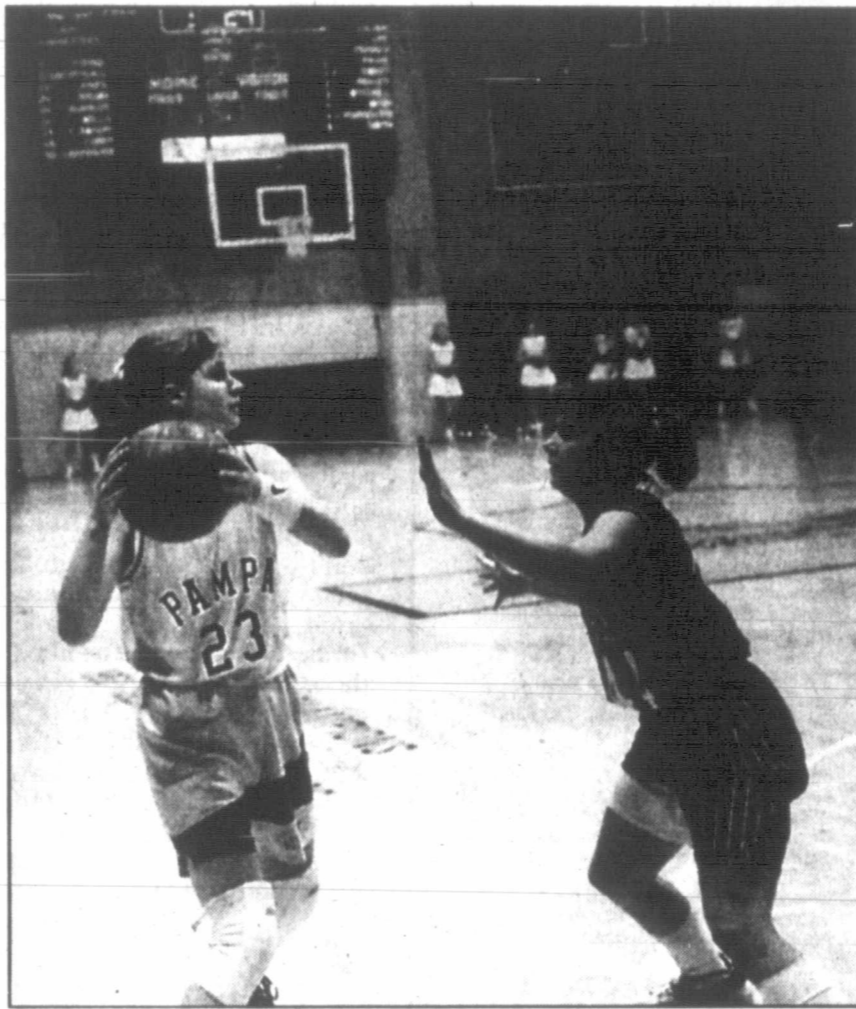
"I certainly got a lesson in coaching tonight. It was vintage Coach Sutton," Dickey said of his former boss at Arkansas and Kentucky. "This is what Big 12 basketball is all about."

After a timeout midway into the second half, the Red Raiders looked unstoppable, storming back over the next 10 minutes to tie the game at 53 when Cory Carr converted a four-point play after Chianti Roberts hacked him on a made 3-pointer.

Roberts had been OSU's leading scorer with 10 points when he fouled out on the play with 6:28 left.

Carr, who scored 15 points, had a chance to give Texas Tech a one-point lead with 27 seconds left in regulation, but he made one of two free throws and left the game tied at 59.

The Cowboys' Adrian Peterson missed a wild 3-point attempt at the buzzer.



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa guard Jennifer Jones (left), who had 35 points in last Friday's game against Borger, leads the Lady Harvesters against Elk City, Okla. tonight. Gametime is 6 for the girls and 7:30 for the boys.

Local gymnasts perform at Hillenburg Invitational

Gymnastics of Pampa students recently competed in the Carol Hillenburg Invitational at Big Spring.

Erin Coffey, Abby Cavalier, Amanda McKendree, Jaclyn Spearman, Rebecca Middlebrook and Amy Youree represented Team Pampa at the Invitational to benefit USA Gymnastics Regional Director Carol Hillenburg, who is battling cancer.

Erin Coffey and Abby Cavalier took top honors in the Optional Division at the meet. Coffey won the gold medal in All Around with a 33.40 score.

She also tied for first place on bars — 8.5, placed second on vault — 8.1, second on beam — 8.3

and third on floor exercise — 8.5. Cavalier placed second in All Around — 33.10, first on floor exercise — 8.85, first on bars — 8.5 and first on vault — 8.2.

Leading Pampa in the Level five division, Amanda McKendree won the gold medal in All Around — 32.70. She also took first on bars — 8.7, first on floor exercise — 9.1, and second on beam — 8.3.

Also competing in Level five, Jaclyn Spearman placed third on bars — 8.4 and third on beam — 7.85. Rebecca Middlebrook placed second on vault — 7.1.

Team Pampa gymnasts will now take a few weeks to train for meets in Odessa and Lubbock.

Pampa hosts Elk City in non-district games

PAMPA — Pampa welcomes Elk City, Okla. in a non-district boys-girls doubleheader at 6 tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

It will be second meeting of the season for the two teams. On Nov. 26 in Elk City, the Pampa boys lost a 64-50 decision while the Pampa girls were victorious, 41-37.

Pampa boys are 10-15 on the season while Elk City is 9-3.

Elk City's top two scorers are 6-4 sophomore Derek Roper and 6-2 senior Darren Dupree. Roper had 17 points, including 14 in the first half, against Pampa in the first game. Dupree added 13. The Harvesters will face some height in 6-10 Stoney Miller, who scored 4 points in the first half against Pampa, but was held to only a field goal the second half.

Leading the Harvesters is 6-3 senior August Larson (20.0) and 6-0 sophomore Shawn Young (13.0).

The Harvesters are currently tied for third place at 4-3 in the District 1-4A race with Hereford and Amarillo Caprock.

Elk City girls (9-5) are looking to reach the state tournament again. The Elkettes were state runnersup last season after winning the state championship two years ago.

Star Ryan and Erin Haggard are the Elk City scoring leaders for the season.

Ryan, who was averaging around 16 points per game going into last week, had 8 points and 10 rebounds and Haggard had 6 points in the first meeting against the Lady Harvesters.

The Lady Harvesters (11-13) are led by senior guard Jennifer Jones, who is coming off a 35-point output against Borger last Friday night.

Junior guard Chandra Nachtigall had 13 points for high-scoring honors in the win against Elk City.

Both Pampa boys' and girls' teams return to district play Friday night at Hereford.

The Lady Harvesters are 3-6 in district and tied with Amarillo Caprock for fourth place.

Freshmen boys are 7-0 in district basketball action

PAMPA — Last week, the Pampa 9th grade boys basketball team added two more victories to their impressive win-loss record.

In a 59-20 win over Caprock, Russell Robben led Pampa in scoring with 20 points, followed by Jesse Francis 17, Kevin Osborne and Jeremy Silva 6 each; Casey Owens and Matt Heasley 4 each, and Steven Vanderpool 2.

Robben scored 24 points as Pampa rolled to a 69-38 win over Borger. Also scoring were Francis with 19, Heasley 5, Owens 4, Jason Kogler 5, Vanderpool 4 and Osborne 2.

The Pampa freshmen are now 13-1 on the season and 7-0 in district.

In B team action, Pampa defeated Caprock, 56-24. John Shephard

led Pampa scorers with 14 points, followed by Richard Leger 12, Dennis Boyd 11, Jacob Campos 10, Shawn Stowers 4, Ben Smith 2, Doug Balleau 2 and David Robinson 1.

Borger defeated Pampa, 59-49, in the other B team game.

For Pampa, Leger had 12 points, Campos 10, Leger 8, Brent Coffee 7 and Robinson 1.

Pampa's B team is 5-6 overall and 2-4 in district.

Pampa hosts Hereford Saturday with the games beginning at 10 a.m. (B game) and 11:30 (A game).

"I thought both groups played well," said Pampa coach Troy Bell. "The B team is going to be a force come district tournament time and the A team continues to just take them one game at a time."

Colorado cracks national rankings for first time in 28 years

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

The last time Colorado cracked the national rankings it turned out to be a very good season for the Buffaloes.

That was 28 years ago, and when the 1968-69 season ended, Colorado had gotten as high as No. 18, had won the Big Eight title and had gone to the NCAA tournament. None of those things have happened since.

Until Monday, when the Buffaloes entered the Top 25 at No. 18. They came in on a seven-game winning streak, with the last four all impressive and all in the Big 12.

"There's been a change with this team from the beginning of the season. We have really matured as a team," Buffaloes coach Ricardo Patton said Monday from his hotel room in Waco, Texas, where Colorado plays Baylor tonight. "I think we have a degree of confidence that a Colorado team has not had in recent years."

Patton took over last January after Joe Harrington's abrupt mid-season resignation. Colorado finished 9-18 and there wasn't a whole lot expected in the inaugural season of the Big 12, the league that also has Kansas, the unanimous No. 1 team.

"In preseason I did some things

that brought us together as a team," Patton said. "We approach each game that we have to lay it on the line and give everything we have. We're not good enough to depend on one or two guys. We need all 13."

The run that caused the leap into the rankings started with a win at Missouri, something Colorado hadn't done in 25 years. Then came the win that ended Texas Tech's 35-game home winning streak. Then there were home wins over Oklahoma State and Iowa State, the latter by 25 points.

"No longer will coaches have a problem getting their team up for

playing Colorado," Patton said. "Colorado didn't have a history. They had been the whipping boys of the league for such a long time. That is no longer the case."

Kansas, the lone unbeaten team in Division I, was on top for the eighth straight week and was the first unanimous No. 1 choice since Duke in the 1991-92 season.

Kansas received all 71 first-place votes and 1,775 points from the national media panel.

For the first seven weeks of their run, the Jayhawks (18-0) had Wake Forest right behind them, but the Demon Deacons (13-1) lost to Maryland on Sunday and fell to fourth.

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Pampa Pacers boost record to 18-5

PAMPA - The Pampa Academy Pacers are now 18-5 on the season after winning two of three games last week. The Pacers defeated Miami Junior Varsity, 57-27, with Brooks Ferguson leading the way with 28 points. Also scoring for Pampa were Jeff Sublett with 14 points, Avery Taylor 9, Trevor Muniz 3 and Steve Terry 3.

Leading scorer was Edmondson with 24 while Taylor had 20, Ferguson 16, Sublett 15 and Terry 2. Ferguson led in rebounding with 10, Taylor had 7, Edmondson 3 and Sublett 1. Edmondson and Taylor had 5 assists each while Ferguson had 4, Terry 2, Sublett and Muniz 1 each. Edmondson led in steals with 6 while Ferguson had 5, Sublett 2, Taylor and Terry 1 each. Taylor led in blocked shots with 3 while Edmondson and Sublett had 1 each.

33 points, defeated Lakeview, 93-71. Also scoring for Pampa were Taylor with 30, Edmondson 12, Muniz, Terry and Aaron Wagner 6 points each. Taylor led in rebounding with 27, Ferguson had 12, Edmondson 6, Terry 3, Muniz and Wagner 1 each. Edmondson led in assists with 11, Ferguson 8, Taylor and Muniz 1 each. Edmondson also led in steals with 11, Ferguson had 4, Taylor 2 and Terry 1. Taylor had 4 blocked shots. The Pacers have three games remaining. They play West Texas Christian tonight in Mobeetie.

Timberwolves stop Spurs, 96-83

By RON LESKO AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - After spending seven seasons as an NBA doormat, the Minnesota Timberwolves finally are learning how to wipe their feet. The Wolves opened Monday's game against the struggling San Antonio Spurs with a franchise-record 14-0 run and led by as many as 25 in the second quarter before coasting to a 96-83 victory. It was a rare yawner for Minnesota, whose 13-6 record at home includes a 9-1 mark against losing teams. Considered an easy victory on opponents' schedules since joining the league in 1989, these Wolves are learning to take advantage of weaker teams.

Limping through a season that has been filled with injuries to key players, most notably David Robinson, the Spurs missed their first six shots while Minnesota made six of its first seven to build the 14-0 lead. That included a 3-pointer and three-point play by Stephon Marbury, who finished with 20 points and matched a career-high with 13 assists, nine in the first half. Kevin Garnett added 20 points and Tom Gugliotta had 18 points and 12 rebounds despite an array of nagging injuries, including a sore lower back and tender left calf. Robinson came off the bench to hit 4-for-6 from 3-point range in the first half and finished with 17 points.

"They're a better team," Del Negro said. "They've got a couple of young kids that enjoy playing basketball." Williams came off the bench to score a career-high 20 points for the Spurs, who lost for the seventh time in eight games. "They started aggressively and active and we were a step behind in the first quarter and a half," said San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich, 7-12 since replacing Bob Hill. "It's good to see we didn't die. That's the only value I see to the game." Led by Robinson, San Antonio has dominated Minnesota through the years. The Spurs have beaten the Wolves 30 times, more than any other team, and some of those have been as lopsided as Monday's first half.

"There's a lot of guys who weren't here, so we don't know really what they went through," said James Robinson, one of nine new players this season. "We don't want to be in that situation. When I was in Portland and we came to play the Minnesota Timberwolves, we'd be like, 'Oh, shoot.' But you have to get yourself ready for it. Now I don't think it's like that. Guys know that we're going to come out and compete and be ready to play." On Monday, it was the Spurs who weren't ready at the outset.

The Wolves saw their big lead dwindle to eight late in the game as Vinny Del Negro and Monty Williams rallied the Spurs, but Minnesota never felt seriously threatened. "It's always good to jump out early because you gain a lot of confidence, and that's what we did, we gained a lot of confidence," Marbury said. "We got it back together and we managed to get the win." Del Negro, who led San Antonio with a season-high 22 points, was impressed by the Wolves, whose 18-21 record is sixth-best in the Western

Conference. "They're a better team," Del Negro said. "They've got a couple of young kids that enjoy playing basketball." Williams came off the bench to score a career-high 20 points for the Spurs, who lost for the seventh time in eight games. "They started aggressively and active and we were a step behind in the first quarter and a half," said San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich, 7-12 since replacing Bob Hill. "It's good to see we didn't die. That's the only value I see to the game." Led by Robinson, San Antonio has dominated Minnesota through the years. The Spurs have beaten the Wolves 30 times, more than any other team, and some of those have been as lopsided as Monday's first half.

Mavericks become Lakers latest victim

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) - Halfway through the season, the Los Angeles Lakers can't help but like their position. They're off to a 29-12 start, their best since opening the 1990-91 season with a 30-11 mark. And they've protected their home court by losing just four of 22 games at the Forum.

Del Harris said. The Lakers came into Monday's game off two consecutive losses for the first time since early November. A third seemed unimaginable considering they were playing Dallas, and hadn't lost three straight in 12 1/2 months. "We wanted to win real bad," said Nick Van Exel, who broke out

of a slump with 24 points on 8-for-13 field-goal shooting, including 5-for-7 on 3-pointers. "I just wanted to come out and have a good game." "We didn't play well against Portland and we gave one away to Detroit, basically," Byron Scott said of the Lakers' double-overtime loss Saturday.

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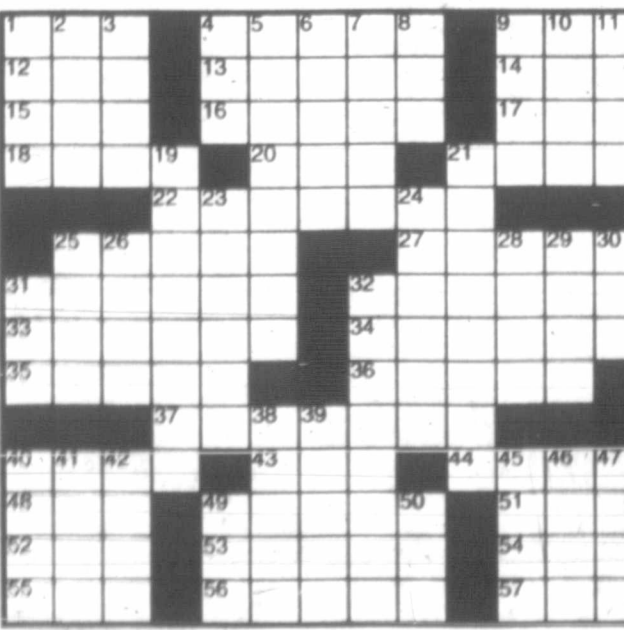
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Researchers believe nicotine may override schizophrenia gene

WASHINGTON (AP) — New research offers an unusual explanation for why so many schizophrenics chain smoke: They may get a few minutes of relief from a genetic defect when the nicotine soaks into their brains.

Dr. Robert Freedman of the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center located a gene that may increase the risk of inheriting schizophrenia — but nicotine can briefly override the defect this gene appears to cause.

"Schizophrenics are the most heavy smokers of any psychotic patients," Freedman said. "They had discovered this (effect) before we had, and it had been overlooked as a clue to the biology of schizophrenia."

At issue is the inability of many schizophrenics to filter out unnecessary sights, sounds and other stimuli — that tapping tree branch or the refrigerator hum that healthy people can ignore — so they essentially suffer information overload.

Freedman and colleagues at the University of Colorado report in today's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences that this trait is inherited. And they linked the gene that appears responsible for the trait to a brain receptor that helps filter information, a receptor that can be stimulated by nicotine.

That means schizophrenics who smoke get enough nicotine to switch on this receptor for a little relief, Freedman explained. "All the patients report they feel great after a cigarette," he said.

The study is "an excellent piece of work," said Dr. Elliott Gershon, neurogenetics chief at the National Institutes of Health.

But Gershon cautioned that despite strong evidence linking this schizophrenia trait to the nicotine receptor gene, Freedman

doesn't yet have proof — especially because he has not found the gene mutation that would cause it.

Indeed, while Freedman is searching for the mutation, he has begun working with drug companies to find treatments that target this receptor.

"We certainly don't recommend people take up smoking to try to combat their schizophrenia because the effect literally lasts just a few minutes" and smoking causes killer diseases like lung cancer, he stressed. But the findings are "reassuring to family members who wonder why their (schizophrenic) children can't stop smoking."

One schizophrenia drug, clozapine, appears to help this filtering problem, and patients have reported smoking fewer cigarettes, Freedman said. No one knows how clozapine works and it often is avoided because it causes a serious blood disorder in some users, but Freedman said it could provide clues to improved treatment.

Some four million Americans suffer schizophrenia, a mental illness characterized by hallucinations, delusions, bizarre behavior and the inability to feel pleasure.

Scientists know genes play a big role. But so far they know where just one is, somewhere in an area of chromosome 6.

Freedman's team used a different approach, tracing a particular trait in nine large, schizophrenia-plagued families from Colorado and Utah.

First, brain-wave testing showed this information-filtering defect was inherited from one parent. Then, studying the patients and going inside rats' brains to measure how nerve cells physically respond to stimuli, they traced the source of the problem to a spot on chromosome 15.

World briefs

Yeltsin recuperates at his country home

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin was recuperating at his country home today after ending a 12-day hospital stay the previous night, his chief spokesman said.

Press secretary Sergei Yastrzhembsky told the ITAR-Tass news agency that the Russian president, recovering from pneumonia, had no meetings scheduled but would work with documents.

There was no other immediate word on the president's condition.

When the president left the Central Clinical Hospital on Monday, Yastrzhembsky made it clear that the 65-year-old Russian leader was not on the verge of working full-time again or returning to his Kremlin office.

But he did say Yeltsin intends to adhere to plans to attend the Commonwealth of Independent States' summit in Moscow that begins Jan. 30, go to The Hague, Netherlands, for Feb. 4 talks with European leaders and hold an early February meeting in Moscow with French President Jacques Chirac.

Center calls for probe into former Argentine president

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — The Simon Wiesenthal Center has called for an investigation into claims that former President Juan Peron offered Argentine citizenship to about 8,000 fugitive Nazis.

In a letter sent to Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella, the center asked the government to look into the allegations made over the weekend by Pedro Bianchi,

the lawyer for former SS Capt. Erich Priebke.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Monday, Bianchi, a legal advisor to the foreign ministry in the late 1940s, said 2,000 Nazis took up Peron's offer and settled in Argentina.

He said other Nazis accepted the papers but moved on to Paraguay or Bolivia.

Earthquakes rock northwestern China, Tibet

BEIJING (AP) — Two powerful earthquakes struck China's far western province of Xinjiang today, killing at least twelve people and forcing more than 2,500 families to flee damaged homes in the bitter cold.

At least 27 others were seriously injured after a magnitude 6.4 earthquake hit this morning, followed by a 6.3 quake a minute later in the region of Jiashi, near the market city of Kashgar, state-run television reported.

The remote desert area is 2,000 miles west of Beijing.

Casualty figures were very likely to rise as reports came in from remote areas, the director of the Xinjiang Seismology Bureau said today. He refused to give his name.

Army units were standing by to help relief efforts, including erecting tents and temporary shelters for the homeless, he said.

More than 2,500 families in Jiashi County had to flee homes that collapsed or were dangerously damaged, local officials said. At least 500 one-story buildings collapsed, said an official at Central Seismology Bureau in Beijing, who gave only his surname, Tan.

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