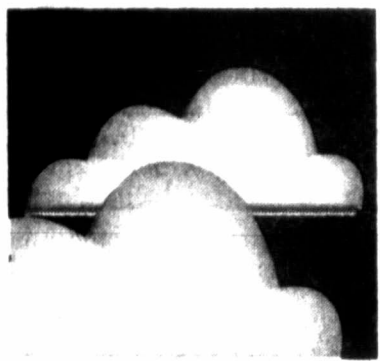


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weather details.

PAMPA — Pampa city commissioners approved a \$153,680 contract with EMCON Tuesday evening for the construction of a new 5.6 acre cell at the landfill.

This approval allows the city to openly request bids for the construction, which will be overseen by EMCON. EMCON has already held a pre-bid conference for companies interested in the construction.

The opening date for submitting bids is Feb. 25 and, upon approval of a construction company, EMCON has scheduled construction to begin in April.

The construction of the new cell is estimated to take four to five months to complete. And, after receiving approval by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, the new cell should be ready to accept garbage loads by October, at which time the present cell is expected to be filled.

In addition to the approval of the construction phase of the new landfill cell, city commissioners reappointed Bill Brady, James Braxton and Verslia Newkirk to the Cable Advisory Commission.

Pampa resident Judy Warner was also selected by commissioners to fill an unexpired vacancy on the Traffic Commission.

PAMPA — The Pampa Learning Center and Bright Beginnings Child Care Center will be hosting an Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14.

Pampa Learning Center, Pampa's alternative high school, is located at 212 W. Cook. Bright Beginnings serves as the day care center for teen parents in the Pampa school district and is located at 1011 N. Frost.

Student hosts and hostesses will be conducting tours, answering questions and serving refreshments.

The staff and students of both facilities encourage the public to visit, enjoy refreshments and discover the many great accomplishments and achievements.

WHEELER — Top O' Texas CattleWomen will present one \$500 and two \$250 scholarships to three graduating seniors this year.

Any student living in Carson, Collingsworth, Hemphill, Gray, Roberts or Wheeler county is eligible to apply. Each applicant needs a 2.5 high school average with an agriculture, nutrition or health-related field as a major in their college plans.

For applications, contact Carolyn Buckingham, Route 1, Box 152C, Wheeler, TX 79096 or call (806) 826-5250. Applications returned must be postmarked by April 30.

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Lefors tackles problems in readings of gas meters

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

LEFORS — The city of Lefors has been losing approximately \$1,000 a month on gas revenue, said Mayor Velda Chadwick.

"There's quite a bit of difference between what we're paying and what we're getting in," she said.

The difference became obvious over the past year, when city council members and Chadwick noticed the gas revenues were not bringing in as much as in the past. After some research, Chadwick said most of the revenue loss is being attributed to inaccurate readings in the past and broken meters.

In January, new Utilities Superintendent Aubrey Seitz began tackling the problem. Ten meters were replaced throughout the town and every meter was checked at the end of the month. Some, Seitz told council members Monday night, were double-checked because of the high meter readings.

The unusually high readings have been attributed to inaccurate readings in December, when some of the gas meters were

either read too low or estimated because the meter was broken, said Chadwick. Therefore, some residents are seeing an abnormally high jump from their December bills to their January bills.

One resident addressed the Lefors City Council Monday night about her \$200 gas bill, saying that it had jumped from \$93 in December. However, this was not an isolated case. Chadwick said her family's bill also doubled and many other residents noticed a substantial increase.

The problem, however, should even out on February's bill. Every month, said Chadwick, the gas meters will be accurately checked and broken meters replaced to ensure the correct amounts of gas are being recorded per household. Chadwick did note, however, that in colder months, the gas bills will be typically higher due to higher consumption by residents.

The current problems with the gas, water and sewer utilities in the city have been attributed to the high turnover rate in the public utilities department. They have had three employees resign

from that department in the past two years.

Seitz, the new utilities superintendent, is working hard to correct the problems and get everything online, said Chadwick. In addition to resolving the gas problems, Seitz is also working with the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission and the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission on the town's water lines and sewer plant.

Last year, Lefors was awarded a grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the PRPC to replace some of the older water lines in the city. Council members received packages Monday night from six engineering firms bidding on the job. A special meeting is scheduled Friday for the city council members to select the top three engineering firms.

These firms will then be requested to present their qualifications to council members in another special meeting, which is scheduled Feb. 21.

After hearing the presentations, council members will select the engineering firm to begin the water line replacement project.

Pampan receives his Bronze Star in special ceremony 53 years late

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

It is never too late to receive awards and recognition — even if it comes 53 years later, according to Denny Roan, a World War II veteran who received his Bronze Star in an official military presentation recently.

Technical Sergeant of the United States Army, Infantry Division, Roan was first recognized in official orders issued May 24, 1944 by command of Lt. Gen. Harmon, issued from Maj. Gen., GSC, Chief of Staff A.J. Barnett and signed by Major, AGD, Assistant Adjutant General M.B. Kendrick. However, due to illness resulting in his early dismissal from active duty, and circumstances beyond his control, Roan was unable to attend the military presentation and, instead, received his notice and medal by U.S. Mail service sometime later.

In ceremony held at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, before 2nd Platoon, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry of Pampa National Guardsmen and fellow members of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, Roan was presented the Bronze Star medal in military formation, as he should have received it in 1944.

By the official record, "Floyd Denny Roan, (6579542), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for the performance of meritorious services at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, from 10 to 25 January 1943: When the battalion communications officer was killed in action, he assumed the officer's duties temporarily, and successfully maintained contact between the command post and all front-line units. On many occasions he personally located and repaired wires cut by the Japanese, and displayed unusual qualities of leadership and courage while under enemy fire."

In 1938, Roan enlisted in the U.S. Army in Vancouver Barracks in Washington when he was 19 years old. After his initial training, he was transported to Honolulu, Hawaii, with his unit and was stationed there for several years, he said.

Roan was on duty the day of the Pearl Harbor's bomb attack by the Japanese.

"We were on a little mountain called Punch Bowl overlooking the town, on routine maneuvers when the bombs came down. Just



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Communications Chief L. Denny Roan, center, receives his Bronze Star in a military pinning ceremony Friday, Feb. 7. The formal military citation was conducted by Pampa National Guardsmen, with 1st Lt. Steven Dortch and SSG Michael Smith pinning the medal.

a few minutes prior to the action, my colonel told me he had just gotten word the Japs were bombing us, so I went up the mountain to get a better view. I looked down, a bomb hit down on School Street just in line where I stood — I confirmed the colonel's message," Roan said.

"It was happening about 8 a.m. that Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941.

One year later, on Dec. 3, 1942, Roan's unit was sent to Guadalcanal.

"We were in the campaign, 'Road to Kokumbona,' a month later, on Jan. 3, when my commanding officer, Lt. Sims, was shot by the enemy, on the second day of the drive, and I had to take over his responsibilities," Roan explained.

He was commissioned in the field to officer rank and was left in charge of his own unit. Along with attachments in the area, there were about 1200 men in the campaign. All of the men had

been on Pearl Harbor during the first Japanese attack, "and the anger was still pretty strong in our hearts, even though it was a year later," according to Roan's description of the men.

"We were fighting the Japs in the jungle for the next 15 days — day and night. It took us that long to move them out, and there was not much of a let up. We were all sick, mad and hungry ... we were very sick with malaria."

When Roan weakened due to the ill effects of jungle malaria and was suffering injury to a shoulder and couldn't function, it was apparent that he needed medical attention. The Army transported him to a Navy hospital in French Hebrides. From there, he was transported to the 39th General Hospital in New Zealand, and then, in August 1943 he was returned to the United States and placed in an Army hospital in Temple. He was given a medical discharge soon afterward.

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All-State Band members



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Two members of the Pampa High School Band have been chosen to participate in the All-State Band. Michael Plunk, a junior, plays euphonium. Heather Fernuik, senior, plays the bassoon. This is Plunk's first year as All-State band member and Fernuik's fourth.

Cold weather brings chance for light snow

From Staff and AP Reports

After clearing skies and warmer temperatures earlier this week, Pampa residents are facing a return of winter with cloudy skies today and a chance of snow Thursday and Friday.

At 6 a.m. today it was 25 degrees in Pampa with northeast winds at 14 mph and a relative humidity of 81 percent.

Canadian was reporting 20 degrees. It was 25 degrees in Panhandle, Amarillo and Dalhart and 23 degrees in Dumas, Gage, Okla., reported 25 degrees.

The high in Pampa today should reach only in the upper 20s to low 30s. The high Tuesday was 59, with an overnight low this morning of 21.

Weather officials predicted cloudy skies for the Texas Panhandle today with a chance of snow in the southern Panhandle and South Plains as moisture from the Gulf of Mexico headed north.

Childress was expecting up to one inch of snow later today.

Snow was reported before dawn in Tulia.

Fog and a low of 25 degrees is expected tonight across the panhandle.

Forecasters are calling for snow or a rain and snow mix in the Pampa area Thursday with flurries continuing through Friday. Highs Thursday should be 35.

Most of Texas will have unpleasant weather through Thursday.

It's going to be winter across the northern half of the state while South Texas will have spring-like weather, including the possibility of severe thunderstorms.

Snow is possible across much of West Texas and North Texas through tonight and severe thunderstorms with flash flood producing rainfall is forecast in South Texas.

A snow advisory was in effect for the South Plains and low rolling plains of West Texas and for northwestern areas of North Texas through tonight.

Lefors to issue warrants for outstanding tickets

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

LEFORS — Anyone who has received a ticket in Lefors should be wary. City Judge Russell Bockmon told council members Monday night that warrants will be issued on outstanding tickets.

The announcement came during a presentation Bockmon gave to council members about problems they have had with cases not being filed on the docket reports.

Bockmon said he had discovered about 30 cases already that had not been filed. In addition, the monthly docket reports have not been turned in.

From 1995-96, Bockmon said reports for nine months have not been filed. They will be going through the past year and a half to try to determine what is missing and what cases have never made it on the docket.

Bockmon also suggested council members change and/or update the city ordinances. Many of the ordinances, he said, are not clear, leaving the judge and marshal to guess on the interpretations. Bockmon also asked that he and the marshal abstain from the updating process, as it could be determined a conflict of interest.

Other items voted on in the Monday night meeting included:

- The city's recycling program has been discontinued.
- The city's existing computer system will be replaced on the recommendation of a computer analyst.
- A drug and alcohol program for employees was approved.
- The city agreed to sponsor officer Jody Smith in a Special Olympics bicycle ride fund raiser.
- A welder was approved for purchase for \$899.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DEAR, Ollie "Polly" Robinson — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

HENSON, Charles "June" Jr. — 4 p.m., Barrett Baptist Church, Pampa.

HOLT, Alex Jr. — 2 p.m., St. Mark's CME Church, Pampa.

RANKIN, Jean — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Trinity Fellowship Church, Pampa.

STANDRIDGE, Bertha Mae — Graveside services, 2 p.m., White Deer Cemetery, White Deer.

STONE, Audrey Louise — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Briarwood Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

JUNE ALLEN
June Allen, 66, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1997, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the First Christian Church with the Rev. Darrell Evans, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Allen was born June 14, 1930, at Ava, Mo. She married Jack E. Allen on Sept. 15, 1956, at Bernalillo, N.M.; he died in 1985. She had been a Pampa resident since the 1930s, moving from Ava, Mo. She worked as office manager at Triangle Well Service, retiring in 1996 after 41 years of service. She served as secretary of the Downtown Kiwanis Club for 15 years and was a longtime member of the Desk and Derrick Club. She was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Pam Sybert of Denton; a sister, Elouise Rankin of Wichita Falls; a brother, Gerald Smith of Pampa; a grandson, Daniel Sybert of Denton; and a special friend, Paul Seratt of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center or to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.

OLLIE "POLLY" ROBINSON DEAR
Ollie "Polly" Robinson Dear, 83, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1997. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Dear was born Dec. 28, 1913, at Antlers, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident for 30 years, moving from Perryton. She was a seamstress, a nurse and a Sunday School worker and longtime member of Central Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Lee Roy Robinson and Joel W. Dear; a son, Roy Wayne Robinson; and a daughter, Patricia Jane Robinson.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Sid and Rosett Robinson of Pampa, Ron and Kathy Robinson of Lufkin and Bob and Lori Robinson of Ontario, Canada; a sister, Ester Sharp of Monroe, La.; a brother, Stanley Males of Turlock, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite church's building fund.

VESTUS EUGENE "GENE" FATHEREE
McALLEN - Vestus Eugene "Gene" Fatheree, 84, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 1997. The body was cremated. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in First Presbyterian Church in Pampa with the Rev. Don Hauck, of Austin, officiating. Local arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Fatheree was born Aug. 23, 1912, at Artesia, N.M. His family came to Pampa in 1920, where they owned and operated Fatheree Drug Store. He was a 1930 Pampa High School graduate and later attended the University of Oklahoma, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. He and his brother, Clyde Fatheree, owned and operated Pampa Wholesale Company following World War II. He married Norma Miller on Jan. 15, 1937; she preceded him in death in 1963. He later married Ruby Holden Capps on July 16, 1966.

He moved to Amarillo in 1970 and served as secretary-treasurer of McCarty-Hull Inc., retiring and moving to McAllen in 1980. He was a past president of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. He was a former Pampa city commissioner and served as an elder and treasurer at First Presbyterian Church in Pampa. He was later an active member of First Presbyterian Church in McAllen.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby, of the home; a daughter, Norma Jean Demmer of San Antonio; a son, Richard Fatheree of Austin; a stepdaughter, Karen Hunke of McAllen; a stepson, Tom Capps of Troutdale, Ore.; eight grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and three nephews, Warren Fatheree of Amarillo, Hobart Fatheree of Dallas and David Fatheree of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Su Casa de Esperanza, P.O. Box 1333, Pharr, TX 78577, First Presbyterian Church of McAllen, or the Book of Remembrance at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa.

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

TUESDAY, Feb. 11
Gray County deputies responded to Pampa Police Department for an agency assist.

Arrests
David Olney Turlington, 30, 213 Miami, was arrested on three Gray County warrants. He remains in custody.

Obituaries

CHARLES "JUNE" HENSON JR.
Charles "June" Henson Jr., 74, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 10, 1997, at Amarillo. Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in Barrett Baptist Church with the Rev. J.C. Burt, interim pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mr. Henson was born Dec. 24, 1922, at Tonakwa, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident most all his life. He owned and operated Henson Floor Sanding and Finishing. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II. He was a former member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Dorma Cook of Pampa; two nieces, Anna Young of Lefors and Teresa Leisure of Amarillo; three nephews, Ernest Frazier, Jimmy Corley and Kevin Reece, all of Pampa; and numerous grandnieces, grand-nephews, great-grandnieces and great-grand-nephews.

JESSIE MORGAN HOWELL
Jessie Morgan Howell, 71, of Pampa, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 1997. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Howell was born May 15, 1925, in Glasscock County, Ga. He married Mary Frances Carey on May 30, 1948, at Cadley, Ga. He had been a Pampa resident since 1982. He retired from the military after 24 years of service, having served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He achieved the rank of HMC, working on the Health Benefits Council to the U.S. government. He had worked at Kips Chevron for the past 10 years. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Frances, of the home; three daughters, Kathryn L. Reeves of Dennison and Karen L. Howell and Kirsten L. Sturgill, both of Pampa; two sons, R.J. Howell of Pampa and David A. Howell of Inman, S.C.; three sisters, Janie Evans of Warrington, Ga., Naomia Edmonds of Thompson, Ga., and Ila Mae Stone of Gray Court, S.C.; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Calvary Baptist Church's Build the Vision Fund.

BERTHA MAE STANDRIDGE
WHITE DEER - Bertha Mae Standridge, 86, a former White Deer resident, died Friday, Feb. 7, 1997, at Everett, Wash. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in White Deer Cemetery. Local arrangements are under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Standridge was born at Opal, Ark., and had been a White Deer resident most all her life prior to moving to Everett.

Survivors include a sister, Vergie Taylor.

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

TUESDAY, Feb. 11
A forgery was reported at 300 E. Brown.

A juvenile male reported an assault with injuries. Minor injuries were reported.

Burglary of vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Wells. Taken were W-2 forms.

An unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of Somerville.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Brunon. Approximately \$50 damage was done to the exterior walls of a residence.

A 22-year-old male reported an assault with bodily injury. His left eye was swollen shut and knuckles on right hand were cut and bleeding.

Arrests
Jamie Paul Nickell, 21, Canyon, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear. He remains in custody.

John Aaron Conner, 21, 637 N. Nelson, was arrested on five traffic warrants. He remains in custody.

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

TUESDAY, Feb. 11
A 1989 Ford F150 pickup driven by Billy Wayne Fitzer, 59, 1135 S. Finley, and a 1989 Ford Taurus driven by Marc Alan Tule, 40, 1701 Holly, collided at the intersection of Foster and Ballard. Tule was cited for following too closely.

Stocks
The following grain quotations are provided by Atebery Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	4.20	Chevron	68 1/8	up 1/8
Milo	4.01	Coca Cola	59 5/8	up 1/8
Cor.	4.82	Columbus/HCA	41 7/8	up 1/4
		Enron	41 5/8	up 1/4
		Halliburton	68 1/8	dn 1/4
		Ingersoll Rand	48 1/2	up 1/4
		KRI	37	dn 1/8
		Limited	22 1/2	up 1/8
		Mapco	33 5/8	NC
		McDonald's	45 3/4	NC
		Mobil	129 1/8	up 1 5/8
		New Atmos	23 3/4	NC
		Parker & Parsley	31	up 1/4
		Pennex's	48 3/8	up 3/8
		Phillips	44	dn 7/8
		SLB	104 1/4	dn 3/8
		SPS	35 5/8	up 1/8
		Tenneco	38 1/2	up 1/8
		Texaco	103 1/2	up 1/8
		Ultramar	29	NC
		Wal Mart	24 3/4	up 1/4
		New York Gold	337.50	
		Arco	129 3/8	up 1 3/4
		Cabot	23 5/8	up 1/8
		Cabot O&G	17 1/4	up 1/8

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

Magellan	83.40
Puritan	18.03

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

Amoco	86 1/8	up 1/2
Arco	129 3/8	up 1 3/4
Cabot	23 5/8	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	17 1/4	up 1/8

Pampan

Roan discovered he could live and breathe better in the Texas Panhandle, and moved to White Deer to live with a sister. It was several years before Roan was beginning to feel well again, due to ill health from malaria.

Roan served with the Pampa Police force from 1946 until January 1966 when he retired from his position as assistant chief.

He then opened Denny Roan's T.V. Sales and Repair business at 501 S. Cuyler, until his final retirement in 1985.

Apryl Weese of Follett

attended the official military formation to witness the pinning of the citation of her father at the National Guard Armory Feb. 7.

His son Kevin died in 1989 and his wife, Lois, died in 1990, both suffering the conflicts of cancer. He has three grandchildren in Great Bend, Kan.

Principal Kendall to undergo open heart surgery

John Kendall, principal of Pampa High School, will be having open heart surgery Thursday, Feb. 13.

Kendall was released from Columbia Medical Center in Pampa and admitted to High Plains Baptist Hospital in

Amarillo. He is awaiting open heart surgery scheduled for Thursday.

According to a press release from the Pampa Independent School District, Kendall is in good spirits and shares his positive attitude with the people of Pampa.

For the students at the high school, Kendall said, "I miss all of you. Stay in line and keep up the good grades."

Cards and letters can be sent to Kendall at High Plains Baptist Hospital, 1600 Wallac Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING
Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler, is offering group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP
The Pampa Alzheimers Support Group will have its next regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6, at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 2225 Perryton Pkwy. Dan Snider from Lovett Memorial Library will be speaking on what books and resources are available at the library and how to access them.

WEST TEXAS SINGLES
West Texas Singles will sponsor a singles dance on

Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Buena Vista Community Center in Borger. There will be a pot luck supper at 7 p.m. with the dance at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by Indian Summer Band. Admission is \$5.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be having an immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases, including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) in Pampa at Columbia Family Health Care Center, 600 W. Kentucky, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13. The TDH is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Ambulance

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

TUESDAY, Feb. 11
7:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of North Wells on a fire assist. No injuries.

12:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility to transport one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

1:21 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to a local nursing facility.

1:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of North Nelson on a fire assist. No injuries.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 12
12:05 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West in Amarillo.

1:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of North Starkweather on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, Feb. 11
7:22 a.m. - Two units and four personnel

responded to a gas-leak at 1812 N. Wells.

1:53 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to a smoke alarm at 403 N. Nelson.

3:29 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to alarms at 1 Medical Plaza.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Tonight, cloudy with some fog. Low near 20 with southeasterly winds 10-20 mph. Thursday, continued cloudy with chance for occasional snow. High in the mid 30s with southerly winds 10-20 mph. Continued chance for light snow through Friday. Tuesday's high was 59; the overnight low was 21.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy with areas of fog. Cold with lows from low 20s to mid 20s. Thursday, cloudy with 50 percent chance of light snow most areas. Highs in mid 30s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows 20-25. Thursday, mostly cloudy and breezy. A chance of rain in the afternoon western areas. Highs 40-45.

North Texas - Tonight, rain and snow ending north central early, and rain ending east late. Otherwise, cloudy, windy and cold. Lows 27 to 40. Thursday, mostly cloudy and cold. Highs 39 to 47.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy and cold with rain ending. Lows in the 30s, near 40 south central. Thursday, decreasing cloudiness and cool. Highs in the 50s. Upper Coast: Flood and flash flood watch in effect tonight. Tonight, cloudy with a good chance of showers or thunderstorms. Additional heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the 30s and 40s inland to the 50s coast. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 50s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy and breezy. Lows in the 40s, 50s coast. Thursday, decreasing cloudiness. Highs in the 50s and 60s.

BORDER STATES
New Mexico - Winter storm watch north central mountains tonight. Tonight, a chance of snow mountains and north except snow likely north central mountains. Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers southeast. Variable cloudiness southwest. Lows teens and 20s mountains and northwest, 20s to mid 30s east and south. Thursday, a chance of snow northeast third with a decreasing chance of snow or rain showers elsewhere. Highs from upper 20s to 30s northeast to 50s southern deserts.

Oklahoma - Tonight, partly cloudy north, mostly cloudy with a chance of snow central and rain and snow south. Snow ending in the west during the evening. Lows upper teens northwest to low 30s south. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs mid to upper 30s.

City briefs

NOMINATION FORMS - PHS Harvester Hall of Fame available at all schools, Lovett, and Chamber. Due February 28. Adv.

VALENTINE'S DAY: Bring your sweetheart to the Club Biarritz for a candle light dinner and champagne, featuring Beef Wellington, steaks or chicken and special dessert. Also offering special hotel rates for those having dinner with us. Call 669-2506 for reservations. Adv.

HEART SALE at All Its Charm through February 15th. 109 W. Francis. Adv.

ACT I presents "Love Letters", a Valentine's Day Special Dinner - readers Theater, Friday, February 14th, 7:30 p.m. at Chaney's, 716 W. Foster. \$6 dinner and \$7 for show (\$13 per person). Act I season ticket holders - \$6 for dinner. Seating is limited, make reservations now! 665-3710. Adv.

VALENTINE SPECIAL - A gift from the heart. A gift certificate for a 1 hour massage for just \$25. Call 665-2469, Vicki M. Jones, RMT, Registered Massage Therapist. Adv.

INCOME TAX Preparation - Wm. L. Arthur, 1103 E. Harvester, 669-3928. Adv.

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

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Police crack mail-order drug ring

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A March 18 trial date has been set for three men accused of operating a mail-order operation in which unapproved prescription drugs from Mexico were made available to senior citizens.

"You have to be a licensed physician to prescribe, and have a license to fill prescriptions," assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Lou Castillo said Tuesday after a hearing in the court of U.S. District Judge George Kazen.

Ronald Haas, 54, of San Antonio, and Jorge Guzman and Guadalupe Palos, both of Laredo, will be tried in Laredo. The operation was based in San Antonio, officials said.

The men face up to five years in prison without parole and a fine of up to \$250,000 on charges of conspiracy to defraud and mail fraud.

The case is an example of how federal and state authorities can work together to deal with a serious problem, said Fred Brinkley Jr., executive director for the Texas State Board of Pharmacy in Austin.

"U.S. citizens have no assurance that Mexican-produced drugs have been properly manufactured and are safe and effective," Brinkley said Tuesday.

The indictment said advertisements began appearing in 1994 in magazines catering to the elderly, promising to fill prescriptions for cut-rate prices.

Customers were told to send a money order and a prescription from a licensed physician to North American Pharmaceuticals at San Antonio. The indictment alleges that the company operated out of Haas' home.

It is alleged that the orders were sent via computer to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, where the prescriptions were filled, placed in padded envelopes and smuggled across the Rio Grande.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Pampa High School students participating in Business Professionals of America Week — Jason Bliss, Deanna Dreher, Kembra Malberg and Reuben Leal — look on as Pampa Mayor Robert Neslage signs a proclamation announcing the week of Feb. 9-15 as Business Professionals of America Week.

Mayor proclaims Business Professionals Week

Pampa High School business students have organized special promotional and social events to publicize Business Professionals of America Week, Feb. 9-15.

Business Professionals of America is a national vocational student organization for students preparing for careers in the business world.

Tuesday, the students wrote letters to congressmen regarding current business issues and attended a proclamation signing by Mayor Robert Neslage announcing this week as Business Professionals of America.

The proclamation announces the benefit the students and the communities receive from the work done by the member students.

Members will show appreciation for high school faculty by presenting them with Valentine treats.

Today, the students were to have the opportunity to talk with Lisa Mitchell from Columbia Medical Center about professionalism in the workplace.

Alumni members will speak at an early morning meeting Thursday and students will brighten the lives of residents of the Pampa Nursing Center with Valentine treats.

Friday, the students host an open house in the Vocational Building of the High School, rooms 1 and 2, with DECA members for their cooperative employers, parent and the faculty

and staff, of Pampa High. The open house is open to anyone interested in the cooperative programs.

Business Professionals of America Week is celebrated in conjunction with National Vocational Education Week. The students of the Pampa chapter want local businesses and the community to know that Business Professionals of America and vocational education are preparing them to excel in tomorrow's business careers and to function in the community as responsible citizens.

For more information about Business Professionals of America, contact Sherrell Wheeler, Pampa High School.

Critics maintain tighter air control standards would be extreme

WASHINGTON (AP) — One side says federal regulators are going to outlaw backyard barbecues, impose higher electricity rates and restrict use of that American necessity, the automobile.

The other side throws up images of asthma-stricken children unable to play outdoors or of the elderly dying prematurely because of smog and soot-filled air.

The antagonists in an escalating conflict over a Clinton administration proposal to tighten air pollution standards are tugging at every emotional heartstring in a battle in which tens of billions of dollars and, many health experts say, thousands of lives are at stake.

The intention by the Environmental Protection Agency to impose tougher health standards on two key air pollutants — smog-causing ozone and soot — has in a few months erupted into this year's most contentious and politically charged environmental battle.

EPA Administrator Carol Browner was to be questioned closely about the proposal today by a skeptical Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, whose chairman, Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., already has said he would like to see the EPA take a more cautious approach.

Chafee, a moderate who over the years has had strong support among environmentalists, said Tuesday he's worried the EPA action will unleash "a revolt against the Clean Air Act," one of the most successful environmental laws on the books.

"You overload the horse ... and you get the whole program in jeopardy," he told reporters.

Business groups led by some of the country's most powerful industry and trade associations have put together by some accounts a \$2 million war chest to try to force the EPA to back off.

Environmental groups, meanwhile,

announced Tuesday a television ad campaign in 10 major cities in support of the tougher rules. One ad depicts a youngster being carried into a hospital by his father following an asthma attack brought on by dirty air.

The intense lobbying from corporate and business interests comes down to money.

"The costs will be sky high," declares C. Boyden Gray, the former Bush administration White House counsel who has been the most high-profile critic of the EPA proposal. Gray represents a Utah steel company that has been involved in air pollution squabbles for nearly a decade.

He and other members of the industry coalition argue that the EPA proposal is based on limited science and that at best scientists are divided over how much the new standards would improve health protection. The EPA should wait until further studies clear up the ambiguities, they argue.

Fertile bovine delivers 10th set of twins

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bessie the cow was listed in Ripley's Believe It Or Not after she gave birth to a ninth set of twin calves.

Guess what?

That's right. Believe it or not, she's now had a 10th set of twins.

Officials at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in College Station say no one is sure if it's a record, but cattle breeders agree it's unusual.

"We've never had to help her (give birth) and she's never lost a calf and that is very unusual," Arnold Bredewater, owner of the prolific 14-

year-old bovine, said Tuesday.

Bredewater and his wife, Lois, returned from a golfing vacation in Las Vegas last Saturday to discover that Bessie had another set of twins, both females.

Bessie has now had 22 calves since 1985 when she gave birth to a single calf, a female.

From 1986 to 1993, Bessie had eight straight sets of twins. She had a single calf in 1994 and twins again in 1995.

News of the birth of that ninth set of twins was publicized in Ripley's Believe It Or Not.

Lawmakers introduce legislation to repeal motorcycle helmet law

AUSTIN (AP) — The state law requiring motorcyclists to wear a helmet would be repealed for adults under a bill approved by the Senate State Affairs Committee.

The committee voted 9-2 to repeal the 1989 state law requiring motorcyclists — age 18 and older — to wear head protection. The measure now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

The bill died in the Senate in 1995, but on Tuesday bill author Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, attributes that to the political pressures of the time and not the merits of the bill.

"Passage at that time would have put in jeopardy or restricted usage of federal highway funds," Patterson said. "That is no longer the case."

Patterson, backed by a room full of bikers dressed in black leather vests, chaps and jackets, cited safety reasons in support of the bill. The senator said decreased visibility and hearing while wearing helmets caused more accidents than they prevented.

"If you can't see, if you can't hear, the likelihood of involving yourself in an accident is greater," Patterson said.

Sputnik, a representative of the Texas Motorcycle Riders Association, read from a label inside a helmet stating that the helmet is not effective in impacts greater than 15 mph.

Sens. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio, were the two dissenting votes.

"All I know is that drivers without helmets are killed. I've viewed that in my lifetime," said Luna, who served ten years as a police officer.

"The risk factor of injury is reason enough to take every precaution possible," said Ann Streetman, president of the Texas Safety Association, after wrapping up testimony against the bill.

Ms. Streetman quoted National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics that helmets are 29 percent effective in preventing fatalities.

Patterson verbally sparred with Ms. Streetman and asked her to put on a helmet and tell him if her hearing or visibility were impaired.

When she didn't take his offer, Patterson put the helmet on himself to try to make his point.

Rep. Thornberry backs bill to change highway funding

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) Tuesday joined over 70 other members of the House of Representatives in introducing legislation that would give Texas and other states a greater share of federal highway funding, and a greater say in how these funds are being spent.

"For too long, Texas and other large rural areas have been getting the short end of the stick with regard to federal highway funding," Thornberry said. "For instance, for every dollar we contribute as a state to the Federal Highway Trust Fund, we get only 80 cents back. What this meant in 1995 was that Texas contributed just over \$1.5 billion to the Trust Fund and received just \$1.2 billion in return."

"This isn't fair to Texas and isn't fair to any state with large rural populations. We've got to restore a sense of fairness to the Trust Fund, so that states like Texas receive a more equitable share of federal funding. While we're at it, we also need to restore a sense of flexibility to the Fund, so that states also receive a greater say in how these dollars are being spent."

"The bill we're introducing today will do that. It's my hope we can move it quickly through Congress and send it on to the president for his signature later this year."

The legislation is called the ISTEA Integrity Restoration Act of 1997 (ISTEA is an acronym for the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act).

A follow-up to a nearly identical bill that was introduced in the 104th Congress, the legislation is designed to accomplish two main objectives. First, it would change the formula by which federal highway funds are allocated. Under this bill, Texas would get back 95 percent of its contribution to the Federal Highway Trust Fund, instead of 80 percent. Second, the bill would give states more flexibility in using federal highway funds by eliminating many of the unnecessary federal mandates which go along with them.

In addition, Thornberry noted that the legislation would also streamline the federal bureaucracy by condensing 12 federal transportation programs into only one.

According to Thornberry, the ISTEA Integrity Restoration Act is the result of a joint effort by a coalition of 20 states, including Texas. The coalition is also known as STEP 21, for Streamlined Transportation Efficiency Program for the 21st Century.

The ISTEA Integrity Restoration Act has been referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Opinion

Disclosure rule is a nice touch

To most people it was a simple procedural reform of little consequence, and in truth it will take quite a while to see whether it really will make a difference. But the "truth in testimony" provision adopted as part of the rules of the House of Representatives on its first day in session was welcome nonetheless.

Under the new rule, when a witness before a congressional committee presents written testimony, it is to be accompanied by a statement that specifies the amount and sources of the federal grants and contracts the witness or the group he represents receives. Receiving federal grants would not disqualify organizations from lobbying or even limit their ability to lobby (a reform pushed without success last session.) But at least members of the committees would have a better idea of where the interests of witnesses lie.

Given the atmosphere economist James L. Payne described in his recent book on Congress, *The Culture of Spending*, it should come as little surprise that during the "revolutionary," penny-pinching 104th Congress, controlled by those bomb-throwing Gingrichites, four out of every five witnesses before congressional committees called for more spending or government activity. That kind of ratio hardly reassures taxpayers who pay the bills that their interests are represented in the deliberations.

It turns out that beyond those with an obvious vested interest in bigger government - 35% of witnesses worked for government agencies and another 22% spoke for groups that everyone knows get government money - many other witnesses - 43% - had ties to government money that couldn't be pinned down under current disclosure rules. Of this latter group, about half spoke for more government and half spoke for less. Some of those pro-spending witnesses were government contractors or recipients of grants, but nobody knows exactly how many.

Some 40,000 groups receive about \$39 billion in federal grants each year. Some are charitable or community organizations with no political ax to grind, but many grant recipients - the American Association of Retired Persons at \$86 million, the Child Welfare League at \$250,000, most of the participants in last year's "Stand for Children" march - are active in lobbying and politics.

When such groups stand before Congress, their take from the Treasury should be clear.

The "truth in testimony" rule, proposed and pushed by Republican Rep. John Doolittle of Sacramento, won't keep tax-subsidized lobbyists from making their views known, but it will let members of Congress know which lobbyists are on the dole. That could reduce the effectiveness of their constant demands for more from the taxpayers. Or it might not.

Whatever the impact, this little bit of sunshine on the murky doings in the imperial city is welcome.

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Respect and '90s parents

Before I had children of my own, I was a firm believer in parental discipline. As a mothers helper at age 16, I watched in horror as my babyboomer employer explained things to her two-year-old. When he shoved another toddler down a short flight of stairs, there was no sharp rebuke, far less a swat on the tush. Instead, she knelt next to him and spoke softly. "You wouldn't like it if Jennifer pushed you down the stairs, would you?"

Baby-sitting for that child was a formative experience. Combined with a generalized contempt for everything the baby boomers were doing in other realms of life, it confirmed me in the belief that old-fashioned discipline was the way to go.

So it is with some sheepishness that I admit that my own discipline of my three boys is not exactly rock solid. Oh, we enforce politeness. "Please" and "thank you" are mandatory. Whining is deplored. Rudeness is not permitted. We don't suffer the kind of obnoxious address from children to parents that one overhears in shopping malls every day of the week. "Get a life, Mom," I heard one twelve-year-old say. And that's the mild stuff.

But I am, alas, a creature of my age. It is an effort to remember to demand respect. I do ask the two older boys to do things three and four times. And some of the disrespectful things they say are funny. When I told Jonathan (again) that he is not permitted to watch *Goosebumps*, he sighed wearily and said, "You're driving me crazy." He was rebuked, but I had to suppress a laugh.

In the same vein, I was helping David (three) wash his hands. "Look what you've done!" he said. "You got my sleeves all wet." I said, "David,



Mona Charen

don't speak to Mommy in that tone." But I can't swear that I wore the proper disapproving face.

Don't misunderstand. I think parents should apologize to children when they've wronged them. Jonathan (five), always up to mischief, has received more than his share of apologies for false accusations - even sometimes when I'm not totally certain he is innocent - simply to make the point that Mom is just.

But let's face it, for '90s parents, asserting undiluted authority does not come naturally. Even those of us who are determined to lay down clear rules and avoid the insufferable child-run households that have us scared straight would really, in our heart of hearts, much rather explain than command. I sometimes find myself explaining my commands. "Because, Jonathan, you are a child and I am a grown-up. That's why!"

Take the problem of Benjamin the biter. Ben is eleven months old, and he bites. We think it's teething. I have tried holding my fingers over his mouth and saying "no" firmly. I have tried

putting him down on the floor with a stern expression (which is very hard - you'd understand if you could see Ben's face) and walking away for a few seconds. But the problem persists. Clearly, I am not the tough gal I had planned to be.

Even so, the children are managing to acquire some social graces. When Jonathan's class held a Thanksgiving feast to which all the families were invited, Jon went around the room offering to fill people's cups with apple juice. I poked my husband in the ribs, asking, "Who is he?"

David recently struck up a conversation with a five-year-old at a department store. They were admiring a toy display. "Would you like to come to my house and play?" the other child asked. "No, thanks," David replied, "but it was very nice of you to offer."

Until you are a parent, it is impossible to understand the tolerance parents have for their own children. Before I was a mother, I would stare, disbelieving, at a friend known for his short temper, as his son whined, pouted and fretted through a meal. Now that I'm a mother, I understand perfectly. When it's your own precious child pouting, it seems like distress. When your kid is whining, it sounds only like a persistent request. When your child is fretting, you sing to see him smile. You have to remember to be intolerant, rather than the reverse.

But remembering is essential. The alternative, always lurking in my memories, is the little two-year-old's mom, attempting to reason with her shoving tyrant.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 1997. There are 322 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in present-day Larue County, Ky.

On this date:
In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who'd claimed the throne of England for nine days, was beheaded after being charged with treason.

In 1733, English colonists led by James Oglethorpe founded Savannah, Ga.

In 1870, women in the Utah Territory gained the right to vote.

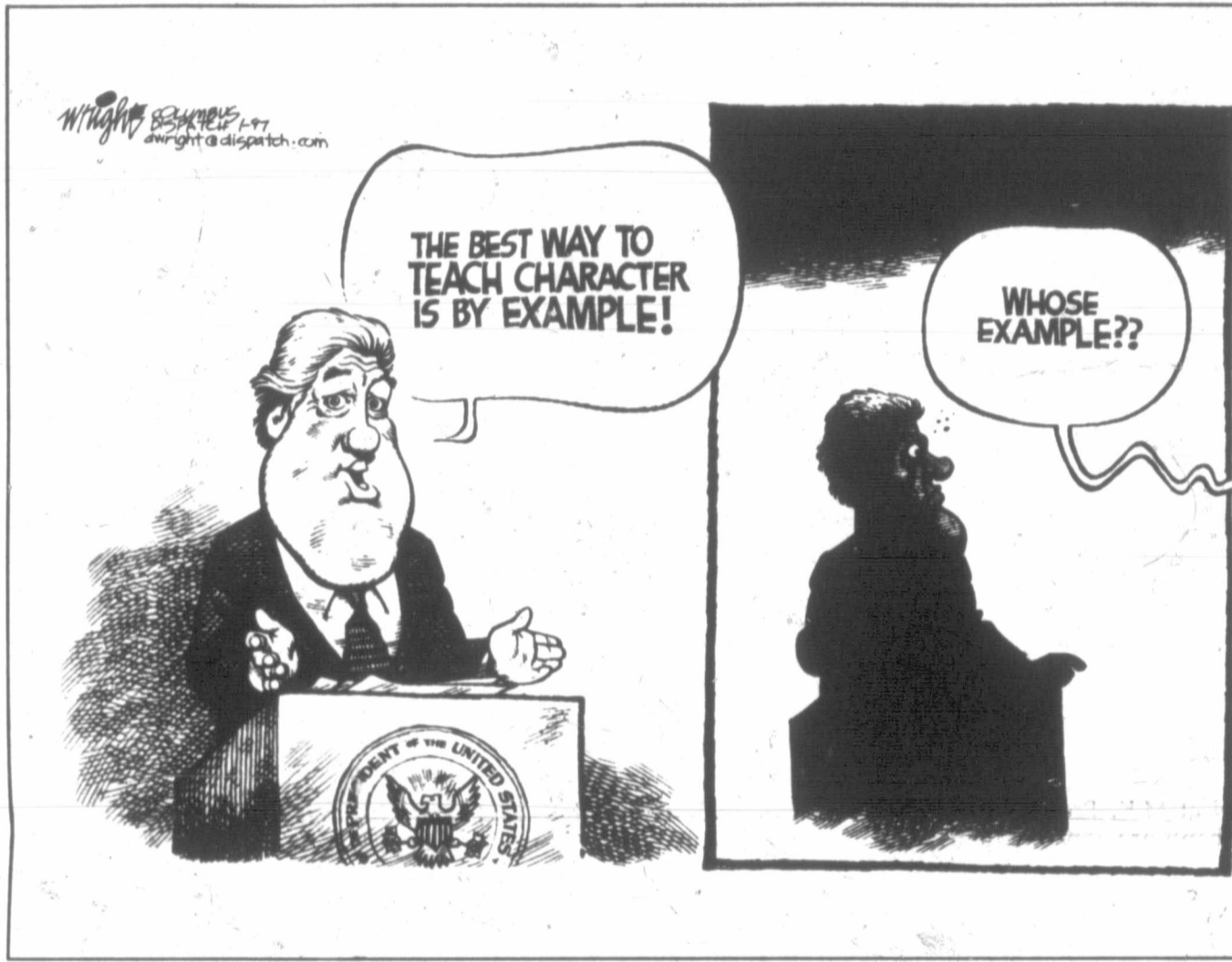
In 1892, President Lincoln's birthday was declared a national holiday.

In 1907, more than 300 people died when the steamer Larchmont collided with a schooner off New England's Block Island.

In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded.

In 1915, the cornerstone for the Lincoln Memorial was laid in Washington, D.C.

In 1924, George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* premiered in New York City.



Democracy: The West is best

China proceeds with its crackdown on the liberties of Hong Kong, and I hate saying this because it's so politically incorrect ...

Aw, I don't really, because it's true: Democracy - the rule of the people - does best in the West. The West invented it, to tell the truth. The West nurtures and protects it. Authoritarian Asia mostly suppresses it.

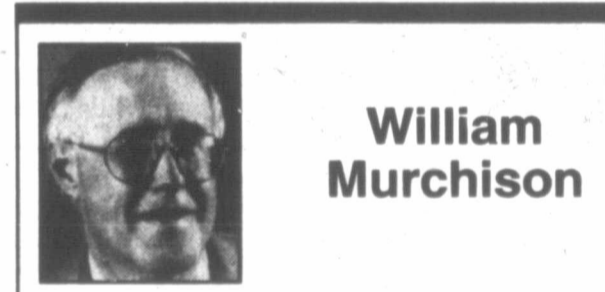
The Hong Kong dispute doesn't reveal this truth the first time the skin is peeled back. What China is doing, in preparation for absorbing Hong Kong after Britain's lease on the territory expires in July, is preparing to revoke Hong Kong's Bill of Rights and replace it with the more restrictive governing style that prevailed before 1991.

Very clever, these particular Chinese: They're merely restoring the old British status quo? Who can complain about that?

It's not - er - that simple, for the following reasons:

1. The British colonial code - whereunder you had to obtain police permission to demonstrate - was appropriate in its setting. You don't have to like colonialism, but if you're going to have it - as Hong Kong has for a century and a half, consistent with vast judicial and economic protections - it's illogical to leave government to the colonials. But it's more than that ...

2. British colonialism in Hong Kong, as elsewhere, was itself strained by the democratic tradition: which tradition Britain developed in the first place. China has nothing like Magna Carta, the nearly 800-year-old document that first limited royal power.



William Murchison

Britain, over succeeding centuries, built upon Magna Carta a vast superstructure of human liberty wholly with - now I'm really in trouble - Christian and Jewish materials; specifically, the understanding that legitimate power derives from the God of Abraham and Moses, Peter and Paul and Augustine and Aquinas. Slaughter or oppress the Creator's people, and He takes profound offense.

3. The abolition of Hong Kong's Bill of Rights (Britain, by the way, formulated the first Bill of Rights ever, anywhere) is what you would expect from Peking. The sovereign power always makes rules consistent with its understanding of where responsibility rightly lies. (See Point 1.) The Communist Chinese are acting like ... Communist Chinese. We expected them to act like Texans?

Here's the politically incorrect point: Rage at the West for technology, pollution, religious imperialism, disrespect for Indigenous Peoples, and so forth and so on. When your blood pressure has

subsidized, a fundamental point remains unrefuted: Democracy and the West go together like love and marriage used to.

Not that non-Western portions of the globe are innocent of democracy (think Taiwan, 1997) or that the Western record on human rights is spotless (think Berlin, 1934). The world's freest countries nonetheless are Western. The world's least free are hellholes like Burma, Iran, Libya and North Korea.

Why do Westerners hate the West? That oversimplifies. Westerners in the main don't hate the West, valuing as they do its unrivaled regard for freedom and opportunity. A certain kind of Westerner, cynical and secular, hates the West.

This kind of Westerner is disproportionately concentrated in the yacking professions - teaching, preaching, writing and such like, all the activities only marginally possible without enjoyment of the freedoms flowing from the Western understanding of man. In newspaper editorials, in speeches, in position papers, in movies like *Pocahontas*, these folk bite the hand that feeds them.

Gloating over Western virtues isn't the point of this exercise. Won't we all be happier when those virtues have put down deep roots outside the West? Of course we will: when Saudi Arabia permits Christian worship and Zaire encourages free enterprise - and Red China values free speech. We delude ourselves that upon the Iron Curtain's rusting away freedom magically took over the globe. It didn't. And ... oh, yes, West still is best, for those - may their tribe increase - who love liberty.

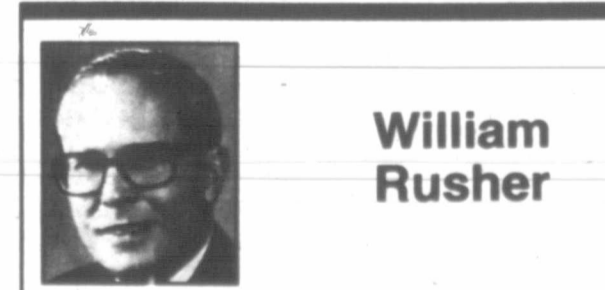
Is selection by merit impossible?

Charles Kettering, the longtime research director of General Motors, was fond of saying, "A problem well stated is a problem half solved." A rigorously logical friend of mine once objected that this isn't true. And maybe, technically, he was right. But Kettering's underlying point was sound: We could save a lot of time if we would first state clearly what we're arguing over.

The California Civil Rights Initiative (Proposition 209 on the ballot in California last November) is a classic example. The initiative, which passed with 54% of the votes in a state that Clinton carried overwhelmingly, amends the state constitution to provide that "the state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.

Prior to the election, opponents of Prop 209, lacking any better arguments against it, fell back on simple lying - charging, for example, that it would gut nondiscriminatory affirmative action programs such as outreach and job training. Since November, they have eased their pain by getting a liberal federal district judge to enjoin its enforcement until the Supreme Court can pass on its constitutionality in a year or so. But they know very well that even the present Supreme Court is likely to uphold it eventually, and some thoughtful liberals are seeking a fall back position.

Once such person is Nathan Glazer. Writing in



William Rusher

a recent issue of the *New Republic*, in a space set aside for "The Hard Questions," Glazer notes that CCRI, even if it were adopted as national policy, wouldn't affect black employment drastically (since private corporations still could, and many would, discriminate in favor of blacks) or change the picture for preferences in government contracting much (since the Supreme Court is already moving against these.) But higher education, he points out, is something else again: There, the end of preferences "means facing the prospect that the number of African American students accepted into selective institutions would drop from 6 or 7 percent to around 2 percent." This, he asserts, would be a "disaster for race relations."

Glazer therefore asks, "Can we find a way to reconcile some degree of selectivity or preference ... with the language and ideals of the Fourteenth Amendment and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and

with the parallel language of California's Proposition 209, which is modeled on those precedents?" He doesn't answer the question, he just raises it. A "hard question," indeed.

But that brings us back to Charles Kettering's dictum. If only deliberate race preferences can maintain black admissions to selective educational institutions at seven percent, and eliminating those preferences would result in a drop to two percent, the five percent of places newly available would go to whites (or perhaps more likely Asians) better qualified.

And if we choose to maintain black acceptances at seven percent, in the name of some higher and overriding necessity, then let us at least be clear about what we are doing: We are denying five percent of the places available in America's institutions of higher learning to young men and women who have every right to them on the basis of their objective qualifications, but have the misfortune to belong to the white or yellow race.

Does that sound like a prescription for racial harmony? Glazer acknowledges that a college or post-graduate education is today "the predominant pathway to well-paying and influential jobs." Would you, if you were the parent of a white or Asian child fully qualified for such an education, acquiesce philosophically if he or she were rejected in favor of a less qualified black child?

No one can pretend that the answer to that question is easy. But at least it's the right question.

Community Calendar

Note: Civic clubs, organizations, church groups and others wanting their special meetings and activities listed on the community calendar should contact the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-3241, at least two weeks before the scheduled event.

February

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

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.

VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of the Texas Panhandle Inc. has an office open in Pampa. For information as a volunteer, or if you have a child who would qualify for the program, call 665-1211.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

MEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-75-0769811-0.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at 2125 N. Hobart. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER, 308 S. Cuyler, is offering group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

15 - BETA SIGMA PHI Scholarship Benefit Dance at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Dance and casino Mardi Gras. Band will be Kracker Jack. \$25 a couple in advance, or \$30 at the door. Set-ups and snacks included. All funds go toward a Pampa student scholarship. For more information, contact Terry Harrison at 665-6037 or Carolyn Smith at 665-5158.

16-19 - "THE GLORY AND THE FIRE" dramatic presentation, First Assembly of God Church, 500 S. Cuyler (Cuyler and Hwy. 60), 7 p.m. nightly. This drama portrays scenes of life as people confront the reality of heaven and hell. Nursery provided through age 3. Children under age of 12 should be accompanied by adult, and parents should be advised that the intensity of this presentation may not be suitable for children under 12. Admission is free, but an offering will be received. For more information, contact Rev. Mike Moss at 665-5941 (office) or 665-6060 (home).

17 - PAMPA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION will meet at 2 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library for a regular meeting. The program will be presented by AFS exchange students Trondur Vatnhamar of Faroe Island, Denmark, and Anni Kerstan of Germany. For more information, call Nancy Coffee at 669-2144.

18 - JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE meeting at 7 p.m. at Debbie Jones' home, 2724 Aspen. This meeting also will include installation of provisionals and voting for officers for 1997-1998. For more information, call Jona Smith at 669-1754.

20 - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL BANQUET and naming of Citizen of the Year. 7 p.m., M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. Featuring Dan Willis, cowboy poet/storyteller from Cranfills Gap, Texas. Tickets, \$15 per person. For more information, call the Chamber at 669-3241.

21 - "ART OF HEART" AUCTION at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium from 6-9 p.m. Local merchants are donating items for the silent auction at 6 and 7 p.m. Area artists have donated paintings, pottery, jewelry, etc., for the live auction. All tickets are \$10. Tickets may be obtained by calling Chryss Smith or Dee Barker at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 665-0356.

22 - FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS at 6 p.m., Clyde Carruth Pavilion. Pot luck supper. For more information, call 665-8067, 665-0190 or 665-7896.

22 - VFW POST #1657 will have a covered-dish social at 6 p.m. for members and guests at the Post Home, 105 S. Cuyler. For more information, contact Jean Dietrich at 669-6579.

23-24 - ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 727 W. Browning, will host "Lenten Preaching Mission" with the Rev. James V. Thomson, associate rector, Trinity Episcopal Church, Tulsa, Okla. Feb. 23 at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Feb. 24 at 12 noon, 7 p.m. (dinner will be served in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m.) Invitation extended to all church community people interested in the Christian Mission. For more information, call Nelda Rogers at 665-8779.

24 - CREATIVE ARTISANS NETWORK will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library annex. For more information, call Grant Johnson at 669-9887 or Kelly Ebel at 665-2825.



(Pampa News photo by Dianne F. Dandridge)

Twenty-two Pampa High School Students participated in the Area IV Region I Leadership Conference in Lubbock. Front row from left are Laura Cortez, Kembra Malberg, Nonnie James, Patty Dinges, Heather Mitchell, Heather Herndon and Deanna Dreher. Middle row: Amy Wagner, Casey Blalock, Jason Bliss, Angelica Miranda, Brandon Rogers, Amanda Sigala, Jennifer Nettles and Cristine Arreola. Back row: Ruben Leal, Nikki Koehler, Kendra Rozier, Melissa Coutts, Katrina Hopson, Jamie Kochick and Keegan McCain.

16 BPA students going to state

The Pampa Chapter of Business Professional of America attended the Area IV Region I Leadership Conference at Lubbock High School on Feb. 7-8.

Students attended leadership sessions and competed in business skills contest against approximately 450 students from 35 different schools from the Panhandle and South Plains area.

Twenty-two Pampa students were very successful, with 16 advancing to state competition.

First place winners who advanced to state competition levels were Cristina Arreola, Administrative Assistant, and Brandon Rogers, Banking Concepts.

Second place state advances are Amy Wagner, Information Processing Assistant; Reuben Leal, Entrepreneur; Melissa Coutts, Document Formatting; Heather Herndon, Management

Concepts; and Angelica Miranda, Application/Interview Skills.

Deanna Dreher, Keyboarding, and Nikki Koehler, Parliamentary Procedure Individual, placed third and will also go to state competition.

Keegan McCain placed fifth in Parliamentary Procedures Individual to get a trip to state.

Nonnie James, Ruben Leal, Kembra Malberg, Cristina Arreola, Melissa Coutts, Keegan McCain, Nikki Koehler and Katrina Hopson placed second in Parliamentary Procedures to win a state berth.

Deanna Dreher, Amy Wagner, Patty Dinges and Heather Mitchell placed second in Financial Analyst Team and will be going to state.

The 16 students advancing to state competition will compete at the Texas Leadership Conference in Arlington, March 5-8.

Nineteen Pampa students were also recognized by receiving their Diplomat Torch Award.

To receive this recognition, students must earn 30 points in each of seven categories. The categories include leadership, faith, love, hope, service, cooperation, knowledge, friendship and patriotism.

Students did a variety of community service projects, professional development activities and school service projects to earn these points.

Recognized for the honor were Cristina Arreola, Casey Blalock, Jason Bliss, Laura Cortez, Melissa Coutts, Deanna Dreher, Katrina Hopson, Nonnie James, Jamie Kochick, Nikki Koehler, Ruben Leal, Keegan McCain, Angelica Miranda, Heather Mitchell, Jennifer Nettles, Brandon Rogers, Kendra Rozier, Amanda Sigala and Amy Wagner.

WTAMU to offer Super Saturdays in spring

CANYON - The West Texas A&M University Gifted and Talented Institute will offer Super Saturdays, a program for gifted and talented students in kindergarten through eighth grades, from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays, March 22-April 19.

The program will offer four classes including "Computer Art," "Dissection," "Learning to Draw" and "Spanish."

According to Dr. George Mann, director of the Gifted and Talented Institute, these classes are designed to provide gifted and talented students with opportunities to practice critical-thinking skills while studying content that is useful and interesting using a hands-on approach to learning.

"Computer Art" is a course designed to teach the student

how to draw, paint and create artistic masterpieces on the computer. "Computer Art" is intended for grades four through seven.

"Dissection," for grades six through eight, explores the internal organ system of a fetal pig through dissection exercises for a hands-on look at pigs inside and out.

Students who enroll in "Learning How to Draw" will create exciting drawings through crazy creative art lessons. Suggested grades for the class are first through third.

"Spanish" is a class for kindergarten through third grade students that introduces the Spanish language. Students learn the language by singing Spanish songs and dancing. Students will also learn pro-

nunciation and basic conversation.

Brandi Parker, coordinator of Super Saturdays and a graduate student in counseling education from Amarillo, said there are a few things parents should know before registering their children.

"The student can only enroll in one class due to all classes meeting at the same time each Saturday," Parker said. "The fee is \$50 for any one of the classes. Also, there is a limited enrollment, so parents should register as early as possible."

Registration ends March 15. For more information about Super Saturdays or to register, call Brandi Parker at 806/656-2662, or write to Gifted and Talented Institute, WTAMU Box 208, Canyon, Texas 79016-0001.

Nation briefs

Staff replaced at battered women's shelter

NEW YORK (AP) — Employees of a battered women's shelter have been replaced amid charges they had sex with the women, used drugs and alcohol while working and let abusive husbands and boyfriends in at night.

Investigators got an anonymous tip about abuse at the New Day shelter in the Bronx, the only shelter for battered women run by city workers. Others are run by private agencies.

Eleven of 44 staff members were suspended Tuesday without pay; the rest were transferred. None of the suspects were identified. Also replaced was the shelter's security company.

Investigators heard details about the abuse last month during a public hearing of the Governor's Commission on Domestic Violence.

Two women told commissioners about the shelter's problems, including children wandering the halls and staffers stealing food and clothing. They also accused workers of coercing them to have sex and allowing batterers into the shelter. They said they complained to the administrator, who did nothing.

Student settles for \$45,000 over nude sculpture dispute

MIAMI (AP) — A student artist who sued when her high school banned her nude sculpture of a man wearing makeup has agreed to a \$45,000 settlement.

Rebecca Antolak's principal removed the sculpture from the lobby of Dillard High School before an open house. A nude sculpture of a woman remained on display.

Ms. Antolak, 17, had offered to end her lawsuit against Broward County School Board without payment if the board agreed to display the male statue, which wore eye makeup and lipstick.

She also wanted the board to train teachers on student expression and change language in a Student Handbook, which allows administrators to outlaw art that "could cause embarrassment." The board refused.

Ms. Antolak will use \$20,000 of the \$45,000 for legal fees. The settlement, signed by lawyers for both parties, must be approved by a judge.

Former Arkansas governor's trial moved back

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A federal judge gave former Gov. Jim Guy Tucker another six months to recover from liver-transplant surgery before putting him on trial for fraud.

Judge Stephen M. Reasoner on Tuesday pushed Tucker's trial back from March to Sept. 22. Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr has sought a June trial date.

Tucker, who resigned in July and had a liver transplant on Christmas Day, is charged with two other men of plotting to hide profits from a multimillion-dollar cable television deal.

Man's 1993 death, previously ruled accidental, now homicide

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — The mysterious 1993 death of a Spring man, previously ruled an accidental drowning despite two gunshot wounds to the head, has been reclassified as a homicide.

Montgomery County Justice of the Peace Edie Connelly reversed her 1993 ruling on Paul Jerome Beauchamp's death Tuesday after three of four pathologists who re-examined his exhumed body agreed that he died of the wounds.

Beauchamp's family had rejected the official finding by a former Harris County pathologist and Montgomery County sheriff's detectives that Beauchamp was drunk, staggered into a pond and drowned after leaving a Christmas party.

Dr. Joye M. Carter, Harris County medical examiner, headed the team of pathologists that re-examined the body on Nov. 18.

She reported that the pathology team's lone dissenter from the new homicide finding was Dr. Vladimir M. Parungao.

Parungao is the Harris County pathologist who determined in the original autopsy that two shots were fired into Beauchamp's head on Dec. 26, 1993, after Beauchamp stumbled into a private pond in south Montgomery County and drowned.

Parungao stands by his accidental drowning conclusion, but also believes that "circumstances are questionable between homicide and accident," Dr. Carter said in the report.

A Spring auto mechanic who lives near the pond always contended that he fired two shots from a .22-caliber rifle into Beauchamp's head in the belief that he was shooting at a turtle.

Montgomery County authorities said the mechanic is not a

suspect, but Beauchamp's family believe he should be.

Detectives theorized Beauchamp, who had been drinking earlier in the day and later at the party, drove into a remote area and got his pickup truck stuck in mud not far from the pond.

His parents question why their son's shoes were found about 200 feet apart near the pond and how he could have been lucid enough to walk 600 feet from his truck to the water but so disoriented or drunk that he entered the chilly pond and drowned.

The level of alcohol in

Beauchamp's blood was .27 percent. The legal limit for intoxication is .10 percent.

Sheriff's investigators surmised that Beauchamp, who earlier had been drinking heavily at a Christmas party, was so intoxicated that he got his pickup truck stuck on a remote road about 600 yards from the pond, became disoriented and stumbled to his death.

Neither Carter nor Parungao could be reached to elaborate on the report, which said that "all doctors agreed that the initial and follow-up investigation was severely flawed."

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O.J. Simpson: 'I don't want to join in this circus atmosphere'

LOS ANGELES (AP) - O.J. Simpson vowed Tuesday his case was far from over, but won't say much about it because "I don't want to join in this circus atmosphere."

Simpson, in a telephone interview from his Brentwood home, said it was too early to comment in detail on the whopping \$33.5 million in damages a jury awarded in his wrongful death trial.

"I don't want to join in this circus atmosphere that's out there at this time," he told Associated Press Special Correspondent Linda Deutsch.

Simpson declined to comment on any of the legal issues or his personal situation.

"It would be premature for me to say anything now," he said. "Obviously, I have feelings. But this is far from over. ... I have no comment about anything." However, he added, "Definitely in the future, I'll have something to say."

Simpson was not in the courtroom Monday when the trial's last verdict was read - \$25 million in punitive damages for the June 1994 slaying deaths of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. The six-man, six-woman civil jury last week levied compensatory damages totaling \$8.5 million for Goldman's parents.

Even by the plaintiffs' own evidence, that total damages are more than double what Simpson is worth. And Simpson says he doesn't have the money to pay.

Simpson was acquitted of murder in 1995. But a civil trial juror, Maurice Bourdon, said Tuesday he didn't believe Simpson. He singled out the former football star's testimony that he couldn't remember cutting his hand.

"It wasn't very credible," Bourdon said on NBC's

Today. "It seemed like he would dance around every question that was asked to him. He never would give a real answer to anything. He was always, 'I may have, well, I don't remember where I cut that and I don't remember this.'"

At a post-verdict news conference and in other interviews, jurors and alternates spoke of decisions made carefully with logic and compassion during 17 hours of deliberations over five days for both phases. The criminal trial jury took just four hours to acquit Simpson.

"Finding O.J. Simpson liable of the murders and acting with oppression and malice was one of the easiest decisions I have ever had to make," said juror Laura Fast-Khazaee, 27.

Juror Deena Lynn Mullen, 40, disagreed with the notion that Simpson got nailed because the civil trial jury used the preponderance of evidence standard, rather than the beyond a reasonable doubt standard used at the criminal trial.

"What I needed, to be able to walk out of that room, was not just a reasonable doubt, but beyond a shadow of a doubt, and I was willing to stay there for a month if that's what it took to answer all of those questions for myself," she said.

On the Today show, another juror, Arthur Li, said he might not have convicted Simpson in a criminal case with its more rigid burden of proof.

"I would have looked further into the evidence," he said. "If I'm in the criminal jury, I won't come to the verdict so fast."

Jurors said they took 12 hours to reach a verdict in the compensatory phase last week because they painstakingly went through the evidence. They didn't take their first vote until the very end - and

found out then they were unanimous in their feeling that Simpson was a killer.

The mostly white jury, which contrasted with the predominantly black jury that acquitted Simpson, said race had nothing to do with its decision.

"We went by all the evidence and it had nothing to do with the color of Mr. Simpson's skin," said juror No. 400, a white woman in her 60s.

The jurors said the most compelling evidence was the blood and photos showing Simpson wearing the same type of Bruno Magli shoes that left bloody prints near the victims' bodies. They also said Simpson, who denied ever wearing the shoes, could not be believed.

"He really should have gotten his stories straight before he got up there," said juror Lisa Theriot, 25.

She voted for punitive damages but dissented on the amount, saying she believed the figure should have been lower.

Lurking behind the confident jury was a troubling issue. The lone remaining black woman panelist, an alternate who listened to the same evidence but didn't deliberate, thought Simpson got a raw deal.

"For the most part, I felt Simpson was pretty credible," said the woman, in her 40s. "The plaintiffs were more like bullies than professionals."

The other black on the panel was the only one to vote against awarding punitive damages, though he joined the majority in holding Simpson responsible for the killings. The juror, a Jamaican-born man of black and Asian descent, has yet to comment publicly.

The \$33.5 million in total damages dwarfs the \$15.7 million that plaintiffs estimated Simpson is

worth, based on the predicted \$3 million he stands to make every year for selling his name, likeness and trademark. The estimate is important because by law creditors can garnish up to 25 percent of future wages. The \$25 million punitive award is to be split evenly between Goldman's parents and Ms. Simpson's children.

Before the plaintiffs can claim their money, the judge must decide whether the awards are reasonable, or inflated by irrational passions. He can pare them down if he chooses.

Simpson also could appeal, but that would not let him postpone payment. Bankruptcy is another possibility, but it would not allow Simpson to avoid his debts.

Across the street from the courthouse, in the hotel headquarters of the plaintiffs, there were smiles and tears, but no jubilation at a verdict forcing a man to pay money he says he doesn't have to make up for the loss of two people who will never return.

Kim Goldman, Ronald's sister, said: "I will be glad when all the cameras are gone and when we can sort of just sit and look at our family and be proud of what we've done and be able to go to the cemetery as a family and tell Ron that we did it."

Simpson watched reports of the verdict not from the courtroom, but eating a chili dog at the bar of suburban Knollwood Golf Course, a bartender said.

"He was having lunch, joking around with his buddies," said the bartender, who wouldn't give her name. "He didn't even want to watch the TV. He just kind of wanted to avoid it."

Now there's help for the not-so-lucky-in-love

By ELIZABETH WEISE
AP Cyberspace Writer

Speak to me, love, in words poetic. With passionate phrases edged in desperation, intellect touched with regret. On this day of romance, let your tender, written words find their way into my heart.

And if you can't, let the Internet do it for you.

For the romantically impaired, the appearance of red boxes of chocolates and an abrupt rise in the price of roses signal not the approach of the day of love, but the day of dread. It's Valentine's Day, when missives so moving as to melt the hardest heart are called for.

Dread not, oh ye for whom words of love do not leap eagerly from pen to paper. Are computers not meant to aid mankind, free us from labor, allow us to expand our reach? Or, maybe, just to get us out of a serious jam?

If the thought of writing an epistle of love brings terror to your heart and tremors to your hand, if you know you'll say the wrong thing or you can't think of anything to say at all, the Internet has the answers.

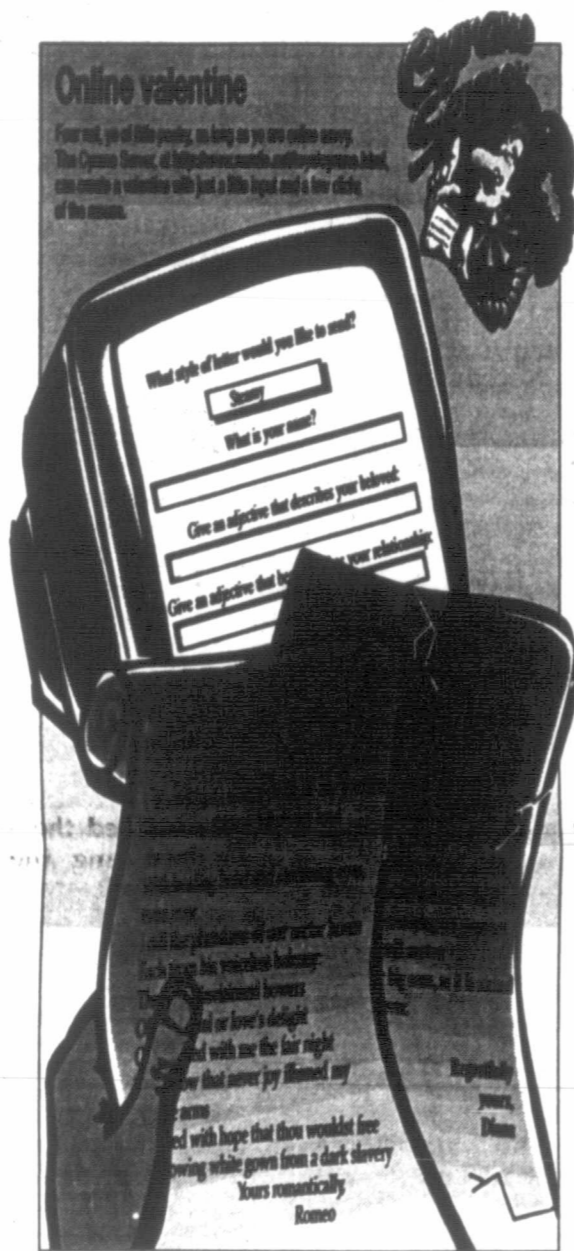
Hie thee over to the Cyrano Server, where Fraser Van Asch has created a site in honor of that most persuasive writer of love letters, Cyrano de Bergerac.

What do you feel for that obscure object of your desire? Desperate longing, intellectual connection, misty-eyed regret? Perhaps steamy passion, poetic ardor or even surreal concern?

Whichever it is, simply click on one of the options listed above, supply a few bits of information about your beloved - a descriptive adjective, a name, a favorite food, the most attractive physical feature - and voila! A Valentine to woo the hardest of hearts is written, expressly for you.

Not only that, but you can arrange it so that the e-mail is sent on the big day itself.

"My wife and I sat around with the original programmer and her husband one night, had a few beers and went at it," said Van Asch,



the art director for Nando net, the site's sponsor.

Lest you think that's not a proper qualification, Van Asch hastens to add that his wife was an English major in college. "She was always great with words," he

said from his Raleigh, N.C., office. Is it cheating? Shouldn't one write one's own love letters? Does it really count if you don't do it yourself?

In a word ... no. Pre-written letters turn out to have a long and honorable history, and that's according to the final word of all that is right and proper, Miss Manners herself.

"This, too, has a precedent. I have a shelf full of 19th-century books of model letters, including love letters," says Judith Martin, whose most recent book, *Miss Manner's Basic Training: Communication*, deals specifically with the machine age.

"These letters could have been taken practically word for word from that older genre - though perhaps not the steamy part. It isn't as though we were all bursting with originality in the past and now everything has to be done for people."

And if you find yourself the recipient of a Valentine's missive that seems a wee too polished? Best let romance be your guide, Miss Manners suggests. "After all," she says, "you're welcome to flutter your heart at the thought that he has untold sources of eloquence that you never expected. As long as your best friend didn't get the same letter."

What to do if the passion once so assiduously sought causes only heartbreak and pain?

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Or, as one such carefully worded billet began, "I have enjoyed our relationship for the past few days, but fear that we have soared to exuberant heights only to alight upon a plateau of happiness. It would have been better to have just remained friends, but alas, our passion prevailed."

There now. Isn't that better than "Dear John"?

The Cyrano Server can be found at <http://www.nando.net/toys/cyrano.html>

New fingerprint record center still leaves FBI falling behind

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. (AP) - At the world's largest repository for criminals' fingerprints, the FBI has fallen at least three months behind conducting background checks on suspects of murder, rape, robbery and other felonies.

And the work at the FBI's new \$200 million national fingerprint record center won't get any easier: 50,000 new requests arrive every day, leading to a backlog of 2.8 million orders.

The result: Some people waiting to be cleared by background checks can't start new jobs; some schools hired teachers without the checks; and criminals could be released before police know their real identities or full criminal records.

"We've never seen anything like this," said Dennis Kurre, a deputy assistant director at the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division. The delays are caused by the sheer volume of requests, not enough workers and a computer system that's not yet up to date. The wait has lengthened since 1993 with new laws requiring background checks for teachers, child care providers, immigrants and even school bus drivers, Kurre said.

Although the center expedites emergency requests for high-profile cases, the backlog also delays routine job and immigration applications, foreign adop-

tions and other background investigations based on fingerprints.

David Fox of Sarasota, Fla., a former counterintelligence officer, is working part time as a scuba instructor and for a temporary employment agency because his delayed fingerprint check has held up his private investigator's license for five months.

"I've been fingerprinted, fingerprinted and re-fingerprinted," Fox said. "It's just real frustrating. I keep thinking, 'It's not just me. It's a lot of other people, too.'"

The delays have forced California school districts to hire some teachers before completing their background checks, said Bob Salley, state director of teacher certification.

"Our concern has been whether we're potentially putting someone into a classroom who may be a threat to kids," Salley said.

When the complex opened in 1995 in rolling farmland just outside Clarksburg, about 100 miles south of Pittsburgh, about 75 percent of FBI workers in Washington, D.C., chose not to relocate, creating staff shortages.

While workers are putting in for plenty of overtime, the FBI is hiring hundreds of additional workers to cut the backlog and reduce the turnaround time to 24 hours, Kurre said.

Death row inmate seeks to keep inheritance of family he killed

HOUSTON (AP) - A Houston-area man condemned for killing five family members is in court trying to keep half of the \$600,000 family inheritance.

Robert Coulson, 28, was sent to death row for the 1992 slayings of his adoptive parents, Otis and Mary Coulson; their daughter, Sarah; and Robin and Richard Wentworth, his biological sister and her husband.

The only family survivor is Sarah Coulson's son, who was just one month old at the time of the November 1992 attack at the Coulsons' home in the suburb of Spring Branch.

Robert Coulson, listed as an heir in his adoptive father's will, has balked at requests to sign away his rights, forcing a trial that began with jury selection Monday in Harris County probate court. He is acting as his own attorney.

Attorneys for the victims' estate must convince a jury that Robert Coulson was liable for the slayings. The ruling would disqualify his claim to 50 percent of the inheritance and place it in a trust fund for the lone survivor, who now is four years old and in the care of an adopted family.

"He said he would do that during the criminal proceedings," said Larry Doherty, an attorney for the estate. "And he promised afterwards. But every time the papers are there, he still refuses."

Doherty said a capital murder conviction alone does not invalidate a will if the defendant is listed as an heir. The decision to disinherit someone must be made by a probate court, normally a jury, the lawyer said.

Coulson wore an orange jail suit as he began questioning potential jurors. "Just because I am a convicted murderer on death row, would you hold that against me in this trial?" he asked them.

Twenty-seven of the 75 people in the jury pool said they would and Judge Jim Scanlan was interviewing them individually.

Evidence at Coulson's criminal trial showed he became bitter after his father refused to finance his windshield repair business and had joked about gaining the inheritance if the family died prematurely.

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'Sophisticated' Iran-Iraq smuggling efforts evade U.N. embargo

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Hugging Iran's coast, smugglers are making an end run around U.S. destroyers in the Persian Gulf, shipping thousands of tons of Iraqi fuel in violation of U.N. sanctions, says a top U.S. admiral.

The embargo busters do occasionally come face to face with U.S. 5th Fleet ships. In one case, two weeks ago, an American frigate came out the loser, taking a "punch in the bow" from a defiant tug.

Fleet commander Vice Adm. Thomas B. Fargo told The Associated Press the smuggling is a "rather sophisticated effort, centrally controlled within Iran."

Crews of intercepted vessels tell investigators Iranian authorities are taking a cut of the profits, he said in the interview at his Bahrain headquarters Tuesday.

The "Iran connection" is one visible sign of cooperation between the two former enemies in trying to foil American

efforts to enforce U.N. trade sanctions imposed in 1990 to punish Iraq for its invasion of Kuwait.

But U.S. friends are also involved. Fargo said some smuggled diesel oil eventually is unloaded at ports in the United Arab Emirates in the southern Persian Gulf.

The American commander avoided criticizing the UAE, an ally in the 1991 Gulf War against Iraq. But he said U.S. officials are "working very closely with the UAE government" to ensure enforcement in UAE waters.

The Emirates says it doesn't have the capability to monitor its entire lengthy coast for smugglers. But its government also has vocally opposed continuing the sanctions on Iraq.

The sanctions have been maintained because Iraq apparently has not abandoned efforts to develop weapons of mass destruction.

Since mid-December, however, an exception has been made for selling limited amounts of Iraqi petroleum, under U.N. supervision, to allow Iraqis to buy needed food and medicine. As legitimate shipments have begun to leave Iraqi ports, the diesel smugglers have stepped up their work, too.

"Through our reconnaissance capabilities" — satellites and U.S. aircraft — "we can image these guys as they're loading up," Fargo said.

The diesel smuggling "has increased to 60,000 metric tons per month, due to the fact that there's a significant profit to be made," he said.

The operation, which buys the fuel cheaply from a desperate Iraq, can net \$150,000 on a 2,000-ton shipment, Fargo estimated.

After picking up the fuel at ports on Iraq's Shatt al-Arab waterway, the ships — small tankers and other vessels that

flood their ballast tanks and compartments with the cargo — skirt the Iran coast as they steam southward.

Both international law and treacherous coastal shoals keep deep-hulled U.S. destroyers on sanctions patrol out of Iran's 12-mile-wide territorial waters.

"We can see them out there, but we can't go after them," said a watch officer aboard the destroyer USS Cushing as it steamed in the northern Gulf.

Fargo said roughly 30 vessels have been identified on the "Iran connection" run, one having traversed the route at least nine times.

"A protection fee is paid to the Iranians that guarantees them safe passage through territorial waters," the admiral said.

Last summer, the United States complained to a U.N. sanctions committee that Iran has been helping Iraq smuggle

oil and other goods. President Clinton made similar allegations in a report to Congress released in May.

Fargo said an Iranian Revolutionary Guard maritime station at the mouth of the Shatt appears to be the "gatekeeper" for the illicit shipments.

On Feb. 4, Iran's interest in the trade became clear to destroyer crews when the USS Nicholson cut off and boarded a diesel smuggler in international waters, and an Iranian patrol boat sped to the scene.

When the Cushing arrived to back up the Nicholson, the Iranian craft, armed with anti-ship missiles, began circling the U.S. warships. Their crews took up defensive positions on deck.

"It was hairy," a young Cushing officer recounted, speaking on condition he not be identified. "One little Iranian gunboat had two \$800 million destroyers totally tied up."

'Star Wars' edges out 'Dante's Peak,' remains No. 1

By LYNN ELBER
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The reissued *Star Wars* prevailed over special-effects rival *Dante's Peak* to remain the top attraction at the box office with a take of \$24.3 million.

Dante's Peak, starring Pierce Brosnan and Linda Hamilton, earned a healthy \$18.5 million over the weekend to finish in second place.

The Universal Pictures volcano epic bested the \$18.1 million earned by *Wayne's World* over the 1992 four-day President's Day holiday.

But *Dante's Peak* failed to open as spectacularly as another disaster movie, *Twister*, which grossed \$41 million in its debut last May — a more traditional time of year for big-budget action films.

The appeal of the 20-year-old *Star Wars* is unmistakable: with a total take of \$393.5 million, it's poised to pass *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial* (\$399.8 million) as the all-time domestic box-office champion.

Twentieth Century Fox is sticking to its plan to re-release filmmaker George Lucas' trilogy in quick succession and is confident the films all will thrive, said studio executive Tom Sherak.

The Empire Strikes Back and *Return of the Jedi* come out Feb. 21 and March 7, respectively.

BOX OFFICE	
Top weekend movies	
Weekend of Feb. 7-9, 1997	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
Star Wars, two weeks, 2,104 screens	\$24.3
Dante's Peak, one week, 2,657 screens	\$18.5
The Beautician and the Beast, one week, 1,801 screens	\$4.1
Jerry Maguire, one week, 1,964 screens	\$3.58
Scream, eight weeks, 1,750 screens	\$3.56
Evita, seven weeks, 1,045 screens	\$3
Metro, four weeks, 1,728 screens	\$2.5
The English Patient, one week, 1,042 screens	\$2.2
Beverly Hills Ninja, four weeks, 1,956 screens	\$2
Michael, seven weeks, 1,680 screens	\$1.9

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

"We believe the marketplace will take care of the movies. Every (exhibitor) wants to play movies that work," Sherak said Monday.

Two other films debuted in wide weekend release: *The Beautician and the Beast*, a new comedy starring *The Nanny* TV star Fran Drescher, grossed \$4.1 million to rank third, while the

John Leguizamo comedy *The Pest* was No. 12 with \$1.8 million.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

- Star Wars*, Fox, \$24.3 million, 2,104 locations, \$11,539 average, \$70.8 million, two weeks (re-release).
- Dante's Peak*, Universal, \$18.5 million, 2,657 locations, \$6,955 average, \$18.5 million, one week.
- The Beautician and the Beast*, Paramount, \$4.1 million, 1,801 locations, \$2,266 average, \$4.1 million, one week.
- Jerry Maguire*, Sony, \$3.58 million, 1,964 locations, \$1,823 average, \$121.3 million, nine weeks.
- Scream*, Miramax, \$3.56 million, 1,750 locations, \$2,036 average, \$75 million, eight weeks.
- Evita*, Buena Vista, \$3 million, 1,045 locations, \$2,872 average, \$41 million, seven weeks.
- Metro*, Buena Vista, \$2.5 million, 1,728 locations, \$1,443 average, \$28.4 million, four weeks.
- The English Patient*, Miramax, \$2.2 million, 1,042 locations, \$2,148 average, \$42 million, 13 weeks.
- Beverly Hills Ninja*, Sony, \$2 million, 1,956 locations, \$1,030
- Michael*, New Line, \$1.9 million, 1,660 locations, \$1,170 average, \$83.1 million, seven weeks.
- In Love and War*, New Line, \$1.84 million, 1,612 locations, \$1,143 average, \$12.9 million, three weeks.
- The Pest*, Sony, \$1.82 million, 1,205 locations, \$1,508 average, \$1.82 million, one week.
- Mother*, Paramount, \$1.7 million, 735 locations, \$2,346 average, \$15 million, seven weeks.
- The Relic*, Paramount, \$1.4 million, 1,145 locations, \$1,185 average, \$31.4 million, five weeks.
- Shine*, Fine Line Features, \$1.03 million, 314 locations, \$3,282 average, \$16 million, 12 weeks.
- Everyone Says I Love You*, Miramax, \$1.0 million, 276 locations, \$3,627 average, \$6.7 million, seven weeks.
- Seven Creatures*, Universal, \$861,500, 1,038 locations, \$830 average, \$8.5 million, three weeks.
- Gridlock'd*, Gramercy, \$860,300, 739 locations, \$1,164 average, \$4.9 million, two weeks.
- Space Jam*, Warner, \$855,900, 827 locations, \$1,035 average, \$87.9 million, 13 weeks.
- Zeus and Roxanne*, MGM, \$809,200, 1,371 locations, \$590 average, \$6.1 million, three weeks.

Questionable campaign finance practices delay Lake's CIA confirmation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Until now, White House ethical troubles over campaign financing practices so far have largely spared President Clinton's choice to head the CIA.

But citing evidence that aides to Anthony Lake met with a Thai businesswoman who made thousands of dollars in illegal campaign contributions, a Senate Republican on Tuesday ordered a second delay in Lake's confirmation hearing.

The move by Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, came despite a telephone appeal from Clinton that Shelby reconsider the postponement.

Lake, whose hearing was earlier delayed from today to Feb. 25, now must wait until March 11 to make his case to the committee.

"After consulting with other concerned members of the committee, I have decided to postpone the hearings," Shelby said.

In his conversation with Clinton, Shelby suggested that the White House cooperate in providing information, something the administration says it is already doing. Clinton expressed concern about the delay and urged the senator to consider holding the hearing sooner, spokesman Mike McCurry said.

Further, Clinton said he was confident that Lake and the White House could resolve any remaining questions on issues Shelby has identified, McCurry added. The president reiterated his strong support for Lake and said he was superbly qualified.

In addition to a raft of other issues, including Lake's failure to divest energy stocks during his four year tenure as Clinton's national security adviser and his role in the tacit U.S. approval of

Iranian arms shipments to Bosnia, the committee is now focusing on the campaign finance issue.

"The committee has become aware of White House records indicating meetings between at least one National Security Council staff member, possibly others, and a foreign contributor who made illegal contributions to the Democratic National Committee," Shelby said.

White House logs show that Sandy Kristoff, an NSC expert on Asia, met three times at the White House with Thai businesswoman Pauline Kanchanalak — on April 7, 1993, and June 27 and Aug. 20 of last year. An Intelligence Committee aide who spoke on condition of anonymity said the panel was examining whether Lake had a role in approving these meetings.

Kanchanalak, a legal U.S. resident, though not a citizen, is one of several Asians caught up in questions about whether the White House traded access to senior officials, including the president, in exchange for major donations to the Democratic Party.

The DNC last year returned a \$253,500 donation to Kanchanalak after it was disclosed that the money came from her mother-in-law. Federal law prohibits someone from donating money other than his or her own to a federal committee. In all, Kanchanalak was invited to the Clinton White House 33 times and showed up at least 26 times.

Clinton met personally with Kanchanalak and five associates with investments in China last June 18 on the same day Kanchanalak gave \$85,000 to the party.

Scientists map relationship between sleep patterns, mood swings

CHICAGO (AP) — Changing the timing of when you are awake and when you sleep can profoundly affect your mood, according to scientists who have for the first time linked mood changes to the predictable and enduring internal rhythms of the human body.

Two studies released Tuesday tease apart the complex relationships between daily biological rhythms, sleep choices and whether people feel cheerful or blue.

The studies suggest, for example, that even if a person has gotten enough sleep, he is likely to be irritable or blue if his waking hours center on a time when his biological clock tells him he "should" be asleep.

Conversely, even if a person stays awake 36 hours straight and is seriously sleep-deprived, he may say he feels terrific if you ask him about his mood at an hour when his biological clock tells him he is supposed to be awake, findings suggest.

The studies show that "some hours of the day, we're happier than others, and it's occurring inside us, not just in reaction to the world around us," said psychologist David F. Dinges of the University of Pennsylvania.

He called the work a "tour de force."

The findings will pave the way

for research that one day could help millions of depressed people live happier lives and aid people whose sleep patterns are disrupted by shift work or travel, said Dinges, chief of sleep and chronobiology in the psychiatry department.

"We don't really understand whether (sleep) disturbances... are leading to some of the mood disturbances associated with night shift work or chronic exposure to time zone changes," he said.

But since depression, anxiety disorders and manic-depression "are so widespread in humankind and so debilitating to so many people, and lead to self-medication with alcohol and so many other problems, being able to identify the fundamental processes in every human that may go awry in producing them

is hugely important," Dinges said.

The studies, conducted independently in Boston and in Manchester, England, are described in a report in the February issue of the *Archives of General Psychiatry*, released Tuesday by the American Medical Association.

A total of 24 healthy young volunteers were confined to laboratories and regimented to artificially long sleep-wake cycles — 30 hours or 28 hours instead of the usual 24 hours — for about a month.

The subjects experienced highs and lows in mood corresponding to a combined effect of two things: the amount of time a subject had been awake and the subject's body temperature, which is usually lowest in the early morning of a 24-hour sleep-wake cycle.

"This is very exciting, because it leads us to believe that similar mechanisms could be involved in depression," said Dr. Diane B. Bolvin, who led the Boston research at Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Dr. Thomas Wehr, chief of the Psychobiology Branch at the National Institute of Mental Health, said he is preparing to use the "ingenious" design of the studies to explore whether altering sleep patterns can combat manic depression, which afflicts about one percent of the population.

Manic depression and major depression, which afflicts eight percent to ten percent of the population, are often typified by worse moods in the morning and steadily improving moods throughout the day, said Wehr, who was not involved in the new studies.

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World briefs

President Ramos swims seven laps to prove he's fit
MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Fidel Ramos outswam his top aides and Cabinet members today to dispel rumors that his health has been failing after surgery in December.

On Tuesday, the 68-year-old Philippine leader appeared before reporters to prove he was well.

He followed that with the seven-lap swim, in which many of the accompanying officials, including political and security advisers, were unable to complete even half of the distance Ramos covered.

"I'm not trying to show off," Ramos said as he took off his shirt before a crowd of reporters and television cameras, put on goggles and dived into the 25-yard long pool.

Ramos underwent surgery in December to remove a life-threatening blockage in a neck artery. Doctors had said the president was at risk of a stroke.

Witnesses say security forces fired hand-held rockets at an apartment building

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Algerian security forces fired hand-held rockets at an apartment building in central Algiers today, killing at least five people, witnesses said.

The government, which has waged a five year campaign against Islamic militants, would not immediately confirm the attack.

One witness, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals, said security forces surrounded the building at midnight and exchanged gun fire with unidentified people inside for about eight hours before calling on the inhabitants to evacuate.

Minutes later they attacked an apartment on the sixth floor of the building with several hand-held rockets.

"The gun fire woke me up in a start and we barricaded ourselves in as best we could," another witness said, also on condition of anonymity.

It was not clear who the government was firing on but more than 60,000 people have been killed in attacks by Muslim militants and in actions by Algerian security forces since the insurgency began.

During the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which ended last weekend, a wave of massacres and car bombings attributed to the militants killed 350 people and wounded 700.

The militants mobilized after the military-backed government canceled parliamentary elections in 1992 that the Islamic Salvation Front was expected to win due to voter anger over corruption and unemployment in this petroleum-rich nation.

The militants seek to establish a strict Islamic state.

High North Korean official defects

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A close confidant of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il defected to South Korea today, becoming the highest-ranking North Korean official ever to seek asylum in Seoul.

Hwang Jang Yop, a member of the Central Committee of North Korea's ruling Workers' Party, defected at the South Korean Embassy in Beijing, according to South Korea's foreign ministry.

He could be an invaluable source of information about the workings of North Korea's secretive communist government, which rules one of the world's most closed societies.

Hwang, 72, defected at around 10 a.m. with an aide, Kim Duk Hung, president of a North Korean trading company, according to South Korean Ambassador Chung Jong-wook in Beijing.

"Since his free will to defect has been confirmed, the issue will be handled through consultations with the Chinese government," the ambassador said.

Chung would not characterize China's reaction to Hwang's defection, saying "it is a very sensitive issue."

ABC of Bible verses



Pampa's newest school, Community Christian School, teaching students grades K-9, celebrated the end of the semester with an open house and invitation for interested parents to become acquainted with the school. The curriculum is as Christian based as possible. Pictured above are the kindergarten class reciting Bible verses that begin with letters of the alphabet. The students have so far learned a Bible verse to go with letters A-F. From left are Eden Green, Thomas Fraser, Emily Wilson, Lilly Price, Emily Watson, Spencer Bachler and Brittany Chisum.

Management of controversial horse, burro adoption program relocated to Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Promising to ensure wild horses and burros are "cared for properly and treated humanely," the federal government has moved management of an adoption program to the nation's capital.

The U.S. Wild Horse and Burro Program has been accused of losing track of the animals when they are adopted and allowing them to go to the slaughterhouse.

Under the recommendation of an emergency evaluation team convened to draft a long range plan for the troubled program, the Bureau of Land Management on Tuesday announced it has reassigned the program's management from Reno, Nev., to Washington, effective immediately. The bureau oversees the program.

Sylvia Baca, BLM interim director, said in a written statement that the move is "only the first in a series of measures I am taking to improve the program."

The Associated Press reported last month that of the 165,000 animals the \$16 million-a-year program has corralled since it started 25 years ago, BLM officials don't know what has happened to more than 32,000 that were adopted.

Horses and burros that are labeled "excess" are rounded up from public lands in ten Western states. Adopters can purchase them for \$125 each.

The law requires the bureau to follow up on an animal's welfare during its first year of adoption to ensure the animal isn't abused or slaughtered. Pending proof the owner has properly cared for the animal during that time, the federal government awards the owner a title to it.

But in at least 20 percent of the adoptions, AP has learned that the BLM failed to follow that requirement and lost track of the animals. Furthermore, former BLM employees accused bureau officials of falsifying and back dating records to cover up the problems.

Wild Horse and Burro Program chief Thomas Pogacnik has estimated that 90 percent of the animals eventually land in North American slaughterhouses, saying, "At some point the critters do have to come off the range."

The allegations have prompted the Justice Department to assist in an investigation of the program. In addition, the federal government is expected to release two audits and two reports on the program to Congress this year.

The relocation Tuesday is one of 20 recommendations to BLM by the emergency evaluation team of government officials, horse and burro protection groups, rangeland users and academics. The team was organized in August in the wake of severe drought in 1996.

Police collect more samples in Boulder beauty queen case

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Investigators in the slaying of six-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey collected hair and blood samples from a former professor, and requested additional handwriting samples from family members, according to reports.

The Denver Post reported today that the parents of JonBenet, whose body was found in the family home Dec. 26, were asked to give more samples of their handwriting in an attempt to determine the author of a ransom note demanding \$118,000.

And the Rocky Mountain News said Boulder police just a few days ago contacted a former University of Colorado professor who played Santa Claus at a party in the Ramsey home on Dec. 23.

Bill McReynolds, 67, said investigators came to his Boulder County home the day after he and his wife returned from a trip to Spain, seeking hair, blood and handwriting samples.

Meanwhile, Boulder police prepared today to ask a judge to seal an autopsy report in the case, and city officials announced procedures for formal interviews with John and Patsy Ramsey, JonBenet's parents.

The procedures require the Ramseys to be interviewed separately at a time and location chosen by police. The sessions would be audiotaped or videotaped.

The Ramseys have offered to meet with police investigators, but the two sides have not been able to agree on a location, said family spokesman Pat Korten.

Deadline approaching for airliner, pilot talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Airlines and its pilot union have exchanged new contract proposals as talks continue in hopes of averting a weekend strike at the nation's largest domestic airline.

American officials and the Allied Pilots Association offered letters outlining their new stances late Tuesday after a day that was characterized as "frustrating" by the union.

The union and the company have been battling over the contract for more than two years, but now they have only a few days to end their stalemate before the promised pilot strike Friday midnight.

If the union walks, the airline won't fly, putting about 90,000 employees on unpaid furlough, grounding the fleet and throwing the nation's air travel system into turmoil.

In its letter to the union Tuesday, American offered to add some money to the pilot pay scale, but would drop some stock options.

In a tentative agreement, voted down by pilots last month, the company had offered to increase pilot pay by three percent on Aug. 31 and two percent on Aug. 31, 1999. Also, pilots would get three million stock options at \$10 below market price when the contract was signed and 2.75 million options at the Aug. 31, 1998, price.

The new offer would increase the raise in 1999 to three percent, but drop the 2.75 million stock option offer.

The average salary for an American Airlines' pilot is \$120,000.

The union outlined in its letter to American a list of pay proposals for pilots flying 737s, 757s and regional jets.

The company wants its commuter carrier, American Eagle, to fly small, 45-70 seat jets. Eagle

currently flies turboprop planes. The union wants all jets to be flown by American pilots.

"We've never exchanged proposals with them before on this equipment. They are pay scales that fall within the parameters of our current contract," said union spokesman Dave Bates.

The company declined to comment after the meetings.

Union president Jim Sovich said Tuesday afternoon that a strike was "more likely than not" when a federally mandated cooling-off period expires Friday midnight.

"To date, we don't know what the company's response is on anything," he said. "We're sitting here dancing in the dark, trying to ferret out what they want."

As talks wore on Tuesday, mediators changed their style and instituted face-to-face talks between the union and American's parent company, AMR Corp.

Several lawmakers have asked President Clinton to intervene, and some of them were to meet on the issue today with White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, introduced a nonbinding resolution in the Senate on Tuesday asking that Clinton take steps to establish a Presidential Emergency Board that could institute another cooling-off period and further mediation.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said the administration had no plans yet to get involved in the mediation.

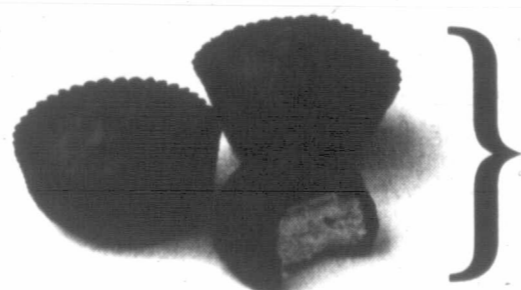
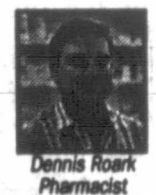
American said it was seeing an increase in maintenance problems, which is typical in a labor disagreement.

American spokesman John Hotard said two aircraft were taken out of service Monday at JFK Airport in New York because of scratches made on cockpit windows.

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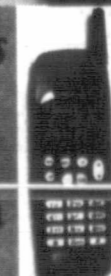
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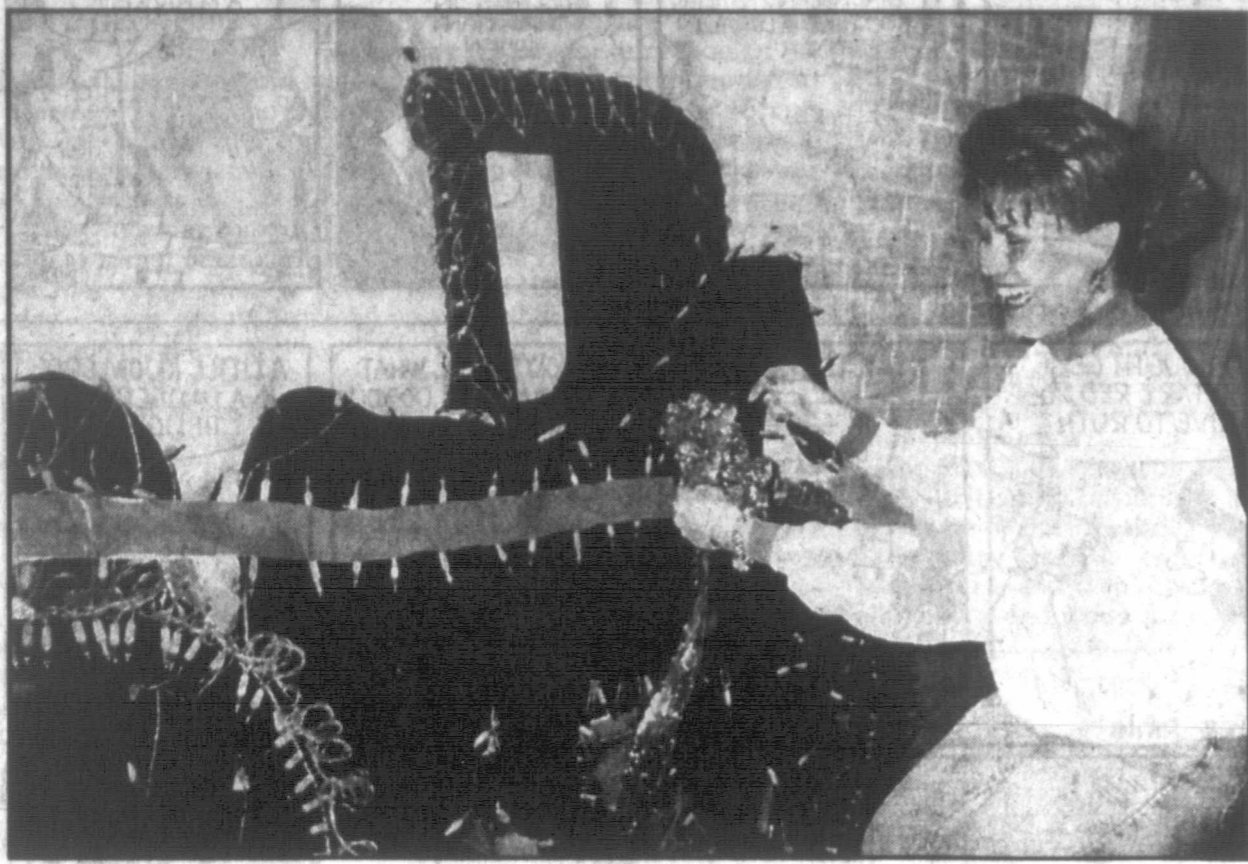
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Decorations for the dance



(Special photo)

Helen McGill, Beta Sigma Phi member of the Xi Beta Chi chapter, puts final Mardi Gras decorating touches on carriages in preparation for the Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Benefit Dance scheduled Saturday night at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. The carriages were borrowed from the Pampa Downtown Business Association, which used them for its downtown Christmas decorations. The dance, from 8 p.m. to midnight, features music by Kracker Jack, a Casino Fun Night, snacks, set-ups, drawings for gifts and raffling off of three fun night packages. Cost is \$25 a couple in advance, or \$30 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from Beta Sigma Phi members, at First Landmark Realty or Rheams Diamond Shop, or by calling 665-5158 or 665-6037. Proceeds benefit the Beta Sigma Phi scholarship fund.

Rotary Clubs now taking applications for Ambassadorial Scholarships plan

LUBBOCK — Applications for 1998-99 Rotary Foundation academic year Ambassadorial Scholarships now are available from local Rotary Clubs in Pampa, Lubbock, Amarillo, Midland, Odessa and throughout the Panhandle, South Plains and Permian Basin regions. This area is Rotary District 5730.

The scholarships, which are designated to further international understanding and goodwill, provide study abroad in one of the 189 countries and geographical regions where Rotary International is located. Each club in Rotary District 5730 may sponsor applications for the scholarships. The district will offer one ambassadorial scholarship for 1998-99.

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide round-trip transportation and up to \$22,000 for tuition and fees, room and board, necessary educational supplies and one month of intensive language training, if deemed necessary by the Rotary Foundation.

Scholarships are awarded based upon an applicant's ability to act as an ambassador of goodwill representing the principles of Rotary International before Rotary clubs, schools, civic organizations and other forums in the host country. In addition, applicants must have completed a minimum of two years in a college or university to be eligible.

Other criteria used in selecting successful candidates for the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships include academic excellence and sense of purpose. Applicants will be interviewed in Lubbock in late April or early May 1997.

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship Program is the world's largest privately sponsored international scholarship program. Over \$242 million has been spent on over 24,270 international scholarships since the program began in 1947. Rotary District 5730 is only one of the 502 Rotary Districts around the world to participate in the scholarship program.

The world's five service club organization, founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary International is composed of nearly 26,000 clubs and more than 1.1 million members. Rotary Clubs provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and promote international understanding and goodwill.

Persons interested in obtaining Rotary Foundation Academic Year Ambassadorial Scholarship applications should contact a local Rotary Club in District 5730 which includes the Texas Panhandle, South Plains, and the Permian Basin. Each application must be submitted through a District 5730 Club, not directly to the district.

Applications may also be obtained from the chair of the Rotary District 5730 Scholarship Subcommittee:

Kenneth L. Ketter, Ph. D., Peirce Professor of Philosophy, Texas Tech University Library, Room 304A, Box 40002, Lubbock, TX 79409-0002

Ketter also may be contacted at (806) 742-3128. Completed Applications must be submitted to a local Rotary Club in District 5730 prior to April 1, 1997.

A&M study adds evidence to dinosaur extinction theory

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Deep sea sediments taken off the coast of South Carolina add further evidence to the theory that a meteorite's collision with Earth some 65 million years ago led to the extinction of dinosaurs, scientists affiliated with Texas A&M University said Tuesday.

The international Ocean Drilling Program, headquartered at Texas A&M, said deep sea sediment cores collected during a current research expedition show a 3-inch

to 8-inch-thick layer of debris that was ejected into the atmosphere.

The debris is thought to have cooled temperatures enough to make Earth uninhabitable for dinosaurs.

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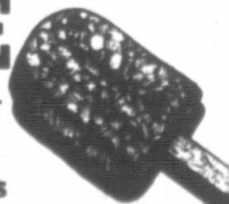
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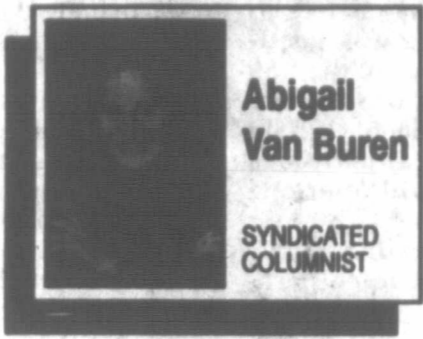
DEAR ABBY: I have a major problem and don't know how to get out of this situation. I seem to be another parent's answer to free day care.

This woman calls me frequently to pick up her son from school. At first she told me her son hated the day care he went to and she had promised him he wouldn't have to go — adding that her meeting had run longer than she thought it would, and if I could pick him up that would be really great. I did it several times.

Now she says she has taken him out of day care all together, and he'll just have to go to a friend's after school; that it shouldn't be much of a problem because it will only be once a month. I know she wanted me to offer, but I didn't because her child is very difficult.

She has started calling me at 2:50, right before I'm about to leave to get my son from school, saying her meeting ran long and asking me to get him for her. If I refuse, saying I have things I have to do, she gives me the third degree and asks why I can't take him along.

My youngest is enrolled in a drop-in program so that when I have a doctor's appointment I don't have to take him with me. That way there's less stress on the doctor and me. Yet, I find myself taking another person's child with me, which is more stressful than taking my 21-month-old because he, at least, minds to some extent. This other



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child will do nothing I ask him to do.

Abby, her son says words my son is not allowed to say, and he throws my son's expensive toys when he doesn't get his own way. My older son has asked me to please stop bringing this child home with us, and I have tried — but his mother will not take no for an answer. What should I do?

HAD ENOUGH IN TEXAS

DEAR HAD ENOUGH: This woman will continue to take advantage of you until you develop the backbone to tell her bluntly that you are no longer willing to be used in the way she is using you. You owe her no explanations and no excuses. You are treating her as you would a friend. But friendship is a two-way street, and she is not a friend — she is a user.

What's sad about this is that the person who is suffering

because of her lack of time and parenting skills is a little boy who is turning into a social pariah. But that's not your problem.

DEAR ABBY: Please settle something between my mother and me. I always wash new clothes before I wear them. My wife also washes her clothes and our twins' before they are worn.

My mother says this is ridiculous and unnecessary. I say that one doesn't know what the garments have been exposed to, or who has handled them or tried them on. She says I am the only one in the world who thinks this way.

Is my way all that unusual? I have a small stack of new clothes that await my answer.

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DEAR DALE: No, Your way is not all that unusual. However, most people who like the look and feel of new clothes are reluctant to wash them. But others like you, who worry about where and on whom clothes have been, or who want to avoid that "brand-new" look, prefer to launder them before wearing them. To each his own.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)



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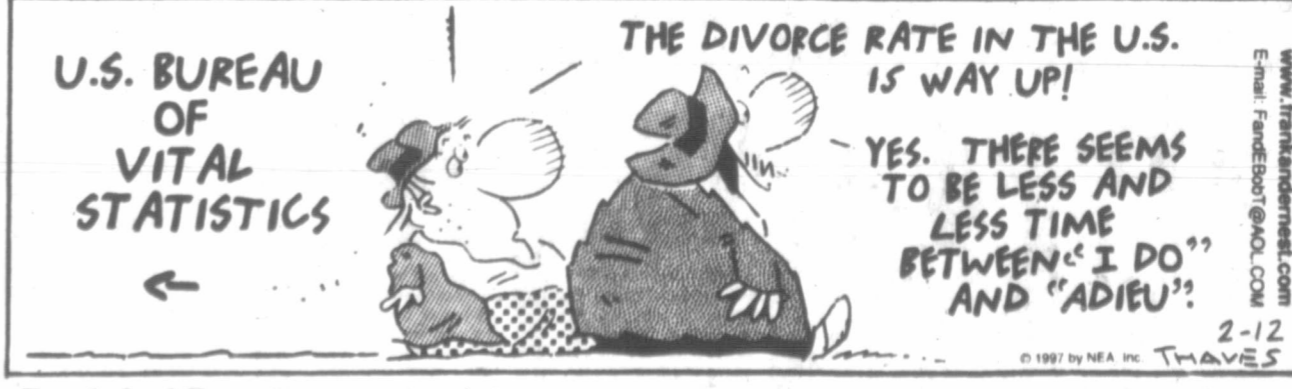
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Thursday Feb. 13, 1997

Shadows that darkened your horizon will yield to brighter prospects in the year ahead. In fact, past problem areas could produce benefits.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Sometimes it's unwise to depend too heavily on Lady Luck, but today may be an exception where your self-interest is concerned. Believe in your expectations. 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. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Joint endeavors could work out rather well for you today if you don't insist on having top billing. For the sake of success, forgo ego.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Mix socially today with individuals who can give your career a boost. However, instead of requesting favors, see if you can do something for them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not be satisfied with the status quo today; you have a marvelous faculty for making something that is already good even better. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If you have done all the groundwork and feel you're in a formidable position, a calculated risk in a joint endeavor could yield heavy rewards.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Misunderstandings between you and your mate can be rectified through compromises and concessions all around. You, however, should take the initiative.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The example you set today will have a powerful influence over your co-workers. Attack your tasks

with enthusiasm and positive expectation and they'll follow suit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Things should work out where your material interests are concerned. Both opportunity and Lady Luck will have designated roles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Underplay your authority instead of throwing your weight around and you will gain the support and respect of fellow associates. Be restrained and congenial today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't worry about things today that might never happen. If you take a positive approach, there is no reason why events shouldn't meet your expectations.

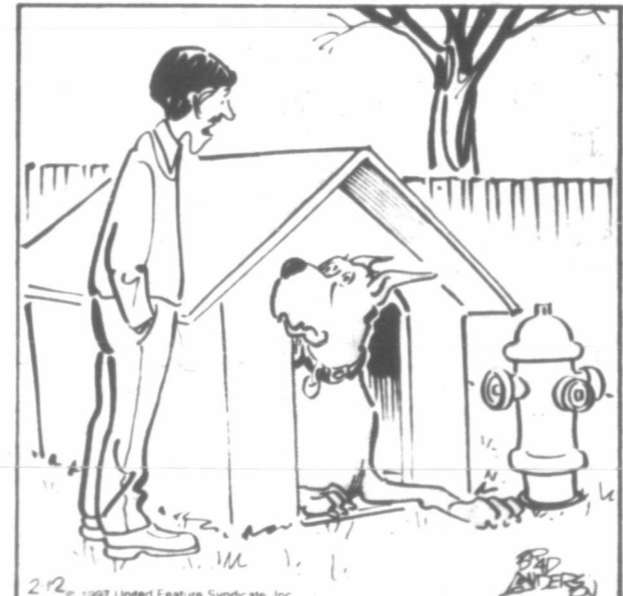
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is a good day to repay social obligations, even if you have to make adjustments. In fact, impromptu developments could turn out to be the most fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your ideas today could be extremely constructive and beneficial. Try to capitalize on your thoughts in ways that could add to your resources.

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Peanuts

Gov. Bush explains his reasons for property tax reform plans

By GOV. GEORGE W. BUSH

A Dallas policeman told me he is worried he can no longer afford his home, his property taxes have increased much faster than his salary has.

A state senator from El Paso told me working Texans are moving across the border to New Mexico, driven out of Texas by high property taxes.

A chamber of commerce president told me Arlington lost a major semiconductor plant and hundreds of jobs because Texas property taxes would cost the company \$40 million more than taxes in Maine.

I hear the concern everywhere I go. High property taxes are threatening the Texas dream. That is why I have outlined a plan to substantially cut school property taxes.

School property taxes have doubled during the last ten years, yet overall property values declined. As school districts struggled to keep pace with growing enrollment, many raised tax rates dramatically. Now, as the economy improves, property is being reappraised. Higher appraisals on top of already high tax rates spell disaster for Texans who are trying to make ends meet.

Too many senior citizens are strapped by property taxes that are higher than their original mortgage payments. Too many young Texans cannot afford to buy homes because property taxes price them out of the market. Too many working families cannot save for their retirement or their children's college education because property taxes devour their income. Rents keep rising as landlords pass on their property tax increases.

The problem will only get worse unless we act now. That is why I have proposed the Property Tax Cut Act of 1997 that will not only provide significant property tax relief for Texans — nearly \$3 billion a year — but also

will fundamentally change the way we pay for our schools.

My plan raises the homestead exemption by \$20,000, and cuts school property tax rates by 20 cents in every school district. The net result is a 40 percent school tax cut for the owner of the average home valued at \$61,500. For a home \$100,000 home, school taxes will drop 30 percent.

To help pay for my plan, I propose returning \$1 billion in savings from leaner, more efficient state government. I have submitted a balanced budget that shows we can meet basic state needs, fully fund our schools and give taxpayers \$1 billion over two years in property tax relief.

Part of the plan will be funded by a 1/2-cent increase in the state sales and motor vehicle sales tax. This is fair. The savings homeowners will realize in school property tax cuts far exceed the amount they will pay in higher sales tax.

The average Texas family make \$35,000 a year and owns a home valued at \$61,500. That family will pay \$333 a year less in property taxes under my plan, and \$71 more in sales taxes, for an overall savings of \$262. Texans earning \$12,000 a year who own a \$40,000 home will pay \$290 a year less in school property taxes under my plan, and \$38 more in sales tax, for an overall savings of \$252.

One of my concerns about the current property tax system is that it is blind to an individual's ability to pay. Under my tax cut plan, more than 411,000 low-income Texans will see their school property tax bills drop to under \$35 a year. Basic necessities, including food, medicine and utilities, will remain exempt from sales taxes.

My plan also proposes changing the way we tax business. Under our current system, some businesses don't pay a dime to support our schools and others are taxed so heavily that it threatens to drive them from our state.

State senators pass education measures

AUSTIN (AP) — Parents would be ensured a say in whether public schools require student uniforms and college students would find it easier to transfer course credit under bills approved Tuesday by the Texas Senate.

Both measures passed 30-0 and go to the House for consideration.

In other action, Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins has filed a bill to raise the limit on the number of independent charter schools in Texas from 20 to 100.

The publicly funded schools are independent of school districts, free from many state regulations and able to enroll students regardless of district lines.

Bivins also is author of the college transfer measure, which he said would allow students who stay on a degree track to be given credit for successfully completed courses when they transfer between institutions.

"When those courses do not transfer, the student has to take the course again, pay tuition and fees again — and the worst of it is that you and I, the taxpayers, have to pick up some 80 percent of the cost of doing that course one more time," said Bivins, R-Amarillo.

Currently, 20 percent of students who begin at a public community or junior college transfer to four-year institutions to complete their education, according to a bill analysis. Many find it difficult to transfer a majority of their credit hours and must repeat courses, it said.

Bivins' bill would require the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop a core curriculum for community colleges and universities consisting of at least 42 semester hours.

Credit for such courses would transfer between institutions, although the receiving university could opt not to accept a 'D' grade for credit, Bivins said. Each university also would continue to control student admission.

The school uniform bill authored by Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, would require a petition by parents for a school to

consider requiring uniforms.

A uniform plan would be developed and approved by a campus-level planning committee, then approved by the superintendent. The plan then would be voted on by parents before going to the school board for a vote.

The bill is backed by the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, said Sandy Kibby, representing the group.

"We have got some PTAs in the state who have had a problem with the school board frankly going about mandating uniforms on certain campuses without what we call adequate parental involvement," Ms. Kibby said.

While there is not widespread opposition to uniforms, she said, "It's a very important decision."

"You're taking away the freedom of the good kids to wear what they want to wear to try to punish the gangs or the kids who are out of line," Ms. Kibby said. "If the community agrees this is what needs to be done on a particular campus, that's fine."

Bivins' charter school bill would allow 40 more such schools in each of the next two years.

The State Board of Education has received more than 200 requests for applications to run independent charter schools. It already has awarded all 20 charters allowed under the Legislature's 1995 education overhaul.

The independent charter schools are separate from campus charters, which may be granted by local school boards.

The charter schools are subject to accountability standards, including a requirement for their students to take the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

Gov. George W. Bush would prefer no limit be set on the number of charter schools, said spokesman Ray Sullivan. "But certainly going from 20 to 100 is a step in the right direction."

The core curriculum bill is SB 148.

The school uniform bill is SB 245.

The charter school bill is SB 519.

Guest column

My plan would abolish the corporate franchise tax and school property tax on business inventory and replace them with a simple 1-1/4 percent levy on all forms of business that bring in more than \$500,000, after certain expenses and all capital investments are subtracted. Only revenues generated in Texas will be subject to this tax.

The \$500,000 exemption recognizes that small business is the backbone of our Texas economy. Tax policy should encourage small businesses to grow. By allowing a deduction for capital

investment, we invite businesses to invest and create jobs in Texas.

Tax policy must be fair. I realize some businesses that don't have to pay any school taxes now are going to yell — loud. But everyone gets benefits from this plan lower property taxes and a fair way to meet the growing needs of our schools — and everyone ought to pay something. I am urging businesses to look beyond their balance sheets and support this plan for the future of Texas.

Like you, I want school taxes to stay low once they have been rolled back. My plan includes

safeguards to prevent local district from arbitrarily hiking their rates. School districts may not raise taxes through rate increases or reappraisals without compelling justification.

Finally, all the money raised in this plan will be placed in a school trust fund and spent only on our schools. I have also asked the Legislature to dedicate all lottery proceeds to the school trust.

My plan makes the state of Texas the primary funder of our public schools, as it should be. Texas has for too long shirked its responsibility by relying too heavily on local property taxes to pay for schools. Our current system has sparked years of court battles over school funding — bat-

ties that are not over unless we act. Our current system is too tied to a revenue base that cannot keep pace with the tremendous enrollment growth in Texas. My plan reduces reliance on property taxes and takes us a giant step closer to ending "Robin Hood."

This is a plan that is capable of growing to meet our schools' growing needs. It will carry us, year after year, into the next century. We must act boldly now or face a crisis later. Change is never easy. But I believe the people of Texas elected me to take on the tough challenges. I hope you will join me. Contact your state legislators. Make your voices heard for lower taxes and a fairer way to fund schools.

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Sports

Notebook

FOOTBALL

DALLAS (AP) — A city board has endorsed a five-year lease for a new spring-summer professional football league to play at the Cotton Bowl, starting in March 1998.

The 15-member Dallas Park and Recreation Board unanimously approved the Cotton Bowl lease on Thursday for a franchise in the All-American Football League.

The City Council still must approve the lease. The city board is preparing a binding resolution to be submitted to the council and Mayor Ron Kirk in time for action early next month.

"It is evident by our unanimous vote that we are excited about a long-term future with the All-American Football League," said board President Dianne Curry.

The league plans to begin a 20-week regular-season schedule in 1998 with 12 league-owned franchises, one of them in Dallas. Each team would play at least 10 home games, league officials said.

GOLF

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Tiger Woods has seen enough of Huntingdale to believe the tight, 7,000-yard course fits his game, even if the American star has to tee off with long irons.

"It is a big advantage for me because these guys have to hit a driver, where I'm hitting 1- or 2-irons," Woods said today after his final practice round for the Australian Masters. "It appears to be an easy course, but you've really have to think your way around it. It's not that simple."

Woods, coming off a hectic week in Thailand that ended with a 10-stroke victory in the Asian Honda Classic, believes he is far better prepared for the tournament than he was for the Australian Open in December.

"Last year, I was affected by jet lag more than I thought. It took me a few days to get over it," said Woods, who finished 12 strokes behind winner Greg Norman in the Sydney tournament. "I have learned that when you go overseas you don't just go for a week, that's almost worthless."

Woods, seeking his fifth victory in 14 pro starts, will begin play Thursday in an afternoon group with Australian stars Robert Allenby and Brett Ogle. Expected to generate record crowds, the three-time U.S. Amateur champion, is reportedly being paid an appearance fee of about \$200,000.

BASKETBALL

NACOGDOCHES, Texas (AP) — Tim Gill scored 24 points as Oral Roberts beat Stephen F. Austin 96-70, having buried the Lumberjacks in the first half.

Oral Roberts (16-5) emptied its bench as the Golden Eagles emptied their bench after running up a 61-32 halftime lead on the Lumberjacks. Ten Eagles got 12 minutes or more playing time during the game.

Afterward, the Oral Roberts appeared to ease up on the throttle as SFA (9-12) outscored the Golden Eagles 35-38 in the second half.

The Eagles connected on 24 of its 35 first-half shots, including a devastating 8-of-14 from 3-point range. After the half, Oral Roberts connected on just 16-of-36 from the field, but the damage had been done.

SFA connected on just 13-of-32 shots from the field in each half, including an overall 5-of-16 3-point tries.

Rocky Walls added 18 points to the Eagles' slate, while Darrick Taylor added 11 and Kevin Scruggs 10. Walls and Blake Moses each had a team-high eight rebounds.

SFA was led by David Henry's 14 points. Jermaine Lyons added 13 points, while Keith Tate and Wayne Allen contributed 10 points each. Allen had a team-high eight rebounds.

Timekeeping dispute gives Duke victory over Virginia

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski came pretty close to apologizing for the Blue Devils' victory over Virginia, a game that plunged into confusion in the final seconds because of a timekeeping dispute.

"It's too bad — it's a very difficult loss for them," Krzyzewski said after Tuesday night's 62-61 decision over the Cavaliers. "I don't want to win by any shenanigans. Wins are not that important."

Virginia coach Jeff Jones said his players were robbed of an upset in the night's only game involving a Top 25 team.

"They found a way against a very good Duke team to win, and they took it away from them," Jones said. "Basically, the officials blamed the clock operators."

Duke's Steve Wojciechowski, who hit two free throws with seventh-tenths of a second left to win the game for the No. 6 Blue Devils, said there was nothing to apologize for.

"A win is a win; they don't put any asterisks by it."

The score was tied at 60 when Virginia's Norman Nolan was fouled with five seconds remaining. He missed the first free throw, then made the second for a one-point lead.

The horn then blew as Virginia's Willie Dersch tried to check into the lineup, but the referees didn't hear it over the noise of the crowd and didn't stop play. Wojciechowski took an

inbounds pass and, with the clock not yet running, drove most of the way down the court.

Asked whether he noticed that Virginia's defense was in disarray, Wojciechowski said, "I saw a bunch of guys at the table (where players check in) and I kind of waved at them. I got to the basket and luckily I got fouled."

The clock showed 2.7 seconds.

After a lengthy discussion and reviewing television replays, the referees reset the clock to seventh-tenths of a second, and Wojciechowski made both foul shots while agitated Cavaliers fans screamed.

"I didn't hear a thing when I was at the line," Wojciechowski said. "Basically, I said, 'I've done this a million times. This isn't any different.'"

Ricky Price and Roshown McCleod each had 13 points for Duke (20-5, 9-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), which has won five in a row and nine of 10.

Nolan had 16 points for Virginia (15-9, 5-7), which came in with a 10-game winning streak at home, the longest in the ACC.

Virginia, which led most of the game, was trying to reverse a 19-point loss to Duke earlier this season.

Courtney Alexander missed a 3-pointer with 33 seconds left that would have put Virginia ahead by four. Then Wojciechowski also missed a 3-pointer with 11 seconds remaining before redeeming himself.

Asked why Dersch was not

allowed in the game after Nolan's free throw, referee Rick Hartzell said, "We didn't see a sub there; we didn't hear a horn. After the foul was called on the Virginia player, the timer told us the clock was started late."

The officials then went to the television monitor, replayed the play twice and timed it with a stop watch.

Jones disputed the official version. He said his players were confused and weren't ready to play defense. He also said Hartzell tried to wave Dersch in after the player told the referee that he was going in for Nolan.

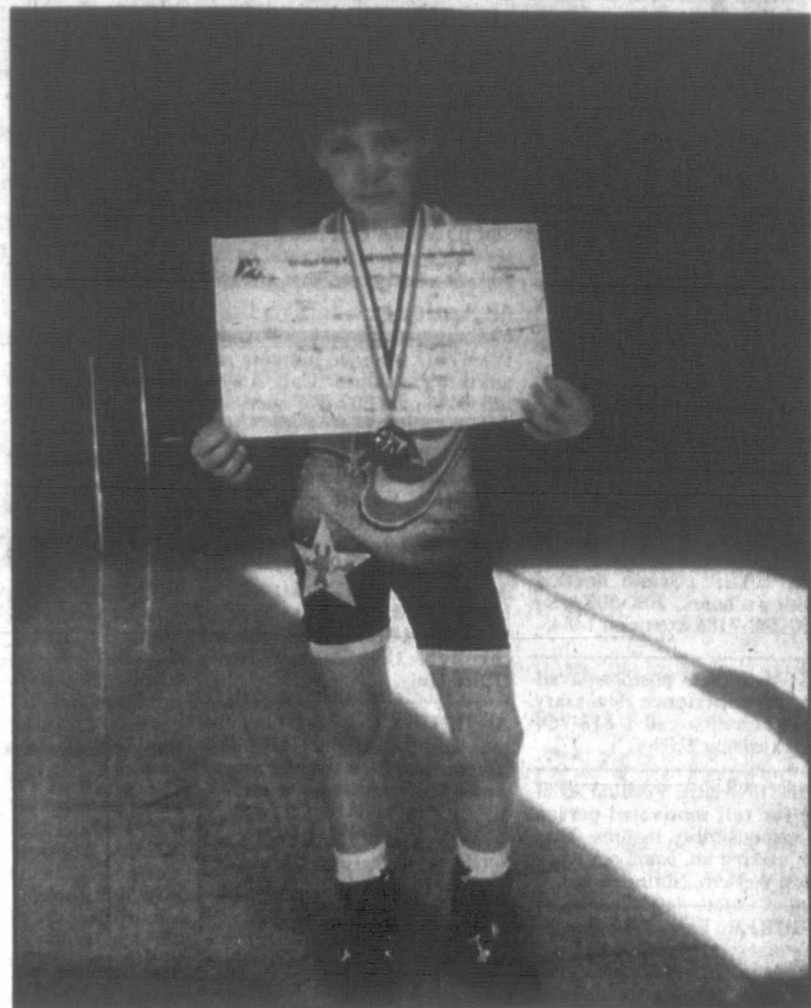
Jones protested that Dersch should have been allowed in and Duke should have the ball under the basket with 5 seconds left.

"It's a shame the way the game ended," Jones said. "It's hard to find anything to say to them that justifies what happened." Krzyzewski said he feels fortunate the Blue Devils won, but added that "we made a winning play." He said he tried to warn Jones and the referees that if they reviewed the tape, "Virginia was going to get messed over" because of the clock not starting.

Virginia led 31-25 at the half and by as many as seven in the second half. The Cavaliers also outrebounced Duke 45-36 and outshot the Blue Devils 43.6 percent to 35 percent.

"The game's over, and we've got to start getting ready for Clemson (Saturday), as painful as it is," Jones said.

Winning wrestler



Aaron Holmes, son of Joe and Terri Holmes, former Pampa residents, won the 8 an under 73-pound weight championship at the Dodge City Wrangler Invitational Wrestling Tournament held earlier this month in Dodge City, Kan. Aaron won both of his matches with pins to place first. The tournament was held at Sheridan Activity Center, formerly St. Mary of the Plains College. His grandparents are Aubrey and Mary McCord and Larry and Darlene Holmes of Pampa.



Miami's Jared Neighbors goes in for a layup against Samnorwood in a District 5-1A playoff game Tuesday night.

Eagles slip by Warriors

WHEELER — Samnorwood won a 68-66 squeaker over Miami in a District 5-1A boys' playoff game Tuesday night.

Samnorwood is the No. 1 seed and Miami No. 2 going into the playoffs.

Travis Thompson had 19 points and Nick Simpson 13 to lead the Eagles in scoring.

Jared Neighbors led Miami in scoring with 24 points. Bradley Hale and Blake Hurst added 12 points each.

The Eagles had a big second quarter to take a 9-point lead (39-30) at halftime. Samnorwood led, 50-45, going into the final quarter. The Warriors gained a one-point

lead near the end, but couldn't hold it.

Also scoring for Miami was Shane Mitchell with 9, Mike May 5 and Marshall Flowers 4.

Samnorwood has a 20-5 record while Miami is 19-8. The two teams split district during the regular season. One of those contests was a 63-61 win in overtime by Miami.

"I'd have to say these two teams are pretty evenly matched," said Miami head coach Dwight Rice. "They beat us by 12 the first game, but the last two have been right down to the wire."

Miami meets Silverton in bi-district play next week.

Ladyjacks roll

NACOGDOCHES, Texas (AP) — Katrina Price and Christie Smith each scored 24 points Tuesday night as No. 19 Stephen F. Austin notched its third-highest point total ever in a 115-57 victory over Lamar.

The Ladyjacks (21-3) led 52-30 at halftime and didn't let up after that, shooting 67 percent from the field while putting up 63 second-half points.

Also in double figures for Stephen F. Austin were Anitra Davis with 18 points and Yolanda Harris with 11 points and 8 assists.

Marie Grigsby scored 14 points for Lamar (5-16).

Pampa freshmen post 18-2 mark

PAMPA — Pampa fell to Canyon, 38-33, in the 9th grade district boys' tournament finals last weekend in Hereford.

Despite the loss, the Pampa freshmen still won the district title during the regular season and finished with an 18-2 record.

Pampa defeated Borger, 73-44, in the tournament semifinals to reach the championship game against Canyon.

Pampa's individual totals for the tournament were as follows: Kevin Osborne, 13 points, 7 rebounds; Steven Vanderpool, 2 points, 5 assists, 1 steal; Jesse Francis, 17 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals; Russell Robben, 31 points, 6 rebounds and 4 steals; Matt Heasley, 6 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals; Casey Owens, 17 points, 2 steals; Jeremy Silva, 14 points, 6 rebounds and 2 steals and Jason Kogler, 8 points and 5 rebounds.

Pampa placed third in the B team division of the district tournament. Pampa beat Randall, 56-28, in the first game, lost to Borger, 61-57, in the semifinals and defeated Caprock, 51-26, for third place.

Pampa's individual totals were: Ben Smith, 1 point, 5 rebounds; Richard Leger, 17 points, 5 rebounds; Tyrone Walker, 29 points, 2 assists; Dennis Boyd, 41 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 steals; Doug Belleau, 10 points, 5 rebounds; John Shephard, 28 points, 8 rebounds; Jacob Campos, 15 points, 3 assists; Shawn Stowers, 10 points, 6 rebounds; David Robinson, 7 points, 1 assist and Brent Coffee, 10 points and 2 assists.

Pampa coach Troy Bell thanked the parents for their support this season.

"I knew it was inconvenience for them to bring the players to prac-

tice at 6 a.m.," Bell said. "I want the parents to know I never took them for granted."

Bell said the players would now enter the off-season program.

"This program is designed to make the players bigger, stronger and faster," he said. "These guys are very good basketball players now, but they're going to get much better. Not only that, but they're good kids. I'd rather coach good kids than good athletes, and that's my heart talking. Of course everybody likes to win, but you want the players who have the good attitudes and these guys certainly have it."

Rockets snap losing streak

HOUSTON (AP) — Brent Price and Kevin Willis each scored 20 points as the Houston Rockets ended their six-game losing streak with a 106-97 victory over the Vancouver Grizzlies on Tuesday night.

The Rockets used a 16-0 run to pull away from the Grizzlies, who led 80-76 with 3:07 left in the third

quarter. The Rockets went up 92-80 as Vancouver went 6:25 without a point during Houston's charge.

Charles Barkley, who returned after missing nine games with a sprained right ankle, finished with 13 points and eight assists.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim led the Grizzlies with 24 points.

Rodman returns

CHICAGO (AP) — Dennis Rodman tripped over a cameraman again, but this time he got his kicks only by helping the Chicago Bulls beat the Charlotte Hornets 103-100 Tuesday night on Michael Jordan's 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Jordan scored 43 points and Rodman, in his return from an 11-game NBA suspension for kicking a cameraman, grabbed 14 rebounds as the Bulls won their 15th consecutive home game and ended Charlotte's four-game winning streak.

Muggsy Bogues hit a 3-pointer with 9.5 seconds left to tie the score 100-100. The Bulls didn't call timeout and quickly got the ball upcourt to Jordan, who pulled up about three feet behind the top of the key and hit the shot over Dell Curry as the clock ticked to zero.



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