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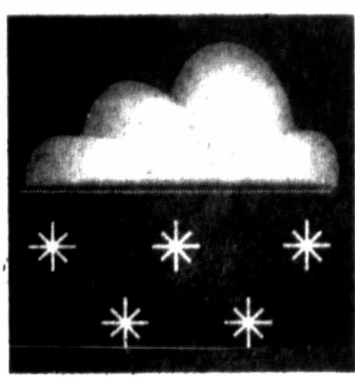
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**Low tonight near 30.
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LEFORS — The Lefors school board will hold a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. in the elementary school library. Items on the agenda include the appointment of a textbook committee, calling a school board election for May 3, consideration of employee housing and approval of job descriptions.

In the closed executive session the board will discuss the principal evaluation and contract, a vacant aide position and student discipline.

A request by Molly Turpen to be heard during closed session has been granted by the school board.

MERCEDES (AP) — Police are investigating an animal-cruelty complaint after the death of a show steer being prepped for a local livestock show.

The incident happened Jan. 23 while "Big Red" was being prepped for the Hidalgo County Stock Show in Mercedes, allegedly after an industrial-size blow dryer was inserted into its rectum, police said.

A necropsy revealed the steer died the next day of a ruptured colon.

The steer's owner, Jose Rodriguez of Pharr, a Future Farmers of America member, said another boy admitted to the deed but said it was an accident.

The stock show was a warm-up for the Mercedes Livestock Show, which runs March 12-19. Rodriguez said he was getting "Big Red" ready for the March event.

By The Associated Press

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket, sold in Stamford, was worth an estimated \$35 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 18, 19, 21, 29, 48 and 50.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

AUSTIN (AP) — Much of North Texas will have something new to remember this Memorial Day, state utility regulators said Wednesday.

The Texas Public Utility Commission announced that the three-way split of the current 817 code area will take effect at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, May 25, during the Memorial Day holiday.

Also, South Texans won't miss out on holiday changes. The 210 code zone will get its own three-way split during the July 4 holiday, the PUC said.

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Wintry weather brings welcome moisture to area

From Staff and AP Reports

With winter half over today, the weather in Pampa and the Texas Panhandle was looking like winter, with a storm system bringing welcome moisture for area farmers and ranchers in the form of rain and snow.

Light snow and drizzle extended from Pampa to Panhandle at 6 a.m. today with temperatures across the Texas Panhandle hovering around the freezing mark.

The temperature in Pampa was 33 degrees at 6 a.m. with a high of 35 degrees expected today as light snow was expected to continue through tonight and into Friday morning.

Hemphill County officials reported light snow and 31 degrees at 6 a.m. today. Wheeler County officials reported drizzle and temperatures just above the freezing mark in Wheeler.

The National Weather Service in Amarillo was reporting light snow and fog at 6 a.m. today. Childress reported 38 degrees. Dumas reported 32 degrees.

Department of Public Safety officials reported Panhandle highways slushy and starting to get slick just before dawn today.

The forecast for today for Pampa calls for cloudy conditions and occasional snow today with one to two inch accumulations. Pampa received about 0.10 of an inch of moisture since Wednesday afternoon and a trace of snow as of 6 a.m. The storm announced its arrival in Pampa early Wednesday evening with a brief sleet storm, but that gave way to light snow and drizzle.

Snow is forecast today north of Interstate 40 with one to two inches in the Texas Panhandle and three to five inches expected in the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwest Kansas. Rain is forecast for the Texas Panhandle south of I-40 and the South Plains and Rolling Plains.

Friday will begin cloudy with a chance of more snow in the morning. Sunshine is expected Friday afternoon with a high of 38 degrees. It is expected to be 42 degrees on Saturday and 45 degrees on Sunday. Rain is forecast to return Sunday night and Monday, possibly mixed with snow.

Today marks the mid-way point of the winter season.

According to the Associated Press reports, a snow advisory has been issued through tonight for the Texas Panhandle and a winter storm watch has been issued for western sections of North Texas through Friday morning.

A wintry mix is expected over the Panhandle, South Plains and low rolling plains through tonight.

Forecasters say 1-3 inches of snow is possible along the Red River Valley.

The rest of West Texas east of the mountains should have rain through tonight. Clouds will be decreasing on Friday with rain ending in most areas by late morning.

It will be cloudy across North Texas tonight and Friday with rain mixed with sleet in extreme northern sections. There is a chance of rain and thunderstorms in southern areas. Clouds will be decreasing by Friday night.

Senate panel approves parental notification bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Anti-abortion activists who hail the approval of a "parental notification" bill by a Senate committee hope its early consideration in the legislative session would give it momentum to the full Senate.

"It gives us a huge boost," Bill Price, president of Texans United for Life, said Wednesday. "The pro-life movement in this state has not been successful in passing pro-life legislation. We've never gotten a hearing on a bill like this so early in the legislative session."

Doctors who perform abortions would be required to notify a parent or guardian of a minor seeking an abortion, under the bill sponsored by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano. The measure was approved 8-3 by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

The same bill failed to win Senate approval in 1995, but with a new Republican majority in the chamber it's expected to succeed this time.

But the measure is expected to have a tougher road in the House, where Rep. Kenny Marchant, R-Carrollton, is the sponsor.

There was emotional testimony on both sides of the abortion issue prior to the vote.

The bill places the responsibility of notification on the doctor, who's required to reach a parent personally, by phone or by certified mail within a 48-hour period of the minor's request for an abortion.

A doctor who fails to do so and performs the abortion would be in violation of a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and up to a \$4,000 fine.

Early morning fire destroys Panhandle Baptist church

PANHANDLE — Firefighters braved snow and a cold wet drizzle early this morning to battle a blaze in downtown Panhandle.

Fire was reported at the First Baptist Church of Panhandle about 4:50 a.m. today. Firefighters said the church, located at 701 N. Main, was totally engulfed in flames when they arrived on the scene.

Firefighters from Panhandle, Pantex, White Deer and Skellytown battled the blaze as light snow fell across the area and temperatures hovered around the freezing mark this morning.

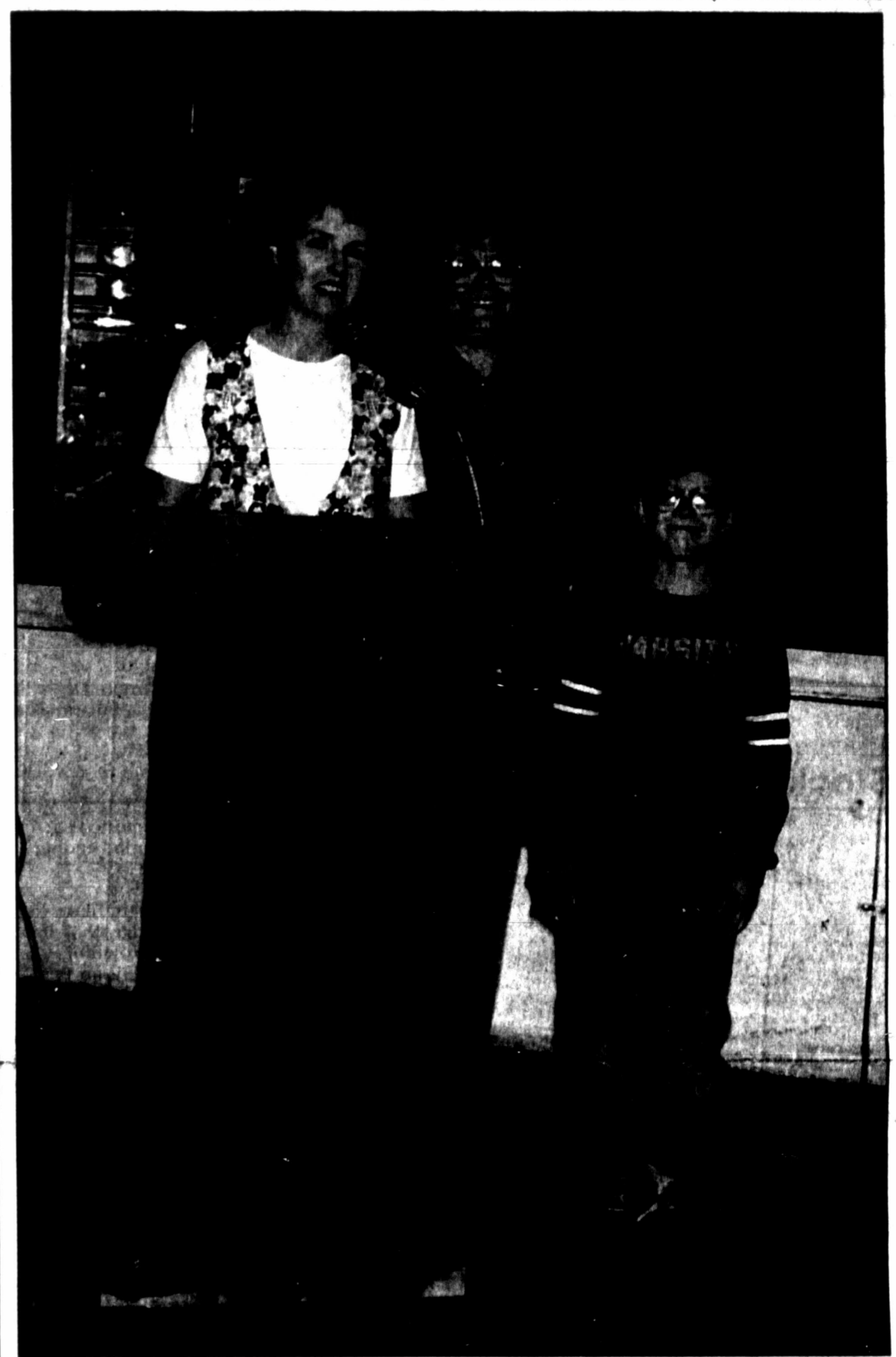
Battling to bring the blaze under control in the predawn

hours, firefighters kept the flames from spreading to other buildings in the downtown area. Officials said they were concerned about the fire reaching a small nearby storage shed that contained several pounds of gunpowder.

The church was destroyed by the fire, authorities said.

Firefighters were still at the scene of the smoldering structure late this morning, with the fire contained at mid morning.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined. "It surely does appear to be a total loss, and it is certainly a sad loss to our community," said Carson County Judge Jay Roselius.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Lamar Elementary School teachers Marsha Richardson and Bettye Stokes award fourth grader Kenny Hat a certificate for checking out the 10,000th book from the school library. This count began the first day of the 1996-97 school year.

Lamar students busy reading books

Lamar Elementary School celebrated a major event for the school Wednesday, the checking out of the 10,000th book from the school library since school began this fall.

Lamar Principal Pat Farmer said, "Sometimes I see the students walking down the hall and they are so engrossed in the book they are reading, I'm afraid they will bump into something."

The music class performed a special song and dance encouraging everyone to get down

to the library and read.

Students who had earned certificates for most points and best accuracy were given special prizes and all students received suckers for their reading efforts.

The event was in conjunction with the Star Reader Program which encourages students to read and understand the content of what they read with tests and accumulated points to go to the purchase of prizes like T-shirts and radios.

Texas PUC gives approval to merger plans for SPS and Public Service Co. of Colorado

The Public Utility Commission of Texas Wednesday approved the merger of Southwestern Public Service Company and Public Service Co. of Colorado to create New Century Energies.

The Texas action completes the necessary state approvals. Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Kansas all previously approved the merger. Oklahoma has approved passing along savings to customers and said it will not oppose the merger.

At the federal level, an administrative law judge for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has recommended approval, and the companies are awaiting to appear on the commission agenda.

Pending approval by the federal commission, approval by the federal Securities and Exchange Commission and other conditions, the merger of the two utility companies is

targeted for completion this spring.

"Approval by Texas as the final state is, indeed, a major milestone," said SPS Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Bill D. Helton, who will become chairman and CEO of New Century Energies.

"We're very pleased with the commissioners' unanimous decision," he said.

In approving the merger, the Texas PUC accepted a proposed guaranteed annual credit of at least \$3 million a year for the first five years.

The credit may be allocated on a kilowatt hour basis, but the specific numbers haven't been computed, said Leslie Kjellstrand, spokeswoman for the Texas panel.

"This is still so new we haven't put those figures together," she said Wednesday, according to the Associated Press.

Southwestern Public Service

Company provides electric service to a population of about one million people in a 52,000-square-mile area covering eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas.

Corporate headquarters for SPS is in Amarillo.

Public Service Co. of Colorado is a Denver-based electric, natural gas and thermal energy utility that serves a 32,000-square-mile area and a population of about 2.8 million people in Colorado and in the Cheyenne, Wyo. area.

The merged company plans to eliminate 249 jobs this year as a result of the merger. The total cuts will number 418 jobs, but 169 reductions already have occurred through a hiring freeze and attrition.

The merger first was announced Aug. 23, 1995.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

GANDY, Corene J. - 2 p.m., Temple Baptist Church, Hereford.

Obituaries

EMMA LOIS NELLIS

STOW, Ohio - Emma Lois Nellis, 92, a former Pampa, Texas, resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Nellis was born July 10, 1904, at Eastland, Texas. She married William B. Nellis; he died Sept. 28, 1973. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Pampa and Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #65 of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by a son, Don J. Nellis, and by a brother, Walter Niver.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, William B. and Betty Nellis of Stow; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church of Pampa.

FRANCES LEWIS ROBINSON

FRANCES LEWIS ROBINSON, 84, of Pampa, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Robinson was born Oct. 10, 1912, at Emory, Texas. She was a graduate of Canyon High School and West Texas State University, receiving a bachelor of science degree. She married W.E. Robinson in 1948; he died April 9, 1993. The couple had lived in Pampa and Borger, where they owned and operated a glass shop. She was also employed at Cabot Corporation and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Owen B. Moody of Emory, Mrs. E.C. Dinsmore of Mesquite and Mrs. Pete Mashburn of Dallas; several nieces and nephews, including Mr. and Mrs. Gary Herr of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. James Adams of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Ward of Mesquite, Mr. and Mrs. Zane Marek of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Beshears of Mesquite; four great-nephews; two great-nieces; and several cousins and friends.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	4.11	Chevron	65 3/4	up 1/8
Milo	4.00	Coca Cola	57 7/8	dn 3/8
Corn	4.82	Columbia/HCA	40	up 3/8
		Enron	41 1/4	up 1/4
		Halliburton	70 1/8	dn 5/8
		Ingersoll Rand	45	NC
		KNE	36 7/8	up 1/8
		Kerr McGee	67 7/8	dn 1/8
		Limited	17 1/4	up 1/8
		Mapco	33 5/8	dn 1/8
		McDonald's	45 3/8	dn 1/8
		Mobil	130	dn 1/4
		New Atmos	23 5/8	NC
		Parker & Parsley	34 3/4	up 1/4
		Penney's	47 1/2	up 1/2
		Phillips	43 7/8	dn 3/8
		SLB	106 3/4	dn 7/8
		SPI	15 5/8	dn 1/8
		Tenneco	38 7/8	NC
		Texasco	104 7/8	dn 1/2
		Ultramar	30	up 1/2
		Wal Mart	23 3/4	up 5/8
		Amoco	87 1/2	dn 3/8
		Arco	131 3/8	dn 1/8
		Cabot	25 5/8	NC
		Cabot O&G	19 3/8	up 1/8

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

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

Magellan	83.07	Edwards	11.00
Puritan	17.82	Edwards	11.00

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

Amoco	87 1/2	dn 3/8
Arco	131 3/8	dn 1/8
Cabot	25 5/8	NC
Cabot O&G	19 3/8	up 1/8

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

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

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 5

10:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1600 block of Christine on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

1:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

12:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West in Amarillo for a patient transfer to Columbia Medical Center.

2:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a residence on Price Road for a lift assistance. No one was transported.

3:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transfer a patient to a local nursing facility.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 5

Narcotics, 1.8 gross grams of crack cocaine, was recovered from a yard in the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Burglary of a coin-operated machine was reported at the Best Western Motel. Approximately \$200 was taken from the machine.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 5

Arrests

Nathan Williams, 19, 1161 Varnon Dr., was arrested on charges of theft of a firearm and evading arrest.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 5

A 1986 White Freightliner driven by Terry Ray Green Jr., 18, Skellytown, collided with a light signal at the intersection of Browning and Ballard. Green was cited for making an unsafe right turn.

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 5

1:56 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 1321 W. Kentucky for a medical assist.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700

Mann Science Fair winners



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Ten students from Horace Mann Elementary School were recommended to take their Science Fair projects to the regional science fair. Back row from left are Robin Reidle, K'Lee Ratzlaff, Amber Freeman, Drew Morrison. Center row, from left, are Caman Niccum, Whitney Wichert, Ashley Orr, Joel Shannon, Joel Miller. In front is Emalie Luna.

Clinton's budget offers billions for Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) - The yearly dance between the White House and the Congress over spending priorities officially kicked off today, with release of President Clinton's fiscal 1998 budget.

The tiny numbers and dollar signs densely dotting thousands of pages of budget text lay out the administration's priorities for federal programs in Texas and the 49 other states.

The nation's second most populous state has a huge amount riding on the outcome of the budget discussions.

Texas received nearly \$84 billion in total direct payments from Washington in 1995, according to the most recent Consolidated Federal Funds Report. That spans everything from federal employees' salaries to food stamp payments, crop assistance, Social Security and defense contracts.

Of course, before any of next year's money is doled out, Congress will have to weigh in with its own - often differing - vision of how to spend \$1.7 trillion in federal tax dollars.

Last year's government shut-downs still fresh in their minds, GOP lawmakers have gone out of their way to say this budget, unlike most of its predecessors, isn't automatically dead on arrival.

One area of skirmish ahead is the new welfare law and its impact on elderly and disabled

legal immigrants.

Clinton's budget proposes restoring billions of dollars to help legal immigrants cut out from food stamps and Supplemental Security Income payments under the Republican-crafted welfare bill he signed last year.

Congressional Republican leaders thus far haven't given any sign they're willing to revisit that issue in great depth, despite a call by some Republican and Democrat governors to do so.

Welfare aside, in another budget arena Congress likely to take Clinton's request and add more money. During Clinton's term, Congress has boosted his defense spending requests. This year, the president is proposing a \$247.5 billion defense budget.

The Pentagon's continued focus on air power and procurement of a new generation of fighter jets bodes well for the North Texas defense establishment.

The budget includes billions of dollars for procurement of the V-22 tilt-rotor, combat helicopters, high-tech missile systems and continued development of the F-22 advanced tactical fighter.

While it doesn't include any money for procurement of the F-16 fighter manufactured in Fort Worth by Lockheed Martin, the budget does request \$339 million to upgrade existing F-16 copies.

It also requests \$2.1 billion for

continued development of the next-generation F-22 advanced tactical fighter, which is being designed by Lockheed Martin at its Fort Worth and Georgia plants. Low-rate production is to begin in 1999.

Military leaders also are earmarking \$1.1 billion for continued development and initial procurement of the V-22 Osprey under development in part at Bell Helicopter Textron in Fort Worth.

Texas also stands to benefit from the \$2.4 billion earmarked for procurement of nine C-17 cargo planes. Northrop Grumman's commercial aircraft division in Grand Prairie is a major subcontractor on the huge C-17 program.

Other budget requests affecting Texas include: - \$2.1 billion for continued construction of the international space station under direction of the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

- \$350 million to be divided among Texas and several other states with large criminal illegal alien populations to help defray their incarceration costs.

- \$209 million for Strategic Petroleum Reserve operations, largely centered in Louisiana and Texas.

- \$140 million for continuation of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program, of which Houston and the Southwest border region are part.

Miss Hawaii crowned as new Miss USA

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) - Miss Hawaii Brook Lee was crowned Miss USA Wednesday night after dazzling the judges with her swimsuit and evening gown presentation and her response to a final question about how she would deal with gaining weight during her reign.

The question was prompted by Miss Universe Alicia Machado, who gained an undisclosed amount after winning her title last May. The weight gain prompted speculation about whether she should retain the crown.

Miss Idaho Brandi Sherwood was the first runner-up and Miss Tennessee Towanna Stone was the second runner-up.

A boat, a car and a \$20,000 diamond brooch were among the prizes for the top finalists in the pageant, an annual spectacle co-owned by Donald Trump and CBS.

Marla Maples Trump and George Hamilton were the hosts

and the judges included race car driver Michael Andretti, sports announcer Greg Gumbel, NFL kicker Nick Lowery and model Gayle Gurchick.

Fifty-one young women were on hand in this northwestern Louisiana city to compete for the right to succeed Ali Landry as Miss USA. The title comes with more than \$170,000 in cash and prizes, and a chance to compete in the Miss Universe pageant in May.

The list of 51 was trimmed to 10 at the start of Wednesday night's nationwide telecast, later to six finalists and then to three, one of whom was selected Miss USA.

The other finalists were Miss Utah, Temple Taggart; Miss Florida, Angela Savage; and Miss Texas, Amanda Little.

They had been joined in the top 10 by Miss Rhode Island, Claudia Jordan; Miss Alabama, Autumn Smith; Miss Oklahoma, Trisha Stillwell; and Miss New Jersey, Jennifer Makris.

Contestants were judged on interviews, a swimsuit competition and an evening-gown competition.

Included in the winner's awards were a boat valued at \$23,000 and a 1997 Pontiac Sunfire convertible, a \$20,000 diamond brooch, a diamond and gold watch valued at \$15,000 and a one-week Hawaiian vacation for two.

The prize for the first runner-up was \$4,000. The second runner-up's prize was \$2,000.

Local officials hailed it as an economic boon and a rare promotional opportunity for the Shreveport-Bossier City area, which is building a tourist trade around riverboat casinos on the Red River.

The swimsuit competition was shot around a Louisiana swamp, with contestants wearing mostly pink garments. It featured shots of cypress trees and, at the end, they all posed en masse on a boardwalk running through the swamp.

Randel Chamber Orchestra concert set for Friday

AMARILLO - The Randel Chamber Orchestra will present its second concert of the season Friday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. in the Trinity Baptist Church in Amarillo.

"We are planning a program of great variety and fun," James Setapen, music director and conductor of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra, said.

The evening's program features two members of the Randel Chamber Orchestra, both long-time members of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra: Susan Martin Tariq, percussion and Don Lefevre, saxophone. Ms. Martin will be featured in the

Milhaud's lively *Concerto for Percussion and Small Orchestra*.

"A percussion concerto is a very unusual item, and this one will keep Susan very busy with drums, cymbals, tambourines and various other instruments," Setapen said.

Don Lefevre will join the Orchestra for Jacques Ibert's *Concertino da Camera for Alto Saxophone*.

"Ibert wrote this virtuosic work in 1935," Setapen said. "The sassy saxophone is the perfect instrument for Ibert's lighthearted style. Mr. Lefevre will bring us a terrific performance."

In between these two works, the Orchestra will perform J.S. Bach's *Third Suite*. This piece has many melodies well-known to music lovers, including the famous "Air on the G-String."

The final piece for Friday's concert will be Schubert's *Symphony No. 1*. Schubert wrote his first symphony when he was only 16. According to Setapen, "It is a work of youthful energy and high spirits. And, it's part of the Amarillo Symphony's tribute to the composer on the 200th anniversary of his birth."

Tickets for the performance can be purchased at the door or by calling (806) 376-8782.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, cloudy with occasional light snow and a low near 30, with southeasterly winds 5-15 mph. Friday, cloudy in the morning, then clearing, with a high near 40 and northwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday's high was 42; the overnight low was 31. Pampa received 0.10 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Snow advisory is in effect for tonight. Tonight, cloudy with periods of snow. Additional accumulations of 1 to 3 inches by sunrise. Areas of fog. Lows in low 20s to upper 20s. Friday, mostly cloudy with chance of morning light snow. Highs in low to upper 30s. South Plains: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of snow. Total accumulations of 1 inch or less expected. Lows from upper 20s to near 30. Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow early over the low rolling plains, otherwise

partly cloudy. Highs in low to mid 40s.

North Texas - Tonight, cloudy. Rain likely north with rain possibly mixing with sleet extreme north. A chance of rain and thunderstorms south. Lows 35 northwest to 47 southeast. Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain, rain possibly mixed with sleet northwest and extreme north. Highs 46 north to 58 southeast.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows near 50, mid 40s Hill Country. Friday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs in mid 60s. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in mid 50s inland to near 60 coast. Friday, cloudy with showers or thunderstorms likely. Highs in upper 60s inland to mid 60s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Lows in mid 60s coast to near 60 inland. Friday, cloudy with a

chance of showers. Highs in upper 60s coast to near 70 inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Winter storm watch tonight northeast plains. Tonight, partly cloudy southwest. Scattered snows continuing north, some accumulations possible. A chance for snow or rain mixed with snow lower elevations central and east. Lows teens and 20s mountains and north, 20s to low 30s south. Friday, snow showers lingering northeast, otherwise clearing. Highs 30s and 40s mountains and north, mostly 50s southern lowlands.

Oklahoma - Winter storm watch tonight through Friday morning for central and parts of southern Oklahoma. Tonight, periods of snow northern and central regions. Rain, sleet, and snow likely elsewhere. Lows from mid 20s to mid 30s. Friday, snow ending western regions during the morning. Snow, sleet, or rain ending elsewhere during the afternoon. Highs in the 30s.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

BRIGHTON SHOES 30% off, Cole Haan 50% off. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, Downtown. 669-1091. Adv.

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN School of Pampa, 665-3393, information meeting February 10, 7 p.m. 1200 S. Sumner St. Student applications available for Fall 1997. Adv.

NINNY'S BUCKET - Winter Clearance 50% to 75% off. Now accepting Summer children's clothing, maternity, baby furniture. Adv.

WIN \$100. Details at participating businesses or call your Chamber 669-3241. Adv.

HOUSEKEEPER - RELIABLE, references furnished. By appointment only, 665-8568 leave message. Adv.

NEED AUTO Glass Replacement or Repair? Call Suntrol 3M Auto Tint and Auto Glass, 703 W. Brown, 665-0615. Adv.

QUILT CLASSES, Sands Fabrics, February 11. Beginners strip piecing, Susie Edwards instructor. 669-7909, 665-4268. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Thursday 5-8 p.m. Chicken and dumpings, pork chops, barbecue Polish, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

NO EXCUSES for not painting - Valspar Paint being discontinued, 1/2 price!! Bartlett Lumber. Adv.

2 BAR stools and hideabed for sale. 669-7790. Adv.

CUYLER CLOTHING Co. All Fall and Winter Sleepwear 30% off. 113 N. Cuyler, 665-8698. Adv.

GRAND OPENING - Heart Strings. Handmade crafts and collectibles. 413 W. Foster. Saturday, February 8th, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Door prizes given to every 10th customer. Adv.

FOR SALE complete restaurant inventory. 669-1428. Adv.

Memo summarizes Starr investigation

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutor Kenneth Starr's staff has compiled a memo of several hundred pages summarizing the evidence involving President Clinton and his wife in the three-year Whitewater investigation, lawyers familiar with the probe say.

The document will provide the framework for an upcoming meeting in which Starr's lawyers in Washington and Little Rock, Ark., will weigh whether indictments or other actions are warranted, the lawyers said.

"Evaluation time is here," said one.

Whitewater prosecutors said for the first time Wednesday that one of their cooperating witnesses, Jim McDougal, has provided "new and important information" and requested a postponement of his scheduled Feb. 24 sentencing. The prosecutors said they have needed to review a "voluminous" amount of information to corroborate McDougal's story.

Most of the prosecutors' memo details material involving Hillary

Rodham Clinton, according to the lawyers, who spoke only on condition of anonymity. Mrs. Clinton's work for a failed Arkansas savings and loan has been one of the most intensely investigated aspects of Whitewater.

"The memo summarizes all the evidence from day one," said one attorney. It evaluates what prosecutors see as the weaknesses as well as the strengths of the evidence.

Starr's office on Friday announced the hiring of two career federal prosecutors who will provide an outside perspective for the review.

While the Whitewater prosecutor's office declined to comment, the Clintons' Whitewater lawyer, David Kendall, said Wednesday that "analysis certainly is to be expected" by Starr's office.

"As we've said in the past, we are confident that fair-minded people will conclude that it is time to put the so-called Whitewater matter behind us once and for all," Kendall added.

Regarding the president, the lawyers said prosecutors will address constitutional questions, including whether a sitting presi-

dent can be indicted. Starr's office also will determine whether there is any substantial and credible information that may constitute grounds for impeachment. If so, Starr by law must submit it to the House.

In recent months, investigators have focused on a failed land development south of Little Rock called Lorraine Heights that was financed in part with a fraudulent \$300,000 loan to the Clintons' Whitewater partners, Jim and Susan McDougal.

Though Lorraine Heights was put in the name of the Whitewater Development Corp., both Clintons have sworn under oath they knew nothing about it.

The federally backed loan that helped buy the 810-acre tract came from a company operated by Arkansas municipal judge David Hale, who alleges he was pressured by Clinton to provide the money, which has never been repaid.

Clinton denied knowing anything about the loan last year when he testified at the McDougals' Whitewater trial and no evidence has emerged publicly to corroborate Hale's story.

But Jim McDougal, convicted

of 18 felonies at his trial, has been cooperating with Whitewater prosecutors since August.

In addition to the first lady and the president, Starr's office is assessing the evidence against a number of current and former White House aides. The question: Who handled Whitewater related documents inside the White House?

The most significant of those documents: Mrs. Clinton's billing records outlining her work for the McDougals' Arkansas savings and loan while she was at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock.

Mrs. Clinton's records, which prosecutors subpoenaed early in the Whitewater probe, vanished during the 1992 presidential campaign and mysteriously reappeared a year ago in the White House.

They disclosed 14 previously unknown conversations between Mrs. Clinton and prominent Little Rock businessman Seth Ward in 1985 and 1986 when Ward was arranging to receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in real estate commissions from McDougal's failing S&L. Mrs. Clinton and Ward say they do not recall the conversations.

Opportunities Plan donation



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Cathryn Wright, representing Opportunities Plan Inc., a non-profit organization which provides low interest loans to deserving students who want to continue their education, accepts a check for \$33,010 from Fran Morrison, president of the 20th Century Cotillion Club. The check was the end result of the Tour of Homes fund raiser in December. Since its beginning OPI has provided educational funds for more than 120 students from the area.

Gramm introduces legislation stemming from Val Verde case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying that a West Texas voting-rights case could deny out-of-town military personnel a voice in local elections, Sen. Phil Gramm is offering legislation to make explicit their ability to cast ballots in those races.

"Do people who wear the uniform of this country have a right to vote in a location that they choose as their legal residence?" Gramm asked Wednesday as he introduced his legislation. "Obviously they do, and this bill makes certain that federal judges and legal service lawyers respect that right."

The bill is Gramm's latest incursion in what has become a highly politicized conflict stemming from a taxpayer funded challenge of two local election contests in Val Verde County.

Conservative Republicans are fuming over what they view as an improper incursion by a largely taxpayer funded legal services group in an election outcome.

Texas Rural Legal Aid, which provides legal representation to thousands of poor people in South and West Texas, challenged the seating of two Republicans who won a

Val Verde County commissioner's post and sheriff's race in November. A federal judge has blocked their seating pending resolution of the matter in state court.

TRLA, which has since withdrawn from the federal case, contends 800 mail-in ballots were improperly cast by military personnel and dependents, most of whom at one time were stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio. More than half of them haven't lived in Val Verde County in at least four years, while a fourth haven't resided there for at least a decade.

While those people have a right to vote in federal elections, TRLA contends that under Texas election law they aren't allowed to cast ballots in state or local races. Allowing them to do so dilutes the voting strength of residents of the mostly Hispanic county along the U.S.-Mexico border, TRLA says.

But Gramm and a growing number of supporters in Congress are framing the case as an attack on the right of nomadic military personnel to claim for themselves

the location in which they wish to vote.

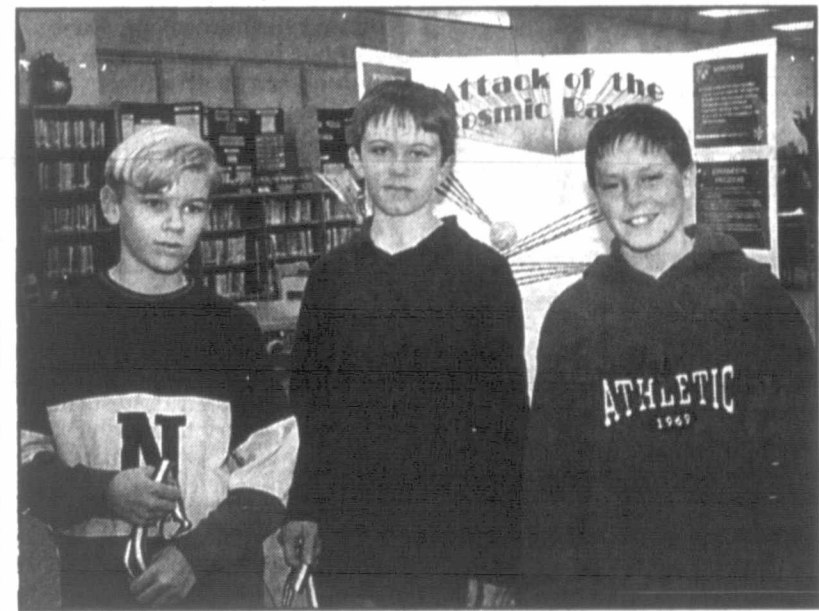
TRLA executive director David Hall said in a recent interview that he's baffled by the lawmakers' belief that military personnel and dependents should be allowed to vote in local races when they haven't lived in the area in years — some never.

One voter cited in TRLA's court filings is a San Antonio military man whose only connection to Val Verde County came 26 years ago when he and his wife spent their honeymoon at her grandmother's home. The man has never been stationed at Laughlin AFB.

The federal judge presiding over the case, U.S. District Judge Fred Biery of San Antonio, took pains to tackle head-on the question of whether military voting rights are in jeopardy — as Republicans contend.

In a ruling last month, Biery wrote: "It is first apropos to say what this issue is not: Whether personnel of the United States military can vote. Clearly, the sacred franchise our armed services protect can be exercised by the protectors."

Science Fair top winners



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The Pampa Middle School Science Fair overall winners are, from left, seventh grader Michael Frels, sixth grader Eric Scroggins and sixth grader Ross Buzzard. The top project, by Scroggins, demonstrated the effects of cosmic rays on everyday items. Frels took second with a project titled "Warfare at PMS," and Buzzard's entry on hairstyles was third overall. The sixth annual Science Fair was held at the school on Monday, with 165 participants.

AG's office blocks real estate seminars

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The state attorney general's office has shut down two real estate seminars in San Antonio and threatened promoters with arrest if they proceed with seminars in Midland and Odessa this week.

The "get rich quick" seminars were promoted by William McCorkle and his wife, Chantal McCorkle. The Orlando, Fla.-area couple does business under the names CashFlow Systems Inc. and Fortunes in Foreclosure Inc.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales sued them Tuesday, alleging that they violated state deceptive trade laws and for not being registered to do business in Texas.

"We're playing hard ball here," said Raul Noriega, an assistant attorney general in the consumer protection division who filed the suit in a state district court in San Antonio.

Noriega obtained a court order Tuesday against barring the McCorkles from advertising or doing business in Texas until a

hearing later this month. When McCorkle's organization went on with a Tuesday night seminar at San Antonio's Embassy Suites North West, the attorney general's office acted.

"We called two police officers over there to make sure they knew we meant business," Noriega said.

Noriega said he sent copies of the court order to be posted at the hotels in Midland and Odessa, where seminars were scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

A clerk at the Holiday Inn Centre in Odessa said Wednesday's seminars had been canceled.

In television infomercials and seminars at local hotels, McCorkle had promised investors returns of \$10,000 in 30 days using his methods, the lawsuit says.

During seminars in San Antonio this week, as many as 150 customers paid \$495 to \$1,990 for McCorkle's educational materials, according to the suit.

TPMHA to sponsor Survivors of Suicide group session

AMARILLO — The Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Suicide and Crisis Center is having a Survivors of Suicide (SOS) group Tuesday, Feb. 25, through April 1, from 6:30-8 p.m. each session.

Facilitators of the group have completed the American Association of Suicidology training and are experienced in grief counseling.

The group size will range from five to ten members and anyone who is a survivor of suicide may call for a screening to attend the class. Those wanting to attend should call (806) 342-0000 or 1-800-692-4039 prior to Feb. 17 to register.

Approximately 35,000 persons across the United States choose to kill themselves annually, and some suicidologists predict that as many as 50 persons attempt suicide for each one who succeeds," states Angie Mitchell, M.A. staff member of the TPMHA Suicide and Crisis Center.

"The family and friends of the person who took his or her life often feel alone in their grief. In the aftermath of suicide, caring friends, family and even ministers are often unable to truly listen to survivors and understand their feelings."

In an effort to help survivors, the Suicide and Crisis Center has developed an SOS program that has been certified by the American Association of Suicidology.

Survivors of Suicide is a six-weeks group experience that provides supportive listening and non-judgmental caring which helps group members begin the healing process.

According to Mrs. Mitchell, "The grief process for survivors is highly individual; however, all survivors have the constant companions of guilt, fear, anger and shame. Suicide survivors, like all people in mourning, are more

susceptible to emotional and physical problems. The program provides an opportunity to re-examine the circumstances of the suicide and relationship with the deceased loved one."

Most people grieving a loss to suicide don't know how to cope with the mixture of sadness, bewilderment and uncertainty that accompanies the death. Those who have children are confused as to how to help them with their own grieving process. The group helps one to know what to expect from others who are grieving at the same time.

"Survivors are at a loss of how to explain it to themselves," says Mrs. Mitchell.

The group experience helps each individual resolve the feelings of grief through shared experiences with others in a similar situation.

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority provides a

wide variety of mental health services for the top 21 counties of the Texas Panhandle with offices in Amarillo, Dumas, Hereford, Pampa, Borger, Clarendon and Peryton.

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Opinion

A safer planet without nukes?

Many political movements have the strange ability to survive and prosper even after their most obvious reason for being has vanished. There are few better examples than the nuclear freeze supporters who have proved remarkably adept at conforming to the post-Cold War world.

Never mind these facts: The end of the Cold War was hastened by a Western arms build-up rather than the nuclear ban the anti-nukes crowd promoted. The Soviet Union collapsed with a whimper rather than worldwide annihilation. Our nuke-filled world has remained remarkably free from nuclear attack.

The no-nukes issue made headlines recently when the Canberra Commission - a prominent Australia-based arms-control group that counts among its supporters former U.S. and Russian military officers - made proposals to move the world toward its disarmament goals.

A recent issue of *The Economist* succinctly captures their argument: "As the new abolitionists see it, the risk that a nuclear weapon might go bang unexpectedly or fall into the wrong hands now outweighs whatever deterrent value these weapons may still possess."

The magazine responds with these important points: It is impossible to "unlearn" how to build a nuclear bomb. Plans can be found as easily as searching on the Internet, and finding uranium or plutonium isn't that difficult in a world where nuclear technology has proliferated for decades.

Nuclear weapons deter terrorist states from using nuclear and chemical weapons. "... There is every reason to believe that it was America's nuclear arms that stopped Saddam using his chemical and biological ones. America's nuclear support for South Korea would surely be an element in the calculations of North Korea should it ever in desperation turn on South Korea."

Current anti-nuclear arguments are uncomfortably similar to those waged by some in this country on behalf of gun control. Weapon-banning activists assume that inanimate objects - nuclear warheads or handguns - are the essential reason the world remains a dangerous place.

But the main problem, domestically or internationally, is that evil men and women will do evil deeds. Protecting ourselves from violent criminals or the leaders of terrorist states demands that we have the means to deter aggression.

The only nations likely to go along with treaties banning nuclear weapons are democratic nations that pose the least threat to other nations. That would only increase the chance that rogue nations could blackmail a disarmed world.

Perhaps the best argument against disarming our nuclear arsenal came during the recent visit by a Chinese official. While Lt. Gen. Xiong Guankai was touring Hawaii last month, it was revealed that he had in 1995 threatened to launch a nuclear attack on Los Angeles if the United States interfered with China's bullying of Taiwan.

The anti-nuclear activists claim that this Chinese threat underscores the need to ban all nuclear weapons. But it would be impossible to verify that a totalitarian nation had disassembled its weapons.

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Berry's World



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Is there a right to bear arms?

If we were drafting a constitution for the United States, we could have a rousing debate about whether it should recognize a right to keep and bear arms. You can just imagine the National Rifle Association and Handgun Control going after each other hammer and tong. But the fact is, we already have a Constitution and that right is already protected. Isn't it?

The Second Amendment says, "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." As far as the Supreme Court is concerned, though, the framers could have saved their breath. It has decided hundreds of cases involving the First Amendment, the Fourth Amendment, the 14th Amendment and other favorites, but not since 1939 has it said anything significant about this provision. The debate over gun control has proceeded as if the Constitution were silent on the subject.

Legal scholars, following the court's lead, have relegated this passage to the status of an unreadable smudge. A typical constitutional law casebook contains 1,700 pages and not a single mention of the Second Amendment. For a long time, the prevailing view among legal thinkers was that it protected only the right of states to maintain militias - hardly a pressing modern concern.

Some commentators were even less respectful. The American Bar Association said in 1975, "It is doubtful that the founding fathers had any intent in mind with regard to the meaning of this amendment." We are supposed to believe that the framers were just padding the manuscript.

But in recent years, a number of scholars have arrived at the sobering conclusion that the Second Amendment may actually place some boundaries



Stephen Chapman

on the government's power over firearm ownership. In this view, which commands agreement among most experts who have written on the subject, the amendment is not about allowing the National Guard but about asserting individual rights.

The confusion arises because, unlike other parts of the Bill of Rights, this one contains a preamble that seems to specify its sole purpose and limit its scope. Americans, according to gun control advocates, have the right to keep and bear arms only as part of a "well-regulated militia." It is a collective right, not an individual one. And since militias are the preserve of the states, states and municipalities are free to allow or restrict gun ownership. So is the federal government, as long as it doesn't prevent states from maintaining militias.

None of this, examined closely, is very persuasive. In the first place, the Second Amendment says keeping and bearing arms is the right of the people, not the states. Elsewhere in the Bill of Rights, rights of "the people" have been understood to mean rights of every individual. If the framers had wanted merely to shield state militias from the federal government, they could have

said simply that Congress has no authority to interfere with them. That's not what they did.

Duke University law professor William Van Alstyne says there is something ridiculous about an interpretation which suggests that "The well-regulated militia" the amendment contemplates is somehow a militia drawn from a people who have no right to keep and bear arms. Rather, the opposite is what the amendment enacts."

The militia, in those days, might call on virtually anyone in the able-bodied adult populace, excluding women and slaves. An armed citizenry was seen as invaluable protection against Indians, outside invaders, criminals and other dangers. (Some of the American colonies required gun ownership.) Northwestern University law professor Daniel Polsby says the correct way to read the amendment is as follows: "Because the people have a right to keep and bear arms, states will be assured of the well-regulated militias that are necessary for their security."

Ultimately, however, the only reading of the Second Amendment that matters is the one made by the Supreme Court. And the court has been AWOL when it comes to the right to keep and bear arms. It has refused to consider suits challenging gun control laws on constitutional grounds, preferring to dodge the issue entirely. Organizations that lobby against gun control, for their part, have shied away from such suits for fear of losing.

But we can't avoid the question forever. The Constitution contains a section that many people regard as vital and many others regard as dangerous and obsolete. The Supreme Court owes us and the framers the courtesy of acknowledging that the Second Amendment exists and deciding what it means.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 1997. There are 328 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 6, 1895, baseball legend Babe Ruth was born in Baltimore.

On this date: In 1756, America's third vice president, Aaron Burr, was born in Newark, N.J.

In 1778, the United States won official recognition from France as the two nations signed a pair of treaties in Paris.

In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution - the "lame duck" amendment which moved the start of presidential, vice-presidential and congressional terms from March to January - was declared in effect.

In 1943, a Los Angeles jury acquitted actor Errol Flynn of three counts of statutory rape.

In 1952, Britain's King George VI died; he was succeeded by his daughter, Elizabeth II.

Free enterprise in all its glory

Charley Reese

friend, you are both ignorant of the past and naive in regard to human nature.

I'm not a union man, but I know enough about the real world to know that without men like Walter Reuther, Sam Gompers, Jimmy Hoffa, John L. Lewis and other labor pioneers, working conditions in America would be a whole lot different today than they are.

Had it not been for those men and the battles they fought, you wouldn't have to move to Mexico to get a taste of unrestrained free enterprise. You would be getting it right now. And you would discover that it can be as brutish, cruel and indifferent to human life as any commissar.

Before you adopt the fatuous slogan of Newt Gingrich, that free enterprise is a win-win situation, you really should go spend a few days working as a day laborer. You really ought to work in a sweatshop. Take off your tie, leave your Porsche at home and go find out what it's like to work for minimum wages.

If you have the right color hair, go to Mexico and come back with a group of illegals. Posing as an illegal, you'll get an opportunity to see the face of capitalism when it's sure you have no legal

standing to complain about it. I assure you, that face doesn't smile.

I'm for free enterprise. I'm well aware of the problems unions can cause. I certainly want less government. But I want free enterprise moderated by the Christian ethic. I want an honest, healthy union movement in this country to counterbalance the financial power of big corporations. And I want government that is an honest referee and neither a mindless bureaucracy nor a lackey of big money.

I know a man who is fond of saying, "You want to see the future? Go to Calcutta. That's the future." Well, I'm not going to accept Calcutta as the future of my country.

When you get down to the kernel of the nut, that guy lying on the sidewalk who is improvident, who is stupid, who is a drug addict or a wino, is nevertheless our brother. And I am never going to accept, without resisting it, a culture and society that says, "Step over his dying body and go on about your business. He deserves what he's getting."

Maybe so. Maybe he deserves his bad liver or empty pockets, but he doesn't deserve our cold indifference to his suffering. The fact that he may be at fault doesn't give us a free pass to be at fault. The fact that he may be irresponsible doesn't relieve us of our responsibility.

Reality is much messier than theory, but that's where we live. And reality doesn't care about anybody or anything. We have to do the calling.

The Paula Jones harassment question

I thought I had this Paula Jones thing figured out. And it had nothing to do with the size of her hair. Or my personal political sympathies. Or even whether or not I believed her story.

It was simply that I didn't think she had a case. "Even if everything Paula Jones says is true," I wrote in an early draft of this column. "Her charges against President Clinton still do not meet the legal definition of sexual harassment."

My argument began with Paula Jones' version of the events of May 8, 1991. She was working the reception desk at the Governor's Quality Management Conference, which was being held at the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock, Ark. A state trooper told her that Gov. Clinton would like to meet her in his hotel room and escorted her there. When Jones got to the room, Clinton chatted with her about her job and then started groping her. Jones backed away, reminding him that he was married. Then the two talked for a while longer. Finally, Clinton unzipped his pants, pulled out his manhood, and asked her to kiss it. Jones immediately left the room, horrified.

A tawdry scene, no doubt, but is it sexual harassment? The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has two basic definitions of this violation. First, there is quid pro quo harassment, in which sexual favors are demanded as a condition of employment. Then there is "hostile environment" harassment, which is behavior that "has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment." To prove that "hos-



Sara Eckel

tile environment" harassment has occurred, a plaintiff must show that the defendant's actions were unwelcome, severe and repeated.

Clinton's alleged behavior could not be defined as quid pro quo harassment, because Clinton never indicated that Jones' job depended on her "kissing it," and because Jones' career did not suffer as a result of her spurning the governor. However, it certainly meets the first two qualifications of "hostile environment" harassment as it was both unwelcome and severe.

But repeated? For all the media hype this case has received, who has ever heard mention of a second or third incident? The story was always that Clinton made an egregious pass at Jones. Jones refused him. And Clinton backed off. Although the EEOC does allow that single-incident harassment can be found in extremely severe situations, Clinton's actions seem more like seduction, albeit a very clumsy seduction, than coercion.

After reading a stack of news reports on the

incident, none of which mentioned any allegations that Clinton's behavior was pervasive, I rolled up my shirtsleeves to begin this column. But after typing a few lines, I got nervous and decided to do a little more research. I'm sure you can guess what I found. Buried in the gazillionth paragraph of a 15,000-word article in the *American Lawyer* were the details of Jones' complaint, in which she said that one of Clinton's trooper pals saw Jones after the hotel room incident and said, "Bill wants your phone number. Hillary's out of town often, and Bill would like to see you." At a different time, Jones says that Clinton saw her at an event at the rotunda of the Arkansas State Capitol. "Clinton draped his arm around the plaintiff, pulled her close and tightly to his body, and said: 'Don't we make a beautiful couple - beauty and the beast,'" says the article.

These two incidents have been almost entirely ignored by both Jones' supporters and her detractors. Even Stuart Taylor, author of the *American Lawyer* article, does not make much of them.

I don't get it. To me, this changes everything. I'm willing to discount the first incident as a misunderstanding, the second as annoying. But when a woman has to ward off the advances of her superior for a third time, I'm sorry but that's harassment.

Again, I'm not saying that any of this actually happened. But I am saying that we as a nation must have a very clear understanding of what sexual harassment is.

If we don't, we'll continue to see frivolous lawsuits clogging the courts, while legitimate claims are ridiculed and trivialized.

State briefs

Hunter killed by guide as seven-year-old son watches
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Corsicana minister was shot and killed by a guide while hunting exotic game in Kerr County as the minister's seven-year-old son watched.

The *San Antonio Express-News* reported today that Dean Garrison, 37, was shot once in the back when a rifle discharged as it was removed from a vehicle gun rack by Brent Heimann, a guide for Thompson Temple Texas Wildlife.

"He (Heimann) was very upset," Justice of the Peace Bill Ragsdale said. "I don't believe for a minute he intended to hurt anyone."

Ragsdale pronounced Garrison dead about noon Saturday. He was buried on Wednesday.

Alleged insurance scheme ringleader sentenced

HOUSTON (AP) — A paralegal described as the ringleader of a group of people involved in a car-accident scheme that bilked millions of dollars from insurance companies has been sentenced to 99 years in prison.

A Houston jury also returned long sentences for an attorney and two physicians on Wednesday.

Prosecutor Lester Blizzard said the 99-year prison sentence for Ton Kien Tu, 46, of Houston, "is unheard of for white-collar crime."

Attorney Randy Dale Jarnigan, 44, was sentenced to 30 years in prison, Alfonso Gonzalez, 60, a physician, to 20 years and Thomas Henry Gemoets, 66, also a physician, to ten years.

Leigh Ann Phan, the lone female defendant, was given ten years probation.

Buried cannons may resolve historical issue

VICTORIA (AP) — The dispute over the location of the first European settlement in Texas may have been resolved with the discovery of eight iron cannons found buried on a ranch in Victoria County.

Fort St. Louis was founded in 1685 by French explorer La Salle, but the site has never been officially determined.

"The thing of great importance was that finding them absolutely settles any question as to the site of old Fort St. Louis," Bill Donoghue of Victoria said Wednesday.

"Up until these cannons were found, there was never enough French stuff found there to say that is where it really was," he said.

Kerr County known to be tough place for criminal trials

By KELLEY SHANNON
 Associated Press Writer

KERRVILLE (AP) — Darlie Routier's fate may have been sealed the day her capital murder trial was moved to Kerr County.

"This is the wrong place to try a case like this," defense attorney Richard Mosty said after the Rowlett homemaker was sentenced to death Tuesday for killing her 5-year-old son.

"Kerr County is just too conservative for this," said Mosty, a Kerrville lawyer.

"All this did was send out a message to the nation that if you want to send an innocent person to jail and put them on death row, try them in Kerrville, Texas," added Mrs. Routier's mother, Darlie Kee.

Kerrville has a history of being tough on crime. And if questions are raised about the defendant's lifestyle — as they were about Mrs. Routier's — it could spell doom, experts say.

Jurors have said they do not want to publicly discuss the case.

Mrs. Routier, 27, was accused of stabbing to death her two young sons June 6, 1996, at the family's suburban home near Dallas. Prosecutors alleged she cut herself and staged a crime scene so she could blame an intruder.

A seven-woman, five-man jury convicted Mrs. Routier of killing



(AP photo/The Dallas Morning News)

Darlie Routier departs the Kerr County Courthouse in Kerrville during her trial shortly before being convicted in the murder of one of her sons.

5-year-old Damon Routier. A separate charge for the death of 6-year-old Devon Routier likely will be dismissed, prosecutor Greg Davis said.

Mrs. Routier was transported to state prison Wednesday.

Her sentence was imposed just a day after the American Bar Association, meeting 60 miles

away in San Antonio, urged a nationwide moratorium on the death penalty.

Mrs. Routier's original court-appointed lawyers wanted her trial moved from Dallas County because of publicity in North Texas, and the judge selected Kerrville.

After Mrs. Routier's family

raised enough money to hire a high-powered defense team, her new attorneys tried to return the case to Dallas. But Judge Mark Tolle refused.

Kerrville has a large population of retirees, and even young people in Kerr County tend to be conservative, explained 198th District Attorney Ron Sutton, whose territory covers Kerrville.

"We have had, generally, excellent success in Kerrville," said Sutton, who was not a prosecutor in the Routier case.

Likewise, Robert Hirschhorn, lead consultant with Cathy Bennett & Associates, a jury and trial consultant firm in Galveston, said Kerrville is considered conservative and punitive.

Requesting a change of venue is not always a good move because the trial could be relocated to a less favorable place, Hirschhorn said. He noted that Susan Smith, the South Carolina woman convicted of drowning her two children in 1994, was tried in her own hometown and given a life sentence.

In Kerrville, Mrs. Routier "was infamous, but not attached, and therefore it's much easier to want to take the life of that person."

Kerr County jurors sentenced Scott Panetti of Fredericksburg to death in 1995 for fatally shooting his wife's parents.

In 1994, in another case moved

to Kerrville, Donald Aldrich was sentenced to death for taking part in the abduction, robbery and slaying of a gay man in Tyler.

Prosecutors in Mrs. Routier's trial urged jurors to imagine the murders happening in their own town and to send a message to the community.

"Say, 'You cannot have our children. If you kill our children, we'll come after you,'" prosecutor Davis said.

Defense attorneys claimed prosecutors were trying to "trash" Mrs. Routier because they disliked her lifestyle.

Court testimony indicated marijuana was found in the Routier home and that Mrs. Routier gave marijuana and alcohol to a 16-year-old baby sitter.

Witnesses also testified Mrs. Routier had breast implants; she had "sex toys" in her home; she often wore no undergarments; and on Mother's Day weekends she and several women friends had partied and watched male strippers.

Sutton, the 198th district attorney, said that kind of evidence doesn't sit well with a Kerr County jury, particularly the parts about sex toys and providing marijuana to a 16-year-old.

"That is just absolutely out in Kerr County," he said. "If they don't like the defendant, the defendant better watch out."

Attorneys for former death row inmate argue against re-trying case

HOUSTON (AP) — Lawyers for a Mexican man accused in the 1982 slaying of a police officer say the case should not be re-tried because of a federal judge's findings of police and prosecutorial misconduct.

Ricardo Aldape Guerra, 34, won a new trial after a federal appeals court last year upheld U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt's ruling that he should either be released or get a new trial.

Arguments related to defense motions against a second trial for the former death row inmate were scheduled today before retired Texas Court of Criminal

Appeals Justice Frank Maloney of Austin.

Aldape Guerra's attorneys contend the capital murder charge should be dismissed based on Hoyt's findings of misconduct, which included intimidating witnesses and withholding evidence.

If Aldape Guerra, an illegal immigrant, is re-tried, testimony obtained through wrongdoing should be barred, his attorneys say.

Prosecutors and police have denied wrongdoing in the investigation and trial of the former laborer in the shooting death of Officer James Harris nearly 15 years ago.

No testimony was planned for today's hearing.

Maloney took over the case at the request of state District Judge Werner Voigt, who had scheduling problems.

The re-trial, set for May 19, is expected to last several months.

Aldape Guerra's attorney, Scott Atlas, said his client, who is being held in the Harris County Jail, is optimistic.

"Ultimately, he hopes to obtain his freedom after 14 1/2 years ... and return to Mexico," Atlas said.

Aldape Guerra had only recently

arrived in Texas from his home in Monterrey, Mexico, when he was charged in the officer's death.

Aldape Guerra claims a companion, Roberto Carrasco Flores, fatally shot Harris in the head on July 13, 1982, after a traffic stop. Carrasco Flores died in a shootout with officers hours after Harris was shot. Aldape Guerra was arrested as he hid nearby.

Carrasco Flores was found with the murder weapon and the slain officer's gun. Another gun was found near Aldape Guerra.

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Clinton sends \$1.69 trillion budget plan to Congress, portrays five-volume document as offer of good faith

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton, opening a new act in the long-running budget drama, sent Congress today a \$1.69 trillion spending plan that cuts taxes for the middle class, provides billions of dollars to upgrade education and health care and still claims to balance the budget in 2002.

Clinton portrayed the five-volume set of documents as a good-faith offer to Republicans to achieve the top priority of his second term, balancing the budget after three decades of red ink.

"I urge Congress to help me finish the job and balance the budget by 2002 - giving the American people the balanced budget they deserve," the president said in his budget message.

Under the president's spending blueprint, the deficit will rise this year. And nearly two-thirds of the \$388 billion in deficit savings Clinton envisions will not occur until 2001 and 2002, after he has left office.

The release of the massive set of budget documents, bound in an attractive marbled green color, was the opening step in what is likely to be months of hard bargaining between the White House and Congress.

The GOP has already let it be known it will insist on tax cuts double Clinton's \$98 billion. They also want steeper and quicker reductions in spending and more power shifted from Washington to the states.

"The issue isn't whether he gives us a balanced budget, it'll be how rickety it is," said Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee. "I fear it will be a very rickety budget that won't deal with the major issues of our time," like the long-term costs of Medicare and other huge and growing federal benefits.

Though the two sides differ on many

points, neither is eager to repeat last year's acrimonious standoff that led to two partial government shutdowns.

For the 1998 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, Clinton proposes spending \$1.69 trillion, up 3.5 percent from projected spending of \$1.63 trillion this year.

The new budget projects that the deficit, which posted a fourth-straight decline to \$107.3 billion in 1996, will rise to \$125.6 billion this year before starting to decline again. It would achieve a \$17 billion surplus in 2002.

Those projections are based on economic assumptions significantly more optimistic than those used by Republicans, although neither side is forecasting a recession between now and 2002. Such an event would derail both spending plans.

The biggest chunk of savings in Clinton's plan - \$100 billion over five years - would come from Medicare, the big government program that provides health care to the elderly.

Clinton also would continue to squeeze defense beyond the point Republicans feel is prudent, cull savings from Medicaid, the health care program for the poor, and make hundreds of tiny cuts throughout government.

On taxes, Clinton's budget would honor his campaign promise to offer a \$500 tax credit for children twelve or younger, a \$1,500 tax credit to pay for the first two years of college and tax deductions covering up to \$10,000 in education expenses for many families.

The \$98 billion in lost revenue would be partially offset by \$76 billion in proposed tax increases, mainly on corporations, investors and airline travelers.

Capital gains taxes would be cut only \$1.5 billion and limited to profits from home sales

under Clinton's proposal. Republicans want to halve the capital gains tax on the sale of all assets. The Senate GOP's overall tax cuts would total \$193 billion.

Clinton's package to defray college expenses was part of the education initiatives he highlighted in his State of the Union address Tuesday night.

"We have to ensure that every American has the skills and education needed to win in the new economy and we can do that only if every American is ready for a lifetime of continuous learning," he said.

In Medicare, \$10 billion of the proposed \$100 billion savings over five years would come from higher premiums paid by the elderly. The other \$90 billion would be achieved by cuts in payments to hospitals, health maintenance organizations and doctors.

Medicare was one of the biggest areas of dispute last year. Clinton branded as excessive the GOP's \$158 billion package of savings over six years while he sought \$116 billion in savings over that time span. His new proposal would achieve \$138 billion in savings over six years.

In other areas, Clinton's budget proposed: -Expanding Medicaid, the state-federal health program for the poor, to cover unemployed workers and children not now eligible. Total Medicaid spending would be reduced. The expanded coverage would cost \$13 billion more, but there would be \$22 billion in cuts, principally through caps on expenditures per recipient.

-A trigger that would automatically reduce spending and eliminate certain tax cuts if the deficits exceeded projections in 2001 and 2002. Republicans have objected to this trigger mechanism.

Factory orders down in December

WASHINGTON (AP) - Orders to U.S. factories fell in December for the second consecutive month in another report reinforcing economists' expectations for steady interest rates.

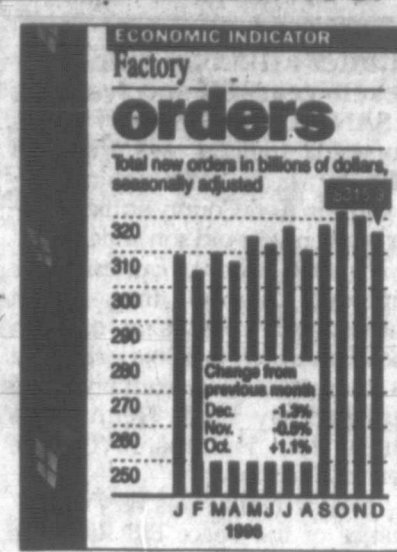
The 1.3 percent decline in December followed a 0.5 percent drop the month before, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. It was the first back-to-back decline since June and July of 1995.

For the year, factory orders were up a moderate 4.9 percent compared with a 6.6 percent gain in 1995. It was the smallest increase in three years.

The December decline was somewhat bigger than analysts anticipated and bolstered their expectation that Federal Reserve policy-makers meeting this week would make no change in the benchmark intrabank federal funds rate, lodged at 5.25 percent for the past year.

Factory orders are the principal gauge of the nation's manufacturing strength and continued declines would presage reduced production and fewer jobs.

Orders for durable goods fell 1.9 percent in December, while non-durable goods, such as clothing, fell 0.7 percent.



Source: Department of Commerce AP

Electronic and electrical equipment had the largest decline, 12.7 percent. That came on top of a 10.3 percent drop in November. The often-volatile transportation category fell 0.6 percent. Primary metals, such as steel, rose 3.2 percent, the second consecutive increase. Industrial machinery orders rose for the first time since July.

In a sign that factories were still busy despite declining orders, the backlog of unfilled orders rose 0.1 percent, the fourth consecutive increase.

Connie Guffy heads WTAMU Alumni Association for 1997

CANYON - The West Texas A&M University Alumni Association has announced Connie Guffy as its president for 1997.

Guffy was elected president at the Alumni Association's annual business meeting on Oct. 5, 1996.

Misty Price, director of alumni relations for WTAMU, said she thinks Guffy will be an effective president.

"Connie is a terrific leader," Price said. "She offers her experience as a former board member, and she has the talent and enthusiasm needed to promote our Alumni Association."

Guffy, director of personnel for

the Canyon Independent School District (CISD), graduated from WTAMU in 1973. Prior to joining CISD, she held the position of state director of special education in Oklahoma.

She is the wife of Dr. Ted Guffy, dean of the WTAMU College of Education and Social Sciences.

The WTAMU Alumni Association hopes to achieve many goals in 1997. Two primary goals are to start local chapters throughout the Panhandle and increase the association's membership, according to Guffy.

Guffy said she has a few personal goals as well.

"I would like to see a public relations campaign implement-

ed," she said. "I would also like to increase name recognition and provide a forum of spotlight alumni members."

In addition to electing a president during the Oct. 5 meeting, association officers were elected.

New officers are: M. Keith Brown of Canyon, president elect; Debbie Farnum of Amarillo, first vice president; Dr. Ben Richardson of Amarillo, second vice president; Nita Baer of Dumas, secretary; Monte Winders of Canyon, treasurer; and Rick Park of Amarillo, past president.

Price said she is looking forward to working with the new

board during 1997.

"We are delighted to have such dynamic graduates serving on the alumni association board of directors," she said.

Members of the board are: Susan Babcock Harp of Dalhart; Dr. Mary Parker of Dawn; John Osborne of Duncan, Okla.; Dr. Natalie Russell of Lake Tanglewood; Delinda Hernandez of Lubbock; Mary Lee Bayless, Doug Chauveaux and Traci Keisling, all of Borger; Billie Flesher, Dr. Jim Owens and Col. Don Watson, all of Canyon; and Bill Bandy, Mary Beth Ford, Gloria Jones, Jared Knight, David Morris and Camille Day Nies, all of Amarillo.

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Widow wins legal battle to have dead husband's child
LONDON (AP) — A widow won a protracted legal battle today to conceive a child with her husband's sperm, but she still needs government approval to go ahead.

Three justices of the Court of Appeal affirmed that the law barred Diane Blood, 30, from being inseminated in Britain. But they ordered the Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority to reconsider its refusal to allow her to take the sperm to Belgium.

The Authority said it would reconsider the case, and possibly whether to appeal to the House of Lords, at its meeting Feb. 27.

Mexican rebels say government hasn't struck its forces

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A leftist rebel group that terrorized parts of Mexico last summer says it is unshaken by a recent crack-down that the government reports has put dozens of its members in jail.

"The government is trying to give the impression they have hit us militarily," said Vicente, one of four guerrilla leaders who met with a small group of journalists Wednesday.

The government says it has arrested dozens of suspected rebels of the Popular Revolutionary Army since the group, known by its Spanish acronym EPR, surfaced last year.

But Commander Vicente said only two rebels are in custody.

"The great majority of the people detained ... are not ours. Many of them are activists from political organizations," said Vicente, flanked by three fellow guerrillas, all wearing gray cloth hoods.

No government offices were open Wednesday, a national holiday, for comment on the guerrilla claims.

The EPR appears intent on using such clandestine news conferences to claim it is winning popular support for its cause and to reiterate vows to continue its struggle "until victory."

Townships shut down by mixed-race protests

WESTBURY, South Africa (AP) — Crowds of mixed-race demonstrators blocked roads with burning barricades and clashed with police in townships around Johannesburg today to protest alleged discrimination by the black-led government.

Police fired stun grenades, buckshot and tear gas to disperse protesters in some areas, but generally tried to contain the unrest to the townships and prevent only the most overt violence.

Crowds attacked taxi vans, forced shops to close and threw bricks and stones at police, sometimes drawing gunfire in response. At least two protesters were injured.

Black smoke from burning street barricades of tires and wood hung over several townships. In the Nordtgesige township, a crowd stormed the police station but was dispersed without causing any serious damage.

The protests were called by a group fighting for equal rights for people of mixed-race descent, known as coloreds in South Africa.

Opposition seeks further concessions from Milosevic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Opposition leaders aren't satisfied with President Slobodan Milosevic's recognition of their election victories, saying it will take more than that to make Serbia a democracy.

"It's only the first round," Vesna Pestic told demonstrators Wednesday. "We have to change the entire system, step by step, until liberty. We demand economic reform, we demand freedom, we want to live in dignity."

Pestic and the two other opposition leaders, Vuk Draskovic and Zoran Djindjic, were headed to Paris today to keep drumming up international support for their democracy movement.

The government submitted a bill to parliament ceding to the opposition control of 14 town or city halls in Serbia, including the capital, Belgrade, the Ministry of Information said. The government has asked parliament to discuss the bill Tuesday.

Draskovic told protesters the law could lead to discussions with the regime, "but only once they've released all our people from prison."

The opposition said more than 300 people had been injured and 100 arrested in clashes with police this week. Six students were released from jail Tuesday night.

Police said 19 people had been

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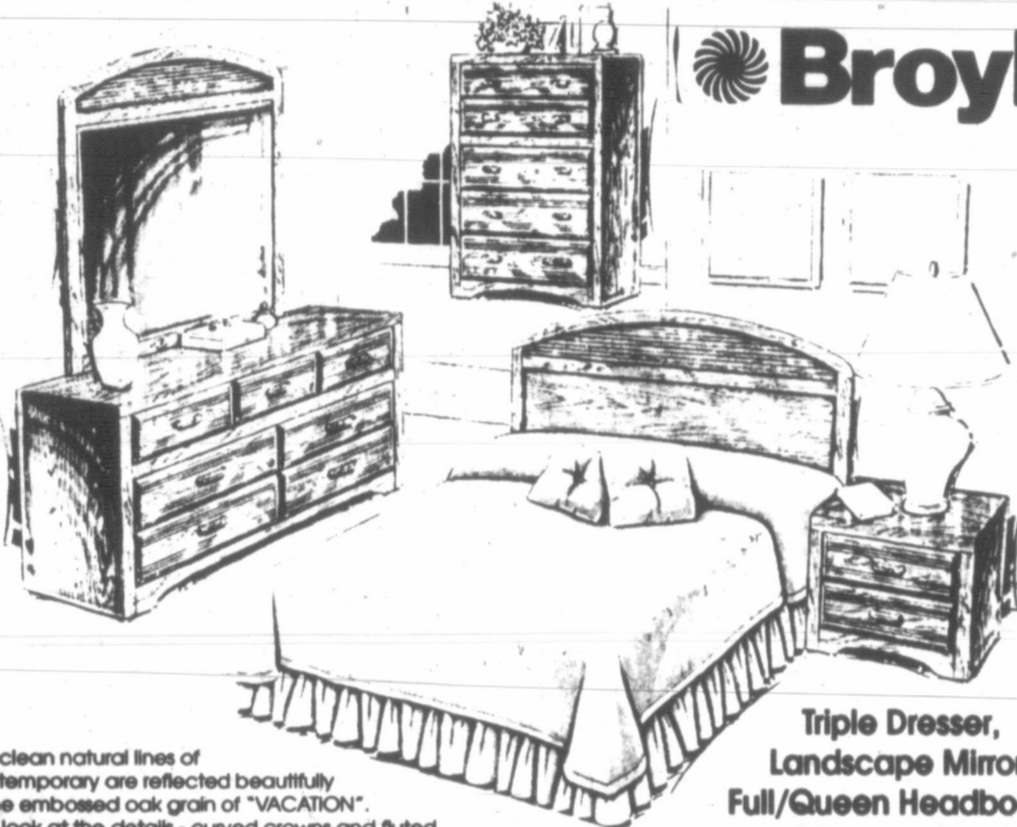
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We were brought up to see food, shelter and basic clothing as the only essentials. Today, young people believe that television sets, computers, answering machines, pagers, CDs, videos, microwaves, etc., are required items. Their credit cards are "maxed" out and they need co-signers on loans — but they continue to buy, buy, buy.

Advice from parents is unwelcome. They only want gifts or "loans." If parents refuse, they are considered selfish. "You have everything and/or lots of money" is the lament. I have learned to respond, "I didn't have everything at your age. I have acquired my possessions (or money) through years of working and saving. Try it!"

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many good ideas today, but unless you enlist the help of others, you might not be able to implement your plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, subdue the temptation to take a financial risk, especially if you know very little about the endeavor. Do not make a move before you have all the facts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You should strive to be warm and receptive to everyone today, but do not let someone else make decisions for you. You must think for yourself at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try to avoid flirtatious behavior today. Even if you think your behavior is innocent, your actions might be misinterpreted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep all of your receipts today, because something you will purchase might not be what it was supposed to be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Major accomplishments will be possible today, provided you remain focused and determined. After you establish your objectives, do not get sidetracked.

NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone might offer you a tantalizing proposal today. It will sound good at first, but before you take the plunge, talk it over with a trusted adviser.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, try to find a way to contact people in high-ranking positions. You will have good luck when you team up with these people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When others talk to you about their ideas today, keep an open mind and be a good listener, even if suggestions come from someone you think has inferior ideas.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will be a good salesperson today, but you could also be an easy target for others. Do not let a smooth talker sell you something you don't need.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not rely heavily on others today, especially in regard to matters that affect your family. These people may not have your best interest at heart.

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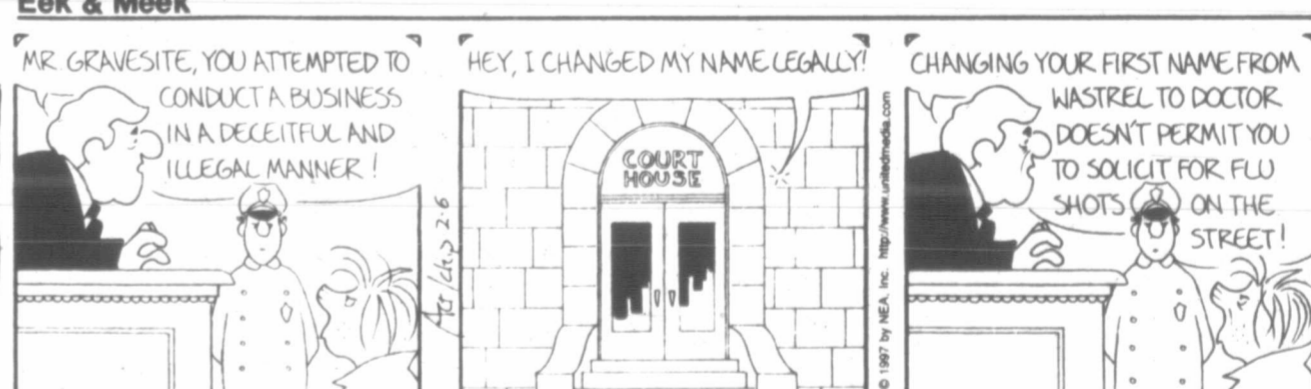
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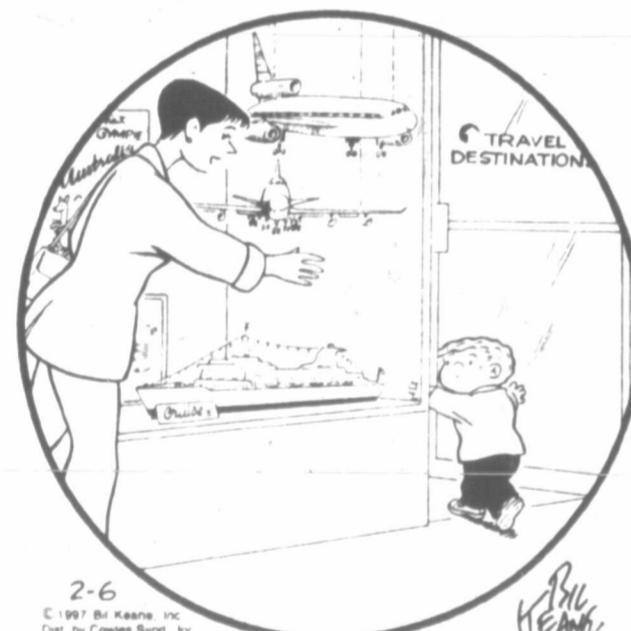
Horoscope



Friday, Feb. 7, 1997

Explore your creative instincts in the year ahead, especially if you have a desire to be artistic. You will find several outlets for your talents.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Strive to be imaginative today, and focus on constructive objectives. If you just want to daydream, nothing will be accomplished. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York,



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BASEBALL

PAMPA — All Pampa Optimist Club members, coaches, parents and others interested in the Optimist softball and baseball programs are needed for a workday at the ballparks beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

Major work needs to be done on the softball park in addition to annual maintenance on other park facilities.

Workdays are scheduled for every weekend until the Optimist teams play ball. More information can be obtained by contacting Ronnie Babcock at 665-1536 or James Schaub at 665-4406.

PAMPA — Lady Harvester fastpitch softball signups will be today and Thursday, Feb. 13, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the PHS Athletic building, located across from the tennis courts.

A player's fee of \$30 will be assessed each player.

Weekend clinics will be held beginning Saturday, Feb. 22, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Hobart Street Park. The clinic will cover baserunning, hitting, fielding, throwing and pitching.

Charlie Morse of Amarillo will lead the clinics.

"His enthusiasm and love of the game will create a greater appreciation and understanding of the game for all participants," said coach Jimmie Clark.

"Mr. Morse has extensive experience coaching fastpitch softball in both California and Arizona."

There is no charge for the clinics and all Lady Harvester softball coaches, players and parents are urged to attend.

Drafting of players for league play will be Thursday, March 27. No late signups after the draft will be allowed to play during the regular season.

For further information, please call 669-7782.

BASKETBALL

GROOM — It's make or break for the Groom cagers Friday night against Hedley.

With a win, the Groom girls can clinch the No. 2 playoff spot from District 6-1A. A loss would force a playoff with Hedley for the right to advance into post season play.

Groom won by forfeit over Lakeview Tuesday night to give the Tigerettes sole possession of second place in the standings with a 3-2 record. Hedley is 2-3 after losing to district champion Silverton, 53-32, Tuesday.

Groom boys broke the century mark with a 102-66 win over Lakeview Tuesday night. Jimmy Chevedo led the Tigers with 27 points while Josh Evenson added 19.

Groom is 2-3 and Hedley is 3-2 in district play. A Groom win would force a playoff between the two teams for the No. 2 playoff seed.

PAMPA — The Pampa 8th grade girls competed in the district basketball tournament last week at Valleyview. Results are as follows:

A Division
Valleyview 46, Pampa 14
Pampa high scorer: Chastity Nachtigall 4.
Borger 34, Pampa 27
Pampa high scorer: Chastity Nachtigall 11.
Dumas 40, Pampa 36
Pampa high scorer: Kandi Odom 15.

B Division
Pampa 27, Dumas 24
Pampa high scorer: Shanna Buck 12.
Canyon 42, Pampa 14
Pampa high scorer: Shanna Buck 7.
Valleyview 35, Pampa 14
Pampa high scorer: Shanna Buck 10.

TENNIS

RIBEIRAO PRETO, Brazil (AP) — Jim Courier will lead a formidable U.S. Davis Cup team against Brazil in a World Group series that begins Friday.

Courier, No. 22 in the world rankings, was drawn today to play 90th-ranked Fernando Meligeni.

Texas teams sign up new football recruits

DALLAS (AP) — Big 12 champion Texas hauled in the state's top recruiting class, but broken promises and an inability to sway waffling high school seniors left the Longhorns lamenting what might have been.

Texas A&M, despite a disappointing 1996 season, also signed a group of players that should lead it into the millennium.

Texas Tech's fourth-consecutive bowl berth earned what coach Spike Dykes called "without a doubt" his best ever, while new Baylor coach Dave Roberts did a decent job of living up to his billing as a super recruiter considering he had only 37 days to scout and lure recruits.

Losing seasons hurt the efforts of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State in Texas. The Sooners had the upper-edge on their mutual home turf.

The big story, though, was Texas' near-misses. The ones that got away cost the Longhorns a chance for a class among the nation's best, although some publications still ranked UT in the top 10.

On Tuesday, Tyler John Tyler defensive end David Warren, the state's top recruit and among the most coveted in the nation, picked Florida State instead of Texas, and La Marque linebacker Roylin Bradley, the state's second-best defensive prospect, picked A&M over UT.

Also Tuesday, cornerback Samir

Al-Amin of Garland Lakeview Centennial backed out of a verbal pledge to be a Longhorn and opted for Baylor while receiver Cedric Cormier of Galena Park North Shore switched his commitment to Colorado over the weekend.

No one, though, is pitying the Longhorns as they signed a 23-man class featuring several players who will contribute next season.

"We were able to recruit players at every position," Texas coach John Mackovic said. "I feel very excited about the level of talent that can come and make some contributions immediately."

The highlight of the class is an entirely new secondary. Tyres Dickson of Houston Scarborough and Greg Brown of Baton Rouge, La., will go into two-a-days with a chance to start at cornerback, with Angleton's Quentin Jammer and Galena Park North Shore's Joe Walker the safeties.

"All four can play any position," Mackovic said. "We'll work them out and see who fits best at which position."

Texas biggest signee — literally — was lineman Leonard Davis, a 6-foot-6, 351-pounder who broke an early commitment to A&M. Davis will be an interior defensive lineman.

Like Texas, A&M saw a few good ones get away. They lost Davis to UT and suffered a last-minute blow when receiver Robert Williams of Dallas Bishop

Lynch opted for Miami. Williams initially said he'd attend Stanford.

A&M cushioned that loss by getting Bradley, a "Wrecking Crew" prototype who was the Class 4A defender of the year as a junior and senior. The do-it-all linebacker should complement a promising crop of signees on the defensive line and in the secondary.

"Those are the two areas I think we helped ourselves the most," Aggies coach R.C. Slocum said, adding that "this is, by far, academically the best qualified group we have ever recruited."

Jason Glenn, the younger brother of former A&M all-America cornerback Aaron Glenn, heads the defensive back signees along with the Killeen Ellison defensive back tandem of Jay Brooks and Michael Jameson. A&M also re-signed 1996 academic casualty Eric Jennings.

Other highlight recruits include linebackers Harold Robertson of Dallas Lincoln and Christian Rodriguez of North Mesquite, offensive linemen Moses Vakalahi of Euleus Trinity and Seth McKinney of Austin Westlake, and defensive lineman Rocky Bernard of Baytown Sterling.

A&M also added speedy receiver Antoine Gandy of Irving, Bucky Richardson clone Matt Schobel of Columbus and running back Burnest Rhodes of Terrell, brother of Olympic triple jumper Cynthia Rhodes.

Woods battles heat

BANGNA, Thailand (AP) — Tiger Woods, overcome by 95-degree heat and humidity in a pro-am competition a day earlier, shot a 2-under-par 70 today in the opening round of the Asian Honda Classic.

"I made some mental mistakes as well as some physical ones," said Woods, who was three strokes behind early co-leaders Clay Devers of the United States and Prayad Marksang of Thailand. "But it's only one round, and anything under par is a good start."

With temperatures again soaring to 95 degrees, Woods' gray shirt was drenched in sweat before he teed off. Members of his entourage said he was still fighting the

effects of a 20-hour flight from Los Angeles on Tuesday.

Woods, receiving a reported \$480,000 from tournament organizers to play in the \$300,000 event, returned to the clubhouse Wednesday after playing his second shot on the 13th hole, citing heat exhaustion and food poisoning.

About 200 spectators, including his Thai mother Kultida, along with 300 media members, followed the 21-year-old star in the opening round.

"He's great," said Tanet Chuntaban, 11, whose father brought him to the Thai Country Club to get a glimpse of Woods. "I want to be just like him."

Freshman A team takes district

The Pampa High School freshmen basketball A and B teams will be playing in district tournament action starting today and continuing through Saturday.

The A team defeated Dumas 46-38 Monday to become district champions in the last regular season game. The A players were undefeated in district action, with an 11-0 record. Their overall season record is 17-1.

Leading scorers in Monday's game against Dumas were Russell Robben with 18 points and Jesse Francis with 13. Other scorers were Matt Heasley, 5 points; Casey Owens, Jeremy Silva and Jason Kogler, 2 points

each; and Kevin Osborne and Stephen Vanderpool, 1 each.

Coach Troy Bell had praise for both the freshman A and B teams. "Both groups have worked tremendously hard all season long," Coach Bell said.

Though the Pampa A team is considered to be the team to take the district tournament, Coach Bell said the B players "could be the Cinderella team in this tournament," saying the players were a strong team.

"We're taking this one game at a time," Bell said of both teams for the tournament, not underestimating any of the opponents the teams will be facing.

Devin Lemons signs with Texas Tech; J.J. Mathis going to OU

PAMPA — It's now official. Devin Lemons, Pampa's all-state defensive end, will suit up for the Texas Tech Red Raiders next four years.

The 6-3, 215-pound Lemons, who had not been able to make up his mind between Texas Tech or the University of Oklahoma, signed a national letter of intent with Texas Tech Wednesday afternoon in the PHS fieldhouse.

"It wasn't an easy decision. Both schools have good football programs and offer good educational opportunities. I did a lot of praying about it," Lemons said.

Lemons was a three-year starter and a three-time all-district defensive end. He also started at tight end. Among Lemons' many honors were Associated Press Class 4A First Team All-State defensive lineman and

Amarillo Globe-News Super Team Defensive Player of the Year. He was listed on the Dallas Morning News and Houston Chronicle's top 100 high school blue chip list.

Lemons missed the first three games of the 1996 season because of a fractured jaw. Pampa had a 25-6-1 record in games Lemons played in the past three years.

Devin's mother, Cynthia Lemons, said she was happy with her son's decision.

"I really didn't care where he went. I'll be right there with him," she said.

Lemons said he did visit with Zach Thomas, a Texas Tech All-American linebacker and a rookie starter with the Miami Dolphins this season.

"He just let me know what Tech had to offer and I took it from there," Lemons said. "Now, it'll just be nice to get some sleep at night."

Following Lemons to the signing table was Harvester teammate J.J. Mathis, who signed with the University of Oklahoma.

The 6-0, 170-pound Mathis played in only four and a half games this season because a broken leg sustained in Pampa's District 1-4A clash against Hereford. However, Mathis has started at free safety and flanker since he was freshman, drawing the attention of college scouts with his speed and dazzling moves. He



(Pampa News photo)

Devin Lemons signs papers to play football for the Texas Tech Red Raiders as his mother, Cynthia Lemons, watches.

runs a 4.5 40-yard dash.

For his career, Mathis had 174 tackles, five interceptions, five blocked kicks, two fumble recoveries, 2,367 total yards and 14 touchdowns.

One of the main reasons Mathis committed to OU was out of loyalty to Sooners' head coach John Blake.

"A lot of coaches backed off when I got hurt," Mathis said. "And I thought, 'well, that's

going to do it for me as far as football is concerned."

Blake, however, didn't waver on wanting to sign Mathis, who is listed among the top 100 Texas recruits by the Dallas Morning News and Texas Football.

"Coach Blake didn't throw a lot of big words around," Mathis said. He just told me how it was going to be."

Oklahoma projects Mathis as a cornerback.



(Pampa News photo)

J.J. Mathis and his father, Ernest Mathis, discuss Devin's signing up to play football for the University of Oklahoma.

Dumas was fired up, but so were the Harvesters

By JERRY HEASLEY
Pampa News correspondent

DUMAS — Devin Lemons' fourth quarter stuff off an Augie Larson alley oop pass may not have been a turning point in the game Tuesday night, but it just might have been the caper on a season-minus-J.J. for the Harvesters, along with the career of a senior who was a key player in the team's state championship game in Austin last March.

Lemons, who has a quiet, choir boy demeanor, was playing his next to last Harvester basketball game, and obviously wanted to make waves. He sure did with the best Harvester stuff we've seen in years. Larson, another senior in the same mind set with state championship credentials, likewise wanted to make an impact, despite playing with a knee brace the last two games. His off court limp turned into a fullcourt sprint in Dumas. If Lemons had the stuff of the year, Larson pulled off the drive of the season when he dribbled coast to coast past the entire Demon-Five for an off-balance, trophy lay-up.

As hard as Pampa played, Dumas, in their own court,

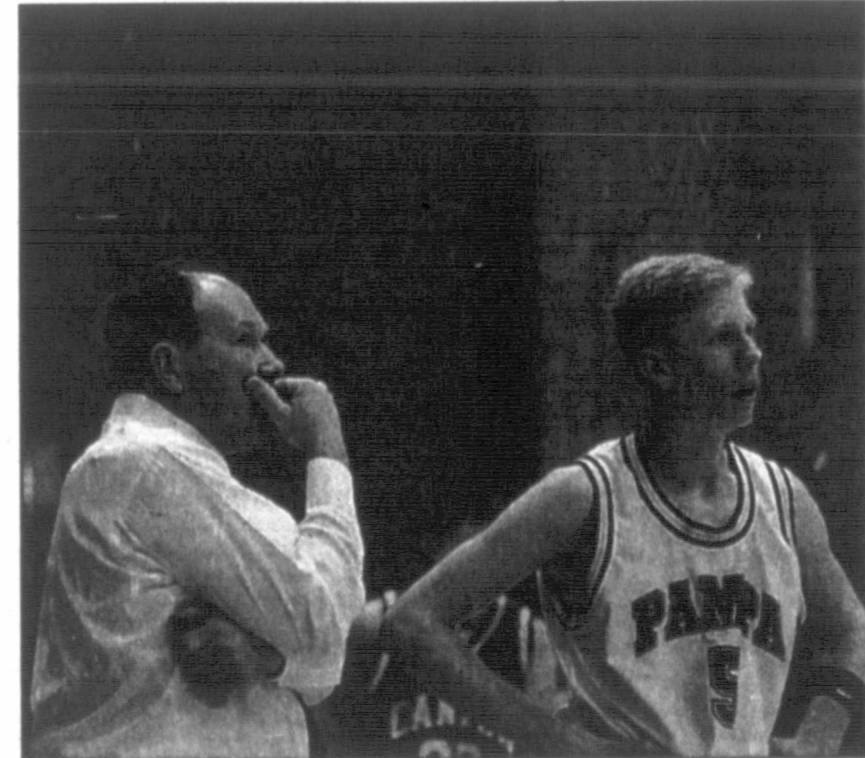
wanted this one even worse. It's common knowledge among the cognoscenti that the Demons' coach had been longing for Pampa's trip north and west to his home gym. Why? He's reported to have expressed wait-till-you-come-to-our-court words at the end of the runaway game here at McNeely Fieldhouse. He was apparently disgruntled that Pampa left their starting five in the game so long and ran up the score.

Perhaps this is why Pampa, leading by teenage points with 6 seconds left, actually fouled Dumas with the ball in what looked like an effort to get it back and pump up another shot. (And Pampa fans had thinned to the W/L fade only to miss one of the hardest fought two halves in recent memory.)

This game being Dumas' last for the season made the contest even more... well, psychotic, which might best describe the play. After every rebound, both teams were off to the races in a 100 yard dash, Olympic track meet. In the fourth quarter, Shawn Young, at full speed, silenced the crowd when he went up for a lay-up and got his legs entwined with a Dumas player. Fused like siamese twins,

both hit the ground on their sides, but amazingly, nobody was hurt. Young unwound his legs, checked their working

parts, and while people in the stands stared in amazement at his rubber bandness, sank two free throws.



(Pampa News photo by Jerry Heasley)

Senior guard August Larson pictured with PHS coach Robert Hale at an earlier contest, had 27 points and 5 rebounds against Dumas Tuesday night despite playing with a knee brace.

Despite the rather high score, for the first five minutes it looked like neither team would reach 10 points. Pampa didn't get their first field goal until 2:59 left in the first quarter, when Gabe Wilbon hit a 12-foot jumper. Devin followed with an eight foot bank shot. Augie hit a trey with 1:20 left, and once the lead hit double digits, the Harvesters stayed ahead.

Team:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Pampa	15	24	17	23	79
Dumas	6	21	18	15	60
Shooting:					
Harvesters	Attempts/Made				
Player:	2-point/3-point/free				
throws					
August Larson	8/17	3/6	0/0	0/0	8/8
J-Rock Osborne	3/3	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/2
Devin Lemons	4/10	1/1	0/1	0/4	2/4
Kaleb Meek	3/4	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/8
Gabe Wilbon	3/5	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/4
Tyson Alexander 1/4	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Shannon Reed	0/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Jared Knipp	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Lynn Brown	1/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/4
Shawn Young	1/6	0/1	0/1	0/1	5/8
Totals	24/53	4/8	0/2	0/3	27/38
Demons	Attempts/Made				
Player:	2-point/3-point/free				
throws					
Marco Conde	0/4	0/2	0/0	0/0	0/0
Jason Calvert	2/8	1/4	0/2	0/0	2/2
Matt Payne	7/14	1/4	0/0	0/0	0/0
Jason Brown	0/4	0/1	0/1	0/4	0/4
Geoff Weinman	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/2
Brandon Skipworth	2/5	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Rose Jones	3/8	2/6	0/2	0/2	6/7
Matt Milligan	1/5	0/1	0/1	0/2	2/2
Jason Thomas	0/0	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0
A.J. Johnson	3/7	1/1	0/1	0/4	3/4
Benny Reynaga	1/3	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Totals:	19/54	8/22	0/2	0/2	16/21
Percentages:	Field 3-point free throws				
Harvesters	45%	50%	71%	71%	
Demons	35%	36%	76%	76%	

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Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	12	.745	—
New York	33	14	.702	2
Orlando	23	20	.536	10
Washington	22	25	.469	13
New Jersey	13	32	.289	21
Philadelphia	12	34	.261	22 1/2
Boston	11	34	.244	23

Central Division

Chicago	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	42	8	.875	—
Detroit	33	12	.733	7 1/2
Atlanta	31	15	.674	10
Charlotte	28	19	.596	13 1/2
Cleveland	25	22	.532	16 1/2
Indiana	22	25	.469	18 1/2
Milwaukee	21	25	.457	20
Toronto	17	29	.370	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Uiah	W	L	Pct	GB
Uiah	33	14	.702	—
Houston	32	15	.681	1
Minnesota	22	25	.468	11
Dallas	18	28	.394	15 1/2
Denver	16	32	.333	17 1/2
San Antonio	14	33	.290	20 1/2
Vancouver	9	41	.180	25 1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	36	13	.729	—
Seattle	32	15	.681	2 1/2
Portland	25	23	.521	10
Sacramento	21	27	.438	14
L.A. Clippers	19	29	.394	17
Golden State	17	29	.370	17
Phoenix	17	31	.354	18

Tuesday's Games
 New Jersey 111, Vancouver 105
 Orlando 111, Indiana 87
 Charlotte 115, Minnesota 101
 New York 90, Houston 95
 Cleveland 70, Milwaukee 78
 Chicago 88, Portland 84
 Dallas 104, Sacramento 96
 Atlanta 107, Golden State 85
 L.A. Clippers 108, L.A. Lakers 86

Wednesday's Game

Miami 118, Boston 117
 Toronto 86, Cleveland 84
 Philadelphia 113, San Antonio 87
 Utah 90, Seattle 85
 Phoenix 90, Atlanta 81
 Denver 106, Washington 104
 L.A. Lakers 106, Chicago 90

Wednesday's Major College Basketball Scores
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EAST

Bucknell 80, Lehigh 65
 Carolina 65, Niagara 63, OT
 Holy Cross 83, Army 72
 Navy 79, Colgate 56
 Providence 73, Rutgers 67
 St. Peter's 71, Fairfield 58

SOUTH

Auburn 81, Mississippi St. 68
 Coppin St. 90, Delaware St. 83, OT
 Duke 73, Wake Forest 68
 Florida A&M 89, Hampton U. 78
 Georgia 83, Alabama 74
 Maryland 66, N. Carolina St. 55
 Miami 78, Pittsburgh 63
 Mississippi 79, LSU 73
 Oral Roberts 82, Alcorn St. 65
 Richmond 86, George Mason 69
 Va. Commonwealth 72, James Madison 60
 Vanderbilt 69, Memphis 62
 William & Mary 80, Old Dominion 52

MIDWEST

Ball St. 79, Bowling Green 75, OT
 Butler 84, Marshall 57
 Evansville 58, Bradley 55
 Illinois 70, Northwestern 58
 Iowa 61, Baylor 52
 Kan. 70, Toledo 65
 Maine 66, Marquette 59
 Minnesota 85, Penn St. 70
 Nebraska 77, Colorado 69
 Ohio U. 71, Akron 67
 Purdue 94, Ohio St. 77
 S. Illinois 60, Wichita St. 56

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 77, Tennessee 54
 Lamar 75, Ark.-Little Rock 72
 Oklahoma St. 64, Kansas St. 59
 Prairie View 89, Huston-Tillotson 83, OT

FAIR WEST

Arizona 87, Arizona St. 71
 Gonzaga 79, Portland 67

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Atlantic Division

Philadelphia	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	29	15	8	66	182	127
Florida	28	15	11	63	149	120
N.Y. Rangers	27	21	7	61	189	152
New Jersey	25	17	8	58	133	124
Washington	21	25	6	48	136	141
Tampa Bay	19	26	6	44	139	180
N.Y. Islanders	17	27	9	43	142	156

Northwest Division

Pittsburgh	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	30	18	5	65	200	182
Buffalo	27	19	7	61	151	136
Montreal	19	26	10	48	171	195
Hartford	20	24	7	47	148	168
Boston	20	26	6	46	150	179
Ottawa	18	23	10	46	142	151

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Dallas	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	30	19	4	64	161	127
Detroit	24	17	10	58	153	116
St. Louis	25	24	5	55	161	166
Phoenix	22	26	4	48	140	163
Chicago	20	26	8	48	137	143
Toronto	20	33	1	41	154	190

Pacific Division

Colorado	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	32	13	8	72	182	124
Edmonton	26	22	5	57	180	153
Vancouver	24	26	2	50	165	176
Anaheim	20	27	6	46	151	163
San Jose	20	27	5	45	137	164
Calgary	19	28	6	44	133	159
Los Angeles	19	29	6	44	146	186

Tuesday's Games
 Ottawa 4, Boston 3
 Pittsburgh 6, Vancouver 4
 N.Y. Islanders 4, Anaheim 3
 Buffalo 1, Philadelphia 1, tie
 St. Louis 1, Detroit 1, tie
 Tampa Bay 2, Phoenix 0

Wednesday's Games
 Pittsburgh 6, Montreal 3

N.Y. Rangers 5, Hartford 2
 New Jersey 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
 Toronto 4, Anaheim 2
 Dallas 4, Tampa Bay 0
 Edmonton 5, Calgary 2
 San Jose 3, Los Angeles 2

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Northwest Division

Orlando	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Orlando	35	12	4	74	202	142
Detroit	34	12	7	75	173	138
Cincinnati	29	18	6	64	152	143
Quebec	28	17	7	59	163	153
Grand Rapids	26	21	6	58	164	164

Central Division

Indianapolis	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Indianapolis	28	19	6	62	184	151
Cleveland	25	19	7	57	179	173
Fort Wayne	20	23	6	46	140	188
Michigan	20	24	5	45	118	142

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

San Antonio	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
San Antonio	31	18	4	66	196	165
Chicago	28	22	4	60	197	196
Milwaukee	24	22	6	54	187	187
Kansas City	21	22	11	53	168	189
Manitoba	16	26	9	41	151	191

Southwest Division

Long Beach	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Long Beach	34	12	7	75	203	151
Uiah	29	24	4	62	182	180
Las Vegas	27	21	4	58	169	163
Houston	27	22	4	58	148	144
Phoenix	16	30	7	39	141	199

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss.

Wednesday's Games
 Detroit 3, Orlando 2, SO
 Houston 5, Manitoba 4, SO
 Long Beach 2, Kansas City 1, SO
 Chicago 4, Milwaukee 3

Top 19 High School Baseball Teams
DALLAS (AP)—The top 10-ranked Texas high school baseball teams in each classification, as compiled by the Texas High School

Baseball Coaches Association
Class 2A

- Round Rock
- Bellaire
- Clear Creek
- North Macomb
- Klein Oak
- Leitchmont
- Engle Pass
- Larkin
- Discoville
- Arlington Martin

Class 4A

- Lane Cymus
- Keurville Tivy
- Calallen
- Brenham
- Coppell
- Grapovine
- Uvalde
- Mount Pleasant
- Hays Consolidated
- FW Eastern Hills

Class 5A

- Crockett
- Waco Robinson
- Hallettsville
- Alamo
- Bellville
- Madonia Valley
- Southwest
- Abilene Wylie
- Falfurias
- Luling

Class 2A

- Weimer
- Harmony
- Alto
- Grand Saline
- Salado
- Rosebud Lot
- Lexington
- Pilot Point
- Gunter
- Comfort

Class 1A

- Spurger
- Burton
- D'Hanis
- Mead
- Blue Ridge
- Detroit

7. Chasr
 8. Wadsworth
 9. Colmans
 10. Gouman

Wednesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Mark Dewey on a minor-league contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Doug Crow, LHP Dumas Maris, RHP Ivan Moseley, RHP Alex Pashos, RHP Mac Sumbal, INF Gioner Guevara, INF Andy Sheets, OF Raul Ibanez and OF Marcus Sturdivant on one-year contracts.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with C Eddie Paez, RHP Joe Borowski, RHP Kevin Millwood, INF Bobby Smith, INF Tony Claffino, OF Damon Hollins and OF Max Lewis on one-year contracts.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with LHP Lance Palmer on a one-year contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Activated F-C Scott Williams from the injured list.
WASHINGTON BULLETS—Fired Jim Lynam, coach, and Buzz Bruman, assistant coach. Promoted Bob Staak from assistant coach to interim coach.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed OL Dave Hack, OL Mike Rockwood, RB Rene Ingolia, QB Jim Ballard and DE Juan Hammond to one-year contracts.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Named Joe Juresek strength and conditioning coach.
DETROIT LIONS—Re-signed QB Scott Mitchell to a four-year contract.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Named Chris Palmer offensive coordinator.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed S Eddie Cade, DT David Barnard and WR Terence Davis.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed LB Chris Slado to a five-year contract.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed CB Barrow Miles, OT Matt Stone and WR Orlando Cedeno.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Named Lynn Stiles vice president of football operations.

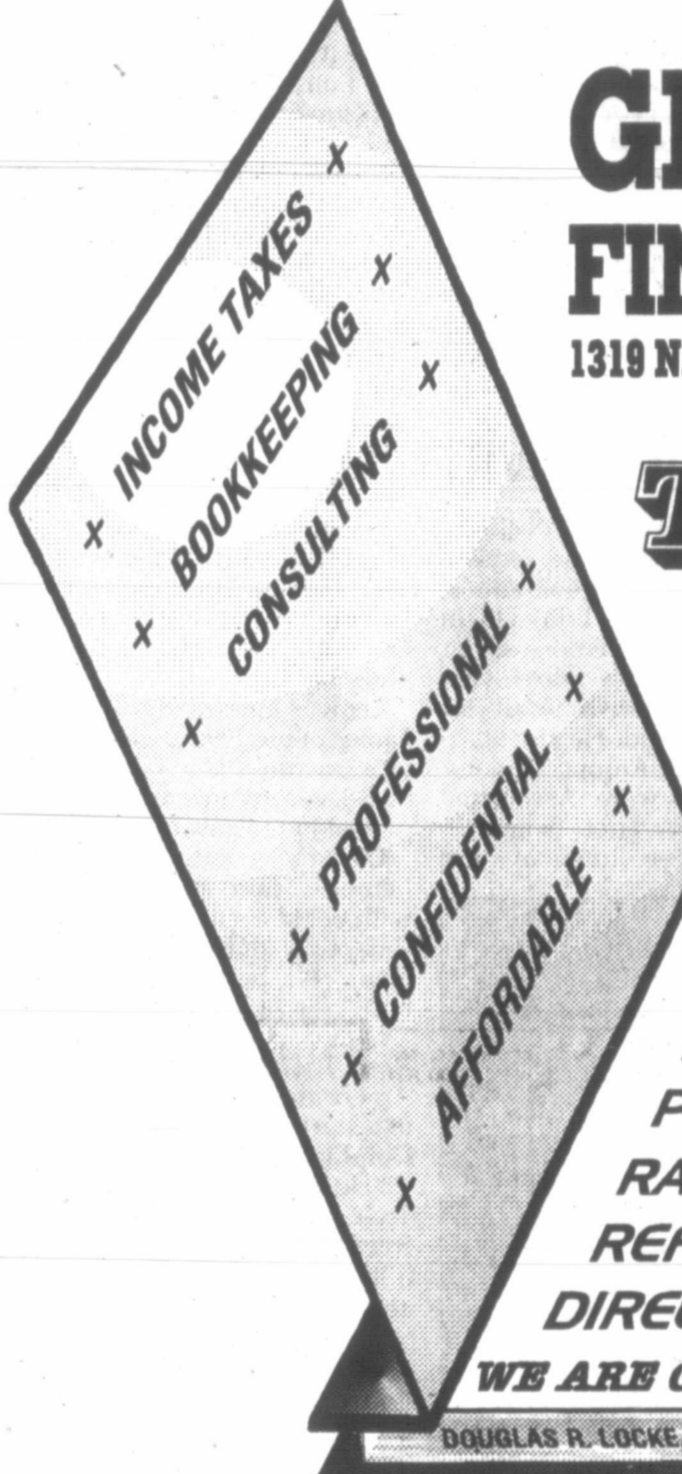
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Nation briefs

Ronald Goldman's relatives to release book

NEW YORK (AP) — Ronald Goldman's relatives say their new book will give him an identity and make him more than just a footnote to the "trial of the century."

His Name Is Ron: Our Search For Justice, to be released after the civil trial, includes details that have not been revealed because of the judge's gag order, publishing house William Morrow said.

The book also discusses the criminal trial and the hardships the family has endured since Goldman was slashed to death along with Nicole Brown Simpson in 1994.

The writers include Goldman's father, Fred; stepmother, Patti; sister, Kim; half-brother, Michael; and half-sister, Lauren Glass.

"Our primary purpose in writing *His Name Is Ron* is to give Ron an identity," Fred Goldman said in the statement. "So much attention, publicity and even sympathy swirled around the defendant that Ron's death seemed a mere postscript to the 'trial of the century.'"

The civil jury on Tuesday found O.J. Simpson liable for the slayings and ordered him to pay \$8.5 million to Goldman's relatives in compensatory damages.

Passenger train crashes into tractor-trailer, 15 injured

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — An Amtrak train slammed into a tractor-trailer stalled on the tracks, injuring 15 people and bringing a field trip to an early end for 45 middle school pupils.

The sobbing children hugged and kissed their parents Wednesday after being taken by bus back to the Jacksonville station, 13 miles from the site of the derailment.

"At first, it was fun. Then it started shaking," 14-year-old Kristi Malone said. "I saw parts of the train flying by my window."

The Silver Meteor, en route from Miami to New York with 187 passengers and 16 crew members, hit the truck at about 5 p.m.

Ten passengers and five crew members suffered minor injuries. Two members of the crew were admitted to the hospital for observation, Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said today.

The locomotive and a baggage car derailed and overturned while three passenger cars derailed but remained upright.

The truck driver was apparently trying to make a U-turn when he got stuck at the crossing, authorities said. The driver was out of the vehicle when the train hit.

CBS: FBI crime lab experts skipped work for golf

NEW YORK (AP) — FBI whistle-blowers say the bureau's bomb experts played golf when they should have been at work, held weekly poker games while on duty and kept gin in the refrigerator, CBS reported.

An FBI supervisor said he warned FBI Director Louis Freeh in 1995 that investigators in the crime lab's explosives unit were "out playing golf instead of doing their jobs" and that "the explosives unit is out of hand."

The investigators purportedly drank alcohol and played poker once a week in the unit's library, the network reported Wednesday, citing summaries of statements given to Justice Department investigators.

A clerk told investigators that bottles of gin were kept in a lab refrigerator. A supervisor of another lab section said the unit used improper procedures resulting in unfounded conclusions that led to what he called "forensic prostitution."

Wounded toddler drank toilet water for days to survive

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A 3-year-old girl who had been shot in both elbows survived for five days by drinking toilet water before being found with the decomposing bodies of her mother and a man.

The child was hospitalized Wednesday in fair condition.

"It looks like someone deliberately maimed her," police spokesman Sgt. Nate Tarver said.

The landlord saw what appeared to be a body through a window Tuesday and called police, who found a blood trail leading from the bedroom where the two bodies were found to the bathroom.

Doctors told police that the child's ability to get water from the toilet probably saved her life.

Tarver said police didn't know who the man was.

Police had no motive and no suspects.

From farm to fricassee, Belgians love their horses

VILVOORDE, Belgium (AP) — Sitting under yellowing posters glorifying the mighty Belgian draughthorse, gourmets from far and wide have come to De Kuiper's to savor sweet, pungent horse tenderloins braised in their own fat.

"If you love horses, you should eat them, too," said Alfons Gulickx, owner of De Kuiper's restaurant. Customers here indulge heartily in the great Belgian culinary tradition — though they acknowledge having mixed emotions about it.

"It hurts to eat such a nice animal, but yes, a horse is made to die," said Rik Eylembosch, sinking his knife into a thick, dark prime cut.

Last month, the U.S. government began investigating a government adoption program for wild horses after The Associated Press reported that many of the animals were winding up in slaughterhouses for

export to countries — including Belgium. De Kuiper is situated in the heart of Belgium's Brabant region, where people have long taken pride in the sturdy local cart-horses: A bronze statue of the animal graces a city square.

Playing off its reputation for reliability and industriousness, Jean-Luc Dehaene campaigned as "Your Brabant Draughthorse" in his successful bid for prime minister.

But adoration of the animal does not get in the way of dining on it — along with a side of fries.

"De Kuiper: Major specialist of horse steaks since 1859," a wooden sign above the red-brick restaurant proudly proclaims, drawing everyone from local pensioners to Belgian celebrities.

Considered repugnant in many countries, horsemeat is a delicacy in parts of the world. In Japan, horsemeat recipes date back at

least four centuries. Raw slabs are eaten with soy sauce, wasabi paste, ground ginger, chives and other garnishes to produce a horse sashimi.

Horsemeat also is a tradition in France and Switzerland, but so ingrained is its Belgian reputation that a Polish horse meat sausage is called "Belgijska."

Apart from the tender steaks, Belgians turn the horsemeat into stews cooked in beer or vinegar with onions and carrots, and an array of sausages and smoked hams.

"It is the summit of red-meat perfection," said Dirk De Prins, a culinary expert and writer on Belgian cooking. Fans point out that horse has less fat than beef, while some European consumers note that horsemeat contains no risk of "mad cow" disease.

But for every nation that has taken to the meat, there are plenty that haven't. In Britain, for example, it is definitely a

non-starter. Belgo Centraal is a trendy London restaurant featuring all things Belgian from beer and mussel dishes to the creamy chicken stew known as waterzooi. But horsemeat is not on the menu.

"It's quite unacceptable in Britain," said Belgo's Mary Norman. "They're seen more as pets as anything."

In India, the land of curries, many people worship "Mother Cow" and will not touch beef. But few see horsemeat as an alternative.

"There is so much to eat, why even think of the poor horse?" said New Delhi shipping executive Ajay Bhatnagar.

People have enjoyed eating horsemeat through the ages — from the Celts to the Mongols, who also rode them across the steppe. Hunters in prehistoric France once earned their dinners by chasing horses to their death over Solutre rock.

AIDS patient granted right to assisted suicide says he's in no hurry

BEVERLY HILLS, Fla. (AP) — His body wasting away from AIDS, Charles Hall is down to 105 pounds, his legs are crippled with arthritis, his eyesight is weakening and he takes 30 pills a day.

Hall, 35, doesn't want to linger with an incurable disease, but he's not ready to kill himself, despite a landmark ruling that gave him the right to

do so with help from a doctor.

"I'm far from ready to die. I just want to know my rights are my rights and nobody can decide for me," said Hall, who lives with his wife in this small town about 100 miles north of Tampa. "If I choose to use this, it's there for me."

Hall, however, would have to wait awhile if he were to kill himself legally. The ruling was automatically stayed while the state

appeals to the Florida Supreme Court.

In the first ruling of its kind, Circuit Judge Joseph Davis said last Friday that the former restaurant worker had a constitutionally protected right to physician-assisted suicide.

"For Charles, it's what he really wanted — peace of mind knowing he had this option available," said Hall's lawyer, Robert Rivas.

"He doesn't want to cross into a state of incompetence. That's a terrifying thought to him."

Under a 128-year-old Florida law, assisted suicide is considered manslaughter, punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

Hall and two other men sued the state in February 1996, seeking to have a doctor help them kill themselves with drugs without state interference. The other men

died before the judge's ruling.

Although no other state judge has given doctors the right to prescribe a suicide mix, a report published today in the *New England Journal of Medicine* indicates the practice is fairly common.

Fifty-three percent of 114 AIDS doctors in San Francisco responding to a survey admitted prescribing deadly doses of narcotics to patients.

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