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WHEELER — Two Ohio men were in Wheeler County jail today in lieu of bonds totaling \$120,000 each in connection with a traffic stop along Interstate 40 that yielded almost a 100 pounds of marijuana.

Two other people in Ohio also face indictments by a Wheeler County grand jury for drug involvement.

A Wheeler County grand jury handed down five felony indictments Thursday after being presented with videotaped evidence and 88 pounds of marijuana.

James M. Miller, 26, from Ohio, and Lawrence Banks Jr., no age given, were in Wheeler County jail today after being indicted on charges of possession of marijuana, failure to pay tax on a controlled substance and engaging in organized criminal activity. Bond was set for each man at \$40,000 on each charge.

Nickie Miller and Brian Morrison, both of Ohio, were also indicted on charges of engaging in organized criminal activity.

The indictments stem from a traffic stop Dec. 5, 1996, by Department of Public Safety Trooper Richard Barton on I-40 near Shamrock.

PAMPA — Pampa's 1995 tornado will be featured on ABC's special program titled I Survived a Disaster at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9.

Videos of Pampa were provided to the production company by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, the Pampa Industrial Foundation and Columbia Medical Center. Each organization contributed video pieces for the ABC production to be aired Sunday night.

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — An anonymous letter from Shreveport, La., contained what police call "potentially significant information" about the slaying of 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey.

Boulder police are pleading with the author to come forward, saying that the letter might help them crack the case.

"We're not discussing what the letter contains," Boulder police spokesman Kelvin McNeill said Thursday.

JonBenet was found strangled in her family's home on Dec. 26. The handwritten letter was postmarked Jan. 27 from Shreveport.

"Please come forward and contact (police)," Boulder authorities pleaded in a message faxed to Shreveport police and distributed to local media.

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Clinton begins defense of his budget plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration began defending its new \$1.69 trillion budget on Capitol Hill today by conceding it is prepared to negotiate. Republicans made conciliatory noises, too.

"We think his budget is the right starting point for our discussions," White House budget director Franklin Raines told the Senate Budget Committee. "Working with you, we want to develop the best balanced budget plan that we can for the American people."

As they did when the president unveiled the package Thursday, Republicans said it doesn't cut spending enough and proposes illusory savings.

With Republicans eager to share in the credit for a deal balancing the budget by 2002, they said they were ready to begin the search for compromise.

"We're willing to work with the administration in a spirit of cooperation to try to improve upon it," said the panel's chairman, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M. "It is a bridge still under construction."

Clinton has campaigned on a slogan of building a bridge to the 21st century.

Embracing the metaphor, Domenici presented Raines before the hearing began with a yellow hard hat, saying that Raines is the bridge foreman.

"We are not cutting the ribbon yet," Domenici said to laughter.

At a separate news conference, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he telephoned Clinton this morning to tell him he was disappointed with the administration's blueprint.

"He understood what I was saying. He was maybe a little

bit taken aback I felt as strongly as I did," said Lott.

Lott pointed ahead to a meeting planned for Tuesday at the Capitol between Clinton and congressional leaders as a point where both sides can "sit down, roll up our sleeves, forget what's been said, forget the campaign, and see if we can get down to work" on the budget and other items.

The budget committee's ranking democrat, Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, praised most aspects of the president's spending plan. But he warned that any budget deal must protect education, transportation and the environment. He said he prefers more savings from corporate tax breaks and subsidies than the \$34 billion the president proposed.

"We should consider this number only a beginning," Lautenberg said.

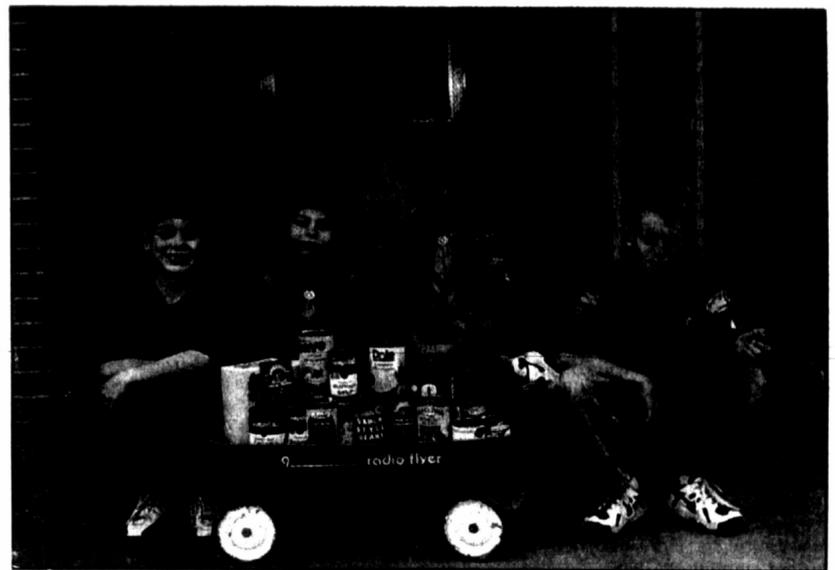
Clinton has said his plan contains the magic formula that will balance the budget not only in 2002 but for two decades thereafter. But to Republicans, the Clinton calculus is more snake oil than miracle cure.

They said Clinton loaded up the budget for 1998 with a host of gimmicks.

Republicans attacked Clinton for putting off nearly two-thirds of the tough spending cuts until 2001 and 2002, after he will be out of office.

They also charged that the president was offering popular middle class tax cuts — such as a \$500 per child tax credit and tax breaks for college education expenses — but employing a trigger mechanism that could make the tax relief disappear after 2000 if the budget deficits balloon higher than current forecasts.

Boy Scout canned food drive



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Colden Fortenberry, Jareth Fortenberry, Robbie Dixon and Tyler Hall will be only a few of the Boy Scouts out collecting food for the annual "Scouting For Food" food drive on Saturday. Scouts will be collecting non-perishable food items, gathering donations left on porches as well as knocking on doors. All goods will be given to the Good Samaritan Christian Services Inc. of Pampa.

PISD trustees discuss remodeling plans, blueprints for elementary schools project

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees met Thursday evening to examine the near complete plans for the elementary remodeling projects.

The board discussed the input from the teachers and staff from all facilities and the architect explained why some last minute changes were made.

School board member John Curry wanted to guarantee the remodeling would present an end product which was both usable and desired by the people

who would use them the most.

Participants at the meeting, as well as the board members, were allowed to look at blueprints and ask questions.

The building project has been delayed for a week, but the architects say the projects should still be complete by the beginning of the 1997 school year.

In other items the construction of the multi-purpose facility was discussed in great detail.

Curry said, "The last thing

we want is to pay for another building which cannot meet the requirements it was built for," referring to the problems with the girls' gym.

The new multi purpose facility is designed to have two practice courts and one regulation playing court. Board members discussed adding on extra space at the time of construction guaranteeing sufficient space.

In the end the board voted to enter into an agreement with the architects after the changes had been made.

Pampan still busy with shoe repair business after 50 years

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Sam Motley has seen quite a few shoe craftsmen come and go who've been in the shoe repair and boot building business in this area, but not many of them stay in it, he said. He said he and Doug Pritchett at the Circle C Boot and Saddle Shop on Brown Street are the only ones still doing shoe repair in Pampa today.

"The talent is going out. That's what keeps me here, also. I hate for the town not to have a shoe repairman some day, even though it is not a business that makes a lot of money," he said.

Motley said he was piddling around, learning about shoe repair in an older friend's shop in 1935, while he was still in high school.

"I would hang around Otis Fike, a shoe maker and repairman who had a shop in the hometown of Mart, Texas. Later on, I worked in another shop, learning more, with D.W. Sasser, my second influence, and began to take the work more seriously," he said.

"After high school, I was living in Waco when one of my former teachers told me he was moving to Pampa to teach in a new school. His name was S.A. Hayden, the first black teacher in the new school for Negro children. That was about 1937, and he encouraged me to move to Pampa."

At the time, the town was doing well. Oil had been discovered in the county in 1926, and there were prosperous ranching operations and wheat growers — but not much cotton or corn then, he said.

In his teen years, he helped make a living by working on farms, chopping in the cotton fields and picking cotton. When he came to Pampa, he first

worked at a gas service station, then as a bell hop at the Schneider Hotel.

"That was a nice hotel as nice as some of the older big city Hilton Hotels were back then, I imagine," Motley said.

Following his discharge from the U.S. Army in 1945, he returned to Pampa. It was then when he worked with Sasser in the Good Year Shoe Shop in downtown Pampa. He also worked for another bootmaker and repairman, Cliff Rains. He said others who were in the business in those early years, were Lefty Perryton and Cliff Rains, bootmakers, and Grant Evans, the only shoe repairman for awhile.

"F.O. Gurley, was the most well-known bootmaker, and was going strong when I got to Pampa," Motley said.

"One of them bootmakers tried to teach me to make boots, but I told him I just wanted to watch how it was done, so when the cowboys wore them out, I would know how to repair them, and how to do it right," he said.

About ten years ago, a heart attack helped him decide that working around the clock was not necessary. On his doctor's advice, he decided not to work quite so hard. He opens his shop only five days a week now, and when he takes off for lunch, he stretches his lunch and rest time a little longer than the public thinks he should, but that keeps him coming back the next day. He likes to work to the sound of the old classics — western music and dance music of the 1940s — and also enjoys listening to a little jazz once in a while.

Motley has been a Pampa businessman for over 50 years, and has owned his own business since November 1969. He and his wife,

Lula Mae, raised two children, Karen, of Amarillo, and Edwin Earl, of Valley Mills. He received recognition for volunteerism and leadership during the 1970s and 1980s when he was involved in civic activities and held memberships in several organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Top O' Texas Kiwanis Club and National Federation of Independent Businesses.

He has observed major changes in this community since being in business. There have been good times and bad times. Pampa's economy today is not near as good as it used to be, according to Motley's observation. He said as recent as three to five years ago people brought in more repair work to be done, "... more than I could get done, sometimes."

"That front door was opening constantly with customers coming in to have things fixed, to get their shoes and boots repaired to wear another year," he said; "But now shoes are made of synthetics, and when they tear or wear out, it is time to just throw them away."

"Taxes and business regulations suppress the growth of our towns," Motley says, and "our state's top elected officials keep trying to tax more."

He said he tries to keep up with state government and politics, but actually hates politics for what it is.

"I remember when I had to pay \$1.75 poll taxes before I voted," he said.

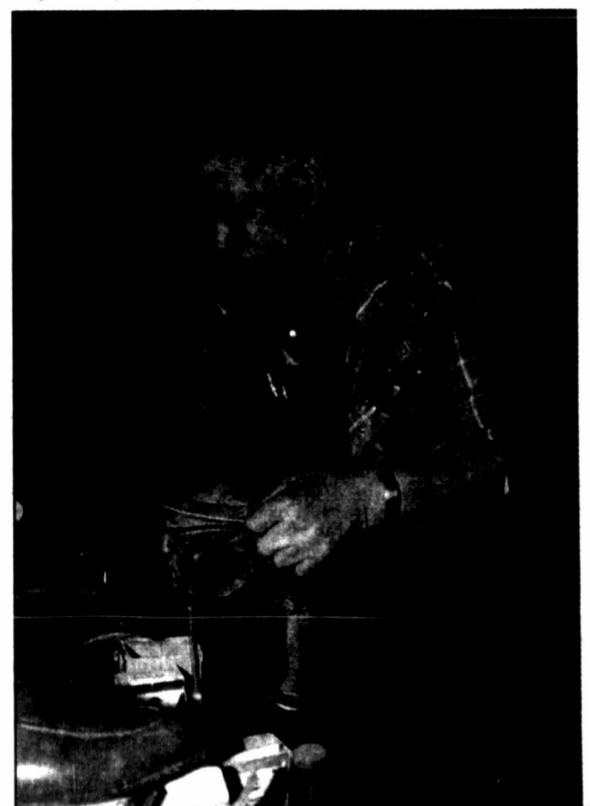
In 1932 Motley decided he was going to be a Democrat — when Herbert Hoover was the Republican president, and Democrat Franklin Delano Roosevelt beat him out. He wasn't voting then, but that was when he made his decision, and

he has stayed with it.

"It doesn't make me any difference what you are, but I don't mind telling you that I'm a dyed-in-the-wool, yellow-dog Democrat!" Motley said emphatically, adding that it

seems to him that Pampan has just "gone whole-hog to become Republicans" here lately.

Motley said he believes "A man is a man, regardless of his color, but must depict himself as a gentleman, to be that man."



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Sam Motley works in his shoe repair shop. He has been a Pampa businessman for over 50 years.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

PARR, Zua Gae Parr — 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Amarillo.
POWELL, Alma Walker — 3 p.m., Barrett Baptist Church, Pampa.
ROBINSON, Frances Lewis — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

MONTY LEE BRYAN
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Monty Lee Bryan, 43, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1997, at Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services were to be at 1 p.m. today in Nelson's Funeral Home chapel. Burial was to be in Fayetteville National Cemetery under the direction of Nelson's Funeral Home and Crematory of Fayetteville.

Mr. Bryan was born Sept. 9, 1953, at Canyon, Texas, to Ed and Estelle Bryan. He was a masonry contractor and was affiliated with a non-demonstrational church. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in 1972.

Survivors include a son, Court Bryan of Rusk, Texas; two stepdaughters, April and Missy of Rusk; his father, Ed L. Bryan of Fayetteville; his mother, Estelle Bryan of Amarillo, Texas; his grandmothers, Evelyn Holloway of Tulsa, Texas, and Dorothy Bryan of Happy, Texas; two sisters, Sherla Johnson of Sand Springs, Okla., and Renita Riggs of Rogers, Ark.; a niece; and six nephews.

The family requests memorials be to the V.A. Medical Center, 1100 N. College Ave., Fayetteville, Ark. 72703.

MARY A. BUZZARD

Mary A. Buzzard, 64, of Pampa, died Friday, Feb. 7, 1997. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jacksboro, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Buzzard was born Oct. 8, 1932, at Miami. She attended schools in West Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y., Miami, Texas, and Pampa. She had been a Pampa resident since 1945, moving from Miami. She was a member of Central Baptist Church and worked in the church nursery for over 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Tingle, and by a daughter, Kim Buzzard, both in 1983.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Cheri and Randy Ray of Shallowater and Jana and Kent Meyer of Pampa, two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles Buzzard of Pampa and Daniel and Becky Buzzard of Austin; her mother, Evelyn Tingle of Pampa, two sisters, Shirley Brown of Mesquite and Evelyn Richardson of Carrollton, a brother, Ken Coffey of Duncanville; three granddaughters, Taylor Meyer of Pampa, Annika Buzzard and Nicole Buzzard, both of Austin, and four grandsons, Dane Kantro and Sean Ray, both of Shallowater, Colton Meyer of Pampa and Bryant Buzzard of Austin.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle.

BILLIE JO JEFFERS

Billie Jo Jeffers, 69, of Pampa, died Friday, Feb. 7, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Jeffers was born April 13, 1927, at Chickasha, Okla. She married Gene Jeffers on Sept. 8, 1945, at Pampa. She had been a lifelong Pampa resident and had worked as a secretary for Cabot Machinery Division for 25 years, retiring in 1988.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Dick Hopkins, in 1974.

Survivors include her husband, Gene, of the home, a daughter and son-in-law, Leigh Ann and Mike Crain of Pampa, two sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Phyllis Jeffers of Pampa and Joe and Terri Jeffers of Omaha, Neb.; a sister, Amalie Mowrey of Knoxville, Tenn.; two brothers, J.C. Hopkins of Marble Falls and Jerry Hopkins of El Paso, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

EMMA LOIS NELLIS

STOW, Okla. — Emma Lois Nellis, 92, a former Pampa, Texas, resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1997. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa with Dr. K.L. Kirk, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Nellis was born July 11, 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 the 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 Nizer.

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 the First United Methodist Church of Pampa.

The body will not be available for viewing.

Fires

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

THURSDAY, Feb. 7

3:52 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a structure fire at 621 N. Lowry. Smoke damage was all that was reported.

Obituaries

ZUA GAE PARR

AMARILLO — Zua Gae Parr, 82, sister of a Pampa resident, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 1997. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Alan J. Meenan, senior pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Parr was born at Chadron, Neb. She graduated from high school in Denver and from West Texas State Teacher's College in Canyon, receiving a degree in education. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1931. She married George Parr Jr. in 1938. She acted as president of Warner Oil Co. Inc. in Amarillo, retiring in 1985. She was past president of the Junior League and was a member of First Presbyterian Church and the PEO.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Gae Parr, in 1963.

Survivors include a son, George Parr III of Amarillo; a brother, Eben D. Warner of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

The family will be at 1615 Bryan Place No. 14 and requests memorials be to Greater Amarillo Chapter of the American Red Cross, 1800 S. Harrison St., Amarillo, TX 79102.

ALMA WALKER POWELL

Alma Walker Powell, 87, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 1997. Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in Barrett Baptist Church with the Rev. Fines Marchman, interim pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Powell was born Nov. 18, 1909, in Gray County, where she had been a lifelong Gray County resident. She was a descendant of Gray County and Roberts County pioneers. She married Ed Walker in 1934; he died in 1967. She later married Howard Powell in 1971; he died in 1981. She worked for Bell Telephone in the 1920s and later for Memory Gardens Cemetery and Westlawn Cemetery in Borger. She was a charter member of Calvary Baptist Church and Barrett Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, W.L. "Cotton" Walker of Perryton; a sister, Martha Walker of Pampa; a brother, Emory Palmer of San Antonio; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter; and numerous friends.

The family requests memorials be to Lovett Memorial Library.

HATTIE ELLA RISLEY

CANADIAN — Hattie Ella Risley, 70, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 1997, in Pampa. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in First United Methodist Church with Dr. Lewis Holland, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Cemetery under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Risley was born Jan. 19, 1927, at Perryton, Texas, to Marvin and Mary Mallott Sollock. She was raised in the Allison and Canadian areas, attending school in the Allison School District. She worked in the Defense Plant at Dumas during World War II. When the war was over, she moved to Canadian. She married Ray Risley on Aug. 8, 1948, at Miami. The couple lived and brought up their children on a farm southwest of Canadian. She was a Methodist and a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Ray Risley of Canadian; two sons, Larry Risley of Canadian and David Risley of Pampa; three sisters, Stella Rackley of Amarillo, Mary Tyron of Elk City, Okla., and Kathryn Mathews of Eugene, Ore.; five grandchildren, Lisa Risley Hoskins, Misty Risley O'Quin, LeAnn Risley Williams, Brandon Risley and Lori Risley; and two great-grandchildren, Brady Williams and Braxton Williams.

FRANCES LEWIS ROBINSON

Frances Lewis Robinson, 84, of Pampa, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 1997. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dale Meadows, minister of Groom Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery 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. Dismore 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.

VERNA DEAN SIRMANS

CANADIAN — Verna Dean Sirmans, 58, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1997. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Christian Church of Canadian with the Rev. Johnny Crawford, pastor of First Baptist Church in Mobeetie, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Cemetery under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Sirmans was born Oct. 2, 1938, at Winters, Texas, to Jack W. and Edna Mae White Campbell. She attended Pampa High School. She married Bill R. Sirmans on June 18, 1954, at Pampa. The couple had been Canadian residents since 1967, moving from Pampa. She was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church of Canadian.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Bruce Sirmans, in 1980 and by a great-grandchild, Zachary Lane Kelly, in 1996.

Survivors include her husband, Bill R. Sirmans, of Canadian; a daughter and son-in-law, Christy and Brent Gallagher of Canadian, two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Cathy Sirmans of Canadian and Robert and Doreen Sirmans of Midlothian; two sisters, Jo Ann Shuppley and Kay Lott, both of Fairfield; two brothers, Jackie Campbell of Burr Oaks, Kan., and Robert Carl Campbell of Pampa; six grandchildren, James, Michelle, Larnee, Jennifer, Kristin and Shayne; and two great-grandchildren, Chelsea and C.J.

The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th St., Canadian, TX 79014, or to Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch, Canadian, TX 79014.

Police report

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

THURSDAY, Feb. 6

A report of possession of a simulated controlled substance with the intent to distribute was made in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Theft of mail and criminal mischief, two windows in a building broken, were reported in the 800 block of East Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Starkweather. Approximately \$10 damage was done to cassette tapes.

A 39-year-old male reported an assault. Minor swelling on the face and knots on the victims head were reported.

Arrest

Darrell Dean Cook, 38, 1031 N. Sumner, was arrested for criminal non-support on a South Carolina warrant. He remains in custody.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN

Clean Air Al-Ateen will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-0407 or 669-3988.

Stocks

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

Wheat	4.10	Cabot O&G	19 3/4	NC
Milo	3.94	Chevron	65 7/8	up 1/2
Corn	4.76	Coca-Cola	57 5/8	dn 1/8
		Columbia/HCA	40 1/8	up 1/8
		Euron	41 1/2	up 3/8
		Halliburton	68 5/8	dn 7/8
		Ingersoll Rand	47 5/8	up 1 3/8
		KNE	37 3/8	NC
		Kerr McGee	68	up 1/8
		Limited	17 1/2	up 1/8
		Mapco	34 1/8	up 1/2
		McDonald's	45 1/8	up 1/8
		Mobil	129	dn 1/2
		New Atmos	23 3/4	up 1/4
		Parker & Parsley	33 7/8	dn 1
		Pennsylvania	47 1/2	up 1/2
		Phillips	44 1/8	up 1/2
		SLB	105 5/8	dn 1
		SPS	35 5/8	NC
		Tenneco	38 5/8	dn 1/8
		Texasco	103 3/8	dn 1/2
		Ultramar	30	up 1/2
		Wal-Mart	23 7/8	up 1/4
		Amoco	87 5/8	up 1/2
		Arco	129 5/8	NC
		Cabot	24 1/8	up 5/8
		New York Gold	339.70	
		Silver	4.87	
		West Texas Crude	23.10	

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

Occidental..... 25 3/4 1/4

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

Magellan..... 83.18
 Puritan..... 17.87

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

Amoco..... 87 5/8 up 1/2
 Arco..... 129 5/8 NC
 Cabot..... 24 1/8 up 5/8

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 Chevron..... 65 7/8
 Coca-Cola..... 57 5/8
 Columbia/HCA..... 40 1/8
 Euron..... 41 1/2
 Halliburton..... 68 5/8
 Ingersoll Rand..... 47 5/8
 KNE..... 37 3/8
 Kerr McGee..... 68
 Limited..... 17 1/2
 Mapco..... 34 1/8
 McDonald's..... 45 1/8
 Mobil..... 129
 New Atmos..... 23 3/4
 Parker & Parsley..... 33 7/8
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West Texas Crude..... 23.10

Sheriff's Office

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

THURSDAY, Feb. 6

Gray County deputies responded to a reported gas drive off at Gas Man on highway 60.

Gray County deputies responded to a report of narcotics offenses at Huff Road and Prairie Road.

Arrests

Michael S. McGarock, 31, 403 Russell, was arrested on a charge of issuance of bad checks. He paid the checks and the fines and was released.

Naomi Williams, 43, 1233 Williston, was arrested on a charge of theft by check on a Travis County warrant. She was released on bond.

Brent K. Crossman, 38, was arrested on a parole violation. He remains in custody.

Johnny Vernon Scott, 46, 1404 E. Browning, began serving his sentence for driving while intoxicated.

The Southside Senior Citizens Mobile Meals menu for Saturday, Feb. 8, will be tuna casserole, English peas, buttered yams, bread and custard.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

A blood pressure screening will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center. There is no charge.

AARP

The American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Speaker will be Debbie Donnley, who will provide information on The Meredith House. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Ambulance

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

THURSDAY, Feb. 6

2:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one patient to North West Texas Hospital.

3:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Lowry on a fire assist.

5:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a medical assist and transported one patient to the V.A. Medical Center in Amarillo.

10:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

11:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 Block of East Kingsmill on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, clear with a low in the low 20s and light and variable winds. Saturday, sunny with a high near 50s and southeasterly winds 5-15 mph. Saturday night, generally clear with a low near 30. Sunday, partly cloudy with a high in the mid 50s. Thursday's high was 31; the overnight low was 26. Pampa received 0.23 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy with lows from mid teens to mid 20s, with light and variable winds. Saturday, partly sunny with highs from near 40 to mid 40s. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with lows from mid 20s to upper 20s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly

cloudy. Lows upper teens to mid 20s. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs 40-45. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 20s.

North Texas — Tonight, a slight chance of rain northeast this evening, otherwise cloudy. Lows 28 northwest to 38 southeast. Saturday, cloudy. Highs 45 northwest to 55 southeast.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy and colder. Lows in the 30s to near 30 Hill Country, to upper 30s to near 40 south central. Saturday, becoming mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain mainly west. Highs upper 40s to low 50s. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with a slight chance of early evening showers. Lows near 40 inland north to the 40s south and coast. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs near 50

north, 50s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce welcomes the Amarillo Council on Drug Abuse to Pampa with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday. Charlene Morris, far left, and Suzie Wilkerson, far right, Gold Coat members of the Chamber of Commerce, attend as Dr. Jerry Lane, LCDC, CHT; Winn Carter, MA, CADAC, LCDC; and Chess C. Grant, ADC, LCDC, cut the ribbon.

Drug abuse center opens its doors in Pampa

The war on drugs and drug abuse in the Pampa area is receiving help in the form of a new level IV outpatient treatment center, The Amarillo Council on Drug Abuse Pampa Center, at 1224 N. Hobart, Suite #109.

The facility, working with the aid of state grants, will provide in-depth counseling and screening for adult clients with drug addictions from alcohol, marijuana,

cocaine and other illegal substances.

According to Winn Carter, a counselor specializing in drug treatment, the grants will provide for 20 clients at one time in the program.

Carter said the screening costs \$35, but if a client has proof of indigence then the screening and treatment is free. Clients are accepted on a referral or call-in basis.

"This is a problem we see with a lot of clients," said Carter. "We have to point out to them and make them see that they have been willing to do anything to get the drug, but when it comes to recovery they say they are broke."

The counseling sessions will meet Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. and is conducted by licensed counselors.

Lawmakers file Bush's property tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush's property tax reduction plan, proposed last week in his State of the State address, now officially is before the Legislature.

Reps. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, and Tom Craddick, R-Midland, filed a bill and a proposed constitutional amendment on Thursday that would provide what the Republican governor says is much needed relief from rising local school property taxes.

Bush, who has been touring the state on a sales mission for his plan, hailed the two lawmakers for showing "leadership and courage" in sponsoring his legislation.

The governor wants to reduce school property taxes, which now total about \$10 billion a year, by about \$2.8 billion.

He has called for a \$1 billion tax cut funded by the state's cash surplus, and replacing some property taxes with a half-cent increase in the 6 1/4 percent state sales and

motor vehicle sales tax, plus creation of a new business activity tax.

"I am absolutely convinced cutting school property taxes and developing a fairer way to fund our schools is essential for the future of Texas," Bush said.

"This plan, combined with the budget I presented to the Legislature last week, fully funds our schools and results in an overall \$1 billion reduction in Texans' tax burden. I urge members of the Legislature to join me in giving school property tax relief to Texans," he said.

According to Bush's office, the bill introduced in the House calls for increasing the homestead exemption by \$20,000 in 1997 and cutting property tax rates by 20 cents in every school district on Jan. 1, 1998.

The measure also would require the state to reimburse districts for the cost of the higher homestead exemption and tax rate rollback; exempt business inventory from school maintenance and operations taxes;

repeal the corporate franchise tax; and deposit lottery revenues and the extra sales tax money into a new school trust fund.

The bill would impose safeguards to keep property tax rates from rising again. It calls for a two-thirds vote of school boards to raise taxes after the rollback. Increases of two cents or more in any year or cumulative increases of four cents or more over three years would require voter approval.

The business activity tax would levy a 1 1/4-cent charge on all business activity. It would be calculated by taking a business' total receipts or sales, subtracting the cost of goods, certain expansion, capital investment and a standard \$500,000 deduction, then multiplying by 1 1/4.

The proposed constitutional amendment, which would require voter ratification, would create the new school trust fund and require a three-fifths vote of the Legislature to raise the business activity tax rate.

Judge rules against school districts on technology funds

AUSTIN (AP) — School districts suing for millions more in state aid for computers and other technology lost their case with a judge's ruling that the State Board of Education has no authority to distribute the money.

State District Judge F. Scott McCown wrote Thursday that "respect for the separation and balance of powers" required him to leave the issue "in the hands of the Legislature."

An appeal is possible by more than 80 school districts that sued the Education Board, seeking to force the distribution of an estimated \$97 million statewide for technology.

The school districts said that under the 1995 education law, they should be getting \$55 per student for technology rather than the \$30 per student they received.

But state lawyers said the board didn't have the legal authority to distribute the extra money. They said the state budget didn't specifically provide for appropriation of the money.

"Before a court finds that a legislative act is an appropriation, the court must be clear that the act was indeed intended to be an appropriation. Doubt must be resolved by finding no appropriation" to best safeguard the balance of power

between the branches of government, McCown wrote.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said it was the right decision.

"We have to have a pretty hard and fast line in the sand: If it's not in the appropriations bill, it's not an appropriation — or we will find ourselves constantly in arguments and maybe in courts about whether or not some statement in a statute somewhere implies an appropriation," Ratliff said.

Presidential report cards: Do the tests pass the test?

WASHINGTON (AP) — There they go again: Historians, grading the presidents and debating whether the tests themselves pass the test.

Was Ronald Reagan near great or merely average? Is it too soon to grade President Clinton? Is the notion of rating presidents a bad idea altogether?

The two newest entrants in the ratings game are getting a harrumph from fans of Reagan, miffed at his placement in the middle of the presidential pack.

"Rating the Presidents," a 300-page book by William J. Ridings Jr. and Stuart B. McIver that is being published this month by Citadel Press, ranks Reagan 26th out of 41 based on a poll of 719 historians, political scientists and others.

A survey of 32 jurors by Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. for The New York Times Magazine in December lumped Reagan among twelve presidents in the average-low category.

"There You Go Again, Liberal Historians and the New York Times Deny Ronald Reagan His Due," the Heritage Foundation complains in a headline in its March-April issue of *Policy Review* magazine.

The magazine goes so far as to offer space to a number of voices more sympathetic to the Gipper. "Reagan belongs on Mount Rushmore," wrote William F. Buckley Jr.

"Reagan's was a near-great presidency," said Henry Kissinger.

All sides acknowledged the particular difficulty of rating presidents of recent vintage, with Schlesinger predicting these men are the most likely to rise or fall in future surveys.

That's what's happened to Eisenhower: He crept from 22nd in a 1962 survey by Arthur

Schlesinger Sr. to average-high in the younger Schlesinger's latest survey and ninth in the Ridings-McIver poll.

It wasn't until Eisenhower's presidential papers became available in the 1970s that the impression of him as an "sleepy, symbolic leader" gave way to the idea that he was well informed but used intermediaries to carry out his will, said Fred Greenstein, a presidential scholar at Princeton University and an Eisenhower biographer.

The ability of recent presidents to move up in the polls should be encouraging to Clinton, who wondered aloud to former political adviser Dick Morris last year about what he could do to rise from his current third-tier ranking.

George Bush and Clinton wound up 22nd and 23rd, respectively, in the Ridings-McIver poll; both were rated average-low in Schlesinger's December survey.

Presidential ratings first took off as a scholarly pursuit with a 1948 survey by the senior Schlesinger, who asked 55 leading historians to place each president in one of five categories ranging from great to failure.

From that simple beginning, the ratings have gotten increasingly sophisticated, with all sorts of statistical models, quality assessments and fancy methodologies.

Through it all, the headline results have been relatively consistent: Lincoln, Washington and Franklin Roosevelt invariably end up on top, and Grant and Harding tend to bring up the rear, with considerable shifting in between.

The truly great, all sides agree, achieved that stature by leading the country boldly through times of particular trial, such as the Civil War, World War II and the Great Depression.

Investigators: Gtech bribed officials

HOUSTON (AP) — A Gtech Corp. official bragged of paying bribes of up to \$10,000 to eight to ten Texas legislators in exchange for "favorable consideration" of the bill establishing the Texas lottery, an investigator for the Kentucky attorney general's office says.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported today that J. David Smith, former national sales manager for Gtech Corp. bragged about the payments while talking with Russell F. Davidson, former vice president for finance at the Kentucky lottery.

Smith, who was recently convicted on federal charges of participating in a kickback scheme that defrauded Gtech, is awaiting sentencing.

The newspaper reported that Smith's claim of payoffs to Texas legislators came during an investigation in Kentucky in 1994 into a scandal involving that state's lottery.

Gtech ran the Kentucky lottery at the time and has run Texas' online lottery games since 1992.

The Texas Legislature and state voters created the state lottery a year earlier.

According to investigative reports, Davidson said his conversation with Smith took place in a hotel bar in 1990 during a Gtech users conference in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Smith indicated the payments were made for past support, Davidson reportedly told Edward Mercer, the Kentucky attorney general's investigator.

According to Mercer, Davidson said Smith told him Texas was going to start a lottery.

"Smith named eight or 10 Texas legislators whom Davidson did not know and does not remember their names," Mercer said.

"He (Smith) stated that he had paid these legislators between \$2,000 and \$10,000 each to get the lottery bill favorably considered," Mercer quoted Davidson as saying.

Kentucky state investigators were investigating their state lottery for possible sweetheart deals involving Gtech at the time of the interview.

When contacted by the *Chronicle*, Davidson declined to elaborate on his statement, saying it was "water under the bridge."

Smith did not respond to a call from the *Chronicle*.

Gtech spokesman Robert Rendine told the newspaper that the company "knows nothing of any such statement" by Smith.

"No such statement would ever have been made on behalf of the company nor would the company ever tolerate such conduct," Rendine said. "The company considers the publishing of unverifiable hearsay as highly irresponsible."

The purported conversation between Davidson and Smith came about six months after a major push was made to pass a Texas lottery bill during a special legislative session in April 1990, the newspaper reported.

'Don't mess with Texas' slogan in its second decade

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Transportation's "Don't Mess with Texas" anti-litter campaign — in its second decade — didn't take long to become more than a slogan.

The first television spot in the campaign aired in January 1986 and the phrase's first spinoff appeared in March that year.

Now, eleven years later, the slogan is held in as high regard as the state's other battle cry.

State officials declared Thursday "Don't Mess with Texas" day.

"We did that first spot with Stevie Ray Vaughan and the campaign took on a life of its own," said Mike Blair, who's worked on all the radio and television spots. "Don't mess with Texas" became almost as well-

known as that other Texas battle cry, "Remember the Alamo."

The first commercial aired during the 1986 Cotton Bowl and featured the late blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan standing in front of a large Texas flag, reminiscent of a scene from the movie *Patton*. The step from advertising to pop culture quickly followed.

The campaign, which has won twelve environmental and advertising awards, not only jump-started other states' anti-litter campaigns — like "Don't Lay that Trash on Oklahoma" or "Don't Fool with Philly" — it became as universal as Nike shoes' "Just Do It."

Blair once had to work hard to get such stars as musicians Lyle Lovett and Willie Nelson, professional quarterback Warren Moon and boxer George Foreman to do the commercials. Now he has a waiting list of celebrities interested in appearing in the ads.

The Texas Department of Transportation has had almost 200 requests for use of the slogan.

The University of Texas is believed to be the first to spin off the "Don't Mess with Texas" slogan created by Austin advertising agency GSD&M.

Texas women's basketball coach Jody Conradt remembers seeing "Don't Mess with Texas" signs held by fans during the March 1986 NCAA championships; Associate Athletic Director Chris Plonsky also remembers a Texas cheerleader holding up a handmade sign during the nationally televised championship game.

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Texas Editorials

The Dallas Morning News on family planning:

Most people know the difference between using contraceptives to plan families and abortion. But based on a controversy about federal funding for international family planning, not everyone understands.

President Clinton has requested that Congress speed release of funds previously authorized for international family planning. Pro-choice and anti-abortion activists imply that lawmaker's views on abortion will color their decisions. It shouldn't. These funds will not pay for abortions.

If anything, as Planned Parenthood of Dallas and Northeast Texas Inc. notes, responsible family planning reduces the need for abortion. Comparing an approach that results in women not getting pregnant with a procedure that terminates actual pregnancies violates every principle of well-reasoned thought.

Planned Parenthood's explicit goal is that every child "be born wanted and loved." Yet, through Congress' draconian cuts in 1995 for international family planning programs, lawmakers on Capitol Hill have demonstrated a callous disregard for the real-world consequences of not making responsible family planning available to the world's poor.

Consider the many women around the world who die annually in child birth. Consider that women in sub-Saharan Africa routinely tell pollsters that they would use family planning if only they had access to contraception. Consider the danger to women and children from skyrocketing rates of HIV infection among husbands and fathers in cultures that reject safe sex and wink at infidelity.

For all these reasons, Congress should rethink whether it really has a moral option to do anything but agree with Mr. Clinton. The limitations Congress already has imposed on funding are hurting the international family planning program. The sooner Congress agrees, the sooner U.S. funds will begin helping those couples who rely on public-sector programs for responsible family planning.

Waco Tribune-Herald on cleaning house at FBI:

Both Congress and President Clinton need to demand that FBI Director Louis J. Freeh clean house at the nation's top law enforcement agency.

The public, not to mention the nation's entire justice system, requires that FBI operations be above reproach. Instead, over the past several years, the FBI has been found guilty of a series of confidence-shaking scandals.

In the past several days, it has been revealed that the FBI is punishing a high-ranking scientist-agent who for years attempted to get the FBI administration to clean up sloppy and slanted lab work.

The whistle-blower, Dr. Frederic Whitehurst, finally got the Inspector General's office to investigate his claims. A final report that will be released later this month upheld all the claims made by Whitehurst.

It's time for Congress and the president to demand the removal of the last vestiges of the closed-ranks, good-old-boy network at the FBI. If the FBI can't be trusted, can any government agency be trusted?

Austin American-Statesman on America Online gridlock:

America Online Inc. admitted to the world that it was selling the bear's skin before the bear was caught and promised a fair recompense to its frustrated subscribers.

Anyone who believes the problems with AOL are over hasn't been calling. A busy signal is still a frequent reply to AOL calls, and notification that the Internet is inaccessible is not uncommon if you can connect.

AOL prefers to characterize the flap as a to-be-expected glitch created by the surging interest in online services and Internet access as millions more Americans journey into cyberspace each week. But that is not the case.

America Online brought on the trouble through aggressive marketing — marketing attorneys general in several states said amounted to a deceptive business practice.

As interesting as the online world may be, the fact is that profit has been elusive in cyberspace. AOL was pushing harder than it should have been — legally and morally — in order to increase subscribers, hoping to attract advertisers and build revenue. And they stepped over the line of good business practice.

Berry's World



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Prejudice against pro-lifers

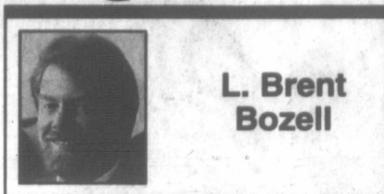
Liberals are the first to denounce prejudice ruling the first hours or days of a breaking news story. A black man did not kill Susan Smith's children; Arabs did not blow up the Oklahoma City federal building. But an anti-abortion bombing in Washington? This was just too good to wait for the facts. A hotel worker found a piece of a dummy hand grenade that popped in his hand. So unconcerned was he that after washing his hands, he went home only to turn on the TV and learn he was the object of a citywide terrorist search.

All morning long, radio and TV reports shrieked: Bombing! Hand grenade! Anti-abortion violence! Now, will we see a retraction and an apology from Associated Press, CNN and the other media culprits in this smear? That's about as likely as the networks covering the 125,000-strong March for Life, which took place later in the day. CBS led with an update of the Atlanta clinic bombing. ABC aired a report on abortion advocates' fears of pro-lifers. NBC mentioned the dummy grenade pop. No one filed a report on the march. (CBS did have time to report a fire hydrant was installed in the middle of a New York city street.)

Outrageous? Yes, but this isn't an exception. It's a rule, especially for ABC News. Last year's March for Life also drew tens of thousands of people to Washington. ABC ignored that one, too. But if they are left-wing protests, see how ABC covers them:

— On Jan. 31, 1996, Peter Jennings announced "a major demonstration on behalf of the environment." Strangely, the story that followed told of a press conference opposing Republican reform of the Endangered Species Act by liberal evangelicals. When asked where the "demonstration" was, the liberal Environmental Information Center, which organized the press conference, said there wasn't one.

— On June 1, the left-wing Children's Defense



L. Brent Bozell

Fund organized a "Stand for Children" to oppose welfare reform, ABC didn't do one story. It filed six on *World News Tonight* and five on *Good Morning America*, including two separate interviews with CDF chief Marian Wright Edelman, one before the event and one after.

— On June 23, *World News Tonight* aired a full report by Deborah Weiner on an animal rights march in Washington, D.C., and its clash with AIDS protesters over animal research.

— On June 30, ABC reporter Anderson Cooper provided a long, sympathetic portrait of two elderly gay males marching in New York City's annual Gay Pride parade. Carole Simpson introduced the story: "The question of legalizing gay marriages has become a political issue this year, but for many gay couples, a longtime committed relationship is as sacred as a marriage." No one opposed to gay marriage was invited to appear.

— On Aug. 16, ABC reporter Bill Blakemore filed a full story on a Greenpeace protest in Washington state over fishing by factory trawler, including 27 seconds of Greenpeace promotional video.

— On Sept. 30, Peter Jennings mentioned a anti-gun group laying out 40,000 pairs of shoes in Washington as a "silent march" against guns.

— On Oct. 12, the AIDS quilt was again laid out the Washington Mall. *Good Morning America* aired three full segments on the AIDS quilt, one leading off the show on Oct. 13. Minutes later, it also mentioned "another demonstration," a Latino march on Washington. *World News Tonight* also aired a full AIDS quilt report on Oct. 13.

— On Dec. 1, *World News Tonight* led off their broadcast with World AIDS Day demonstrations, followed by a full story by George Strait focusing on AIDS in the black community, featuring two men who pass out free condoms in New York City parks. Strait concluded with video of used condoms on the ground: "Reggie and Ron say they are beginning to see results. Finally, evidence that some of the sex here is protected. But there are still a lot more crack vials than condoms. And in the community, a lot more homophobia and denial. A lot more work to do."

ABC even saw protests in foreign lands as more newsworthy than the March for Life, producing full *World News Tonight* reports on French protests over deportations of Africans, a Belgian child molestation verdict, even beauty pageants in India.

CBS and NBC may not cover "demonstrations" that don't exist, but overall, they weren't much better than ABC. Each devoted only 19 seconds to the March for Life in 1996, while devoting major play (CBS, three stories, NBC five) to the liberal "Stand for Children." CBS gave three full stories to the "silent march" for gun control. NBC gave two full stories to the animal rights march.

The networks clearly love "anti-abortion violence" — with more than 500 reports since 1993. But the peaceful demonstrations of hundreds of thousands of marchers and the earnest pro-life beliefs of millions of Americans are greeted with this media message: "You don't even exist."

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 1997. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 7, 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport, where they were greeted by thousands of screaming fans.

On this date:

In 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England.

In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1936, President Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1944, during World War II, the Germans launched a counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy.

In 1948, General Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff and was succeeded by General Omar Bradley.



Environmentalists go to extremes

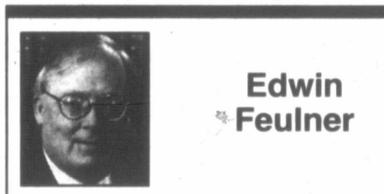
I got such a kick out of the following whimsical story, which talk-radio personality Brian Wilson retrieved from the Internet, that I just have to share it with you.

Now, before you read this, please bear in mind: My purpose in sharing it is not to suggest that responsible, sensible environmentalism isn't something we should strive for. On the contrary, that's the whole point: When environmentalists adopt extremist positions and use government to impose unreasonable restrictions based on unproven "dangers," like the Alar scare a few years ago, they invite public ridicule. In the long run, this hurts their cause, which is a perfectly reasonable one.

Anyway, here's the story:
"LONDON: Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) recently announced the discovery of a new fire-fighting agent to be used in conjunction with existing ones such as dry powder and BCF (bromine-chlorine-fluorine). Known as WATER, it is particularly suited for fires in buildings, timber yards and warehouses."

"Though required in large quantities, it is cheap to produce and can be stored in quantities of about a million gallons in urban areas and near other installations of high risk. BCF and dry powder are usually stored under pressure, but WATER will be stored in open ponds and reservoirs."

"Unfortunately, ICI's proposal already is encountering strong opposition from safety and environmental groups. Professor Connie Barriner has



Edwin Feulner

pointed out that if anyone immersed their head in a bucket of WATER, it could prove fatal in as little as three minutes. Each of ICI's proposed reservoirs would contain enough water to fill 500,000 buckets. As each bucket could easily be used a 100 times, there is enough water in one reservoir to kill the entire population of the United Kingdom. Risks of this size, said Barringer, should not be allowed, whatever the gain. If WATER were to get out of control, the incidents at Seveso or Bhopal would pale by comparison. What use was a firefighting agent that could kill people as well as put out fires?"

"One local official already has said he would strongly oppose granting permission for construction of a WATER reservoir in his area, unless the most stringent precautions were followed. Open pools were certainly not acceptable. What would prevent people falling in them? What would prevent the contents from leaking out? At the very least, WATER

would need to be contained in a steel pressure vessel surrounded by a concrete containment wall."

"A spokesman from the fire brigades said he did not see the need for the new agent. Dry powder and BCF could cope with most fires. The new agent would bring risks, particularly to firemen. Did we know what would happen when this new chemical was exposed to intense heat? Would it decompose into something even more dangerous?"

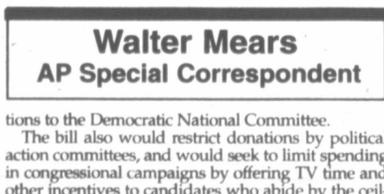
"An environmentalist group, Friends of the World, said it had obtained a sample of the new chemical WATER and found it caused clothes to shrink. If it did this to cotton, what would it do to humans?"

"In the House of Commons yesterday, the Home Secretary was asked if he would prohibit the manufacture and storage of this lethal new chemical. He replied that local authorities would have to take advice from the Health and Safety Executive before giving planning permission. A full investigation is planned by the Major Hazards Group ..."

Of course, the whole reason this satirical tale is funny is because the environmental movement has cried wolf a few too many times. Dire warnings of cancer if a rat eats enough saccharine to fill Hoover Dam are never going to be taken seriously by sensible people. And we've heard stories like this by now — not jokes, but serious situations affecting people's lives.

When jokes like this one no longer resonate, we'll stop repeating them.

Finance reform sure to set off fireworks



Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

tions to the Democratic National Committee. The bill also would restrict donations by political action committees, and would seek to limit spending in congressional campaigns by offering TV time and other incentives to candidates who abide by the ceilings.

Sen. Trent Lott, the majority leader, said he sees big problems with that bill, and that an attempt to push for action now would be premature. He said Congress should look into violations of existing laws before passing new ones.

While the Republicans raised and spent at least \$100 million more in the 1996 election campaigns, foreign-linked donations and White House enticements to contributors have forced the Democrats into a defensive stance.

And that is only the beginning, with a high-visibility Senate investigation coming up this spring. It will be focused on the Democratic disclosures, although the Republicans promise any campaign finance breaches on their side will be fair game too.

Republican Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee, chairman of the investigating panel, said calls for reform can't gloss over violations of existing laws. "If we do that, the reform debate will be cast in a totally partisan context and ensure that once again, campaign finance reform will be killed," Thompson told the Senate in outlining his plans.

Thompson is a co-sponsor of the bill Clinton

endorsed, but on his calendar, the investigation comes first. He didn't set a schedule for the public hearings that will put it all on television, but noted that in major investigations before, including Watergate, when he was GOP counsel, it took three or four months to prepare for that phase.

Clinton said Congress should act promptly on campaign finance reform. "You know and I know that delay will mean the death of reform," he said. "So let's set our own deadline ... July the Fourth."

That urgency was lacking until the late campaign disclosures of Democratic breaches. Clinton had recommended reform legislation in each of his State of the Union messages, but hadn't pressed it.

Republican critics said he's doing so now to change the subject and to cover Democratic tracks. Not that Republicans don't have their own to cover, given their fundraising advantages and the congressional majorities they will be campaigning to renew next year.

Urging reform, including a constitutional amendment that would permit Congress to impose campaign spending ceilings, Rep. Dick Gephardt, the House minority leader, cited 1996 House results.

But his numbers point to one of the obstacles to change.

Gephardt said that in the ten closest House elections won by Republicans, their margins totaled only about 9,700 votes. Republican candidates in those contests had fundraising advantages averaging \$372,000 over the Democrats, he said.

Had Democrats won those seats, they would control the House.

That is not a reform argument that is going to lure Republicans.

U.S. World War II fighter pilots want to restore French church's windows

By TOM WELLS
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — It was 52 years ago when Roy Blaha and seven other cocky fighter pilots spotted a German freight train stopped near Remy, a small town about 50 miles north of Paris.

What happened in the next few minutes has never been forgotten by the young World War II pilots or the people of Remy. Today, a group of the pilots, now in their 70s, are on one last mission for the village.

That sunny afternoon of Aug. 2, 1944, four of the

P-51 Mustangs stayed up high to keep a lookout for enemy planes. Four others peeled off and went down to blast away at the Germans, who were putting up a fierce defense about two months after the Allied landing at Normandy.

There was clearly something interesting inside the 18 boxcars parked in front of the tiny station near Remy, a town of about 2,000 people who had endured about five years under the control of the Nazis.

The train cars had tree branches draped over them in an attempt at camouflage.

Villagers' and farmers' eyes turned skyward as the P-51s roared over the edge of town, their guns chattering. The four planes came in one at a time, slamming the boxcars with half-inch-thick .50-caliber bullets.

On the fourth pass, the train exploded in a fireball. A mushroom cloud billowed thousands of feet high. A shock wave almost flipped over the four planes flying cover at 10,000 feet.

It wasn't just ammunition on the train, Army intelligence later determined, but perhaps nitroglycerine, maybe even warheads of rockets for firing at London.

The explosion killed about 400 Germans at the station and one of the P-51 pilots. A small boy a mile away also perished, impaled by a piece of iron from the explosion.

The explosion also blew out seven large, stained glass windows in the town's 700-year-old church. Those windows and the risks the townspeople took in recovering and hiding the American pilot's body are what keep that day vivid for the 364th Fighter Group's pilots.

That's also why the group is on its final mission — to replace the church windows. Blaha, in an interview from his rural home just south of Miami, calls it a debt of honor.

The glass isn't cheap. The pilots are seeking tax-free donations to raise \$200,000 for the Windows for Remy project. So far, they have raised \$70,000.

The stone church, St. Denis, has been the site of marriages, births, baptisms, confessions and burials of townspeople for seven centuries.

Blaha and his wife, Polly, went to Remy twice in 1995. On one of the visits the town organized a parade, flying the American flag that one of the town's women had made from bedspreads a few days before American troops marched into town. The flag has hung in the church for 52 years.

Blaha showed a visitor photos of the church with the plain glass windows installed just after the war. The windows look as though they are part of a modern hotel rather than a spiritual sanctuary.

At the end of the war, Remy was poor and didn't have money for restoration. It still doesn't.



(AP photo by Marta Lavandier)

Roy Blaha is seen at his home in Homestead, Fla., surrounded by photos taken during his World War II tour of duty.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Contributions may be sent to Windows For Remy, P.O. Box 376, Alamo, Calif., 94507 or P.O. Box 644, Linden, Calif., 95236. Telephone (510) 837-2683.

Slain girl's parents fight for new charge against accused

DETROIT (AP) — Al and Cookie Blatter hope to convince Dallas officials their daughter was raped before being killed in her apartment there last summer.

That way, Nikki Marie Blatter's accused killer, Kano Jamal Stevenson, could get the death penalty under Texas law if convicted. Now, Stevenson could get a life sentence and be eligible for parole in 30 years if convicted in her slaying.

"When a 22-year-old girl is found naked and beaten, I believe there has to be some kind of sexual crime committed there," said Al Blatter, Ms. Blatter's father and a prison guard supervisor for the Michigan Department of Corrections.

But first, the Homer couple must

convince the district attorney some 900 miles away to bring the additional charge.

They've told their story to reporters in Texas and Michigan. The publicity has resulted in a flurry of angry phone calls, letters and faxes to the attorney's office urging him to investigate the charge more thoroughly.

Dallas District Attorney Patrick Kerlin said Thursday that he could not comment on specifics of the case because the department is still investigating.

"The bottom line is yes, there is that interest. But if the evidence isn't there, it isn't there," he said.

The body of Ms. Blatter was found July 13 in the bedroom of her apartment in northeast Dallas, where she was spending the sum-

mer as an intern at Texas Instruments. The Michigan State University student was strangled and stabbed.

Blatter said that autopsy reports indicated his daughter was forced to perform oral sex before her murder. He said Ms. Blatter's nose was broken and her face beaten beyond recognition.

Blatter added that Kerlin has told him Ms. Blatter's blood was found on Stevenson's underwear when he was arrested four days after the slaying.

"This man is a convict. He has been convicted of forced sodomy," Blatter said. "They told me they believe my daughter was raped, but they tell me just because you believe it doesn't mean you can prove it."

Nation briefs

Betsy the lobster achieves celebrity status

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A 15-pound lobster named Betsy is out of hot water.

The crustacean was spared the lobster pot after a successful stint as a fund-raiser for an aquarium in Washington state, and she plans to spend retirement in Maine.

Caught off the Rhode Island coast, Betsy wound up being sold to Quality Food Center supermarket in Issaquah, Wash., and plopped in the seafood department.

Rather than being put up for sale, Betsy was used to raise money for the Seattle Aquarium. "She became sort of a community celebrity, and pretty soon people began asking what's going to happen to her," said David Tindall, a spokesman for the supermarket chain.

The supermarket decided to spare the lobster, estimated to be 25 years old. Betsy was scheduled to arrive in Maine today on a flight from Washington and be set free in protected waters.

"Any lobster that has made it this far deserves to be free," said Jen Simonson, seafood department manager at the Issaquah supermarket.

Ultimate fighting gives up battle in New York

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) — Head butting and choking are encouraged. Kicks outnumber punches. Bloody foreheads and intense pain are accepted and, in most cases, expected.

The Ultimate Fighting Championship is designed to find out who is the toughest of the tough. Promoters battled the wrong opponent — New York state — before eventually throwing in the towel.

Organizers of ultimate fighting succumbed to pressure from state lawmakers and a ruling from the courts Thursday. One day before a pay-per-view event was scheduled in Niagara Falls, promoters moved Friday's seven-fight card to Dothan, Ala.

Dothan City Manager Jerry Gwaltney said the city consulted with former ultimate fighting venues before deciding to accept the event.

Ultimate fighting combines martial arts, boxing, wrestling and street brawling. Whether it is a sport or organized human cockfights was fiercely debated in New York.

Killer of teen executed in Virginia

JARRATT, Va. (AP) — A man was executed by injection for abducting, sexually torturing and

killing a 15-year-old boy in 1990.

Michael Carl George, 39, was executed Thursday night at the Greensville Correctional Center for murdering Alexander Eugene Sztanko. The slaying came just four years after George was released from prison, where he had served time for killing an eight-year-old boy.

Alexander was abducted as he rode a motorcycle along a dirt trail in Woodbridge. After handcuffing the teen-ager to a tree, George sodomized him, used a stun gun to shock the boy's genitals and then shot him in the head with a handgun.

"It brings an end to a very tragic killing, but unfortunately probably will never bring closure for the family," said state Del. David G. Brickley, a witness to the execution.

Brickley's district includes the area where the boy was murdered.

George had pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and abduction in the May 1979 disappearance of Larry Perry, who lived near the trail where Alexander was killed.

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Plaintiffs say O.J.'s worth millions; defense contends he's flat-broke

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — What's in a tainted name? In O.J. Simpson's case, it all depends on the accountant.

Plaintiffs seeking punitive damages on top of the \$8.5 million they've won in compensatory damages said Thursday that Simpson is worth at least \$15.7 million, which includes \$2 million to \$3 million a year from signing autographs and writing another book.

The defense claimed that Tuesday's verdict left an already tapped-out Simpson \$9.3 million in the hole and argued that the jury should award the plaintiffs nothing in punitive damages.

"He can't pay his bills," Simpson's longtime business lawyer, Leroy "Skip" Taft, testified.

The punishment phase of the trial resumes today with more testimony from Taft and other Simpson money men, followed by another round of deliberations to determine a damage award to punish Simpson for two killings.

The same panel found Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994, knife slayings of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, and awarded the \$8.5 million to Goldman's parents as compensation for the loss of their son's companionship.

Now, the jury is considering whether to award punitive damages to Goldman's parents and to Ms. Simpson's heirs — the two children she had with Simpson.

This final phase of the trial began with the defense moving to throw out any claims for punitive damages on grounds that plaintiff estimates of Simpson's net worth were based on future earnings instead of current value. Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki denied the request.

Then, in opening remarks to jurors, lead defense lawyer Robert Baker said the verdict ruined Simpson and now he can make "absolutely nothing" from the sale of his personality and autographs.

"Those days are gone forever," Baker said.

The defense estimated Simpson's net worth at minus \$9,356,157 when the jury award is factored in.

Simpson still owes about \$1.5 million in litigation costs for his two trials, plus an additional \$1.3 million in what was listed as just civil costs, forensic accountant Neill Freeman testified.

Also, Simpson's custody battle for the two children cost him more than \$188,000, Baker disclosed.

The plaintiffs used many of the same figures to reach their \$15.7 million net-worth figure, with a major addition: an asset of \$24.9 million — the amount plaintiffs said Simpson's name and likeness is worth.

A plaintiff expert defined this as the amount of money a person would pay the 49-year-old Simpson now for the rights to his name and image for the rest of his life.

The killings, plaintiffs lawyers said, only enhanced Simpson's worth.

Lotto to offer 'lump sum' payments next week

AUSTIN (AP) — Lotto Texas winners get a new option for getting paid next week — a lump sum instead of annual installments.

Texas Lottery officials said Thursday that the new "cash value option" — a single payment equal to about half of the estimated lotto jackpot — takes effect Monday.

"Players have been asking the lottery for the choice to claim their jackpots immediately, in one lump sum, since Lotto Texas began four years ago. We're ready to give them that choice," said Karen Porter, lottery marketing director.

The first drawing where win-

ners could choose the new payment scheme will be held on Wednesday.

Leticia Vasquez, lottery spokeswoman, said the option will be available only for lotto drawings, the twice-weekly six-number drawings where jackpots have been starting at about \$4 million.

Under the new system, when players purchase lotto tickets, they also will make a choice for prize payment: lump sum or 25 annual payments.

Players who choose to claim their winnings in a lump sum will receive the single payment for about half the estimated jack-

pot. That's because about 50 percent of the each jackpot total comes from interest earned on annuities the lottery purchases for winners.

"Many people will wonder what happened to the 'other half,'" Ms. Porter said. "The 'other half' is the interest the players would have received if the lottery had invested that net present value and paid out the prize over 25 years."

A winner choosing annual installments gets that earned interest, which over time raises the total payout to that amount listed as the estimated jackpot.

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Lovett Memorial Library Staff Picks

Following are the Lovett Memorial Library selections for February as recommended by library staff members.

Hornet's Nest by Patricia Cornwell

The bestselling author of the popular Kay Scarpetta series now presents a wry and knowing novel of police procedures in Charlotte, North Carolina — and the ironic intersections of everyday lives. To walk the beat with such characters as Police Chief Judy Hammer, Deputy Chief Virginia West and Charlotte Observer reporter Andy Brazil is to learn the inner secrets of police work.

Blood and Honor by W.E.B. Griffin

The heroes of Griffin's bestselling *Honor Bound* return in an action-packed new novel. Threading their way carefully between Axis and Allied sympathizers, Marine aviator Cletus Frade, army demolitions expert Anthony Pelosi and the communications wizard David Ettinger are thrust into a lethal intrigue in 1943 Buenos Aires, as they attempt to sabotage shipment of money bound for Germany.

The Clinic by Jonathan Kellerman

On the heels of Jonathan Kellerman's eleventh consecutive New York Times best-seller, *The Web*, comes an Alex Delaware novel to rival his best. When the LAPD is stumped by the murder of the author of a scathing bestseller that bashes men, Detective Milo Sturgis brings in psychologist Alex Delaware to look behind the victim's public facade.

Drums of Autumn by Diana Gabaldon

From the bestselling author of *Outlander*, *Dragonfly in Amber* and *Voyager* comes the

exquisite fourth novel in the romantic, time-travel saga of Jamie Fraser and Claire Randall. 1767: On the eve of the American Revolution, Jamie and Claire land on the shores of Charleston to begin a new life. Jamie, determined to stay away from the rumblings of a war that is not his own, soon realizes that war spares no one — and that love is worth fighting for.

After Caroline by Kay Hooper

The highly acclaimed author of *Amanda* mesmerizes readers with a haunting, suspense-filled new tale. After a near-fatal accident, Joanna Flynn is plagued by strange dreams. When she is repeatedly mistaken for someone named "Caroline," Joanna travels to Oregon to try and unravel her connection to this mysterious woman and unearth the secrets of her life.

A Reporter's Life by Walter Cronkite

A self-portrait of the life of Walter Cronkite chronicles his 60-year journalistic career as a witness to the Great Depression, several wars and the major events of the Twentieth Century. The memoirs describe his childhood in Kansas City and Houston, his service as a war correspondent for the United Press, his plunge into television when it was still an infant industry and his rise to anchorman of *The CBS Evening News*. Additional sections are devoted to Cronkite's views on politics, the future of television and the broadcasting industry.

Fitness for Life by Marilyn Diamond

Fitness is a high-energy lifestyle program which creates a balance of mind, body and spirit for optimum health. Now, Marilyn Diamond, co-author of the phenomenal best-seller *Fit for Life*, and her partner Dr. Donald

Burton Schnell present the facts behind this revolutionary new health movement.

Dr. Rosenfeld's Guide to Alternative Medicine by Isadore Rosenfeld

In his latest book, Dr. Rosenfeld reviews over 30 alternative therapies and rates their credibility and effectiveness. With his trademark wit and erudition, this esteemed M.D. from the medical orthodoxy guides readers in getting the most from alternative medicine.

Other New Fiction Books

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Baldacci — *Total Control*
Brown — *Hawk O'Tooles Hostage*
Robards — *Heartbreaker*
Guest — *Erands*
McMurtry — *Zeke and Ned*
Robbins — *Tycoon*
Dorris — *Cloud Chamber*
Hylton — *Melissa*
Steel — *Silent Honor*
McNaught — *Remember When*

Other New Non-Fiction Books

Chopra — *The Path to Love*
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Beers — *Blue Sky Dream*
Hirsch — *The Schools We Need and Why We Don't Have Them*
Garber — *Dog Love*
Crawford — *Cindy Crawford's Basic Face*
Eisenhower — *Mrs. Ike*
Ellory — *My Dark Places*
Smith — *Reflected Glory, the Life of Pamela Churchill*
Delany — *On My Own at 107*

Doctors reroute blood to circumvent strokes

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — In a daring experiment, doctors are saving stroke victims by reversing the plumbing of the body's circulatory system, using veins to carry blood backward to oxygen-starved parts of the brain.

So far, doctors from UCLA Medical Center have tried the approach on six patients. Four have had virtually complete recoveries, escaping probable paralysis, while the other two were unchanged.

"There is a lot of excitement from our point of view, and the patients are ecstatic," said Dr. John G. Frazee, a neurosurgeon who developed the procedure.

Frazee described his experiment Wednesday night at the 22nd International Joint Conference on Stroke and Cerebral Circulation. He and colleagues worked on the procedure — retrograde transvenous neuroperfusion — for eight years on baboons before attempting it on people.

Frazee intends to try it on four other patients, and if the results continue to look good, the experiment will probably be expanded to other medical centers.

About 500,000 Americans suffer strokes annually, and about 150,000 die. Many survivors are disabled, often paralyzed and unable to speak or think as before.

About 80 percent of strokes occur when a blood clot lodges in one of the arteries that carry

blood through the brain. Unless the clot quickly breaks up by itself, or doctors administer a clot-dissolving drug, brain cells are starved of oxygen and nutrients and begin to die.

Ordinarily, veins carry used blood from the brain back to the heart, where it's loaded with oxygen again and put back into the arteries. Frazee's idea was to reverse the flow, bypassing the blocked artery by using veins to carry oxygen-rich blood back up to the brain and feed the area cut off by the clot.

"The front door to the brain is blocked by a clot," Frazee said. "We decided to use the back door."

An external pump pushes blood from an artery in the groin through a tube to large veins in the neck. From there, catheters are threaded through the veins to the back of the head. Finally, the catheters empty blood into the veins, which carry it throughout the brain.

The veins give the entire brain a fresh blood supply, Frazee said, but blood is especially drawn to areas where there is not enough because of a clot.

Doctors begin the procedure up to seven hours after a stroke starts, and they keep the blood circulating backward this way for several hours, if necessary. By then, Frazee said, the clot usually dissolves by itself or is washed away by the pressure of the reverse-flowing blood.

Lawmakers opt to oust 'el loco' Abdala Bucaram

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Congress voted Thursday to remove President Abdala Bucaram for "mental incapacity," exasperated by a six-month stint in office in which the president sang and pulled political stunts while Ecuador fell into economic crisis.

Congress voted 44-34 to oust Bucaram, with two congressmen abstaining. Bucaram, a showman who cheerfully referred to himself as "El Loco," called the vote on his mental incompetence a "coup by Congress" and said he would not recognize it.

"The national government condemns this attitude," he said.

Congress named its leader, Fabian Alarcon, as interim president pending new presidential elections within a year.

"With my life I will enforce the resolution taken tonight by this National Congress," Alarcon said after taking the oath of office.

Minutes after the vote, caravans of honking cars roared down the main avenues of Quito, celebrating the vote to dismiss Bucaram.

Heinz Moeller, a member of the opposition Social Christian Party, said it was the security forces' responsibility to carry out the congressional decision if Bucaram refused to step down.

As the session opened, the army called on national authorities to use "dialogue and cooperation" to resolve the political crisis.

Helmeted police armed with assault rifles kept dozens of protesters chanting "Victory of the people!" from approaching the national palace, which was protected by rolls of barbed wire. Officers said the military command had ordered the troops to take up position to guarantee order.

Juan Jose Illingworth, an independent congressman who voted against Bucaram's ouster, said the vote had created a "dangerous" situation.

The debate comes on the heels of a nationwide strike Wednesday in which up to two million people marched through the streets of this Colorado-sized South American country demanding the ouster of a leader they call corrupt and incompetent.

In his third television address to the nation in as many days Thursday, Bucaram (pronounced boo-kah-RAHM) said he would seek every legal recourse to stay in power.

"We are on the verge of a very dangerous confrontation that we must avoid," he said.

He told reporters later that the government will "vigorously apply the Constitution and the law to legally identify those trying to carry out a coup by Congress."

Opposition lawmaker Cesar Verduga called Bucaram's remarks a "veiled totalitarian threat."

Susan McDougal claims husband is lying about Clinton

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — In an attempt to reduce his prison term, James McDougal is planning to lie to Whitewater prosecutors and say President Clinton met with him about improper loans, McDougal's ex-wife said. "He told me he was going to lie, and he wants me to lie too," Susan McDougal said in an interview published Thursday in the *Arkansas Times*. Mrs. McDougal said her former husband is hoping to get a break from the 84 years in prison he faces for his fraud and conspiracy conviction last May. She was also convicted in the probe. Investigators of the failed land deal have been talking to McDougal to determine if anyone else committed crimes.

On Thursday, Whitewater prosecutors were granted a delay in McDougal's sentencing from Feb. 24 to April 14. Mrs. McDougal said her former husband will lie and tell prosecutors that President Clinton met with him and banker David Hale in 1986 to discuss getting an improper loan.

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Newsmakers

CLARENDON — Clarendon College's Iota Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently welcomed 46 honor students into its membership ranks. Among students inducted into the PTK were Lisa McCoy and Nadia Jouridova, both of Pampa; Trishelle Miller and Steven Browning, both of Miami; Marketta Schnelle of White Deer; and Holly Jasper of McLean.

A national honor society for junior colleges, PTK elects members on the basis of grade point average and course credit earned. Clarendon College PTK members are required to maintain a 3.0 GPA.

CC is a two year public college with an enrollment of 800 students. Currently, CC offers 35 majors and five workforce education programs at its campuses in Clarendon, Pampa, Childress, Wellington and Shamrock. One of the oldest institutes of higher education in the Texas Panhandle, CC will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1998.

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University recently awarded more than 1,600 degrees to students during 1996 fall commencement ceremonies. Keynote speaker at the ceremonies was Queen Noor of Jordan.

Among the Texas Tech graduates were: Stephen Emery Hawkins and Stephanie Cheryl Dietz Lyle, both receiving bachelor of business administration degrees, and John Henry Watson, receiving a doctor of education degree, all from Pampa.

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University recently announced its President's and Dean's list honor rolls for the fall 1996 semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in twelve or more semester hours. Among students named to the President's List

were: Christie Ann Jones, Joyce Etta Osborne, and Brian Steven Phelps, all of Pampa.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher while enrolled in twelve or more semester hours. Among students named to the Dean's List were: Cullen Lee Allen, Christopher Dean Burger, Phillips Brooks Gentry IV, Stephen Emery Hawkins, Laura Jaye Johnson, John Trey McCavit, Jason Wayne Soukup and Darin Lane Wyatt, all of Pampa.

NACOGDOCHES — Velton Lee Cummings, a Pampa High School graduate, was among students graduating from Stephen F. Austin State University during fall commencement.

Cummings received a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology.



(Special photo)

Micah Brooks featured with Dr. W. A. Griffin, Jr., president, and Julia Kasch, division chair.

Frank Phillips honors area students

BORGER — Micah Brooks, son of Neil and Jinlyn Brooks of Pampa, and Jaylene Watkins, daughter of Jesse and Judith Watkins of McLean, were among Frank Phillips' January 1997 Students of the Month.

Brooks is a former music major turned economics major at Frank Phillips. This sophomore enjoys playing the piano and classical music and is particularly fond of reading George Will's editorials. He plans to transfer to the University of Austin to

further pursue an academic degree in economics.

Watkins is a freshman agriculture communications major. She is the recipient of a livestock judging scholarship and a dorm scholarship and is involved in numerous activities on campus. She is a member of the 1996-97 livestock judging team, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and is the secretary of the music club and serves as the regional bulletin advisor of the student government association.

WACO — Baylor University recently announced its Dean's Academic Honor List.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, an undergraduate must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.7 while enrolled in twelve or more semester hours. Among students named to the list was Jennifer Lauren Mays of Pampa.

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Jets buzz charter craft in restricted airspace

By DONNA DE LA CRUZ
Associated Press Writer

Did a commercial jet fly without permission into restricted military airspace off Atlantic City, N.J., or did two F-16 pilots take their war games a little too far?

The military and the Federal Aviation Administration are investigating why the National Guard fighter jets flew close enough to a Nations Air Boeing 727 to set off alarms and spook the pilot, who dived 4,000 feet, then climbed sharply, fearing a collision.

Two flight attendants and a passenger returning from the bathroom were thrown to the floor.

The charter flight carrying 77 passengers and seven crew members from San Juan, Puerto Rico, landed as scheduled Wednesday afternoon at New York's Kennedy International Airport, where the pilot reported the encounter.

"There's two reasons why this happened," Nations Air President Mark McDonald told The Associated Press on Thursday. "Either the pilots screwed up or they were playing games with our airplane and they got caught."

But the New Jersey Air National Guard says the jet was never in danger and the F-16 pilots simply were checking on an unidentified plane about 70 miles off the coast.

"They found an unidentified aircraft in the airspace and moved in to make identification," said Lt. Col. John Dwyer of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Both the National Guard and Nations Air, a small, struggling airline based in Atlanta, said they had received permission to fly through the airspace, and each side was blaming the other.

"The military was in error and if they're making any claims contrary to that, I'll challenge them on it," McDonald said.



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Religion

Mardi Gras should not be an excuse to sin for quick repentance

By DONALD FORD Wheeler

I have heard it said, "Mardi Gras is simply a time to have some fun, and it doesn't really hurt anyone. Why do you want to be such a killjoy?"

Mardi Gras is a season of the year which begins on Jan. 6, and ends on Shrove (Fat) Tuesday — Mardi Gras day. "Fat" Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, which begins the 45 (some say 40) days of Lent, which ends on the eve of Easter.

Under the Mosaic Law, the eating of fat was forbidden to those who followed Jehovah as their God. Those who truly desired to please God followed all the Law, to the best of their ability, from one Day of Atonement to the next, when the sins of the nation would be purged through blood sacrifice.

Others of the Jews, however, those who served God only as a matter of religious form, whose real God was their carnal desires, had a different concept of life. They would follow the Law as a matter of social custom, as long as it served their purpose (and to keep from getting stoned), but behind closed doors it was a different story. Eating fat was one of those "acceptable" sins that believers "should have been able to get by with." After all, "Just a little sin won't hurt," or "Just watching others sin can't harm me." They really believed there was a God, but that they could "outsmart" him. Other less restrained Jews would wait until the eve of the Day of Atonement to go on a gluttonous sinful binge, thinking they also could "skate by."

The same mentality is prevalent today. There are still those who "serve" God only as a matter of religious form. These include the ones who wait until just before Lent to do their greatest sin, thinking they too will skate by, "unnoticed" by God, because their repentance follows so quickly behind their sin.

I have no problem with the truly Christian spiritual aspects of Catholicism and the observance of Lent. In New Testament times, because of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, the number 40 took great significance. Thus, the 40 day season of Lent was initiated, by true believers, as a period of spiritual

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discipline and renewal. This renewal was in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, at Easter.

At least in the early days of the Faith, Lent was a process and time of self-conditioning in the weeks before Easter when candidates for baptism fasted and received religious instruction. On the eve of Easter, only after this period of innerpection, repentant Christians were accepted back into the Faith. Mardi Gras season (and day) should be a time of self-examination, as should every day for the Christian, instead of being a time of seduction into pagan ritual and gluttonous behavior.

Some people seem to be of the opinion that they need to sin abundantly today so they will have something to repent of next Holy day. I don't think a lack of something to repent of is our problem. Many years ago, Mardi Gras degenerated into a socially acceptable time to sin: much like Saturday night, Halloween, Spring Break, graduation, when no one is watching, etc. How many people die during their season of revelry, without any time to repent? I say it is more than we care to think about.

Prostitution is defined: The act of practice of using one's body, honor, talents, or other gifts in a base way ... for money, goods, or favor. *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* recently aired a segment showing scenes from New Orleans during Mardi Gras. In the segment, females were shown (certain body parts blacked out) baring themselves to receive gaudy bead necklaces in reward from whoresomgers. This is blatant prostitution, even if sexual "favors" were not exchanged. *The Tonight Show* promoted this ritual through the encouragement and participation of their flunky with the microphone.

A travelogue I saw, on New Orleans and Mardi Gras, displayed a picture of the king of Mardi Gras, "King of Rex," riding on his crown float in the Mardi Gras parade. This is the greatest perversion of the whole Mardi Gras extravaganza.

In every book-of-names I have checked, the Latin name "Rex" is always defined as meaning "King." Therefore, the designation "King of Rex," means, KING OF KINGS. Coming at the focal point of the whole Mardi Gras orgy, this float, with its "king," is a giant slap in the face of God. To depict the King of Kings (truly Jesus Christ) participating in this type of display and behavior is one of the most ANTICHRIST exhibits and perversions accomplished. This even outdoes the picture of "Jesus on the cross, submerged in a container of urine," sponsored and encouraged by the National Endowment for the Arts and displayed in "art" galleries. In my opinion, this "Rex" is an acronym for Repulsive, Excesses and X-gender.

Many people seem to think, "I'll have my fun today and repent in the dull tomorrow." Repentance is not feeling sorry for what you did, sorry that you got caught or sorry that you got sick as a result of your act. Repentance is not about "feeling sorry" at all.

It is not possible to plan to do something that is truly spontaneous; therefore, it is impossible for true repentance to be planned for a future time. Repentance is a spontaneous act which occurs when the Holy Spirit is finally allowed to have contact with our mind. During and after this contact we make the conscious decision to accept, and continue to accept, the Truth and Wisdom of his counsel and to irrevocably change our way.

Aside from their spiritual ignorance, how genuine can a person's repentance be if they continue to go back to the same hog trough time and time again, and "repent" afterward? The ability to truly repent is a great blessing given by God, but its religious counterfeit is a curse of curses perpetrated by the Enemy of God. What is the quality of the repentance that disappears after Easter, the Holy days or any day?

It is not my intent to condemn the people who participate in Mardi Gras, but to focus on the display of lewd behavior. As the apostle Paul said in Romans 6:1-6 (NIV):

"What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't

you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

"If we have been united with him in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, that we should no longer be slaves to sin."

It takes a twisted form of logic to make a "rational" decision to participate in perverted behavior, and a righteous commemoration at virtually the same time; and expect no negative spiritual impact. The logic is, that those who participate in the perversion known as Mardi Gras are either spiritually dead or severely wounded, and the righteous aspect of the season means nothing more to them than blank-minded religion.

My responsibility is to love the sinner, no matter how hard it may be at times, while hating the sin in which they participate. I urge everyone to indulge in fasting, prayer and self-examination with the help of the Holy Spirit; and refrain from indulging in "... the pleasures of sin for a season." (Heb. 11:25, KJV)

We, as Christians, are a chosen and blessed people. Galatians 1:15-16 says, "God called us by his Grace ... to reveal his Son in us." In this light, should we, in collaboration with the ignorant masses, pervert the vision of Christ by participating in Mardi Gras?

People, even other Christians, desire to see someone who is more truly righteous than the world around them. This gives them a fresh perspective and point of reference. What point of reference are we establishing? Should we, as Christians, compromise Christianity, and our own spiritual integrity, in order to have "fun," or to keep from being branded a prude?

We make a statement of what we truly believe by what we say, what we do and where we go. I will ask the question as Jesus did in Mark 8:29 - Jesus, who does your [my] statement say that he is?

Religion briefs

PAMPA — Calvary Baptist Church invites area residents and the loves of their life to the "Evening Under the Stars" Valentine's banquet at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Cost of the catered meal is \$22 per couple, or \$11 for singles. Reservations and payment should be made at the church office by Monday, Feb. 10.

In celebration of The Year of the Man, the banquet is sponsored by the men of Calvary Baptist Church.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Gary Manning, professor of religion and religious education at Wayland Baptist University.

Dr. Manning is a graduate of Howard Payne University. He received his master's of religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1972. He has written lessons for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. He was one of the editorial team and an author of one of the chapters of the 1996 publication, *Baptists: History, Distinctives, Relationships*.

For more information or to make reservations, call the Calvary Baptist Church office at 665-0842.

1700 Alcock, will hold its monthly Gospel Sing on Sunday, Feb. 9, from 2-4 p.m.

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GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — A retired minister has some advice for the first female bishop in the United Methodist Church's Southeastern region:

Learn to say no. "Impossible demands are made on a bishop," says Caxton Doggett, who gave Charlene Kammerer her first pastoral post more than 20 years ago in Jacksonville, Fla. "Everyone wants your time, and Charlene is the type that wants to give time to everyone. She needs to tell them 'no.'"

Kammerer, 49, became responsible for 1,152 churches when she was elected in July to oversee the United Methodists' Western North Carolina Conference, one of the largest in the nation.

If she was late getting the post — it took her 20 years — it's not her fault, she says.

"It certainly isn't because women weren't ready," Kammerer says. "The church wasn't ready to break the barrier."

Kammerer grew up in Winter Garden, Fla., and, after graduating from Garrett Seminary in Evanston, Ill., returned to Florida to seek a ministerial position in a church.

In 1975, she became Doggett's associate minister at Arlington United Methodist Church in Jacksonville.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Gov. Fob James promised full defiance of an attempt by the American Civil Liberties Union to remove prayer and the Ten Commandments from an Alabama courtroom.

James told a Baptist gathering Wednesday he would use state troopers and the National Guard to stop anyone trying to remove prayer and a religious display from Circuit Judge Roy Moore's courtroom.

"The only way those Ten Commandments and prayer would be stripped from that courtroom is with the force of arms," he said.

PAMPA — The St. Mark CME Church, 406 W. Elm, invites the public to attend a special Black History Program on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 3 p.m.

The Rev. I.L. Patrick, pastor of the Macedonia Church of Pampa, will be the guest speaker.

A combined choir will present the music. A rehearsal is set for today at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's CME Church.

A soul-food dinner will be served directly after the program at the Southside Senior Citizen's Center, 438 Crawford. Information also will be available on forming a Pampa chapter of NAACP.

SKELLYTOWN — The Rev. Nancy James will be preaching in special services from Monday, Feb. 10, through Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. each evening at the Skellytown First Assembly of God, 411 Chamberlain (5th and Chamberlain).

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First Presbyterian Church to serve as host for Lenten meditations series, luncheons

The First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray in Pampa, is host for this year's Lenten meditations at 12 noon, beginning with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 12, and continuing each Wednesday at noon through March 19.

The Rev. Ed Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Jake Clemmens, rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, will officiate at the Lenten meditations sessions.

Ash Wednesday on Feb. 12

will be observed at St. Matthew's Church, 727 W. Browning, with the imposition of ashes at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., with noon meditations at the First Presbyterian Church, followed by a light meal.

The Presbyterian Church will continue to host the 12 noon meditations during Lent, followed by the luncheon on subsequent Wednesdays: Feb. 19 and 26 and March 5, 12 and 19.

Hostesses for the luncheon

on Ash Wednesday are Peggy David, Phyllis Curtis and Sue Reddell.

Hostesses for subsequent Lenten meditations luncheons include: Faye Nichols and Helen Wilson, Feb. 19; Glenna Lea Miller, Laura Clemmens and Katherine Reeve, Feb. 26; Elaine Whitsell and Ruth Lunsford, March 5; Holly Burger, Greta Arrington and Flo Quattlebaum, March 12; and Betty Hallerberg and Elaine Whitsell, March 19.



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Men Married To Television Turn Wives Into Widows

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Driven to Distraction," whose longtime boyfriend was a television nut, I had to write. Believe me, I know how she feels. I was married twice, and both of my husbands were addicted to television. Both tuned me out for that busy box.

My first husband didn't even care what was on. He just needed the picture and the noise. He said they helped him "unwind."

My second husband bought the largest set he could find and turned the volume up as loud as it would go. A bomb could have gone off in the room and it wouldn't have distracted him.

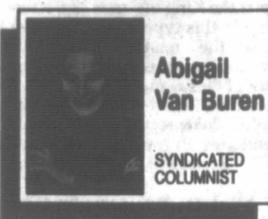
Once, I even stood next to the TV stark naked. He gave me a quick glance, then turned his head and went back to watching TV.

Please tell "Driven to Distraction" she had better think long and hard before she marries a man who is already married to television.

Please don't use my name or the initials of the town I live in. This is a small town and everybody knows me. Sign me...

-EX-TELEVISION WIDOW

DEAR EX-WIDOW: If it's any comfort to you, I received letters from many other "television widows" singing your song. Television can be the subtle thief of precious time — and he or she who falls into the lazy habit of watching just anything that moves is destined to



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

become an intellectual pauper.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing regarding the letter from the lady in her 70s who had been victimized by telephone scams and had ended up broke and in debt, not daring to tell her husband.

You told her to tell the Mr. because "two heads are better than one in a crisis." You should know that senior citizens have available more "heads" than just their own. Because of the number of older victims in so many different scams, there are ombudsmen in most (if not all) states who will give assistance or put these people in touch with those who can help them.

One of the services available in our area is free legal assistance, which this lady could use. It appears that not very many people, elderly or otherwise, are aware of the various kinds of services that are out there. The only way I became aware is through volunteer work

that I do at a local senior center. Our ombudsman follows up on all kinds of abuse claims and counsels on any matter that may be beyond the capability of people like the lady who wrote to you.

Tell your senior readers to find out where their closest senior center is and what services they offer. They do a lot more than provide hot lunches.

EVELYN TANNER, KAYSVILLE, UTAH

DEAR MS. TANNER: Thank you for a valuable addition to this column.

DEAR ABBY: The letter you printed from Dr. Davidson about medical treatment for what he called "social phobia," characterized by fear of humiliation/embarrassment in front of others, took me back to the time I was 14 years old in a Catholic boarding school.

I was very shy, and the sisters suggested I take a course in drama. This required me to stand in front of the class and recite poetry. I could feel my cheeks burning each time I had to perform.

Finally, I confided in my teacher about my embarrassment at blushing. I still remember her response — after 60 years!

"Annette, there are thousands of women out there who would give anything to be able to blush. Besides, it's very good for the complexion!" That worked!

ANNETTE DOYLE, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CALIF.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 9, 1997

Last year's experiences can be put to good use in the year ahead. You will not repeat past mistakes, and you will not let opportunities pass you by again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Plan a full agenda today, because you will need continuous activity in order to feel fulfilled. This feeling will continue into the evening. Aquarius, treat yourself to a

birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Remain alert today, because financial opportunities might come from several sources simultaneously.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you will have the ability to find people who will help you achieve your most important goals. Leave no stone unturned.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you want to be the center of attention today, act friendly, but keep your distance. Members of the opposite sex will find you attractive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can live up to your expectations if you try to remain enthusiastic. Do not underestimate the power of positive thinking.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your luck will be proportionate to the rewards you anticipate. If the stakes are high, you will have a good chance of winning.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you will have the ability to bring divergent interests together in a manner that will benefit everyone concerned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The promise of a material reward will stimulate your creativity today. You could be particularly lucky in regard to group projects.

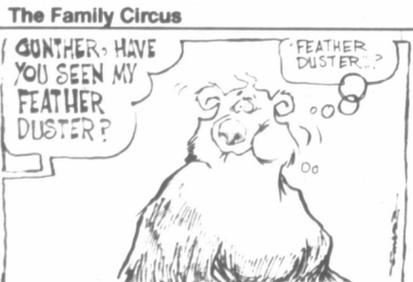
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not forget to include old friends when making social plans today. The old group will get along well with your newer acquaintances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If there is someone you would like to impress because you may need his help soon, invite this individual to lunch or dinner today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, try to participate in activities that will enable you to use your body and your mind. A competitive, social sport will be best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Commercial trends will continue to move in your favor again today, especially in regard to projects you have already started.

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Notebook

BASKETBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Don Nelson, the sixth-winningest coach in NBA history and recently voted one of the league's 10 best all-time coaches, was hired as general manager today by the Dallas Mavericks.

Nelson replaced Keith Grant, who resigned on Oct. 17.

Nelson was interviewed last week in Hawaii by interim general manager Frank Zaccanelli, who said "we need a first-class, top-notch basketball guy to be in charge."

Nelson was interviewed for two days in Dallas this week and reportedly will receive a five-year contract for some \$7.5 million.

Zaccanelli said Nelson has the "capabilities and the background" to be the one who leads the Mavs out of the NBA wilderness.

Nelson was fired last March by the New York Knicks and spent his time since then relaxing at his home in Hawaii.

He was the general manager for Golden State from 1988-1995. Nelson has 19 years experience as an NBA head coach and served as vice president of the Milwaukee Bucks from 1976-87.

SOCCER

LONDON (AP) — European soccer's governing body backed down today and said England could go ahead with its bid for the 2006 World Cup after all.

After three hours of talks with English Football Association officials in London, UEFA general secretary Gerhard Aigner said the organization would listen to presentations from both England and Germany on their rival bids in April.

Aigner stressed that UEFA remains adamant that Europe puts forward only one candidate to FIFA to stage the finals.

FA officials said they were satisfied with the compromise agreement.

"We go forward in a spirit of co-operation and hopefulness," FA spokesman David Davies said.

The FA had reacted with outrage last week after UEFA said it was endorsing Germany's bid and suggested England drop out of the race.

Germany announced in 1993 that it would bid for the World Cup, while England decided to mount its own bid after the successful staging of last summer's Euro 96 championship.

BASEBALL

HERMOSILLO, Mexico (AP) — Jose Malave homered as Venezuela rapped 20 hits and beat Puerto Rico 14-7 Thursday night in the Caribbean Series.

Later Thursday, Alex Arias scored two other teammates on a fifth-inning homer to lead the Dominican Republic to a 9-6 victory over defending champion Mexico.

In the earlier game, Rudy Abad, Eddy Diaz and Armando Rios also homered for Venezuela. Roberto Alomar homered for Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico and Venezuela, each 2-1, are now tied for first place in the four-team round robin. Mexico and the Dominican Republic are in second, each 1-2 in the annual championship, which runs through Sunday.

Alomar hit a solo homer in the first inning for a 1-0 lead. Venezuela trailed 4-3 before scoring four runs in the sixth and five times in the seventh.

Winner Juan Carlos Pulido pitched five innings, allowing seven hits and four runs. Rafael Montalvo was the loser, giving up seven runs and 11 hits in 5 2-3 innings.

In the night game, Arias' homer highlighted a five-run fifth-inning for the Dominican Republic that also included two RBIs off a Tony Batista single. The inning was key to the team's victory.

Mexico's scoring was highlighted by three runs in the second and a solo homer in the third and eighth innings by Luis Carlos Garcia and Eduardo Jimenez respectively.

Angry Mason makes Sacramento Kings pay

By BOB GREENE
AP Sports Writer

Anthony Mason felt slighted. The Sacramento Kings felt the anger.

Mason, having his best season in the NBA in his first year at Charlotte, is angry for being bypassed for this weekend's All-Star game in Cleveland.

"It's just a sign of great disrespect for Anthony Mason as a basketball player," Mason said. "I have no more respect for whoever is responsible for the choices. All I'm going to do is come out and play hard for the Charlotte Hornets."

He did just that Thursday night, setting a club record by making all eight of his field-goal attempts as the surging Hornets defeated Sacramento 115-100. Mason, who also sank all six free throws, finished with 22 points, six rebounds and four assists to lead the Hornets to their seventh consecutive victory over the Kings in Charlotte.

"He doesn't talk about it with us, but you can see that Mase has definitely been snubbed for the All-Star game," said Charlotte forward Glen Rice, who was named to the All-Star squad for the second straight year. "It's just a shame that he didn't get picked. He deserves to be there."

In other NBA games, it was Orlando 119, Boston 111; Miami 102, Milwaukee 90; Minnesota 103, Vancouver 86; New Jersey 100, Indiana 104; Detroit 96, Houston 87; and New York 96, San Antonio 84.

Mason, on track to set new highs in virtually every statistical category this year, broke Charlotte's single-game record for the most field goals without a miss. The old mark was six by Eric Leckner in a February 1991 contest against Miami.

The victory was Charlotte's fourth straight and 11th in 14 games as the Hornets recorded their second-largest margin of victory this season and improved to 10 games over the .500 mark heading into the All-Star break.

"This was a pretty special ending for the run we've had," coach Dave Cowens said. "These guys are amazing."

Mitch Richmond led Sacramento with 37 points.

Knicks 96, Spurs 84

At New York, Allan Houston scored 22 points and Larry Johnson had 20 in New York's easy win over San Antonio. It was the Spurs' sixth straight loss.

Dominique Wilkins scored 19 points to lead the Spurs.

New York played its fourth straight

game without its injured All-Star center Thursday night, and although the competition was the overmatched San Antonio Spurs, the Knicks saw some positives in a 96-84 victory.

Allan Houston scored 22 points, Larry Johnson 20 and Buck Williams grabbed 19 rebounds as the Knicks entered the All-Star break with their third win in four games without Ewing.

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Terry Mills scored 14 of his 16 points in the second quarter and Detroit easily beat slumping Houston.

Playing without Clyde Drexler and Charles Barkley, the Rockets have now lost six straight, while the Pistons have won six of seven.

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 18 points, but was held to just three rebounds.

Timberwolves 103, Grizzlies 86

At Minneapolis, James Robinson hit four consecutive 3-pointers and scored 14 consecutive third-quarter points in Minnesota's victory.

The Grizzlies led 46-44 at the half, but Robinson outscored the entire Vancouver team 14-13 in the third quarter. Robinson, 4-of-5 from 3-point range, finished with 16

points, while Kevin Garnett led Minnesota with 18.

Vancouver's Anthony Peeler scored 24.

Heat 102, Bucks 90

At Miami, Voshon Lenard scored 38 points, his second career-high total in two nights, as the Heat beat Milwaukee for the 16th straight time.

Lenard's performance, including six 3-pointers, followed a 28-point effort Wednesday night in Miami's victory at Boston.

Johnny Newman led Milwaukee with 26 points.

Magic 119, Celtics 111

At Orlando, Rony Seikaly scored 27 of his 32 points in the first half, and the Magic survived poor foul shooting down the stretch to gain their fifth straight win.

Penny Hardaway had 25 points and 10 assists, and Nick Anderson added 22 for Orlando, while Rick Fox paced Boston with 30 points.

Pacers 104, Nets 100

At East Rutherford, Rik Smits hit a go-ahead layup with 1:32 to play and Indiana sank 14 of 15 free throws in the fourth quarter to beat New Jersey.

Reggie Miller paced the Pacers with 26 points, while Jayson Williams had 21 points and 20 rebounds for New Jersey.

NBA All-Stars

Roster for the 1997 NBA All-Star Game to be played in Cleveland February 9. The East has won 29 of the past 46 All-Star games.



Eastern Conference

Players	Pos.	Team
Vin Baker	F	Milwaukee
Terrill Brandon	G	Cleveland
x-Patrick Ewing	C	New York
y-Penny Hardaway	G	Orlando
Tim Hardaway	G	Miami
x-Grant Hill	F	Detroit
x-Michael Jordan	G	Chicago
Christian Laettner	F	Atlanta
Alonzo Mourning	C	Miami
Dikembe Mutombo	C	Atlanta
x-Scottie Pippen	F	Chicago
Glen Rice	F-G	Charlotte
y-Chris Webber	F	Washington

x-starter
y-injury replacement
z-will not play due to injury

Western Conference

Players	Pos.	Team
x-Charles Barkley	F	Houston
z-Clyde Drexler	G	Houston
y-Kevin Garnett	F	Minnesota
y-Chris Gatling	F-C	Dallas
Tom Gugliotta	F	Minnesota
Eddie Jones	G-F	L.A. Lakers
x-Shawn Kemp	F	Seattle
Karl Malone	F	Utah
x-Hakeem Olajuwon	C	Houston
z-Shaunille O'Neal	C	L.A. Lakers
x-Gary Payton	G	Seattle
Mitch Richmond	G	Sacramento
y-Detlef Schrempf	F	Seattle
Latrell Sprewell	G	Golden State
x-John Stockton	G	Utah

The NBA All-Star basketball game will be broadcast Sunday over Channel 4, KAMR-TV, with the pre-game show starting at 5 p.m.

Tagliabue plans hearing on deal with Bill Parcels

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul Tagliabue will hold a hearing next week on Bill Parcels' agreement to become a New York Jets consultant. Unless, of course, the NFL commissioner can settle the matter behind the scenes before then.

Tagliabue ruled last week that Parcels, whose New England Patriots lost to Green Bay in the Super Bowl, could not coach or serve in a comparable position for any other NFL team in 1997 without the Patriots' permission.

Parcels resigned as coach of the Patriots last Friday, then signed on as a consultant with the Jets on Tuesday. He is scheduled to take over as their coach and chief of football operations on Feb. 1, 1998, when he is free to do so under Tagliabue's ruling.

New England appealed to the commissioner to void the consulting deal, calling it a "transparent farce." Tagliabue has been in Hawaii, San Diego and Indianapolis this week on other matters, and will deal with the Parcels mess either Monday or Tuesday.

But a league source said Tagliabue "can be expected" to work on an agreement before having to render a decision on the consulting matter. One of his strengths as commissioner has been getting apparently intransi-

gent sides to reach accords, even when the lines of communication have been cut.

The Jets adamantly refuse to part with the top overall pick in April's draft, which the Patriots want as compensation for allowing Parcels to coach this year.

Although WBZ-TV in Boston reported Thursday that the Jets offered the Patriots second-round draft picks in 1997 and 1998 to allow Parcels to coach in 1997 — and Pats owner Robert Kraft refused, the station said — a source close to the situation said there has been no significant dialogue between the teams since Tuesday.

The Patriots denied that such an offer was received, according to WBZ. The Jets did not comment.

WBZ, citing a source, also reported that Tagliabue likely will approve Parcels' deal with the Jets.

"It must be sweeps months. The TV report is erroneous," NFL spokesman Joe Browne said.

Tagliabue will be told by the Jets of the specific consulting arrangements with Parcels and if they are consistent with his initial ruling. The Jets must make it clear that whatever limited consulting Parcels does will not translate into determining personnel or coaching moves.

Charities take Shoeless Joe's will to state Supreme Court

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association say "Shoeless Joe" Jackson's will belongs to them.

The state of South Carolina says it ain't so.

Lawyers for the two charities told the state Supreme Court on Thursday that Jackson's will could change his legacy from a baseball bad boy to someone who helped cure heart disease and cancer.

They say the will, with its "Joe Jackson" signature, should be theirs because Jackson's wife, Katie, named them as her beneficiaries.

But a circuit court judge ruled in August 1995 that the original

will was government property. The illiterate Greenville native's rare signature could be worth more than \$100,000, according to some estimates.

Jackson died in 1951, still fighting allegations that he and seven Chicago White Sox teammates threw the 1919 World Series. He was beloved in Chicago, and a young fan told him, "Say it ain't so, Joe" when the allegations came to light, and the sad line became part of baseball lore.

State officials say original wills are needed to allow genealogists and historians to track the state's past.

But attorney Leo Hill, who wrote Mrs. Jackson's will in 1959 just before she died, argued that a

University of Texas needs exemption to add new deck to its football stadium

AUSTIN (AP) — The one thing standing between the University of Texas and its \$70 million proposal to expand its football stadium is a state law against blocking views of the Capitol.

The plan to add a deck to Royal-Memorial Stadium will probably face major alterations or die if lawmakers don't exempt it from the law, which protects 30 view corridors.

"We, like most members of the Legislature, are protective of the view corridors, but in this instance it does serve a public purpose and the impact is very small," said UT vice chancellor for governmental relations Mike Millsap.

Last February, UT System regents approved the plan to improve and expand the stadium. Millsap said officials knew early on that the additional seating would come into conflict with the Capitol views law.

The deck on the stadium's east side, which is scheduled to be completed in 1998, would affect protected views from the LBJ Library.

Other expansion plans would add a second deck to the north and south ends. That would interfere with the view from East 38th and Red River streets. UT has submitted photos showing the Capitol can only be seen from the center of that intersection.

UT downs OSU Cowboys in 92-58 victory

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Texas was at its running and gunning best during a 92-58 victory over Oklahoma State in early January, handing Eddie Sutton his worst loss in six-plus years with the Cowboys.

The Longhorns may win again when the teams meet Saturday, although Sutton doesn't expect them to approach 90 points.

"I would like to see the game in the 60s or low 70s," he said. "I think the higher the game goes, the more problems we're going to have."

At the Big 12's preseason media day, Sutton vowed that the Longhorns wouldn't have much luck if they tried to run against his team in Stillwater. Now injury problems have him a little more concerned about trying to slow Texas, although he isn't backing down from his statement altogether.

"Yeah they're going to fast break, but you control that to a certain degree with your offense because every time you get the

"These are technical in nature as opposed to real everyday-views-of-the-Capitol problems," Jim Broadus, the UT System's director of facility planning and construction, said.

State Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, doesn't like UT's plan or the way it is being pushed by school officials.

"Anybody who has been around this place for a while knows how much of a fight it was to get the state to protect views of the Capitol," he said.

Maxey pointed out that city officials, at the urging of Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney, rejected plans last year for an apartment project that he says would have had only "a smidgen of a problem" with a Capitol view corridor.

"How can we turn around after doing that to the private sector and say we are going to change the law and let the UT System" infringe on a view, he said.

"I think they could figure out a way to do whatever they want to do for the rich and gentry classes to go watch football on Saturday afternoon and make money for the athletic program without screwing up the aesthetics of this city and this Capitol building," Maxey also said.

Maxey said he doesn't like the

emphasis UT puts on football over all other school issues.

"The thing that really irks me is today I got a 30-page full-color booklet about the stadium with a big flip-chart thing," he said. "Unfortunately, I didn't get a single visit from UT about the teaching conditions on campus. There's a million issues they should be talking to me about and I got a lobbyist walking around talking about the football stadium."

Millsap said school officials have also talked to lawmakers about other issues like tuition, faculty tenure and whether to consider a student's race in scholarship and admissions decisions.

Some officials said they would be willing to allow an exception to the law for the stadium expansion.

Rep. Elliot Naishtat, D-Austin, whose district includes a portion of the UT campus, said the expansion would cause "extremely limited obstruction" of Capitol views.

Mayor Bruce Todd said he is willing to compromise.

"I think you have to have some flexibility. It's hard to move the stadium," he said.

A city ordinance restricts building in Capitol view corridors, but does not apply to state projects like UT's.

basketball you've got 35 seconds," he said.

Sutton noted that the Longhorns (12-7, 6-3 Big 12) didn't run when they went to Kansas two days after beating his team. The score was only 27-21 at halftime before Kansas went on to win 86-61.

"That's what they did against Kansas and that's what some ball clubs will try to do against Texas," he said. "It's hard to do that because Texas is so athletic, they're the most athletic team we have in the Big 12."

That athleticism was on display during the Longhorns' 83-67 victory over Texas Tech on Monday night. Reggie Freeman and Kris Clack scored 23 apiece, with 13 of Clack's coming during a game-breaking second-half run.

Texas, which has made just 41 percent of its shots this year, shot 50 percent against Tech and held the Red Raiders to 34 percent.

In Oklahoma State (12-9, 4-5), the Longhorns will face a team

that has had a difficult time putting games out of reach. On Wednesday night, the Cowboys had to hang on to win 64-59 against a Kansas State team that has yet to win a conference game.

Six of their nine conference games have either gone to overtime or been decided on the final possession of regulation. They shot better than 50 percent in a loss to Baylor last weekend, then beat Kansas State despite shooting under 40 percent.

"I haven't figured 'em out," Sutton said. "I wish I could."

One key Saturday will be whether the Cowboys can keep Chantz Roberts on the floor. The senior guard has been in foul trouble the past two games, fouling out with more than seven minutes left in the one-point loss to Baylor.

"He's got to stay out of foul trouble, especially if we're going to win some of these tough games we're got coming up," said center Brett Roberts. "It's tough to win without him on the court."

play it publicly, he said.

Jackson could not read or write. His wife taught him how to make his signature, but the legendary baseball player, who had a .356 career batting average, rarely signed anything.

He and seven teammates were acquitted of charges they accepted bribes from gamblers to throw the World Series, in which Jackson hit .375. Jackson admitted his part in the "Black Sox" scandal to a grand jury, but later recanted and swore his innocence.

Lawyers for the state said allowing the charities to get Jackson's will would set a dangerous precedent in a history-rich state. Senior assistant attorney General Ken Woodington said

people who want ancestors' mementos would remove important documents from the state's possession.

"I had someone die in Edgefield County in 1835," Woodington said. "If the court upholds the appellants in this case, I'm heading down there and I'm going to clean out the estate box."

Justice Jean Toal questioned whether the will was ever a private document that could be owned by anyone, considering that state law requires it to be filed with the Probate Court. A 1990 Supreme Court ruling also requires original wills to be kept for 75 years in Probate Court and then sent to the state Archives and History Department.

National Basketball Association

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	36	12	.750	—
New York	34	14	.708	2
Orlando	24	20	.545	10
Washington	22	25	.468	13 1/2
New Jersey	13	33	.283	22
Philadelphia	12	34	.261	23
Boston	11	35	.239	24

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	42	6	.875	—
Detroit	34	12	.739	7
Atlanta	31	15	.674	10
Charlotte	19	19	.500	13
Cleveland	25	22	.532	14 1/2
Indiana	23	23	.500	18
Milwaukee	21	26	.447	20 1/2
Toronto	17	29	.370	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	33	14	.702	—
Houston	32	16	.667	1 1/2
Minnesota	23	25	.479	10 1/2
Dallas	18	28	.394	15 1/2
Denver	12	33	.261	21 1/2
San Antonio	11	34	.244	21
Vancouver	9	42	.176	26

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	38	13	.729	—
Seattle	32	15	.681	2 1/2
Portland	25	22	.521	10
L.A. Clippers	19	25	.432	14
Sacramento	21	28	.429	14 1/2
Golden State	17	29	.370	17
Phoenix	17	31	.354	18

Wednesday's Games

Miami 118, Boston 117
Toronto 89, Cleveland 84
Philadelphia 113, San Antonio 97
Utah 99, Seattle 95
Phoenix 99, Atlanta 81
Denver 106, Washington 104
L.A. Lakers 106, Chicago 80
Thursday's Games
New York 86, San Antonio 84
Indiana 104, New Jersey 100
Orlando 119, Boston 111
Miami 102, Milwaukee 90
Charlotte 115, Sacramento 100
Detroit 86, Houston 87
Minnesota 103, Vancouver 86
Friday's Games
No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Game
All-Star Game at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.
Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Thursday's Major College Basketball Scores

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	40	15	.800	132
Florida	26	15	.635	121
N.Y. Rangers	27	21	.561	124
New Jersey	25	17	.595	124
Washington	21	25	.452	141
Tampa Bay	19	28	.408	156
N.Y. Islanders	17	27	.385	156

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	30	18	.625	162
Buffalo	27	19	.588	137
Hartford	21	24	.467	171
Montreal	19	27	.410	204
Boston	20	27	.426	184
Ottawa	18	23	.435	151

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	30	20	.600	133
Detroit	24	18	.571	123
St. Louis	26	24	.520	170
Phoenix	23	28	.448	165
Chicago	20	27	.426	139
Toronto	20	33	.377	190

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	22	13	.625	124
Edmonton	26	22	.545	153
Vancouver	25	28	.470	180
Anaheim	20	27	.426	163
San Jose	20	27	.426	163
Calgary	19	28	.408	159
Los Angeles	19	29	.396	186

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 6, Montreal 3
N.Y. Rangers 5, Hartford 2
New Jersey 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
Toronto 4, Anaheim 2

North Carolina 90, Florida 62

SE Louisiana 77, Georgia 58

SW Louisiana 93, Jacksonville 87

Southern Miss. 81, Houston 64

St. Louis 64, Louisville 62

Tennessee St. 99, Tennessee Tech 59

Texas-Chambers 64, Air Birmingham 59

Troy St. 83, Buffalo 74

W. Kentucky 68, Arkansas 53

MIDWEST

Cincinnati 65, Tulsa 64

Cleveland St. 57, Wis.-Green Bay 48

Wisconsin 71, Drake 60

Detroit 67, Wis.-Milwaukee 52

E. Michigan 82, Miami, Ohio 77

Ill.-Chicago 66, Wright St. 59

Murray St. 86, SE Missouri 75

N. Illinois 74, Loyola, Ill. 64

NE Illinois 78, W. Illinois 75

Valparaiso 85, Chicago St. 58

Wisconsin 58, Michigan 53

Youngstown St. 68, Mo.-Kansas City 59

SOUTHWEST

New Mexico 75, Southern Meth. 72

New Orleans 76, Texas-Pan American 60

Rice 75, Tulsa 58

Texas Christian 77, Texas-El Paso 55

FAR WEST

Boise St. 73, Cal Poly-SLO 66

California 71, UCLA 68

Fresno St. 66, San Jose St. 61

Hawaii 66, UNLV 64

Idaho St. 76, E. Washington 65

Montana 78, CS Northridge 75

N. Arizona 85, Montana St. 61

Nevada 85, Long Beach St. 82, OT

New Mexico St. 76, Cal St.-Fullerton 72

North Texas 75, UC Irvine 74, 90T

Oregon 69, Washington 59

Oregon St. 61, Washington St. 49

Pacific 77, Utah St. 71, OT

Portland St. 53, Sacramento St. 47

San Diego St. 83, Air Force 67

Southern Cal 84, Stanford 81

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Utah 85, Brigham Young 49

Wyoming 67, Colorado St. 65, OT

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	40	15	.800	132
Florida	26	15	.635	121
N.Y. Rangers	27	21	.561	124
New Jersey	25	17	.595	124
Washington	21	25	.452	141
Tampa Bay	19	28	.408	156
N.Y. Islanders	17	27	.385	156

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	30	18	.625	162
Buffalo	27	19	.588	137
Hartford	21	24	.467	171
Montreal	19	27	.410	204
Boston	20	27	.426	184
Ottawa	18	23	.435	151

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	30	20	.600	133
Detroit	24	18	.571	123
St. Louis	26	24	.520	170
Phoenix	23	28	.448	165
Chicago	20	27	.426	139
Toronto	20	33	.377	190

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	22	13	.625	124
Edmonton	26	22	.545	153
Vancouver	25	28	.470	180
Anaheim	20	27	.426	163
San Jose	20	27	.426	163
Calgary	19	28	.408	159
Los Angeles	19	29	.396	186

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

Thursday's Games

Florida 5, Boston 3

Florida 1, Buffalo 1, 9e, OT

Philadelphia 9, Montreal 5

Vancouver 7, Detroit 4

St. Louis 6, Dallas 4

Phoenix 3, Chicago 2

Friday's Games

Florida at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

St. Louis at Boston, 3 p.m.

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 3 p.m.

Chicago at Colorado, 3 p.m.

San Jose at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Hartford at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Anaheim at Edmonton, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Ottawa at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 8 p.m.

Los Angeles at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Anaheim at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Washington at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

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Eastern Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Macon	32	17	.653	100
Huntsville	26	19	.577	213
Columbus	24	22	.522	214
Memphis	25	22	.527	214
Nashville	11	37	.297	280

Western Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Okla. City	37	7	.841	144
Fort Worth	34	11	.756	144
Wichita	20	21	.488	239
Tulsa	20	23	.465	191
San Antonio	15	31	.326	272

Note: One point for shootout loss.

Thursday's Games

Oklahoma City 5, Macon 3
Huntsville 5, San Antonio 4
Friday's Games
Memphis at Macon
Nashville at Fort Worth
Oklahoma City at Tulsa
Saturday's Games
Memphis at Huntsville
San Antonio at Wichita
Tulsa at Fort Worth
Sunday's Games
Fort Worth at Oklahoma City
Huntsville at Memphis
San Antonio at Wichita

International Hockey League

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	34	12	.739	138
Orlando	35	12	.744	142
Cincinnati	29	18	.617	143
Quebec	26	17	.605	153
Grand Rapids	26	22	.543	168

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Indianapolis	28	19	.596	151
Cleveland	25	19	.568	185
Fort Wayne	21	23	.479	189
Michigan	20	24	.455	182

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Midwest Division

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World briefs

Pope reflects on homeless in Lenten message

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II dedicated his Lenten message today to the "tragic situation of the homeless."

John Paul listed refugees, war and disaster victims, economic migrants, evicted families and the elderly poor as those who have been "uprooted from the atmosphere of human warmth and welcome typical of a home."

Alcoholism, violence, prostitution and drug addiction can follow from the affliction, he said.

"The right to housing belongs not only to the individual as such, but also to the family," the pontiff said.

Christian churches observe Lent from Ash Wednesday — Feb. 12 this year — to Easter, a period marked by fasting and abstinence.

Haitian president distributes thousands of acres to peasants

PONT SONDE, Haiti (AP) — When Haiti became the world's first black republic in 1804, its leader promised to divide the land among the slaves who fought with him to throw off French colonial rule.

Jean-Jacques Dessalines was murdered for that policy. Haiti's current leader says he wants to fulfill Dessalines' promise — starting today.

Rene Preval will hand out 2,500 acres of rice paddies in the Artibonite River Valley in ceremony marking his first year as president, a year in which he admittedly has failed to relieve the country's abject poverty.

But today's handover, in an area notorious for bloody feuds between peasants and landowners, has provoked loud complaints from people left out of the deal and criticism from those who call the move a half-measure.

For weeks, four peasant associations have been choosing 1,600 families to get 1.2-acre plots. Bernard Etheart, director of the National Agrarian Reform Institute, said some plots already are being worked by more than one family; one of the two presumably would be pushed out in the deal.

The lucky families — chosen for how long they have worked the land and their standing as citizens — will get temporary contracts until Parliament defines the terms of ownership.

In Russian city, a campaign that's also a carnival

MOSCOW (AP) — One contestant allegedly plies the public with vodka and chocolate. Another hands out small amounts of cash with vague promises it may turn magically into more. A third flaunts his prowess at chess.

A circus? A game show? No, it's an election for a seat in the Russian parliament.

Sunday's election in the central city of Tula has drawn a carnival of candidates from the president's former chief bodyguard to a former world chess champion to the wife of the man behind Russia's most famous investment debacle.

The special election will fill the seat vacated last year by Lebed — the charismatic former general who is Russia's most popular politician, according to recent opinion polls.

Leading the field of 11 candidates is Alexander Korzhakov, once the head of Yeltsin's presidential guard and his top confidant, who was ousted in a Kremlin power struggle last June. Korzhakov won Lebed's early endorsement in the race.

Tula residents have reported receiving vodka, tea and chocolate from veterans groups working on behalf of Korzhakov.

Rebels in war torn Tajikistan release Red Cross workers

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan (AP) — Tajik rebels today released two Red Cross workers who were among 16 people taken captive this week by a warlord in the Central Asian country.

The releases came a day after the Red Cross evacuated most of its foreign staff and suspended activities in Tajikistan, a former Soviet republic torn by four years of civil war.

Red Cross delegation leader Thomas Merckelbach confirmed the releases of a Briton and a Tajik, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency. In Geneva, Red Cross spokesman Kim Gordon-Bates identified one of those freed as Elizabeth Twinch of Britain.

He indicated the Red Cross would resume its operations in Tajikistan if all hostages are released unharmed.

Rebel warlord Bakhran Sadirov continues to hold 14

people, including nine U.N. employees, four Russian journalists and their driver.

U.S., South Korea may agree on food aid

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The United States and South Korea may agree on large-scale food aid to North Korea to clear the way for regional peace talks, a newspaper reported today.

The Hankyoreh Shinmun quoted an unidentified South Korean official as saying such aid could be approved when U.S. and South Korean officials meet in Washington next week.

The comments could not be confirmed independently. All government offices were closed today for a national holiday.

Agreement on new food aid to North Korea, which is struggling with severe food shortages, would mark a change in policy for South Korea, which has objected to using food to entice its communist neighbor into discussing peace.

According to the newspaper, which is known for its close contact with North Korea, the North has recently indicated that if it is given large-scale food aid, it would attend four-nation Korean peace talks, which will eventually involve China.

Fortier: McVeigh bombing building out of revenge

DALLAS (AP) — A key witness told FBI investigators in 1995 that Timothy McVeigh bombed a federal building in revenge for the 1993 government raid on the Branch Davidian's compound in Waco, according to a broadcast report.

Documents obtained by Fort Worth, Texas, television station KTVT show Michael Fortier told investigators McVeigh wanted to "wake up America to the danger of our federal government and their intrusion on our rights."

McVeigh and Terry L. Nichols are charged in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in which 168 people were killed and more than 500 were injured. The bombing occurred on the two-year anniversary of the Waco, Texas compound's blaze.

Fortier, a former Army buddy of McVeigh and Nichols, will be the government's key witness in implicating McVeigh in the explosion that killed 168 people and injured more than 500 others.

Fortier pleaded guilty last August and is beginning a 23-year sentence for running stolen weapons that federal agents believed helped finance the bombing.

Fortier's wife, Lori Fortier, has been granted immunity in exchange for her testimony. According to the documents, Fortier said that McVeigh "selected Oklahoma City for the fact that agents and orders that came out of that building were responsible for the tragedy at Waco."

In a statement CBS said came during 1995 plea bargain negotiations, Fortier told investigators McVeigh felt Branch Davidians were "murdered by the federal government," in particular the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Authorities have said the Waco raid was actually planned by a Houston office and carried out by agents from Texas and Louisiana.

Mrs. Fortier told the FBI that she "laminat-

ed the fake driver's license" prosecutors say McVeigh used to purchase explosives.

McVeigh also went on a trip to Geary Lake near Harrington, Kan., to plan the bombing, Fortier said.

Prosecutors have said they can prove that was where the bomb was built.

Fortier described the process by which McVeigh was going to build the bomb.

"Tim explained that he was going to put the explosives in 55 gallon barrels and load them into a truck."

"He stated he would drill a hole from the cab of the truck into the back area of the truck and that he was going to run a fuse through there and light it with a lighter."

David Koresh and 78 followers died in the April 19, 1993, fire at the Branch Davidian compound. In the BATF raid that led to the siege, four federal agents died and 16 were wounded. Six Davidians died in the gun battle.

America's youth perishing more by murder, suicide, gunfire

ATLANTA (AP) — Suicide, murder and gunfire are wiping out American children at higher rates than their counterparts in the rest of the industrialized world, government researchers said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday that 2.57 out of every 100,000 Americans under age 15 are killed, com-

pared with an overall rate of 51 in the 25 other countries surveyed.

The nation's child suicide rate is twice as high: .55 out of every 100,000 children, compared with .27.

"Our children are getting killed or killing themselves at higher rates than any other country," Dr. Etienne Krug, a CDC medical epidemiologist, said Thursday.

"No child should die a violent death in the most industrialized country in the world."

Deaths caused by firearms amount to 1.66 out of every 100,000 children in the United States, compared with .14 in the other nations.

The CDC study reflects figures for 1990 to 1995. Each country surveyed had more than 1 million people, similar economies and a

system that recorded death rates.

No children died from guns in Hong Kong, the Netherlands, Singapore, Japan and Kuwait, the CDC said.

"Since other countries manage to prevent these deaths, we have to do the same," Krug said. The CDC now plans to study the countries more closely to find similarities between them and the United States.

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