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## Oil business back, but not booming

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It's not a boom, warns industry analysts, but there is increasing activity in the oil patch.

While more exploration and more drilling activity translates into a boost of the economy of Pampa, such activity is also causing some headaches.

Among them is a shortage of experienced rig hands. The oil industry lost some half a million jobs or more during the downturn of the mid to late 1980s.

"It was a lot more jobs than they lost when the automakers went down," said Max Whiteley, vice president of operations for Leonard Hudson Drilling Company.

Now, the industry is having trouble replacing them.

"It's not only roughnecks," said Dob Hudson, who heads the Pampa-based company. "We've got five mechanics back there in the shop that fix everything on the rigs, overhaul the engines, replace the shafts and draw works. Every moving part on those rigs, these mechanics take care of it. We've got nine rigs running. We've got five mechanics. Those folks are hard to find. They fix pickups, trucks, rigs, you name it. If it's broke, they fix it."

There's also a shortage of truck drivers that know what they're doing around a rig.

"They aren't just truck drivers," Hudson said. "They don't just get on the road and drive up and down the highway. They've got to be able to back up a ramp with an 80 or 90 thousand pound draw works, a 15 foot high substation and somehow get that thing unloaded and in place without dropping it, turning it over or turning themselves over."

These are the people that are missing from the oil patch, and it takes time to replace them.

"It takes a lot of time to make one of them," Hudson said. "The only way to learn such jobs is by doing it."

On the job training, OJT, is the school from which these people graduate.

But Hudson said he's luckier than a lot of drilling contractors today. He's managed to hang on to a core of his workers.

"We've got some excellent dri-

vers," he said. "Kids that are good at what they do and know what they're doing, but it's certainly not like I could go out and hire two or three more tomorrow. It's a lost art."

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, there were three or four contract companies that could move drilling rigs, said Tony Johnson, drilling superintendent for Hudson Drilling. Now, they have to come in from Oklahoma City or Enid. Even if the companies have the trucks they can't find the drivers.

"We've lost a lot of truckers," Hudson said. "Trucking contractors, there aren't any around here. We have to be able to do it ourselves."

Logistics are a limiting factor, said Whiteley.

At the height of the boom in the early 1980s, the industry had more than 4500 rigs working. Today that number has shrunk to 850 rigs.

With the loss of support personnel, Whiteley said operators are now working with half the people they used to have on their crews.

"We've lost about two-thirds of our roughnecks," Hudson said.

But Hudson Drilling is larger now than it was then. Leonard Hudson Drilling, named for Dob Hudson's father, managed to keep most of their experienced tool pushers and drillers, but the need for roughnecks is critical.

The company was founded by Leonard Hudson in April 1967.

"He actually was with a company called Wagner and Wyatt," Dob Hudson said. "He was a part owner. The senior partner decided to get out of the business in late 1966, and dad took over the company."

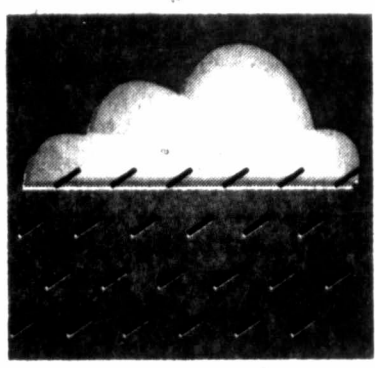
The company survived by cutting expenses.

"We cut salaries," Hudson said.

"We cut costs to the bare minimum. At the same time we tried to increase our efficiency. We were lucky enough to survive."

That comes back to the experience of the tool pushers and other people in the company, he said. That experience was translated into efficiency. It helped, too, that the company was debt free and had some production to count on.

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Low tonight in upper 30s. High tomorrow in mid 40s. See Page 2 for weather details.

**PAMPA** — Funeral services are pending for Princess Cheryl "Penny" Gardner, 47, who died in a house fire Sunday morning at 820 E. Locust.

Ms. Gardner, who attended the Pampa Sheltered Workshop, died in the fire that engulfed her home around 10:18 a.m. Sunday.

Her mother, Willie Mae Donnell, received minor burns while trying to rescue her daughter after discovering the fire. Mrs. Donnell lived in a mobile home behind her daughter's house. She was treated and released from Columbia Medical Center for her injuries.

Family members said that while Ms. Gardner was disabled, she was very self-sufficient and enjoyed independence and privacy. She could talk and move around and was able to take care of herself for most needs, they said.

See Page 2 for obituary information.

**PAMPA** — Deadline for reservations for the Pampa Chamber of Commerce annual banquet meeting is noon Thursday.

Tickets are \$15 a person, and reservations may be made by calling the Chamber office at 669-3241.

Guest speaker for the 7 p.m. banquet Thursday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center will be cowboy poet and storyteller Dan Willis.

The banquet also will feature the naming of the Citizen of the Year.

**HOUSTON (AP)** — A Houston-area man sentenced to die for killing five family members has given up his legal fight for half of the family's \$600,000 inheritance.

Death row inmate Robert Coulson, who had repeatedly refused to sign away his inheritance rights, did so on Monday, four days into the trial in Harris County probate court.

Coulson, 28, was convicted in 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.

They had been tied up with plastic restraints, suffocated with plastic bags and set afire with gasoline at the Coulsons' home in suburban Spring Branch.

Coulson is representing himself at the jury trial. He signed the probate documents after estate attorney Larry Doherty dramatically slapped the papers down in front of Coulson as he sat on the witness stand.

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### Perryton school trustees upset by hog farm request

**AMARILLO (AP)** — Perryton school board officials are worried that a surprise tax abatement for a giant hog operation could cost the district up to \$375,000 in annual revenue.

Texas Farm Inc. has applied for pollution-control tax exemptions of up to \$4 million through the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Ochiltree County and Perryton school officials said they were shocked. "It was a surprise to the Commissioners Court as a whole, and there is not a single member that is pleased with this," County Judge Ken Donahue said.

Texas Farm already has an agreement to receive a 50 percent abatement from the county for five years on its first four facilities.

"It was the entire community's feelings that was the only type of tax break we thought they were going to ask for on their ad valorem (property) taxes," Donahue said.

The pollution control tax exemption always has been part of the plan, countered Don Clift, general manager of the massive northern Panhandle "silk pork" operation.

Local banker and community leader Carl Ellis, a vocal opponent of the Japanese-owned farm, agreed with Clift.

"When we in the community were told about the tax benefit of having Texas Farm in our community, those calculations were done expecting the current (pollution control) application," he said. "I'm convinced that when we sit down and analyze the numbers, this is going to be much ado about nothing. There won't be an appreciable difference."

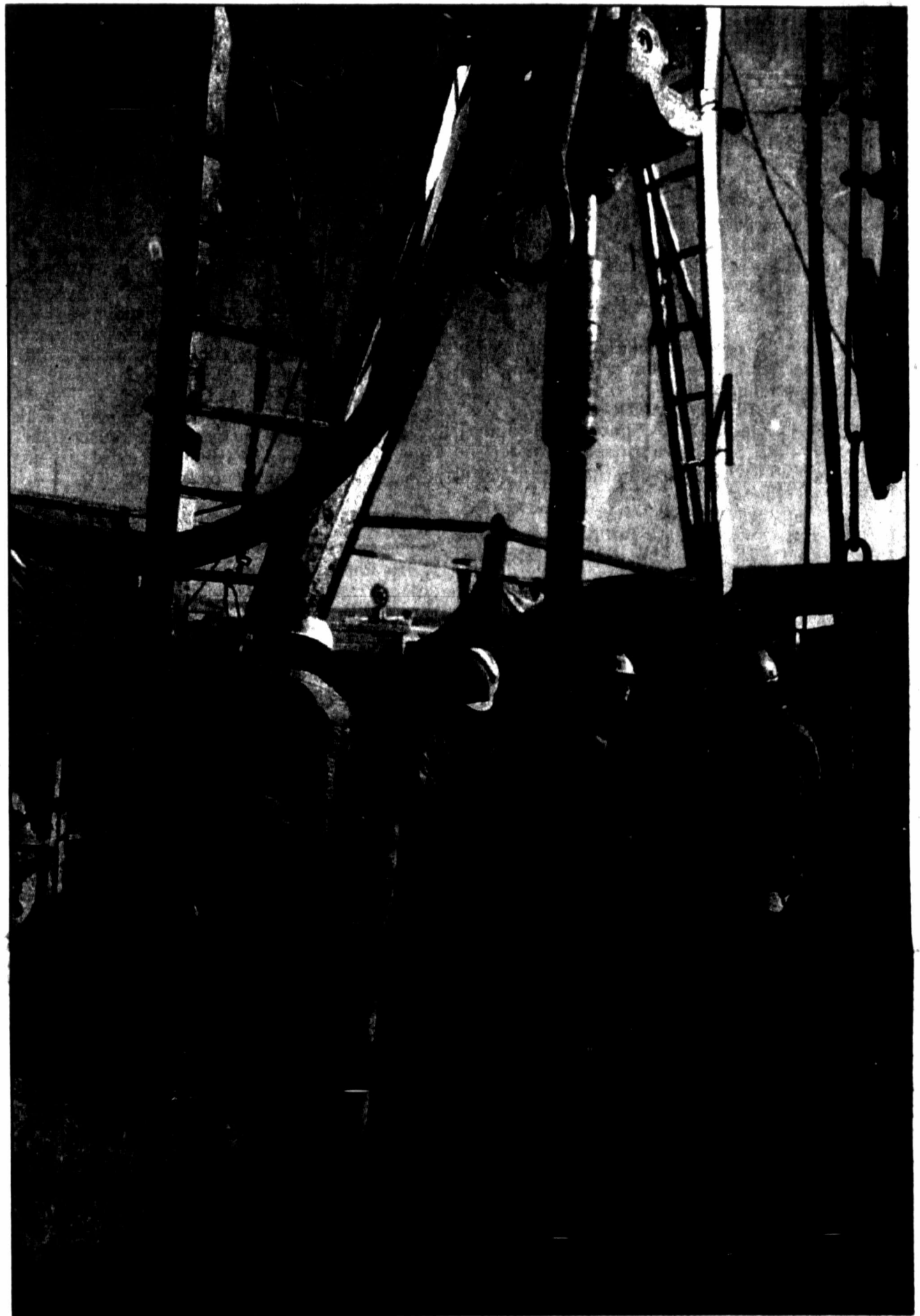
Perryton ISD disagrees. Once the first phase of the farm is completely operational in mid-to late 1999, school board president Scott McGarraugh said he and others expected more than \$1.5 million annually in taxes.

The TNRCC tax exemption could mean a 20 percent to 25 percent reduction, or \$300,000 to \$375,000.

Ronald Hatlett, TNRCC use determination manager, said Texas Farm is the first swine farm to request an exemption under a law passed in 1993, although several dairies have used the exemption.

The law is designed to provide relief through exemptions for companies required to meet state, local and national environmental regulations, Hatlett said.

Texas Farm bought land around Perryton in the spring of 1995, and construction began last February.



(Pampa News photo by Dave Bowser)

A drilling crew for Leonard Hudson Drilling works on a rig on a lease located west of Lefors.

### Supreme Court justices let ex-workers sue companies over retaliation claims

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Companies can be sued by former employees who say they suffered retaliation — such as a bad job reference — for accusing the employer of discrimination, the Supreme Court ruled today.

Voting unanimously in a Maryland case, the justices said a federal job-bias law gives former employees the same protection against retaliation as current employees and job applicants.

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the court that the Clinton administration argued persuasively that barring such protection to former employees "would provide a perverse incentive for employers to fire employees who might bring ... claims" under the law.

It also would allow "the threat of post-employment retaliation to deter victims of discrimination from complaining" to the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, wrote Thomas, who once chaired that agency.

In other action, the high court: — Ruled unanimously in a California case that states may enforce their own prevailing-wage laws, which set trade-by-trade minimum compensation for workers on state construction projects.

— Rejected an appeal by two men who sought legal recogni-

tion as coauthors of the enduring teen anthem "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?"

— Turned away Labatt Brewing Co.'s claim that it owns a trademark on the phrase "ice brewed."

— Rejected a lumber company's challenge to limits on Pacific Northwest logging to protect a threatened species of bird, the marbled murrelet.

— Ruled, 8-1, states can tax natural gas sold by independent producers that operate mostly out-of-state while exempting sales by in-state public utilities.

— Refused to revive a libel suit by TV evangelist Robert Tilton, who says an ABC News program wrongly portrayed him as a callous, insensitive fraud.

Today's ruling in the job retaliation case reinstated a lawsuit filed by Charles T. Robinson Sr. against his former employer, Shell Oil Co.

Robinson had been a Shell sales representative for more than 11 years when he was fired in October 1991. He sued Shell, saying he was fired because he is black, but a federal judge ruled that his firing was not the result of discrimination.

Robinson applied for a job at another company, and Shell gave that company a negative reference. Robinson then filed a second lawsuit against Shell, saying it gave the poor reference in

retaliation for his race-bias lawsuit.

Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act bars employers from retaliating against employees for asserting their right to be free from discrimination.

A federal judge in Baltimore dismissed Robinson's retaliation lawsuit, saying the federal law did not cover retaliation claims by former employees.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated his claim, but the full 4th Circuit court dismissed it again.

The Clinton administration supported Robinson's appeal to the Supreme Court. Justice Department lawyers said the federal law bars employers from retaliating against workers who file discrimination claims, even if the employee has left the company by the time the retaliation occurs.

Otherwise, people who think a discrimination claim could lead to retaliation by their former employer may be intimidated into keeping silent, government lawyers said.

Today, the Supreme Court agreed.

Thomas wrote that the law, as written, does not make clear whether it includes former employees. He said that providing such protection was "more consistent with the broader context" of the law.



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## Services tomorrow

**BROCK, Orin** — 2 p.m., Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Dimmitt.  
**HOLMES, Dorothy Flowers** — 2 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.  
**WOOD, Edna** — 2 p.m., Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel, Amarillo.

## Obituaries

### ORIN BROCK

**DIMMITT** — Orin Brock, 73, brother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, Feb. 17, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ with Dean Wiseman, elder, officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Brock was born at Brice. He married June Belknap in 1970 at Lubbock. He had been a Dimmitt resident since 1990, moving from Flagg. He worked for Flagg Fertilizer from 1967 until retiring in 1990. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving as a glider mechanic during World War II. He was a member of Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, June; five sisters, Nora Clawson of Lubbock and Edna Lou Hood, Sadie Lane, Cecile Plumlee and Alma Nelson, all of Dimmitt; and a brother, Claude Brock of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association or to the American Lung Association.

### PENNY GARDNER

**Pampa** — Penny Gardner, 47, of Pampa, died Sunday, Feb. 16, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Gardner was born Nov. 8, 1949, at Fort Smith, Ark. She had been a Pampa resident since 1979. She attended the Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1976.

Survivors include her mother, Willie Donnell of Pampa; a brother, William Henry Talley of San Angelo; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

The family will be at 420 N. Lowry.

### DOROTHY FLOWERS HOLMES

**Pampa** — Dorothy Flowers Holmes, 70, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 17, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Floyd E. Haddock, retired minister, and the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Holmes was born April 5, 1926, at Waskom, Texas. She graduated from Shamrock High School in 1943 and had been a Pampa resident since 1945. She married Leon Holmes on June 30, 1946, at Pampa. He died Dec. 22, 1993. The couple had owned and operated Holmes Gift Shoppe and Sports Center since 1962. She taught Sunday School at Calvary Baptist Church for many years and was active in Baker School P.T.A. and in Cub Scouts. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Gladys Flowers, in 1987, and a sister, Margaret Ladd, in 1995.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Sharon Holmes and Randy and Brenda Holmes, all of Pampa; her father, Tom Flowers of Shamrock, three sisters, Nancy Skinner of Amarillo, Betty Nelson of San Antonio and Sandra Deviney of Troy; a brother, Fred Flowers of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Jordan Holmes, Nathaniel Holmes, Kelby McClellan, T'Andra Holmes, K'Lyn Holmes and J'Ce Holmes, all of Pampa; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will be at 900 S. Osborne and requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church or Hospice of the Panhandle.

### DERRICK ALTON MARSHALL

**AMARILLO** — Derrick Alton Marshall, infant grandson of Wheeler residents, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 1997. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery at Memphis with the Rev. James McGee officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Spicer Funeral Home of Memphis.

Derrick was born Feb. 15, 1997.

Survivors include his parents, Mark Marshall and Joanna Knox of Amarillo; his grandparents, Darrel and Margaret Marshall of Wheeler and Gay Knox of Memphis, and his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Marshall of Matador and Delores Lunford of Levelland.

### EDNA WOOD

**AMARILLO** — Edna Wood, 66, sister of Pampa residents, died Monday, Feb. 17, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel with Dr. Gil Lam, of Paramount Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Wood was born at Success, Ark. She married Richard Anderson Wood in 1959 at Pampa. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1971 and was a member of Paramount Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Odus Gist.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Wood, of the home; two daughters, Debbie Shawn of Huntsville, Ala., and Susie Wilson of Vernon; a sister, Sherley Clark of Pampa; a brother, Jay Gist of Pampa; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, 2200 West 7th, Amarillo, TX 79109.

## Police report

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

### MONDAY, Feb. 17

A forged check of \$55.45 was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Police officers found a bolt action 22 rifle and a CATV cable converter in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

A burglary of a vehicle, a 1996 F350, was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart. A CD player, 30 CDs, a CB and a cellular phone were taken. Total loss and damage is estimated at \$2440.

Allsups at Wilks and Faulkner reported the theft of \$8.59 in gas.

A 28-year-old male reported an aggravated assault at Aft and Russell. The victim had three stab wounds to the abdomen.

A 22-year-old male reported a domestic violence in the 900 block of East Campbell. Minor injuries were reported.

## Accidents

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

### MONDAY, Feb. 17

A 1980 Oldsmobile driven by Mindy Dawne Holtman, 21, 717 Lefors, and a 1979 Buick Le Sabre driven by Sherry Lea Swindle, 32, 607 N. West, collided at the intersection of Perryton Ave. and 25th Street. Holtman was cited for failure to control speed, expired registration and no insurance.

A 1987 Cadillac DeVille driven by Dickie Lawrence Hale, 67, 319 N. Davis, and a 1977 Toyota Corolla driven by Gregory Scott Campbell, 34, 421 Graham, collided at the intersection of Hobart and 19th. Hale was cited for failure to yield at stop sign. Campbell was cited for no insurance.

## Fires

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

### MONDAY, Feb. 17

7:16 p.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to a structure fire at 1312 Terrace. Light smoke and fire damage was done to one room.

## Sheriff's Office

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

### MONDAY, Feb. 17

Gray County deputies responded to a DPS call for an agency assist.

## Calendar of events

### TOTS-N-TRAINING

Parents of preschool children can pick up free materials to help their children get ready for school through the Tots-N-Training program. Materials and a copy of the service's newsletter will be available at Frank's Thriftway #1, 300 E. Brown, from 10-11 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.; Frank's Thriftway #2, 1420 N. Hobart, from 10-11 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.; Albertsons', 1233 N. Hobart, from 10-11 a.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m.; and Pampa Community Day Care Center, 1100 Gwendolen, from 4:30-6 p.m. For more information, call Sue Thornton at 669-4700.

### TOP O' TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

The Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will meet at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Furr's Cafeteria. Guest speaker will be Carolyn Hall. Guests are welcome to attend. For more information, call Sammie Morris at 669-2998.

### PAMPA AREA SINGLES

The Pampa Area Singles will have a pot luck supper and dance, featuring Indian Summer, on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center, 1000 N. Sumner. Meal starts at 7 p.m., and the dance will be from 8-11 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Bring a covered dish, if possible. No smoking or alcohol use permitted. For more information, call 669-7370 or 665-2829.

### 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 Groom at the Groom Community Center from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19. 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.

### PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

An open meeting of the Pampa Area Cancer Support Group is scheduled from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, in the cafeteria of Columbia Medical Center, to learn more about the emotion and illness of cancer victims and how it affects families and friends. For more information, call Kathy Gist at 665-4742 or Emily Washington at 669-7619.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebery's Grain of Pampa		Chevron	69 1/2	dn 1/4
Wheat	4 1/2	Coca Cola	60 3/4	up 1/8
Milo	4 08	Columbia/HCA	43 1/2	up 1/4
Corn	4 83	Enron	42 3/4	up 3/8
		Halliburton	69 1/2	dn 1/4
		Ingersoll Rand	38 3/4	NC
		KNS	39 1/4	up 1/4
		Keen McGee	64 7/8	dn 5/8
		Limited	17 5/8	up 1/8
		Mags	33 1/2	dn 1/4
		M.D. maid	46 1/4	dn 1/2
		Medel	130 3/4	dn 3/4
		New Atmos	23 1/2	dn 1/8
		Parker & Parsley	30 7/8	dn 1/4
		Pennex	48 7/8	up 1/4
		Phillips	43 5/8	dn 1/8
		SLB	106 5/8	dn 1/2
		SPS	35 5/8	dn 1/8
		Tenneco	40 1/8	NC
		Texas	102 5/8	dn 1/4
		Ultramar	39 1/8	up 1/4
		Wal Mart	24 3/8	dn 1/2
		New York Gold	345.00	
		Arco	87 1/4	up 1/2
		Silver	5 1/2	
		West Texas Crude	22 1/4	
		Cable OMO	17	dn 3/8

## Oil

Even now, efficiency is the key. "In 1981, we were getting \$17 to \$18 a foot for drilling," he said. "For the same hole today we're getting anywhere from \$11 to \$12 a foot." Still, things are better than they have been for more than a decade. "This is the best it's been since 1982," Hudson said. "We actually have long-term contracts for every rig we're running. We didn't have any during the last boom. We didn't have any long term contracts as such. We were drilling for the same people, but it was kind of a well-to-well deal. The way it is right now, we've got long-term contracts for every rig we're running." The contracts go through at least 1997. Some of them go through 1998. "Our cash flow is better than it

has been the last 14 or 15 years," Hudson said. "The problem is that there are a lot of things that are catching up to us, like drill pipe, engines and major rig components." There was a time, he said, new drilling pipe could be bought for six dollars or seven dollars a foot. That was back in 1985 or 1986. No one bought any because they weren't running that many rigs. "We were all afraid to spend the money," Hudson said. "We didn't have the money to spend!" Now, they've about used up the drill pipe that they've been using for the past 15 years, and they're facing the problem of buying more. Most of the good used pipe is gone. New drill pipe is running approximately \$35 a foot with a six to eight month delivery. "That's a real problem," Hudson said. The engines that they were buying at the auctions for \$7,500

to \$10,000 are all gone. The replacements are between \$70,000 and \$100,000. "Are we making any money?" Hudson shrugged. "We're cash flowing, but if you figure in the depreciation and everything, no, we're not making any money. But we're doing better than we were." Still, he's optimistic about the future. "It's going to be good," he said. "We're going to be busy for the next couple of years. But I hesitate to look past two years. It'll be good for '97 and '98. Past that, I don't know." Having grown up in the business, he knows there will be another bust in the cycle. About the time the roughnecks get enough experience to be valuable, there could be rough times again. "That's why they're so hard to find," he said. "They don't want to chance it again."

## McLean preparing to hold city elections

**McLEAN** — The McLean City Council has issued notice for the upcoming city elections. In its Feb. 13 meeting, officials called for an election to be held Saturday, May 3, with balloting at the Lovett Memorial Library in McLean from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Filings for the positions of mayor and two aldermen opened Monday and will close March 19 at 5 p.m. According to Toni Bohla, of the city secretary's office, early voting will begin April 14 and end April 29, and the early voting will be handled in the office of the city secretary at the City Hall. Also added to the election ballot is the proposition for the promotion and development of new and expanded business enterprises at the rate of one-half of one percent increase in the sales tax. By councilman Mary Dwyer's motion, the officials voted to approve the 4A sales tax for an indefinite period of time, if voted in. Bill Graham was approved as

the election judge. No bids were received for a bank depository; therefore, the council's unanimous vote approved staying with the current banking institution, Bank of Commerce. Robert McDonald appeared before the council to ask for \$600 to allow him to attend the Emergency Management Conference being held in the area in the near future. His request was approved. Citizen Dedra Davis appeared before the council to request installation of a street light at the corner of Wood and Grove. The council agreed to her request, and will inquire with Southwestern Public Service Co. about getting the pole and electrical service installed that corner. Tax title bids were opened for review, and the council accepted bids from Roger Paynes and Robert Pepper. The council voted to have City Superintendent Fred Smith inquire with the state department

about purchasing gravel or asphalt that may be used for street maintenance. In other matters the council voted its approval: • To accept and add the amendment to Substance Abuse to the City's Employment Policies and Procedure Manual. • To let the city get started on getting some Christmas decorations made, headed by Dwyer. • To table the water line item until the March meeting. • To approve the city's reapplication for a sewer grant with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. • To table the Hospital building item until the March meeting. • To rescind bids on several city properties. • To issue a resolution as to the coming election and the proposed business enterprises tax. The councilmen moved into executive session to discuss personnel; however, there was no official action taken after reconvening in public session.

## Mexico's ruling party slips further behind in capital poll

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — The party that has run Mexico for generations is at risk of losing the Federal District governor's race this year, according to a poll published Tuesday by the daily *Reforma*.

The survey indicated that the conservative National Action Party has a lead of nearly 2-1 over the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, ahead of the July 6 election. The PRI was running a clear

third, with the center-left Democratic Revolution Party, or PRD, second. The newspaper's respected polling department surveyed 800 adults in Mexico City between Feb. 14 and 16.

## Ambulance

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

**MONDAY, Feb. 17**

8:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of West Kentucky on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

10:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2700 block of Perryton Parkway on motor vehicle accident. No one was transported.

4:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Buckler on a welfare check. No one was transported.

6:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1700 block of Duncan on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

7:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Terrace on a fire assist. No injuries were reported.

## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**  
 Tonight, cloudy with chance for showers and thunderstorms. Low in upper 30s with southerly winds shifting to the northeast during the night. Wednesday, cloudy and rainy, with a high in the mid 40s and northeasterly winds 15-25 mph. Monday's high was 68; the overnight low was 45.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
 West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, cloudy with chance for showers and thunderstorms, possibly light snow in northern regions. Lows in mid to upper 30s. Wednesday, cloudy and breezy with rain likely most regions. Highs from near 40 into mid 40s. South Plains: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows from 35-40 extreme southwest Panhandle to around 45 rolling plains.

Wednesday, cloudy and breezy with rain likely. Thunderstorms possible. Highs in the 40s.  
 North Texas — Tonight, cloudy. Chance of rain late area wide with isolated thunderstorms west. Lows 50 to 58. Wednesday, rain and a few thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Highs 55 west to 65 east.  
 South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with light rain or drizzle. Chance of rain less than 20 percent. Lows in low 60s, lower 50s Hill Country. Wednesday, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in upper 60s, low 60s Hill Country. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with light rain or drizzle. Chance of rain less than 20 percent. Lows in low 60s inland to near 60 coast. Wednesday, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in upper 60s inland to mid 60s

coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, cloudy. Lows in mid 60s coast to low 60s inland. Wednesday, cloudy and windy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in low 70s coast to mid 70s inland.

**BORDER STATES**  
 New Mexico — Tonight, scattered mountain snow showers and lowland rain showers with a few evening thunderstorms. Lows from the teens to mid 30s mountains and north, 30s and low 40s elsewhere. Wednesday, cooler with highs in the 30s to near 50 mountains and north to mid 40s to 50s elsewhere.  
 Oklahoma — Tonight, showers likely northeast. Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers southeast. Lows in the 40s to around 50. Wednesday, rain likely. Thunderstorms also possible over the far southeast. Highs in upper 40s to upper 50s.

## City briefs

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# With few allies, pilots continue to fight pay battle alone

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines pilots will be flying solo in their quest for a bigger paycheck and job security. They're pitted against management, many of their coworkers, the traveling public and President Clinton.

The aviators, who already are among the highest-paid workers in the nation, say they expect no sympathy and know they'll be isolated in pressing their contract demands.

"They're going into this with their eyes wide open," said union president Jim Sovich.

The pilots have been negotiating with American since 1994. This past week, talks dissolved and the pilots declared a strike.

The potentially crippling walkout, which could have affected one of every five U.S. air passengers, lasted mere minutes before President Clinton intervened to stop it.

The White House action merely postponed the showdown between management and the Allied Pilots Association, which represents about 9,300 American pilots.

Now, a Presidential Emergency Board will consider the two sides' arguments.

In addition to wages, the dispute revolves around who will fly small jets that American plans to buy to replace turboprops now used on commuter-length flights.

The three-member board has 30 days to recommend a settlement. If either side rejects the deal, the pilots can again strike after another 30 days and only Congress can stop them.

The pilots' decision to take the contract fight this far has left other American workers stuck in the middle. The flight attendant union, which had its own strike in 1993, is officially supporting the bet-

ter-paid pilots, who make an average of about \$120,000 a year.

On the other hand, many members of the Transport Workers Union of America, which represents about 27,000 mechanics, simulator pilots, ground instructors, dispatchers and meteorologists, have been vocally opposed.

The Air Line Pilots Association, which represents turboprop pilots at American Eagle, who average about \$35,000 a year, is trying its best to stay neutral.

Since ALPA represents the 1,900 pilots at American Eagle, as well as jet pilots from several other major carriers, its membership is seeing both sides of the dispute over who should fly the small commuter jets.

APA wants its pilots to fly the 70-100 seat jet, while American parent company, AMR Corp.,

wants its cheaper American Eagle subsidiary to move into jet cockpits.

Capt. Homer Pugh, chairman of the American Eagle union's Executive Council said he recognizes the jet pilots' right to pursue a fair labor contract, but is concerned about rhetoric that may lead some people to question Eagle pilots' qualifications to fly jets.

APA officials say the two groups speak informally on a regular basis.

Clinton's call for a Presidential Emergency Board is the first made since the Johnson administration. It could change the balance of power in airline labor negotiations.

In the past, pilots have had the edge because extensive training and Federal Aviation Administration requirements make it difficult to immediately replace them.

## Former governor's wife, Nellie Connally, tells her story of Kennedy assassination

DALLAS (AP) — Nellie Connally spent about two weeks replaying the events in her head.

Back home in Austin at the Governor's Mansion, she sat down with a yellow legal pad and recorded her memories of the day her husband, then-Gov. John Connally, was shot and President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Only recently has Mrs. Connally begun reading her notes to a public still fascinated by the details of that fateful day.

"I awakened early on Friday morning, Nov. 22, 1963," the 77-year-old Mrs. Connally read Sunday. "The day was gray and somber. Rain was falling."

The gloominess of the morning had broken by the time the Connallys and Kennedys arrived in Dallas. Mrs. Connally recalled that the president epitomized "youth, charm, vitality and poise" and first lady Jacqueline Kennedy was resplendent in her now-famous pink suit.

Under brightening skies, the couples rode together in the back of a convertible limousine through waving, cheering crowds.

"We were indeed a happy foursome that beautiful morning. I did so hope Dallas would give

the Kennedys a warm and very cordial welcome," Mrs. Connally said.

Her silver hair bright under the stage lights, Mrs. Connally read how she couldn't resist bragging as the motorcade drove toward Dealey Plaza.

"I said, 'Mr. President, you certainly cannot say that Dallas doesn't love you,'" Mrs. Connally read. "And then I heard a loud terrifying noise. It came from the back."

"I turned and looked toward the president just in time to see his hands fly up to his neck."

After a second shot, the one that struck the governor, "John said, 'My God, they're going to kill us all!' I reached over and pulled him to me and tried to get us down in the car."

"My eyes saw bloody matter in tiny bits all over the car. Mrs. Kennedy was saying, 'Jack! Jack! They have killed my husband! I have his brains in my hand.'"

Mrs. Connally saw her husband's bloody chest wound and thought he was dead. Then he moved slightly and she knew he was still alive.

"Be still. It's all right," she told him as the car sped to Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Connally's notes were

meant to be a chapter of family history for her three children and grandchildren. But after coming across them in a file a few years ago, the only remaining member of the foursome seated in the back of the limousine began reading them to small groups in Houston.

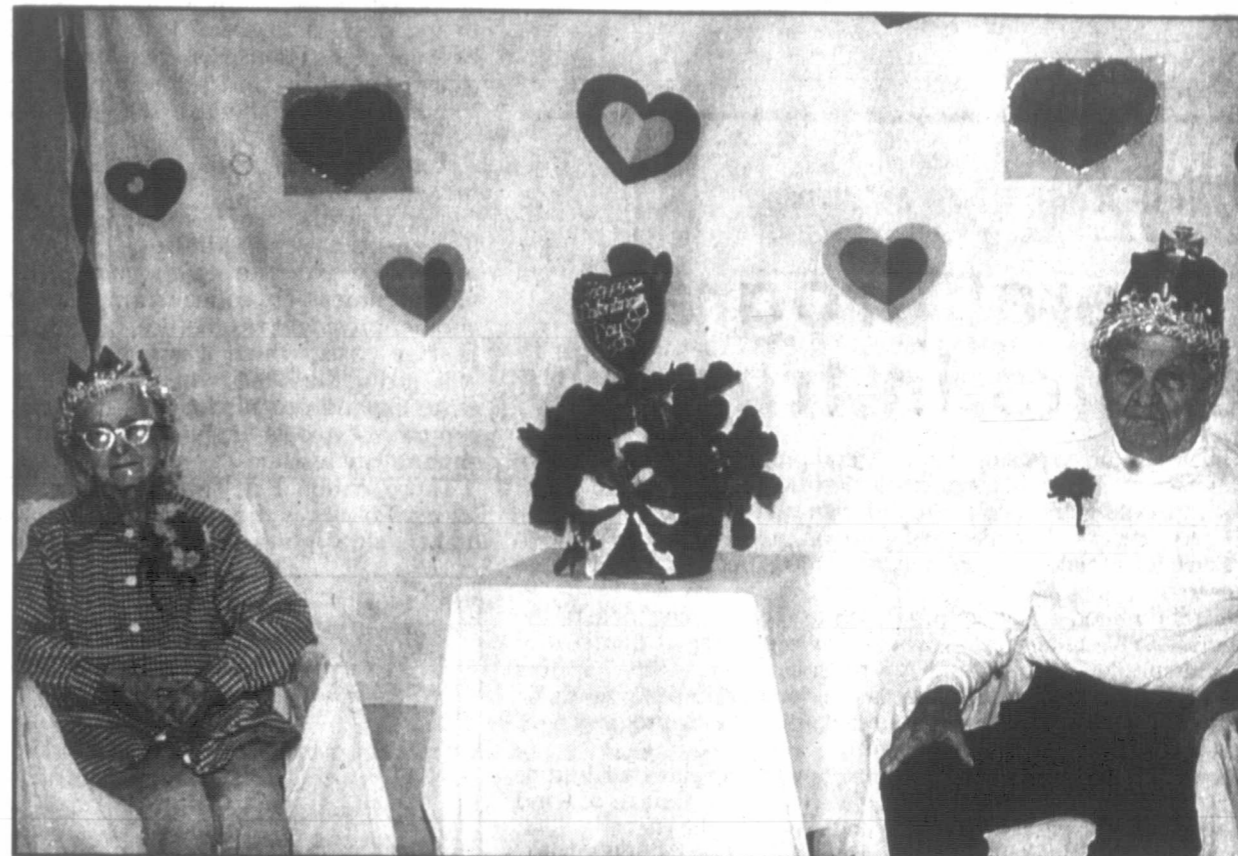
Requests have multiplied as word spread. Before her latest reading, sponsored by the Dallas Historical Society, she acknowledged a book deal is "something that might be in the works."

What came through during her 30-minute presentation Sunday was the sense that whatever that historic day meant to the world, Mrs. Connally experienced it as the wife of a suffering husband.

Kennedy and Connally were in Parkland Memorial Hospital trauma rooms on opposite sides of a hall; the wives sat outside. As only a wife could, Mrs. Connally wondered: "Did they have adequate and good doctors tending John (Connally) or were they all across the hall with President Kennedy?"

The bullet had entered Connally's right shoulder, pierced a lung, exited through his chest, proceeded through his right wrist and lodged in his left leg.

## Valentine King and Queen



Margaret Martin and Peter Blanda were crowned Queen and King for a Day at the annual Coronado Healthcare Center's Valentine's Day celebration on Friday.

## Former Pampan receives Texas A&M award

COLLEGE STATION — Dr. Chris L. Skaggs of Texas A&M University's animal science department has received a Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence from the university's agriculture program.

The award, the highest given to faculty and cooperators on faculty projects by the Texas A&M agriculture program, was presented to Skaggs Jan. 7 at the program's annual faculty conference by Dr. Edward A. Hiler, vice chancellor and dean of agriculture and life sciences.

Skaggs, a Pampa native, received the Award for Industry/Agency/Association Partnerships as part of the Beef Quality Excellence team, made up of faculty from Texas A&M and members of

the Texas Beef Council.

He is an assistant professor with the department. He received his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University, his master's degree from Kansas State University and his doctoral degree from Iowa State University.

The team was cited for its development of the Beef 706 program, designed to reduce cattle carcass defects and resultant lost profits, which can add up to \$680 million annually in Texas.

between the varied segments of the \$6 billion Texas beef industry," said Dr. John McNeill, associate department head of animal science and nominator of the team.

The program has had more than 800 participants since its founding and has been noted in trade press as being in a "class all its own" for excellence.

Beef 706 serves as a forum for total quality management issues for leaders from various segments of the beef industry, including McDonald's, the King ranch, Cargill Inc., West Texas A&M University and various livestock markets. The concept has been adopted by several other states throughout the United States.

## Environmental groups say water bill good step

AUSTIN (AP) — Water management legislation filed on the heels of last year's withering drought is a good step, but falls short by not curbing Texans' virtually unfettered right to pump water from beneath their property, the Sierra Club says.

The so-called "right of capture" basically allows property owners to pump as much water as they like from under their land, regardless of how it affects adjacent landowners.

Those who oppose changing the principle say it's a basic property right. But Ken Kramer of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club environmental group said Monday that argument is flawed.

"There is no protection to a property right in groundwater if your neighbor can put in a bigger pump and a bigger well

and pump out more water than you can, and potentially ... deplete the aquifer to the point where you can no longer draw water from it through your own well," Kramer said.

The bill's author, Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, has said it will be up to local governments to decide whether to impose water use limits.

"If water districts coordinate and work together in coming up with a plan, we will avoid a competition to see who can build the biggest water pump on their property," Brown, R-Lake Jackson, said when he introduced the measure.

On Monday, Brown said he has discussed the water legislation with the Sierra Club and other groups and would continue to do so.

"I hope these groups are interested in continuing to

work with us as we move forward in our attempt to create the best solution for the water needs of this state," he said.

Kramer said the legislation doesn't assure regulation of groundwater withdrawal if a local groundwater district fails to act. He said regulation by groundwater districts could be workable if there were a strong state backup in case local districts didn't take action.

Changing the right of capture could be done through separate legislation, Kramer said. If unable to enact a change in this legislative session, Kramer said he'd support a study in time for the 1999 Legislature.

## Senate to consider Bush tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Ken Armbrister wants to know why a six-pack of donuts is subject to the state sales tax but a dozen donuts aren't.

Armbrister, D-Victoria, on Monday said a Senate committee formed to deal with Gov. George W. Bush's plan to replace local property taxes with new state taxes will look at every related question, including the taxation of donuts.

Under Bush's proposal, pending before a Texas House committee, lawmakers would create a new business tax, raise the state sales tax and commit \$1 billion in general state funds to replace about \$3 billion in school funds currently collected via local property taxes.

Bush has said replacing local school property taxes as the main

funding source for Texas schools would be fairer to all Texans and would be a more stable source of money.

Armbrister said he doesn't know of any lawmaker opposed to reducing local property taxes. But he added that no one has come out in full support of the governor's plan to pay for the cuts.

"We're not saying it's a wrong way right now," Armbrister said. "It's just that we have an opportunity here if changes need to be made."

A special House committee already is working on the governor's plan. It would impose a 1.25 percent tax on all businesses in Texas with more than \$500,000 in total receipts. They could deduct the cost of inventories and capital investments.

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## Opinion

### Federal program results in tragedy

Why is it so unsurprising that a federal program designed to save wild horses has led to their wholesale destruction?

The U.S. Wild Horse and Burro Program was initiated by Congress in 1971 to protect wild horses that graze on public land. Competition was fierce for limited grazing land, so the feds decided to sell excess horses to the public.

The multimillion-dollar program "is instead channeling them by the thousands to slaughterhouses where they are chopped into cuts of meat" to supply European and Asian demand, an Associated Press investigative report revealed. The slaughtering of horses is no fluke: Nearly 90% of the 165,000 horses rounded up under the program have ended up at the meat processing plant.

Not only are the results the opposite of what was intended, but the program has been a costly boondoggle. The federal Bureau of Land Management has spent \$250 million in 25 years on the effort.

It costs the agency about \$1,100 to get each horse from public lands to a private home. Members of the public buy them for \$125 each — \$25 or less if they are old or lame. After caring for the horses for a year, the owners are allowed to sell them. What Congress didn't envision when it wrote the law was that the sales would often be to slaughterhouses rather than to other private citizens.

It didn't take long for small landowners in Western states to learn to exploit the program for additional income. It has been particularly lucrative lately, because demand for horsemeat is high in Europe after the outbreak of Mad Cow Disease. Each wild horse fetches about \$700 from the U.S. and Canadian slaughterhouses that kill the horses and ship their meat overseas, AP reported.

Sadly, some BLM employees may have been in on the bloody action. In Wyoming, one BLM official who oversees the program adopted for himself and his family 36 horses, some of which are likely to have been slaughtered. His co-workers have adopted 54 more. And many of those horses were adopted at discounts. The BLM, in fact, encourages employees to adopt horses and the agency defends the lucrative side business some BLM employees are operating.

It's not hard to conclude that most of the wild horses would have been better off had the government left them alone. That's the conclusion of former Sen. Clifford Hansen of Wyoming, sponsor of the Wild Horse and Burro legislation.

"The law was intended to recognize the significance of wild horses and burros, but talk about a waste of public funds," he told AP.

This program is far too typical of the federal government at work. Millions of tax dollars finance a program with noble objectives. For years, no one in authority bothers to analyze whether the program is working as intended.

The net result is the opposite of what was promised — the destruction of horses rather than their salvation. The boondoggle continues, in part, because some people are benefiting from the largess.

The BLM is now reviewing the Wild Horse and Burro Program and may enact rules to reduce the slaughter. Management of the program has already been transferred to Washington. The best approach would be to shut it down. Use its failure as a lesson for the next time a public official has a bright idea for "saving" some endangered critter.

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# Clinton's education crusade

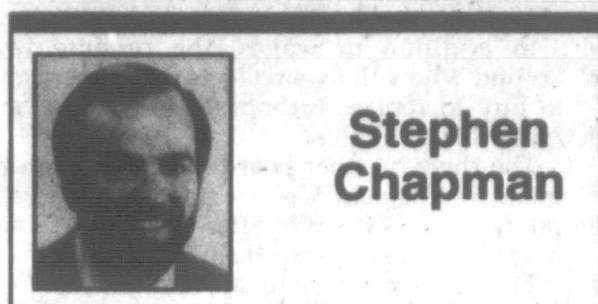
Politicians often say silly things, and Bill Clinton says more than most, but probably nothing that has come out of his mouth during his long career in public life is more preposterous than his call for a new approach to education.

"One of the greatest sources of strength throughout the Cold War was a bipartisan foreign policy; because our future was at stake politics stopped at the water's edge," he declared in his State of the Union address. "Now, I ask you — I ask all our nation's governors, and I ask teachers, parents and citizens all across America — for a new nonpartisan commitment to education because education is one of the critical national security issues for our future, and politics must stop at the classroom door."

It must? Does this mean Clinton, in the interest of national unity, will no longer question any measures recommended by Republicans as they strive to address this problem? I suspect not. More likely, it means he wants Congress and the citizenry at large to shut up and salute whenever he offers some poll-tested scheme in the name of advancing education.

Actually, Americans may labor in vain to remember a time in the Cold War when politics stopped at the water's edge. Not during the Korean War, which destroyed Harry Truman's presidency. Not during Vietnam, which caused violent unrest on college campuses and forced another president from office. Not during the Iran hostage crisis, which was fatal to Jimmy Carter. Not during the 1980s, when Ronald Reagan wanted to expand our nuclear arsenal and help anti-communist rebels in Nicaragua but Democrats strenuously resisted.

Those national disagreements are nothing to regret. Politics is the pejorative term for the normal, healthy give-and-take that is supposed to



Stephen Chapman

characterize the process of governing in a democracy. It's not a weakness or an obstacle. It's the crowning glory of self-government.

The fact that education is important doesn't mean it should be off-limits to this often raucous and unappetizing means of problem solving. Just the opposite. We might trust a dictator to collect the garbage and pave the streets — it's on matters of great moment that the voice of the people is crucial. If we don't want politics to intrude into the decisions we make about our schools, we should petition Queen Elizabeth to revert to monarchy.

Some of the recommendations made by the leader of the free world don't require much discussion — like his solemn insistence that parents start singing to their infants ("immediately," no less). Given the merits of his more substantial proposals, though, it's not surprising that he would prefer to choke off debate.

First, he wants to spend more money. But the United States already lavishes some \$318 billion dollars a year on elementary and secondary education. In inflation-adjusted terms, we spend 48 percent more per student today than we did 20 years ago. If money were the solution, there wouldn't be a problem.

That there is a problem is evident from the extreme modesty of Clinton's ambitions. He asked for a million volunteer tutors "to make sure every child can read independently by the end of the third grade." Americans are already contributing great sums in taxes to support a system that, it turns out, is incapable of teaching children to read over the course of four years in school.

Asking volunteers to teach nine-year-olds to read is like asking citizens to pitch in at the Post Office so mail deliveries won't take so long. It utterly misses the point.

The president called for the creation of 3,000 charter schools in the next three years. These are spared some of the normal bureaucratic requirements placed on public schools, which raises the question: If breaking those chains improves education, why free only 3,000 schools? Why not free them all?

The chances that Clinton will push for charter schools worthy of the name are remote. Teachers' unions don't like the whole idea because one of the burdens charter schools are supposed to escape are costly union contracts. And teachers' unions are probably the most powerful constituency in the Democratic Party. At last year's Democratic Convention, 12 percent of the delegates were affiliated with the National Education Association or the American Federation of Teachers. If Clinton is joining the charter school movement, you can be sure the effort will be diluted to the point of meaninglessness.

The real point of his "national crusade on education" is to make himself sound powerfully concerned about an issue that is important to most Americans. It may impress some people — but not those who think irrelevant blather andphony gimmicks should stop at the classroom door.

## Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Tuesday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 1997. There are 316 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Feb. 18, 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

On this date:  
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In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died.

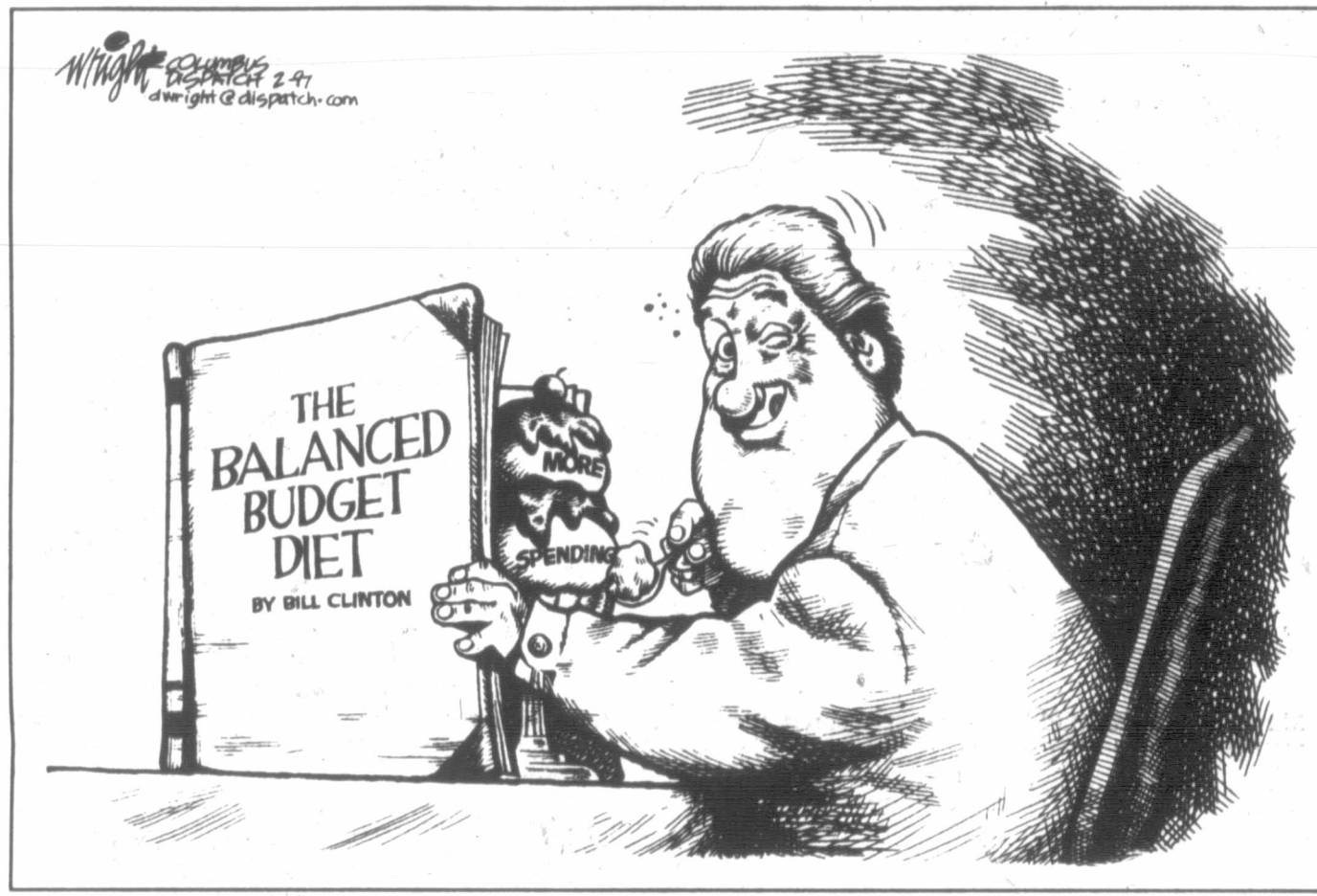
In 1564, the artist Michelangelo died in Rome.

In 1885, Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* was published in the United States for the first time.

In 1930, the ninth planet of our solar system, Pluto, was discovered.

In 1953, "Bwana Devil," the movie that heralded the 3-D fad of the 1950's, opened in New York.

In 1960, the eighth Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Richard Nixon.



# Albright is fond of generalizations

## Charley Reese

In a pitch for bipartisan support for foreign policy, the new secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, listed a number of things on which she claimed there is already a broad consensus.

The list gives you a good idea of what is wrong with American foreign policy. Let's look at it.

No. 1 on her list was "to promote prosperity at home by promoting an open and global economy." Many would strongly disagree that an open and global economy contributes to American prosperity. Of course, "global economy" is just a meaningless buzzword anyway. There is, and always has been, a global economy long before Americans came to these shores. But to encourage multinational corporations to put their production facilities in cheap labor countries does not promote prosperity at home. To allow foreign producers to dump their products into the American market does not promote prosperity at home.

What will promote prosperity at home are lower taxes, fewer regulations, fewer multinationals involved in offshore production and a sensible trade policy that will provide a level playing field for American businesses and farmers.

Next, she says there is a consensus that we ought to create an "increasingly united, democratic and stable Europe." Well, I didn't know Europe was undemocratic. I don't think the Europeans need to have American politicians lecture them on democracy. After all, the ideas of

political freedom came to North America from Europe.

As for unity, that's the business of the Europeans. This notion that we can create unity and stability in another continent is arrogant nonsense. Albright ought to look around. We aren't doing so hot in the unity and stability departments ourselves.

But while we're governing Europeans, she also wants us to hop over to Asia and "build" an Asian-Pacific community with shared economic and security goals. Again, arrogance. Again, beyond our capability. Again, we have no right to dictate to other countries.

And, as if that isn't enough to do, the eager Madame Secretary thinks we should help resolve disputes in the Middle East, halt the spread of weapons of mass destruction and combat terrorists, drug dealers and international criminals.

Of course, all of this was just a buildup to her pitch to Congress: Fund foreign aid, the United Nations and the World Bank, as if those three had anything to do with the other stuff she mentioned.

In the past, whenever the United Nations tried to resolve dangerous disputes in the Middle East, the United States vetoed its efforts. The World

Bank often provides capital for projects that compete with Americans and thus does not promote prosperity at home. Foreign aid is largely a boondoggle and has often caused more misery than it has cured.

A sound foreign policy would be based on the country's legitimate interests. Those are relatively simple. Freedom of the seas, for example, which today nobody challenges. Fair trade with all, to paraphrase George Washington, but entangling alliances with nobody. Respect for the sovereignty of all nations. A strict policy of noninterference in the internal affairs of other countries and of not allowing them to interfere in our internal affairs.

But Albright is right: There is a consensus among the political elite in the Tweedledee and Tweedledum parties, to support the same internationalist, interventionist foreign policy that violates the Constitution, harms prosperity at home and causes human misery and death abroad.

Frankly, it is atrocious when you think about the domestic needs of this country that are going unmet. The foreign interventionist policy does not cost just the one percent of the budget Albright claims. It also costs a huge percentage of the defense budget. And it costs a percentage of the welfare budget when imports and offshore production throw productive Americans off the pay-rolls and onto the welfare rolls.

# The battle of the budget continues

It's budget season, that time of the year when Congress keeps us entertained until baseball starts. More than that: It's the balanced budget amendment all-star game, when the slickest and most talented prevaricators, hypocrites and rabble-rousers on the plapet step to the plate to take their whacks.

It happens every winter. The balanced budget amendment is a simple concept. It says the government shall spend no more money in a given year than it takes in. Exceptions would be made for times of war and economic crisis; a three-fifths vote of both houses of Congress — a so-called supermajority — would be required to borrow money.

You would think that the notion of living within our means would make good sense to those who govern us. The problem is, their good sense is clouded by a chronic addiction: They have a compulsion to spend. In the 28 years since we last had a balanced budget, government spending has increased ninefold, and the national debt has soared from \$370 billion to \$5.3 trillion.

You would think rational people would comprehend that we cannot continue to saddle future generations with the burden of our gluttony. Again: Congress is not rational. As the late Sen. Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts once put it: "There are a lot of votes in deficit spending. There are no votes in fiscal discipline. What you have here is a sad case of pursuit of self as opposed to pursuit of what is in the national interest."

And so opponents of a balanced budget



Joseph Spear

amendment — doctrinaire liberals, generally — have once more gathered their forces and are assaulting it with every weapon in their arsenal, including exaggeration, bushwa and provocative nonsense.

The amendment, they say, is little more than a gimmick that would be unenforceable and would cheapen the Constitution.

We are talking about a national debt that devours nearly a billion dollars a day in interest. One-fourth of it is held by foreign investors. The national security is at stake here, and that renders the problem worthy of a constitutional remedy.

Regarding enforcement, Yale law school professor Akhil Reed Amar dispatched this sophism in 1992. "Not every provision of the Constitution is fully enforceable," he told the *New York Times*. "Even if (an) amendment weren't ... an easily enforceable judicial rule, it might give some moral status and strength to the fundamental idea that it is wrong for us to finance current ben-

efits on the backs of our children and grandchildren."

The amendment, the skeptics say, would grant to a minority the power to control public spending because a mere two-fifths plus one vote would kill any measure that breaks the budget. Yes it would, and that's the point. The assumption of debt ought to be a deliberative process and it should be difficult to pull off. Not to mention the fact that the same preferential logic governs cloture votes, the electoral college and jury verdicts.

Why is it that so few critics consider the possibility that regular balanced budgets might result in enduring benefits that far outweigh the short-term advantages of borrowing? Fed chairman Alan Greenspan put it this way two years ago:

"Productivity would accelerate, the inflation rate would be subdued ... the underlying outlook would be generally improved for long-term economic growth. Real incomes ... would significantly improve, long-term interest rates would fall significantly and (Americans) would look forward to their children doing better than they."

But that sort of thinking is in short supply in Washington these days. More common is inflammatory foolishness of the sort that Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin served up in an article recently published in the *Washington Post*. A balanced budget amendment would so restrict a president's options, Rubin said, that he may one day have to stop writing Social Security checks.

Somebody want to tell this demagogue he just struck out?

## Berry's World



"Hey, mister! Could you spare 10 bucks so I can get a DECENT CIGAR?"

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# IRS now has TeleFile tax return available for married couples too

DALLAS — Filing a federal income tax return will be as simple as picking up a telephone and "letting your fingers do the filing" with the Internal Revenue Service's paperless system this year.

TeleFile, the IRS's new file-by-phone system, is now in its second year. It is available to about 26 million people nationwide. It offers quick, easy and free tax filing for people who receive the special tax package in the mail.

Last year, 246,223 Texans used TeleFile in its first year to be offered nationally. IRS officials in Dallas expect for that number to grow significantly this year. A total of 99 percent of the users say that they will use the system again.

According to an IRS 1996 study, 24 percent of all TeleFile users were 20 years old or younger, 33 percent were age 21 to 25, and 29 percent were 26 to 40 years old. More than 92 percent of all users said they were satisfied with the system.

"No matter what your age is, TeleFile is easy and paperless. And, the best part is, it's free and can be filed directly with the IRS in less than 10 minutes," Bobby Scott, IRS North Texas district director said.

To file by TeleFile, first, you must receive a special TeleFile tax

package. If you do, then follow the easy directions inside the package. People who received the packages include those who:

- have no charges to their name, Social Security number or address;
- have less than \$50,000 in taxable income;
- have W-2 forms for all wages and taxable scholarship or fellowship grants, but no more than 5 W-2s;
- have taxable interest of less than \$400; and
- do not owe any employment taxes on wages paid to a household worker.

This year, for the first time, married couples, as well as single taxpayers, without dependents will be able to use the TeleFile system.

"TeleFile users told us last year that they wanted the IRS to add married couples to those who can use the system. And we listened. So this year, TeleFile has been expanded to include married couples with no dependents who file jointly," said Scott.

To access and use the system, TeleFile users will need a special identification number inside the tax package. Once inside the automated system, the filer is asked to enter wage and tax information from W-2 on their phone's keypad. TeleFile auto-

matically calculates the total taxable income, adjusted gross income, amount of refund or balance due, and even the earned income tax credit for those who qualify. After the system pauses to calculate the totals, a recorded voice lists the TeleFile's adjusted gross income, taxable income and the amount of their refund or tax due. At the end of the call, a confirmation number is given to the caller.

TeleFile is quick. Refund checks are generally sent within three weeks.

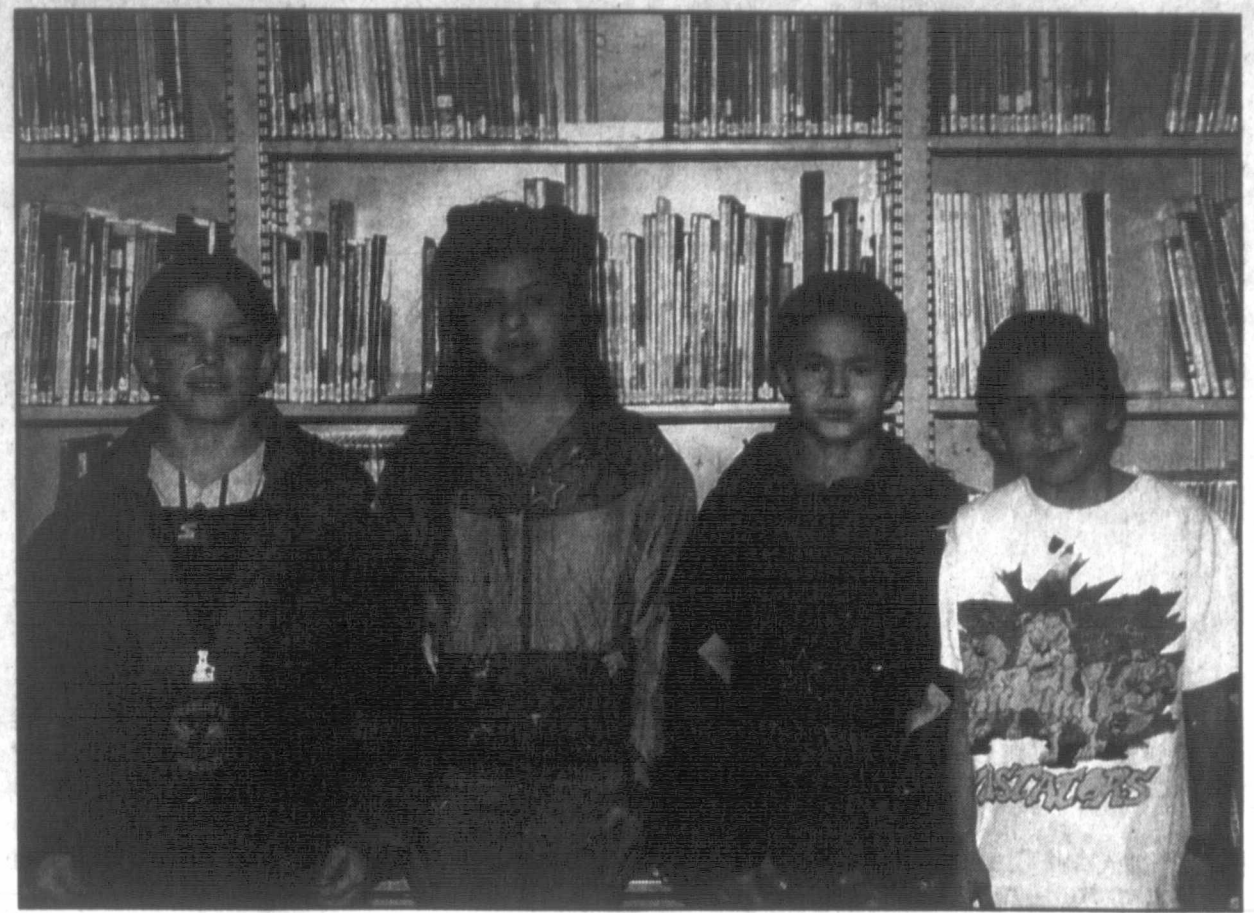
Another new feature this year lets people have their refunds deposited directly into their savings or checking account. People who owe the IRS money can go ahead and file now and pay later — as long as it's before the April 15 deadline.

TeleFile is available for use 24 hours a day, so it accommodates anyone's work schedule. It is available for the hearing impaired who have access to TDD/TTY equipment.

Those who have received a special TeleFile package are invited to file by phone. It makes filing a tax return as simple as picking up the telephone and calling a friend.

Get more information about TeleFile on the IRS Web Site at [www.irs.ustreas.gov](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov).

## Baker Spelling Bee champs



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The top spellers at Baker Elementary School — fifth grader Dean Moman, first place, and fifth grade runnerup Linda Arzola and fourth graders Felipe Portillo, first, and Lucio Gurrola, fourth grade runnerup — will participate in the Gray County Spelling Bee on March 7 at the Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

## Alabama weighs practice of spear hunting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Animal rights activists are taking aim at a Stone Age practice that's been officially revived in Alabama: hunting with spears.

Alabama last year began issuing free permits to hunters who pursue deer or wild pigs with a spear as their only weapon.

Doug Walker, a microbiologist at the University of Alabama at Birmingham hospital who persuaded a state conservation board to approve spear hunting as a one-year experiment, said he likes pitting his wits against a wild animal's.

"I know it's been done before; the Indians did it and I wanted my chance," said Walker, who is trying to convince the Alabama conservation advisory board that it should adopt a permanent, annual spear-hunting season.

Sixty-four hunters got permits last year, but it's not known how they fared, state game officials say.

Wayne Paccelle, a spokesman for the Humane Society of the United States, said the organization would fight the move.

"There's no question that spearing will result in grievous pain and suffering for the animals," he said. "It makes a mockery of the hunting ethic that demands a quick kill."

Paccelle said some provinces in western Canada permit spear hunting of black bears, and the practice is used in some unregulated hunts in confined areas in the United States. He thinks spear hunters should be subject to prosecution under state anti-cruelty codes.

Tommy Champion, a retired engineer and member of Alabama's conservation advisory board, defended the decision to launch the experimental program. He said the board felt spear hunting posed little danger to the state's rapidly expanding deer population.

"God placed us in control of the animal kingdom and I don't think he intended that it be abused, but he put it here for our usage," Champion said.

Walker, 26, of Cottondale, Ala., said the risk of leaving injured animals in the woods is far greater with bow hunting than with spears.

Even after practicing for weeks and becoming proficient enough to hit a milk carton from 15 yards, Walker never got a chance to throw his spear during 20 deer hunts.

"I'd rather miss the animal totally than hit it and it get away, because I consider myself a humane hunter," he said. "I'm not out there just to kill, I'm out there to make a harvest and I eat the meat too."

Walker said his spear, which he bought from a Texas craftsman for \$200, has reverse barbs on the tip to ensure that it stays in the animal, making a quick retrieval of the animal more likely.

State game rules, however, require only that the spear blade be sharpened and at least two inches wide. "That could be a big kitchen knife tied to a broom handle," said Walker.

State game officials have sent questionnaires to the 64 spear hunters, asking how many animals they killed and how many they wounded but were unable to track down.

Paccelle scoffs at the survey. "There's the pride issue," he said. "No hunter is going to admit the fact that they injured and did not retrieve an animal."

The conservation board, which includes Gov. Fob James, meets March 8 in Montgomery to decide on a permanent spear-hunting season.

## Nation briefs

### Woodcutters pursue naked man through woods

BEND, Ore. (AP) — The nude sunbathing trip to the woods was just fine, until the woodcutters showed up.

A 44-year-old man out walking his dogs on Saturday stopped to drink a couple of beers and decided to enjoy the sunny weather, sheriff's deputies said. Off went the clothes.

His reverie was interrupted when some woodcutters drove up and spotted him. Thinking there might be a problem, they tried to talk to the man.

Bashful — and wearing only his boots — he fled into the woods, pursued by the curious woodcutters. He ran, they ran and before long it was dark.

The man, whom deputies declined to name, got cold and walked to the woodcutters' truck only to find the wife of one of his former pursuers.

She loaned him her coat and let him warm up in the truck until a deputy arrived and gave him a ride back to his clothes. The only casualty, they said, was the man's pride.

### Pro-tobacco group sponsors posh golf outing

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Dozens of congressmen and congressional aides spent the weekend at a lavish golf resort in a getaway sponsored by the tobacco industry's lobbying group.

The golf getaway at The Phoenician resort ended Monday, just as federal regulators were preparing to promote new anti-tobacco smoking provisions.

Conference organizers said the Food and Drug Administration rules were the main topic of conversation.

The Tobacco Institute, which sponsored the event, refused to say how many people attended, which members of Congress were present or what was on the official agenda.

"This is a private meeting," said Walker Merryman, vice president of the institute. "Since the furthest thing from our minds is making news, it's not public."

Anti-tobacco forces condemned the meeting as a "golf junket" for lawmakers and placed newspaper advertisements around the country urging people to ask their representatives whether they attended.

Under new congressional ethics rules, legislators are barred from accepting most gifts from special interests, including recreational trips. But they may accept privately paid travel for educational, fact-finding events that are consistent with the interests of their constituents.

### Kidnappers may intend to do bear in this time

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — Orson the inflatable polar bear has been held for ransom, buried and even dismembered. He's always bounced back to perch above the Polar Beverages building.

Maybe Orson has had it.

Neither plastic hide nor hair of the giant mascot has been seen since Jan. 13, after a busy weekend that saw the New England Patriots advance to the Super Bowl with a home playoff win over the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"He's probably in someone's basement deteriorating. It's really kind of selfish," said Christopher Crowley, vice president of manufacturing for the soft drink company.

Orson has been taken four times in the last twelve years. Once, when the bear was left on the lawn of a charity, the company made a donation.

Several weeks before the bear was stolen, Polar security cameras detected suspicious activity. Crowley said the video showed some people "scooping the area out."

Police on Monday said they had no leads.

### Police nab jailbreaker after he passes out

VALDOSTA, Ga. (AP) — A man who broke out of a south Georgia jail a month ago was arrested after bragging about his deed in a bar and then passing out so his audience could call police, authorities said.

James Scott, 20, was arrested at a Sacramento, Calif., bar Saturday

### False liens would be crime under legislation

AUSTIN (AP) — The filing of fraudulent court documents, a favorite havoc-creating tactic of the Republic of Texas group, would become a criminal offense under a bill before the Senate Jurisprudence Committee.

The committee delayed action on the bill by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, Monday to ensure valid documents wouldn't inadvertently be covered by the measure. It could be voted on next week.

The issue of phony court judgments and liens has attracted widespread attention because of their use by the Republic of Texas, a group that contends Texas was unlawfully annexed as a state by Congress in 1845.

Bivins, however, said he's not targeting a particular group. He said the problem even has come up in divorce battles.

"I've heard of angry spouses trying to ... get revenge on spouses that have divorced them," he said. "I'm certainly aware there are organized groups as well. The point is that this practice is going on and needs to stop."

Joy Streater of the County and District Clerks Association testified that legislation is needed.

"It is a growing, mushrooming situation in the state of Texas," she said. "It is clogging up the legal system."

Bivins' bill would make it a Class A misdemeanor the first two times a person files a false court document or lien, punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine. A third offense would be a third-degree felony, punishable by imprisonment for two to ten years and a fine of up to \$10,000.

The bill also would give the victim of a false lien a way to have it removed from deed records, Bivins said. It would allow a clerk to reject a fraudulent document, while providing a way for the person who files such a document to petition the decision in court.

Gov. George W. Bush has declared the issue an emergency at the request of Attorney General Dan Morales, who has been engaged in a legal skirmish with Republic of Texas officials.

A state district judge has ordered the Republic group to stop filing fraudulent documents, but group leaders have said they don't recognize the judge's actions.

Morales has said that "hundreds if not thousands" of bogus liens are clogging the state's property records systems. Liens can cause financial and legal difficulties when property owners attempt to sell those properties or list them as assets.

### Jury finds twelve-year-old guilty in toddler's death

AUSTIN (AP) — A twelve-year-old girl convicted for the second time in the beating death of a toddler will spend up to 25 years in state custody.

Last year, the preteen was convicted of injury to a child in the death of 2 1/2-year-old Jayla Belton and sentenced to up to 20 years in state custody.

The conviction and sentence were overturned. State District Judge John Dietz, who presided over both trials, said he was concerned the girl didn't have adequate defense in the original proceeding.

After a second trial concluded last week, a Travis County jury on Monday again found the 12-year-old guilty of injury to a child.

Her attorneys waived jury sentencing and agreed to 25 years in state custody. She could have been locked up for 40 years.

The twelve-year-old, who was

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eleven at the time of Jayla's death, could be transferred from juvenile custody to a state prison as early as age 16 or could be released with approval from the judge.

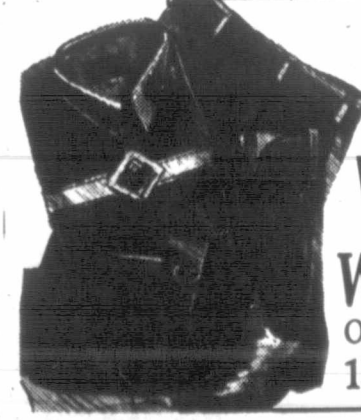
Attorneys from the Travis County district attorney's office said the twelve-year-old kicked and beat the toddler to death on May 24. They said she was angry

about being left to baby-sit the girl, who was sick and throwing up the day she died.

The twelve-year-old lived with her grandparents, who had adopted her and several other grandchildren. Jayla and several other children had been dropped off at the home, where state officials said the family was operating an illegal day-care.

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## Telescope develops worrisome flaw, 'glitch'

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Just as NASA thought the Hubble Space Telescope renovation was finished early today, the instrument developed a worrisome "glitch."

But engineers decided a suspect part was healthy and that an unprecedented sixth spacewalk was not needed. The component is part of the telescope's steering system and a spare was available for a swap while the telescope is in the cargo bay of shuttle Discovery.

"We just completed a test on reaction wheel No. 2; it's good," Mission Control told the astronauts after three hours of testing the suspect unit. The release of the spacecraft from shuttle repair platform to free flight was scheduled for 1:41 a.m. EST Wednesday.

The replacement would have required another venture into the cargo bay by two spacewalkers. Instead, Mission Control gave the OK for the final step in the Hubble upgrade procedure, raising its orbit by about ten miles.

Mission Control had decided an added day in orbit for the seven Discovery astronauts was out of the question. There is fuel for an extra two days that would be reserved for a shuttle emergency, such as bad landing weather.

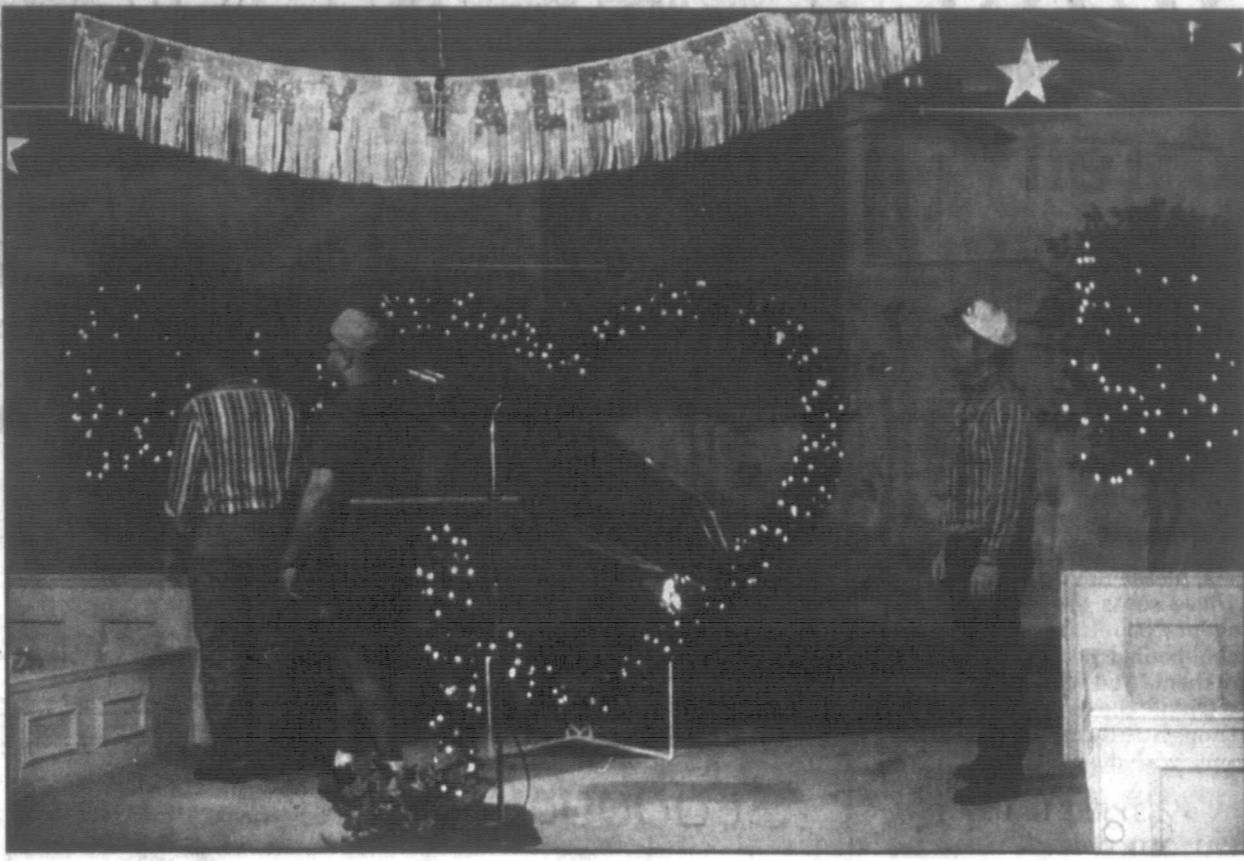
The telescope is steered by four spinning wheels that, when brakes are applied selectively, transfer the momentum to move the 43-foot-high spacecraft. There is no rocket fuel on the Hubble.

Engineers at the Goddard Space Center in Maryland were putting the reaction wheels through their paces late Monday when one of them gave trouble.

One of the reaction wheels was replaced earlier in this Hubble servicing mission, but it was not the one giving trouble. The telescope could operate with only three of the devices, but NASA is loath to launch spacecraft when a possible problem is known. Engineers worried it might fail altogether.

After several hours of testing, however, engineers said the suspect wheel was running normally. They recalled it had similar start-up problems three years ago when another crew of astronauts serviced the orbiting telescope.

## 'Evening Under the Stars' banquet



As part of The Year of Man activities, the Men's Ministry at Calvary Baptist Church complete finishing touches for the decorations at the "Evening Under the Stars" Valentine's banquet held Saturday night at the church. All the designs and decorations were prepared by the men for the banquet.

## Russia's new well-to-do create boom in art market, particularly Russian art

MOSCOW (AP) — One of Russia's new rich walked into an art gallery, took a look around and pointed to a wall lined with objects from various periods with no common theme.

"He said, 'Pack me everything from this corner to that one,'" said a smiling Alexei Zaitsev, deputy director of Gelos, one of Moscow's leading antique galleries and auction houses.

Russia's new well-to-do might not yet be discerning art collectors, but after tossing their money at expensive cars, tropical resorts and casinos, they have turned to art, starting a market boom — especially for Russian works.

Several leading banks now have corporate art collections, the wealthy flock to auction previews and government officials exchange antiques as presents.

"It's profitable to invest in Russian art of the 19th and early 20th century," said Zaitsev, sitting amid antique furniture and paintings. "Prices are rising most actively, both here and at the world market."

A Gelos auction this weekend featured a rather modest painting by 19th century artist Ivan Aivazovsky, valued at about

\$75,000, a Vasily Polenov landscape at \$40,000, and a sketch by Valentin Serov for \$15,000.

Before the Soviet Union crumbled, Russian art was often smuggled abroad and fetched premium prices, but the trend now is being reversed.

Several paintings in Gelos' next auction were bought at Christie's and Sotheby's auction houses in London and are expected to fetch more in Russia.

"Good, solid Russian art of the 19th century is more expensive here. But art of a certain country should be more expensive in that country," Zaitsev said.

The legal trade in art is still rather new for Russia. The Soviet market was largely limited to a handful of state-run shops and tightly knit groups of private collectors and dealers trading on the black market. The Soviet media, detective novels and thrillers frequently portrayed art collecting as being linked to crime.

The post-Communist free-for-all has ushered in a wild art market with an abundance of antiques shops and art dealers, many of them lacking experience and simply seeking to make a quick ruble.

"Once, the buyers were scientists, actors, writers," Anatoly Gostev, artistic director of Gamayun auctioneers, told the Moskovsky Komsomolets newspaper. "Now, these are the so-called 'new Russians.' They are buying everything just to decorate their interiors."

Art auctions tend to be dominated by 19th century Russian paintings, many of them considered by experts to be rather pompous and of mixed quality.

The pictures of Aivazovsky, who painted 6,000 known works, and Ivan Shishkin, a realist landscape artist hailed in Soviet times, remain among the highest-priced.

"The new buyers ... want something that they know from childhood, which should also be expensive and striking. They don't care about its quality," said Valery Dudakov, surrounded by masterpieces that form one of Russia's top private collections of early 20th century avant-garde.

Dudakov, the former head expert of the Soviet Culture Fund who now advises Sotheby's and some corporate collectors in Moscow, is critical of Russia's art dealers.

## World briefs

**Chinese government denies Deng's condition worsening**  
BEIJING (AP) — Deng Xiaoping may be frail and afflicted with ailments common to a 92-year-old, but Chinese officials declared today that their senior leader was not near death.

Rumors that the Communist Party leader's health has taken a turn for the worse have persisted since December.

Last week's slide in the Hong Kong stock market — always sensitive to rumors about Deng's health and the infighting among party leaders his death will spur — revived the speculation his condition had deteriorated.

Diplomatic and Chinese sources, who refused to be identified, said they had no indications Deng's case had worsened or that Chinese President Jiang Zemin or Premier Li Peng had cut short out-of-town trips to hurry back to Beijing.

Known as the "Great Architect" of China's successful market-oriented economic reforms, Deng gave up his official titles in 1990 and has not been seen in public for three years. He is believed to have Parkinson's disease, among other ailments.

The official stance on Deng's health is that he is in fairly good condition for a man of his age. Government spokesmen deviated little from that stance in responding to queries today about Deng.

**Castro invites celebrities to Havana cigar festival**

NEW YORK (AP) — Fidel Castro invited cigar-smoking celebrities Jack Nicholson, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito, Matt Dillon and others to a \$500-a-seat cigar soiree in Havana.

About 600 notable cigar-smokers from around the world have been invited to Castro's decidedly un-proletarian celebration of the 30th anniversary of the famed Cohiba cigars on Feb. 28.

The soiree, to be held at Havana's famed Tropicana Club, is a fund-raiser for the nation's cash-strapped health care system.

The smokers could get around Washington's 35-year ban on travel to the Communist-ruled island — if the cigar maker picks up the tab. The reports did not say which invited guests, if any, would try to attend the anniversary celebration.

A box of Cohiba cigars, known to be Castro's preferred brand until he stopped smoking a few years ago, reportedly costs more than \$800 on the black market in the United

States, where Cuban cigars are banned.

Cuba's gross income from cigar exports last year reportedly totaled more than \$100 million.

**Vienna to bury remains of Nazi euthanasia victims**

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Vienna is preparing to bury the remains of mentally handicapped children who were victims of Nazi euthanasia as part of an effort to atone for Austria's role in the Holocaust.

The city has launched an ad campaign in Austria and Germany seeking relatives of the victims before burying hundreds of their preserved brains.

Relatives are being sought for about 400 children, according to a spokesman for Sepp Rieder, the Vienna councilman responsible for public health.

The children were killed during World War II under the Nazi program of euthanasia of the physically or mentally handicapped, and their brains were preserved. The city plans to bury any brains not claimed by relatives in a special honorary grave, said Rieder's spokesman Norbert Kettner.

In the 1980s, the brains were put on display in a specially created memorial chamber in Vienna's psychiatric hospital. But Rieder recently decided that burial would be more appropriate, Kettner said.

**More troops in India patrol restive state**

GAUHATI, India (AP) — Soldiers with shoot-to-kill orders patrolled a northeastern Indian state Monday, trying to quell ethnic violence that killed dozens of people over the weekend.

At least 35 people were killed in the weekend clashes, bringing the death toll for the past 10 days to at least 73, state officials said on condition of anonymity.

Nearly 20,000 people have taken shelter in camps set up by the government, the officials said.

The first soldiers arrived in the northwest state of Tripura last week and more were flown in Monday. Officials refused to say how many soldiers and police officers were on patrol.

On Sunday, security forces were given special authority allowing them to shoot to kill anyone suspected of contributing to the unrest.

It was not clear what prompted the latest fighting between Bengali-speaking immigrants from neighboring Bangladesh and members of the area's indigenous tribes. The two groups have clashed intermittently for years.

## Railroad Commission encourages parents to teach kids safety

AUSTIN — Each school day afternoon, thousands of Texas children are home alone between the time school lets out and when a parent returns.

Although most parents teach their children to avoid strangers and to go straight home, children must learn about safety inside the home, too. The Texas Railroad Commission suggests that parents discuss basic safety tips with their children, including appliance safety.

Most police departments and safety professional also recommend that children who are home alone should ignore a doorbell or knock. Any other actions forces them to decide whether the person at the door is safe to admit. It is too easy for a criminal to feign an emergency or a delivery and talk children into opening a door.

Let your children know what typical noises such as appliances as the furnace, water heater or refrigerator can make; they will be less fearful on their own when they know the water heater is supposed to gurgle, or that the

furnace makes a sound like footsteps in the hallway.

For parents whose homes are fueled by propane gas, this is also a good time to let children know some basic appliance safety rules, like: never turn on propane gas appliances without an adult present; keep papers and toys away from gas furnaces, space heaters and fireplaces; stay away from propane tanks and pipes; never play with matches; and never breathe fumes from sprays, tubes, cans, bags, rags, bottles or gas cans.

Propane gas has an odorant added to help identify a gas leak.

Show your child how to identify the odor by using a "scratch and sniff" brochure available from your propane gas supplier.

Tell your children that if they smell gas, they should exit the home immediately and that they should not use any electric switches or appliances. Children should go to a trusted neighbor's home for help, and call Mom or Dad or the fire department there.

Parents can ensure an adequate supply of gas for the winter months by having their propane supplier put their home delivery account on "automatic." That way there will

always be enough propane gas for heating and cooking, no matter how cold it gets or how treacherous the driving conditions.

For more information on how safely to stay warm this winter, look under "gas/propane" in the Yellow Pages, or call the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at 800/64-CLEAR.

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## It's Never Too Late To Tell For Victims Of Sexual Abuse

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about a recent letter signed "No Justice Served in California." I am a police lieutenant who has been involved in the investigation of child molesters for the past 10 years, and I want you and your readers to know the following about child molesters:

Research, literature in the field and my personal experience have shown that child molesters usually commit many sex crimes involving many victims. Unlike other crimes, delayed disclosure of sexual abuse is the rule — not the exception. It is common for victims to wait weeks, months or even years before disclosing their abuse. Many states provide for this in their laws that cover statutes of limitations (how long after the crime is committed the offender can be prosecuted).

In Texas, offenders can usually be prosecuted for child sexual abuse for a period of 10 years after the crime is committed, unless they leave the state during that 10-year period. In that instance, the time the offender is absent from the state does not count against the 10-year limit. A few years ago, I was involved in the successful prosecution of a father who molested his daughter when she was a teen-ager. She was married and a law student when she finally disclosed the abuse, 12 years after it happened.

Please tell victims of sexual abuse that it is never too late to tell. The criminal justice system must make every attempt to bring these



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

offenders to justice, no matter how much time has passed.

LT. BILL WALSH,  
DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEAR LT. WALSH: Thank you for an important letter. All too often victims of sexual abuse are reluctant to speak up because they are frightened or blame themselves for what happened. They are unable to acknowledge that an adult would willfully hurt them, and assume the responsibility for their abuse, which leaves them afraid, ashamed and psychologically isolated. Disclosing the abuse and identifying the perpetrator can be a critical step in the healing process of the victim.

DEAR ABBY: I am a person with a handicap and have recently noticed a trend in theaters that pleases me. Two seats are provided in the back of the theater so that peo-

ple in wheelchairs and their loved one or friend can attend the movies and sit together.

Unfortunately, sometimes these seats are occupied by able-bodied people. When I have asked someone to give up the seat so my wife and I could sit together, I was refused. This has probably happened to other people, too.

Abby, please advise your readers that these seats are meant to accommodate people in wheelchairs, and able-bodied people should not occupy them. And while you're at it, please thank those theater owners who thoughtfully provide seating for people with disabilities.

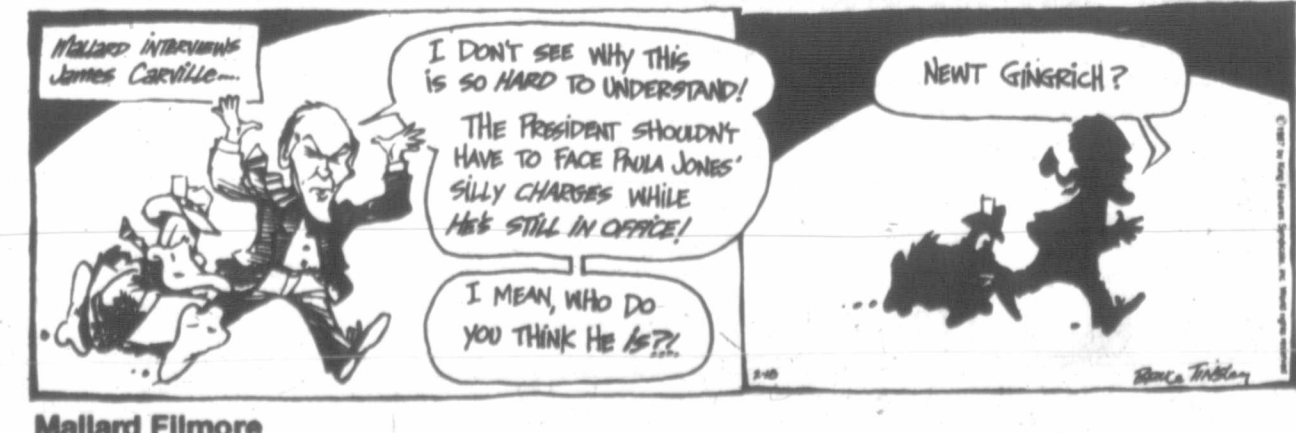
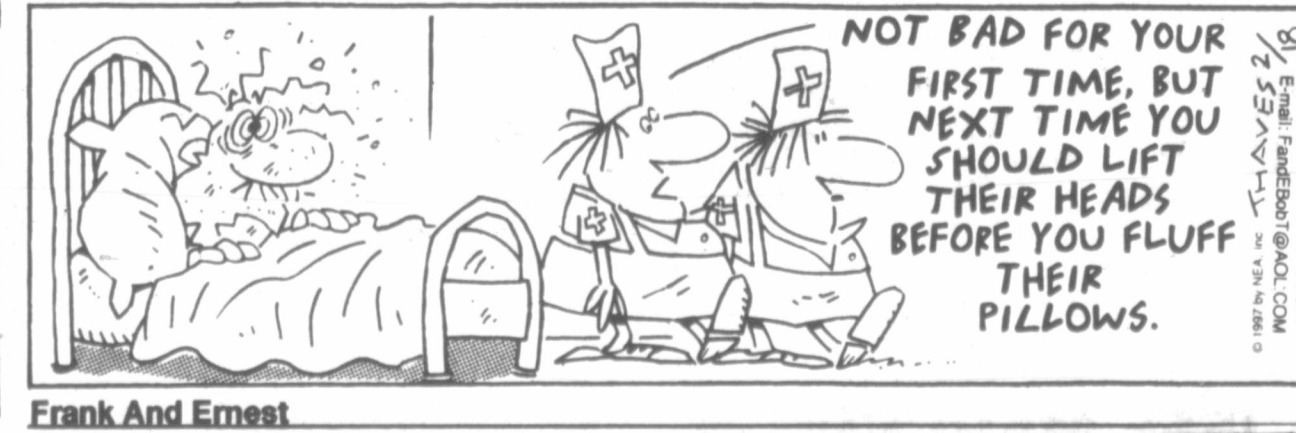
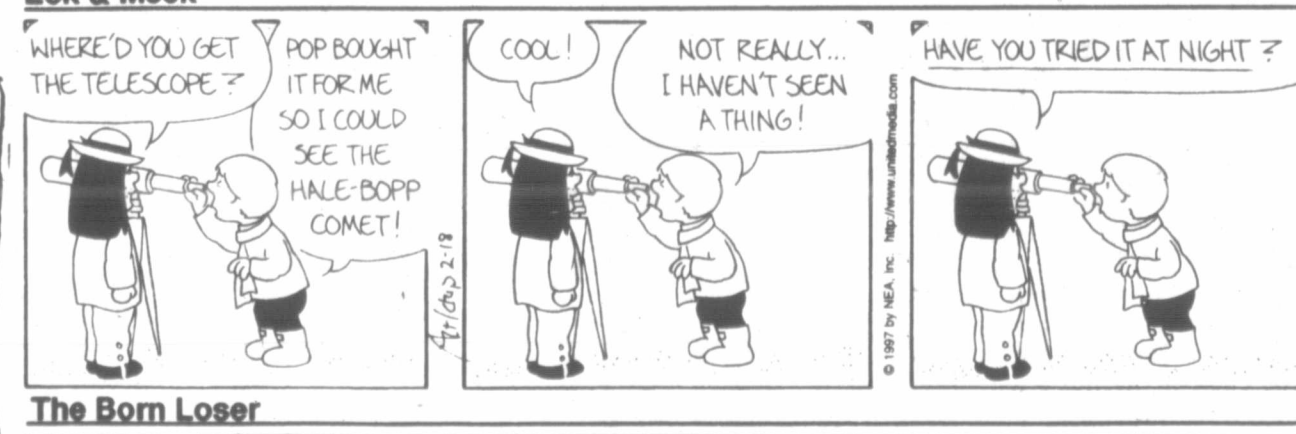
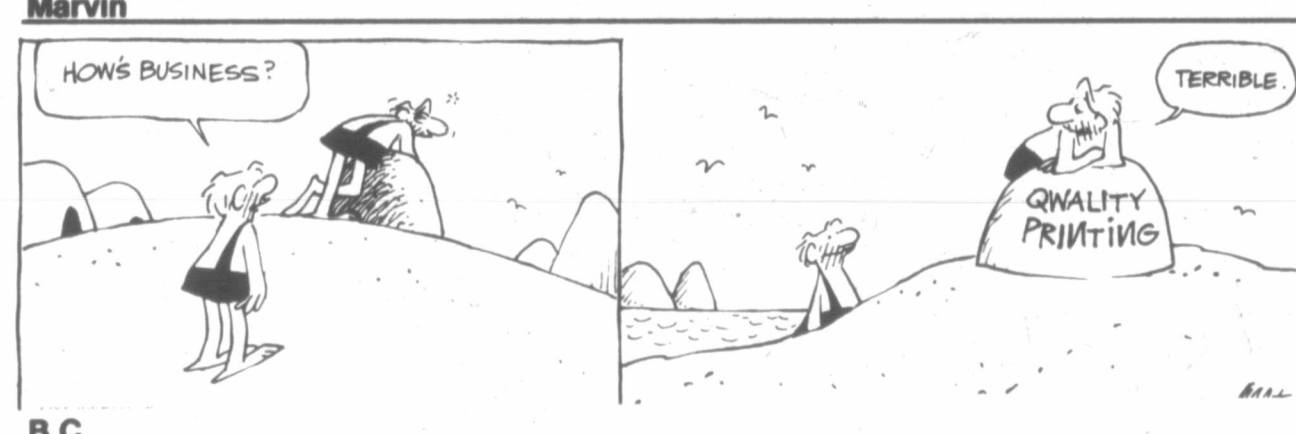
MIKE A. BURK,  
TERRE HAUTE, IND.

DEAR MIKE: If the seats are clearly marked so that patrons know the purpose of the short row, able-bodied people should sit elsewhere. If the area is not marked, speak with the theater manager about marking them as "Reserved for people with disabilities."

Should you have trouble with a patron refusing to move, talk to the usher.

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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.)



## Horoscope



Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1997

You might become active in endeavors that have elements of glamour and excitement this year. These activities could prove both pleasurable and profitable.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Any agreements you enter into today should be spelled out to the smallest detail. If not, these details may turn into a much larger problem later. 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)** Give total attention to significant matters today. If you allow yourself to have little lapses, opportunities could slip through your fingers.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Guard against tendencies today to treat significant involvements with indifference. Neglect now could spell trouble later.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** In your urgency to complete situations today, you might create more complications than actually exist. Slow down and don't add to your woes.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If you're unduly concerned about impressing others today, it might cause you to boast unbecomingly and thereby defeat the very charisma you hope to exude.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Favorable financial conditions continue for you today; but if you fail to manage your resources more prudently, gains could be diminished.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** In order to expedite a matter with someone today, you

could take to heart large promises made to you by another. Unfortunately, it may be just insecure sales talk.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You will be disappointed today if you expect things to come too easily. Only work and consistency will generate rewards.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Enjoy yourself today, but try to do so as inexpensively as possible. You have strong wasteful urges that must be subdued.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** It is essential today that you do not take credit for things others have achieved. If you do, it could be exposed in an embarrassing manner.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You are usually the kind of person who thinks things through before going into action. Today, however, you may try to get airborne without a propeller.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Commercial arrangements which have been running smoothly thus far might take a slight downward turn today. Watch that this does not become unmanageable.

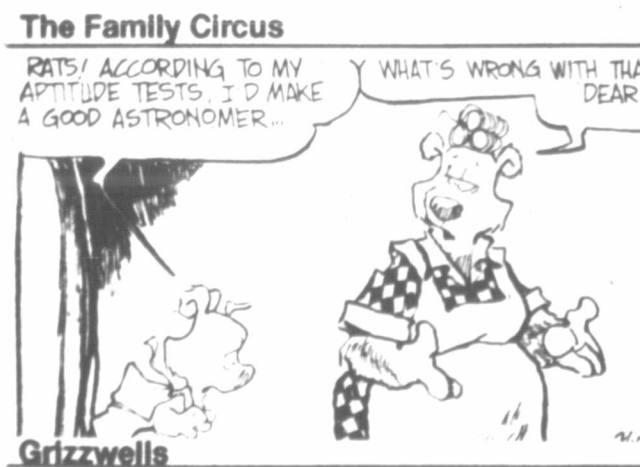


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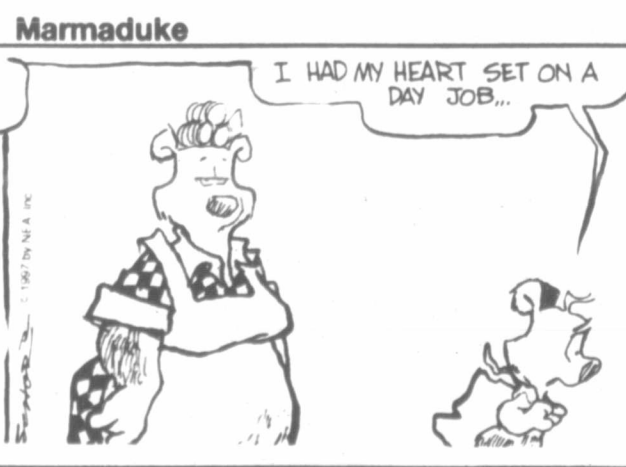
"I wish icicles came in flavors."



"Oh, we did have a dog door for him, but the neighborhood kids kept using it."



The Family Circus



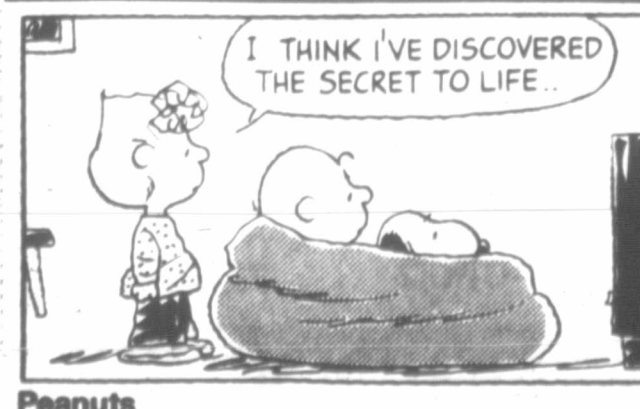
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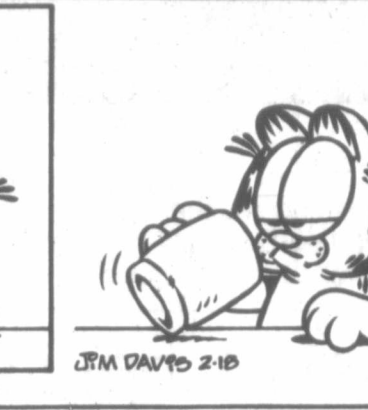
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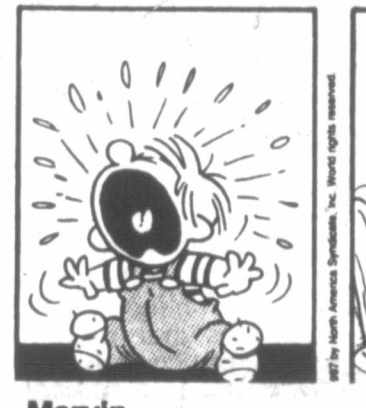
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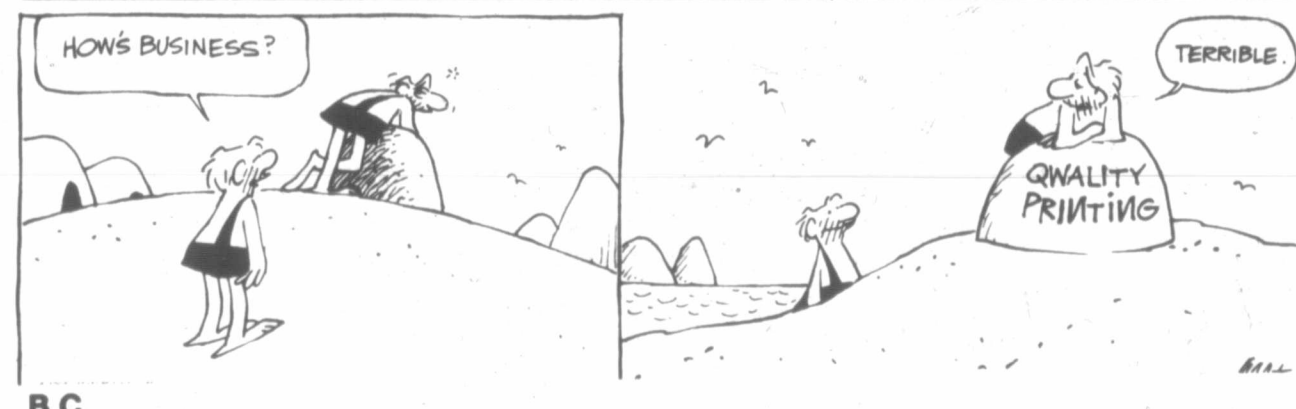
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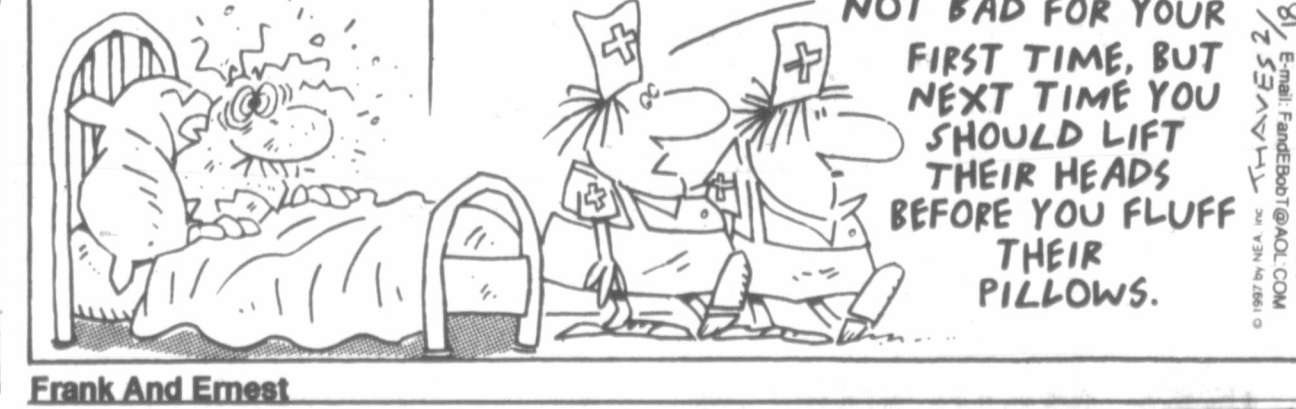
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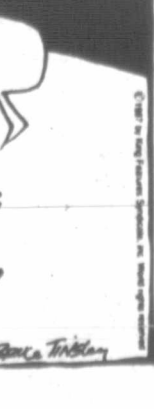
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Sports

# Notebook Tech AD job goes to Myers

## BASKETBALL

**CANYON** — Sudan defeated Groom, 83-34, in a girls' Class 1A area playoff game Monday night at Randall High School.

Breanne Baker led Sudan in scoring with 22 points while Mary Hutsell led Groom with 13. Shaun Weaver added 16 points for Sudan.

Sudan, the state's No. 1 ranked 1A team, has a 29-4 record. Sudan meets the Claude-Happy winner in the Region 1-1A quarterfinals.

The Tigerettes had advanced to the area round by defeating Miami, 63-45, in bi-district.

**DENTON** — West Texas A&M University, ranked third in the NCAA Division II poll, extended its winning streak to 18 games as it defeated Texas Woman's University (6-18, 4-12 in Lone Star Conference) 77-42 in a LSC game this past weekend in Denton. The Lady Buffs improved to 23-1 overall and 15-1 in the LSC.

Natasha Taylor and Candace Nickelson scored 18-points each for WTAMU. Dana Cunningham added 17 points in the win for WTAMU. Nickelson paced WTAMU on the boards with nine rebounds as the Lady Buffs held a 38-31 advantage in that department.

WTAMU jumped out to a 30-22 halftime lead and the Pioneers stayed close in the early going of the second half. After leading 34-26, the Lady Buffs put the game out of reach on a 11-0 run to leap their margin to 19 points midway through the second half.

Taylor, who sat on the bench for the final 18 minutes of the first half in foul trouble, connected for 16 of her 18 points in the second half. Nickelson canned nine points each in both halves, pulled down nine rebounds for a game high and blocked three shots.

WTAMU, after shooting a miserable 32 percent from the field in the first half, blistered the nets in the second half missing just seven shots from the field for a 72 shooting percentage (18 of 25).

**DALLAS (AP)** — Since Don Nelson was hired on Feb. 7 as general manager of the Dallas Mavericks, he has:

Day 1—waived overweight center Oliver Miller. Eight days earlier, Miller said, "I don't care any more" after a Mavericks loss.

Day 5—hired former Mavericks vice president of basketball operations Keith Grant as a consultant.

Day 7—fired equipment manager Ben Carter, replacing him with assistant equipment manager Chad Lewis.

Day 8—traded forward Jamal Mashburn to Miami for guard Sasha Danilovic, forward Martin Muursepp and forward Kurt Thomas.

Day 11—traded guards Jim Jackson and Sam Cassell, swingman George McCloud, forward-center Chris Gatling and center Eric Motross to New Jersey for center Shawn Bradley, forward Ed O'Bannon and guards Robert Pack and Khalid Reeves.

## BOXING

**DALLAS (AP)** — Ken Norton Jr., already established as a top NFL linebacker, wants to get into his father's line of work.

The San Francisco 49ers star and son of the former heavyweight champion has signed up to compete this week in a regional Golden Gloves tournament.

Norton, who has never boxed before, is 6-foot-2 and 245 pounds and has entered the novice super heavyweight division of the Dallas Golden Gloves.

A potential problem with Norton's entry: USA Boxing, the sport's national governing body, prohibits professional athletes in other sports from competing in amateur events.

Norton has given glimpses of his boxing form on the football field. He often accentuates big plays by throwing a few uppercuts. In October he used the goalpost padding as a punching bag after each of his first two career touchdowns against St. Louis.

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — Eight months as Texas Tech's interim athletic director made it easy for Gerald Myers to set his priorities now that the job is permanently his.

At a Monday news conference announcing his new status, Myers talked about improving Tech athletes' academic performance, which has come under intense scrutiny lately.

"A lot of work remains to be done. We want to have the best academic services in the country," Myers said, adding that individual coaches must follow through on the commitment.

The NCAA told Texas Tech last Feb. 28 that it was investigating possible men's basketball and football violations. The NCAA notice followed a series of Houston Chronicle stories containing allegations of academic fraud.

The Chronicle reported Sunday that unidentified sources said junior running back Byron Hanspard and outgoing senior lineman Casey Jones had 0.00 grade-point averages last semester.

The two played in the Alamo Bowl despite not having passed any classes. There is no NCAA

rule preventing the practice.

Also Sunday, Minnesota associate athletic director Jeff Schemmel — the only other finalist for the AD job — took his name out of the hat, saying he didn't want to uproot his family.

Tech President Donald Haragan said Monday that Myers already had edged out Schemmel in a close race.

"Gerald Myers was our choice," said Haragan, who was sensitive to questions addressing Schemmel's withdrawal. "I don't know the timing that everything occurred, but let me emphasize that Gerald was our choice."

Myers, 60, was an all-league basketball player for Tech in 1958, the school's first year in the Southwest Conference. He coached the team for 20 1/2 seasons, ending his tenure in 1991 with a 326-261 record.

He has been an administrator since then, becoming associate athletic director in 1995 then interim AD in June after Bob Bockrath left Tech to become Alabama's athletic director.

In his eight months on the job, Myers has overseen Tech's first year in the new Big 12 Conference.

"I'm looking forward to working with these coaches and this staff," Myers said. "I'm one of the luckiest alumni from this school."

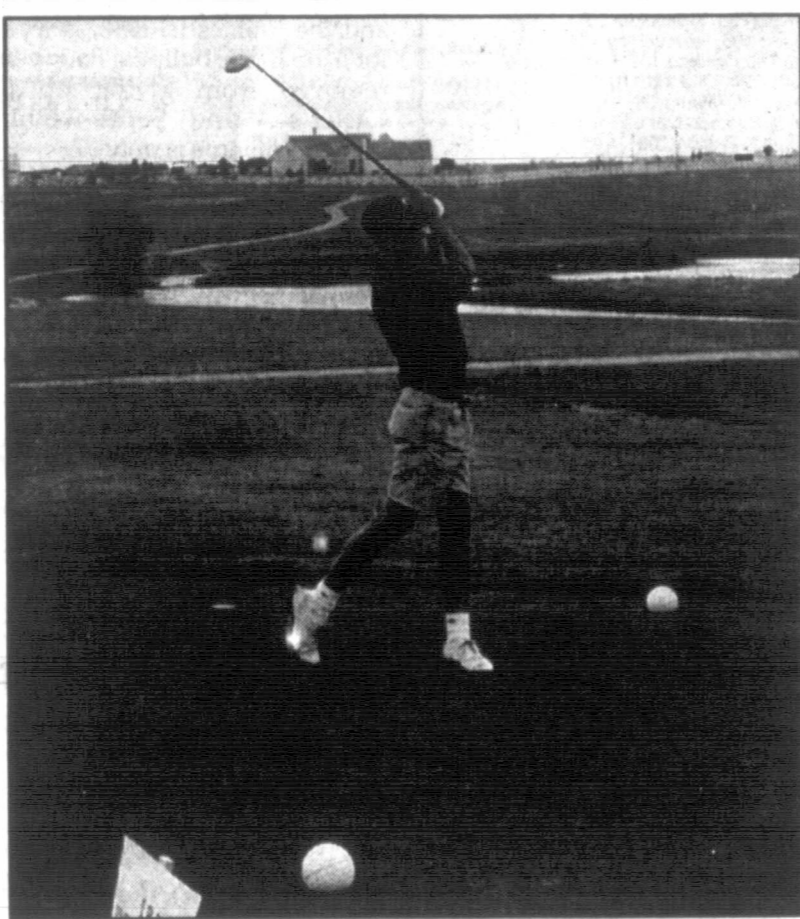
Haragan touted Myers' continuity in the program as a major factor, saying that made him an excellent choice to handle the results of the NCAA probe, whatever — and whenever — they may be.

In recent years, Tech teams have been prominent nationally. Sheryl Swoopes led the women's basketball team to the 1993 NCAA championship, the men's team went deep in the tournament last year and the football team — first led by star running backs Byron "Bam" Morris, then Hanspard — has played in four straight bowl games.

During the drawn-out selection process, many Tech coaches told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that they wanted to see Myers take the job permanently.

"It was never about pressure," said James Dickey, who followed Myers as the basketball coach and was an ardent supporter. "It was about supporting someone deserving of this opportunity."

## JUCO golfer



(Pampa News photo)

Phil Everson, shown above participating in a Pampa tournament last year, is in his second year on the Odessa Junior College team. North Texas has indicated an interest in the Pampa native and he may be going there on a golf scholarship next fall. Everson was the District 1-4A medalist as a Harvester senior and just missed qualifying for the state tournament. Last summer, Everson played in the Ron Clark-Miller Lite Tournament in Amarillo and finished in a three-way tie for third.

## Blues end home winless skid against Blackhawks

By KEN RAPPOPORT  
AP Hockey Writer

Looks like the St. Louis Blues aren't soft touches anymore for the Chicago Blackhawks at Kiel Center.

Monday night, the Blues ended a six-game home winless streak against their arch rivals with a 4-2 victory. Before Monday, St. Louis was winless against Chicago at home since April 5, 1994, when the team was still playing at the St. Louis Arena. The Blues had been 0-5-1 at home against the Blackhawks since, all at the Kiel Center.

"This is the first time we've beaten them in this building," said Blues coach Joel Quenneville, named as a replacement for the fired Mike Keenan on Jan. 6. "I'm glad we could get the monkey off our back."

And the fans at Kiel were glad they could see a victory of any kind. The Blues had not exactly been flexing their muscles at home, with a mediocre 12-16-1.

"The stadium was rocking," said Blues defenseman Igor Kravchuk. "It's nice, and it's appreciated. They've been paying a lot of money to see us and we've got to win our games at home."

Elsewhere in the NHL, it was Dallas 2, Los Angeles 1; New York Rangers 2, New Jersey 2; Montreal 4, New York Islanders 1; Detroit 3, Tampa Bay 3; and Anaheim 5, Edmonton 1.

Scott Pellerin had a goal and assist as the Blues ended Chicago's three-game winning streak and dominance at Kiel Center.

Grant Fuhr made 33 saves as the Blues beat the Blackhawks for the first time in five tries this season. St. Louis blew a 2-0 lead before Pierre Turgeon scored the game-winner on a 5-on-3 power play at 8:08 of the second period.

"I thought Grant was outstanding," Quenneville said. "He was probably the difference in the game."

### Stars 2, Kings 1

Mike Modano scored his eighth game-winning goal of the season with 2:03 left in the third period, leading visiting Dallas over Los Angeles.

Andy Moog made 34 saves for Dallas, unbeaten in its last seven games against the Kings.

Brent Gilchrist scored for only the second time in 17 games, and Todd Harvey earned assists on both Dallas goals. Defenseman Sean O'Donnell scored for the Kings, who are winless in their last six.

### Rangers 2, Devils 2

At New York, goaltender Martin Brodeur extended his unbeaten streak to 12 games and the Devils extended their unbeaten streak to 11, longest in team history.

Wayne Gretzky's goal-scoring drought reached 20 games, the longest of his career, but he assisted on both Rangers goals.

## Kansas avenges lone loss

**LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP)** — No. 1 Kansas was relieved just to get a split from the Missouri Tigers, who have struggled to a .500 record.

The only team to beat the Jayhawks this season, the Tigers never did act like the 22-point underdogs they were supposed to be.

Not until Raef LaFrentz hit a pair of free throws with 2:00 left for a 10-point lead was the capacity crowd assured of seeing the Jayhawks (26-1 overall, 12-1 Big 12) notch their 43rd straight home victory, the longest current streak in Division I.

"Missouri presents some real match-up problems for us," Kansas coach Roy Williams said after the 79-67 victory. "I'm sure their staff wishes they'd play against some other teams the way they play against us."

"Of course, that old sucker down on the other bench knows how to make the most of those match-ups."

That old sucker — Missouri coach Norm Stewart — kept finding a way for Tyrone Lee or Derek Grimm to thwart every run the Jayhawks tried to make. Lee wound up with a career-best 20 points for the Tigers (13-13, 5-8), who beat Kansas 96-94 in double overtime on Feb. 4.

"It was another outstanding ballgame," said Stewart, winding down his 30th year as Missouri's coach. "The last one was a little better."

Hard-fought all the way, the game nearly turned into a brawl. With 31 seconds left, Grimm hit LaFrentz with a forearm, knocking the 6-foot-11 junior to the floor. No punches were thrown, but players from both sides rushed toward each other as officials and coaches pulled them away.

Grimm and Missouri guard Jason Sutherland both drew fouls on the play.

"It was a very physical game, and that's the kind of game you expect from Missouri," said LaFrentz, who matched his career high with 31 points, topping 20 for the eighth game in a row. "I'm not going to say that it was a cheap shot, but it was a hard, sharp blow. I'm no Arnold Schwarzenegger, but I can hold my own."

"I don't know what that was at the end of the game," Stewart said. "That was just the kids. I'm glad no one got hurt. I think they settled that pretty maturely."

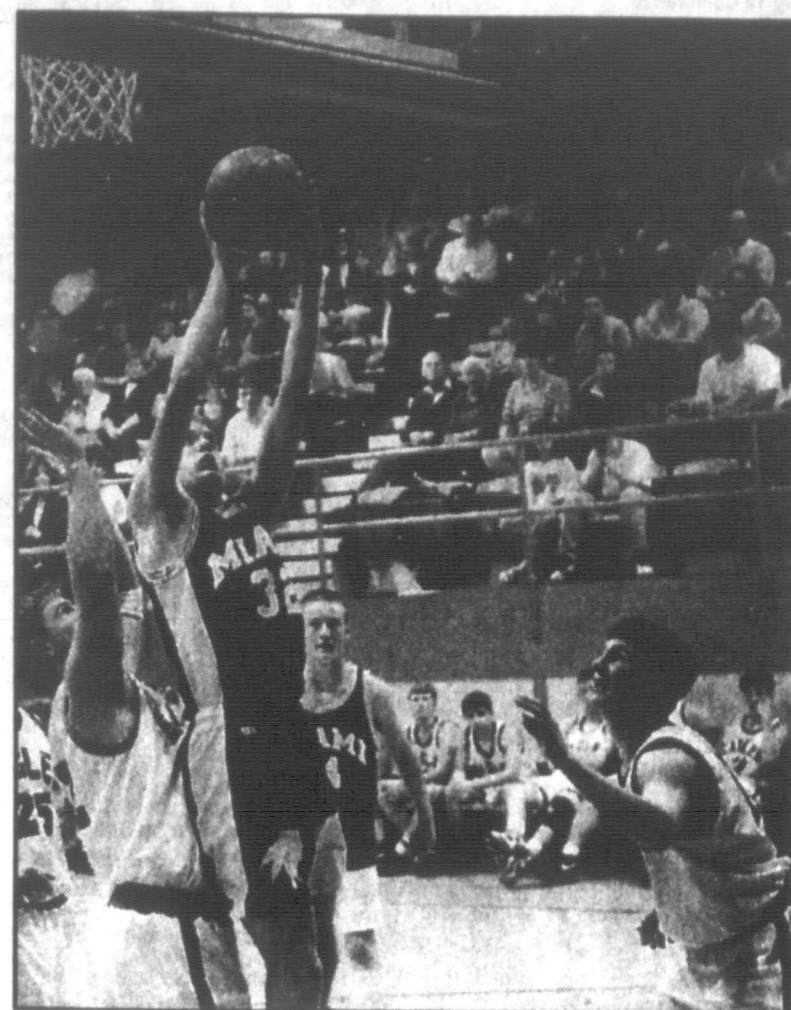
In the only other game involving a ranked team, No. 15 Louisville defeated South Florida 75-64.

While Williams had been downplaying the revenge angle against Missouri, his players admitted it was a factor.

"They were the only team to beat us this year," LaFrentz said. "There was definitely a bitter taste in my mouth about that first game. We have better talent and we have better coaching."

"I've been thinking about this rematch ever since we lost to them," said Paul Pierce, who scored 22 points for the Jayhawks.

## Bi-district bound



(Pampa News photo)

Miami's Shane Mitchell scores from inside against Samnorwood in a District 1-5A playoff game last week. Mitchell and his Miami teammates take on Silverton in the bi-district round at 8 p.m. Friday at Clarendon College in Clarendon.

## PHS tennis team captures dual wins

**AMARILLO** — The Pampa High tennis team isn't at full strength, but it didn't seem to matter much against Caprock and Palo Duro.

Despite missing several key players, the Harvesters defeated Caprock, 9-7, and Palo Duro, 6-2, in a couple of dual matches last weekend in Amarillo.

Sophomores Russell DuBose and Mandy Wells each were victorious in all three of their matches in earning players of the week honors.

Wells has a 16-2 singles record while DuBose is 11-6. Both are playing in the No. 1 positions.

The Harvesters travel to Plainview this Saturday to play against Plainview, Randall and Clovis, N.M. and will hopefully be aided by the return of senior co-captain Kyle Easley from knee surgery.

Results from last week's matches are listed below:

- Pampa vs. Caprock**  
**Girls singles**  
 1. Mandy Wells (P) def. Jan Littlejohn, 6-0, 6-0.  
 2. Mandy Hermosillo (C) def. Amanda Browning, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.  
 Reverse Wells (P) def. Hermosillo, 6-3, 6-3.  
 Reverse Browning (P) def. Littlejohn, 6-4, 6-1.  
**Boys singles**  
 1. Russell DuBose (P) def. Paul Mendez, 6-2, 6-3.  
 2. James Hyde (C) def. Matt Rains, 7-6 (7-2), 4-6, 7-6 (7-3).  
 Reverse DuBose (P) def. Hyde, 6-3, 6-0.

**Boys doubles**  
 1. DuBose-Witt (P) def. Michael Little-Bonsack Phivisavith, 6-3, 6-2.  
 2. Nikome Mikayada-Chant Thammavong (PD) def. Hudson-Rains, 6-2, 6-2.

**Pampa vs. Palo Duro**  
**Girls singles**  
 1. Wells (P) def. Celestia Soto, 6-0, 6-3.  
 2. Noo Sackthornne (PD) def. Browning, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-1.  
**Boys singles**  
 1. Laycock (P) def. Manuel Allen, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5.  
 2. Victory (P) def. Jimmy Phansana, 6-2, 6-0.  
 Extra Harrison (P) def. Milton Dang, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.  
 Extra Collee (P) def. Phansana, 6-1, 6-2.

**Girls doubles**  
 1. Lopez-Quarles (P) def. Phangsvanang-Chasity Rodriguez, 6-0, 6-2.  
 2. Curtis-Lee (P) def. Lindy Ly-Bonavanh Phammachanh, 6-0, 6-0.  
 Extra Abbe-McComas (P) def. Fresca Mendozal-Donna Sittivong, 6-3, 6-4.

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# Scoreboard

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### College Basketball Standings

#### Big 12 Conference

Team	W	L	Pct.
Kansas	12	1,923	26
Iowa St.	9	3,750	18
Colorado	8	4,867	17
Nebraska	5	7,417	14
Missouri	5	8,386	13
Kansas St.	2	10,167	9

#### Big West Conference

Team	W	L	Pct.
Utah St.	9	3,750	16
New Mexico St.	8	4,867	14
Boise St.	8	4,867	13
Idaho	4	8,333	12
North Texas	4	8,333	9

#### Conference USA

Team	W	L	Pct.
Tulane	7	3,750	16
Southern Miss	6	5,454	11
Ala.-Birm.	6	5,000	11
South Florida	1	9,100	7

#### Southland Conference

Team	W	L	Pct.
SW Texas St.	9	892	13
NE Louisiana	8	5,615	11
NW Louisiana	8	5,571	12
McNeese St.	7	6,538	11
Stephen Austin	6	5,500	10
Tex.-Arlington	6	5,500	10
Sam Houston	6	4,556	11
Nicholls St.	5	8,385	8
Tex.-S. Antonio	3	10,231	8

#### Southwestern Athletic Conference

Team	W	L	Pct.
Miss. Valley St.	10	3,789	16

Team	W	L	Pct.
Jackson St.	8	5,815	10
Alcorn St.	7	6,538	9
Tex. Southern	6	5,500	11
Prairie View	6	7,462	8
Southern	5	8,385	8
Alabama St.	4	8,333	9

#### Sun Belt Conference

Team	W	L	Pct.
New Orleans	13	3,813	20
South Alabama	12	3,800	18
UALR	10	6,825	16
Lamar	9	7,563	14
La. Tech	9	7,563	14
W. Kentucky	9	5,889	12
SW Louisiana	7	8,467	9
Arkansas St.	6	10,375	13
Jacksonville	4	13,236	4
Texas-Pan Am	1	15,063	3

#### Western Athletic Conference

Team	W	L	Pct.
Utah	11	1,923	19
New Mexico	9	3,750	20
Tulsa	9	3,750	19
TCU	6	7,462	14
TCU	5	7,417	16
UTEP	4	9,208	10
Rice	0	12,000	1

#### Monday's Major College Basketball Scores

Game	Score
American U. 70, Manhattan 58	
Buffalo 80, Chicago 47	
George Washington 90, Duquesne 56	
Long Island U. 59, Fairleigh Dickinson 80	
Marist 58, Rider 57	
Md.-Baltimore County 87, Lehigh 78	
Monmouth, N.J. 82, Robert Morris 59	
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 86, St. Francis, NY 69	
St. Bonaventure 70, Colgate 55	
St. Francis, Pa. 91, Wagner 85	
Syracuse 71, Connecticut 66, CT	
Vermont 76, Maine 73	

Team	W	L	Pct.
Murray St. 83, E. Kentucky 57			
Prairie View 97, Southern U. 96			
Radford 73, Coastal Carolina 62			
Richmond 78, East Carolina 72			
Tenn.-Martin 100, Morehead St. 85			
Troy St. 83, Col. Connecticut St. 71			
W. Carolina 68, Furman 61			

#### MIDWEST

Team	W	L	Pct.
Craigton 82, Drake 76			
Kansas 79, Missouri 57			
NE Illinois 55, Youngstown St. 46			
SE Missouri 85, Middle Tenn. 78			
SW Missouri St. 74, Evansville 66			
Tennessee Tech 85, E. Illinois 82			
Toledo 80, Ohio U. 89			
Wichita St. 92, S. Illinois 82			
Wis.-Milwaukee 55, Ill.-Chicago 54			

#### HOCKEY

##### National Hockey League

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	33	16	8	74	188	141
Florida	29	17	13	69	163	133
New Jersey	29	17	10	68	152	133
N.Y. Rangers	28	24	8	64	200	166
Washington	23	28	6	52	150	160
S. Utah 68, Montana St. 62						
UNLV 78, Fresno St. 64						

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Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	33	16	8	74	188	141
Florida	29	17	13	69	163	133
New Jersey	29	17	10	68	152	133
N.Y. Rangers	28	24	8	64	200	166
Washington	23	28	6	52	150	160
S. Utah 68, Montana St. 62						
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Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	34	21	4	72	178	147
Detroit	27	19	11	65	180	138
St. Louis	26	26	6	62	182	185
Phoenix	26	26	6	56	163	179
Chicago	23	28	8	54	154	155
Toronto	21	35	2	44	164	204

#### Monday's Games

Game	Time
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 2	7:30 p.m.
Montreal 4, N.Y. Islanders 1	7:30 p.m.
New Jersey 2, N.Y. Rangers 2	7:30 p.m.
Dallas 2, Tampa Bay 3	7:30 p.m.
Anaheim 5, Edmonton 1	7:30 p.m.
St. Louis 4, Chicago 2	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games	
Florida at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.	
Calgary at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.	
Ottawa at Washington, 7:30 p.m.	
Boston at Colorado, 9 p.m.	

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Team	W	L	Pct.
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Washington	37	13	.740
Atlanta	33	17	.660
Charlotte	31	21	.596
Cleveland	28	22	.560
Indiana	24	26	.480
Milwaukee	24	27	.471
Toronto	17	34	.333

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Team	W	L	Pct.
Miami	39	12	.765
New York	37	14	.725
Orlando	24	25	.490
Washington	24	27	.471
New Jersey	15	36	.294
Philadelphia	12	38	.240
Boston	11	40	.216

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Team	W	L	Pct.
Utah	36	14	.720
Houston	34	18	.654
Minnesota	25	26	.490
Dallas	17	31	.354
Denver	17	35	.327
San Antonio	12	37	.245
Vancouver	11	44	.200

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Team	W	L	Pct.
L.A. Lakers	37	14	.725
Seattle	36	15	.708
Portland	28	24	.538
Sacramento	23	29	.442
L.A. Clippers	20	27	.426
Golden State	19	30	.388
Phoenix	19	33	.365

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Team	W	L	Pct.
Phoenix	37	14	.725
Miami	37	14	.725
San Antonio	37	14	.725
Denver	37	14	.725
Los Angeles	37	14	.725

# Steinbach likes new scenery in Minnesota

By The Associated Press

Terry Steinbach liked what he saw during his first day in a Minnesota Twins uniform.

Steinbach, who turned down more money from Oakland to sign as a free agent with the club from his home state, worked out with the rest of his new teammates Monday in Fort Myers, Fla.

"Coming home was a big thing for me, but playing for T.K. (manager Tom Kelly) was just as big a factor," Steinbach said.

"All the years I played against him made a big impression on me. His teams always played hard for nine innings, regardless of the score, and they are well organized. He also gives Minnesota a lot of stability, which I like."

Steinbach, who turns 35 next month, set career highs of 35 home runs and 100 RBIs last year. He also feels he can help the pitching staff.

"I want to do the best I can to see that those guys have long, healthy careers," Steinbach said.

"I am hoping to find the pitches that work for these guys and to help them with their confidence, then you just build from that. I've seen some nice young arms and a lot of potential."

No surprise if batters are a bit jumpy early in Kansas City's camp — Wild Thing is trying another comeback.

Mitch Williams, released by the Astros in 1994, the Angels in 1995 and the Phillies in 1996, is trying for a job in the bullpen. Four years removed from giving up Joe Carter's World Series-winning homer, Williams is only 32.

"It's like starting over for me," the left-hander said at Haines City, Fla. "I've got to earn a spot, and I'm excited about it."

Williams was released from a minor-league deal by the Phillies last August. The Royals signed him to a

## SPRING TRAINING

minor-league contract last month.

When he played for Oakland the first time, José Canseco would occasionally come late to training camp. Now that he's back, there's no reason to change.

Canseco, traded back to the A's this winter after four seasons with Texas and Boston, told the team he'll report to spring training on Friday and participate in his first workout on Saturday.

The full squad will have its first workout Thursday, though the mandatory reporting date for players is not until the end of this month.

"He said that he may have some sort of charity golf tournament," general manager Sandy Alderson said at Phoenix. "I would have been surprised if he had been here on the 20th. That's just not his style."

Manager Art Howe said he is not at all concerned that Canseco, who he hopes will be a team leader, won't join the rest of the squad on Thursday.

"No problem, as long as he's ready to play," Howe said.

## Cardinals

Dennis Eckersley left St. Louis' workout early on Monday to have his sore right elbow examined. Eckersley, 42, reported the soreness after Sunday's workout. He underwent an MRI exam.

"It's just precautionary," Eckersley said at St. Petersburg, Fla. "It's just a little sore."

Eckersley appeared in 60 games last season, and saved 30 games. He is in his 22nd year in the majors and his second with the Cardinals.

Second baseman Mike Gallego was invited to camp as a non-roster invitee. Gallego, 36, played in 51 games with St. Louis last year and hit .210 in an injury-plagued season.

# Mule Deer Foundation hopes to reverse decline

DENVER (AP) — Colorado's Mule Deer Foundation wants to reverse the decline of the West's mule deer population.

Hunters have complained that the number of mature bucks has dropped in recent years.

Tom Tietz of Littleton is the mule deer group's regional director as well as an outfitter. He also has a degree in wildlife management.

"I would like to see the Mule Deer Foundation have the clout that the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has in managing elk and establishing an appreciation for the species," he said.

Tietz's goal is to increase membership for more clout, work with the state Division of Wildlife in hopes of closing deer hunting in some units for a season or two.

The Mule Deer Foundation also hopes to acquire conservation

easements to help preserve habitat, especially winter range and migration corridors. Tietz said the foundation will work with conservation groups and state wildlife agencies to ensure that more habitat is managed for mule deer and that hunting regulations seek long-term solutions for mule deer.

Tietz's region covers a large part of the West from Montana to west Texas.

Tietz said Colorado's mountain mule deer herds are in jeopardy.

"There are localized pockets where the population is good, but overall it's way down. From the hunters' end of it, things are looking desperate," he said.

At a foundation symposium last month in Sacramento, Calif., wildlife biologists from several Western states discussed diminished herds, poor buck-to-doe

ratios and too few mature bucks.

They blamed habitat loss, competition with growing elk herds, forest management changes that favor grazing species (elk and cattle) over browsers such as mule deer, and some mistakes in management.

"There were a lot of 'I don't know's,'" Tietz said. "That's a little scary."

Even on the plains, where mule deer so far are abundant and there are plenty of mature bucks, Tietz said hunting regulations don't consider two threats: crowding by more aggressive white-tailed deer and December hunting seasons, which target mule deer during their vulnerable rutting season.

"Why are we the only state that does not differentiate between mule deer and whitetails in hunting regulations?" Tietz wondered.



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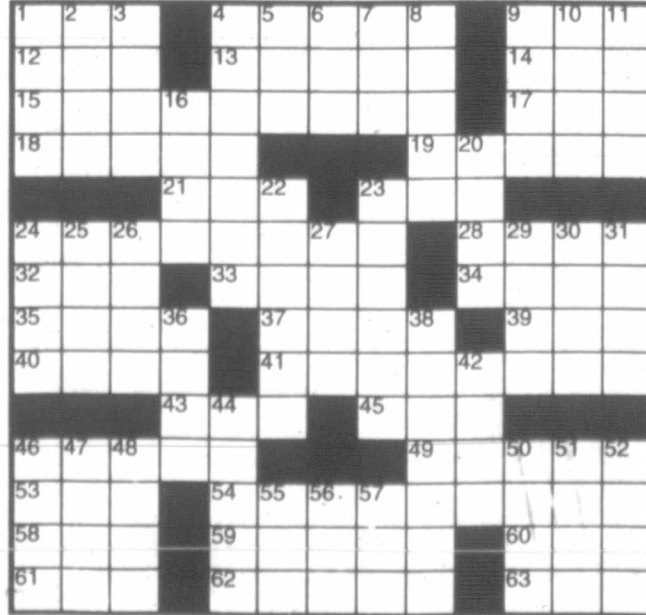
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  - Fraternal member
  - Play by —
  - Boring tool
  - Wide shoe size
  - Rock used in building
  - San Luis —
  - Vogue
  - Part of GNP
  - Olympic org.
  - Double curve
  - Of a very small container
  - Pledges
  - House wing
  - Ornamental pattern
  - Entreat
  - Hammer, e.g.
  - Japanese aborigine
  - Author
  - Anais —
  - Miss Kett of the comics
  - Musical instrument
  - Romaine
  - Pugilists'
- DOWN**
- Act
  - like a hostess
  - Hardship
  - Dine
  - Private conversation
  - Important time period
  - Dallas family name
  - Alps, e.g. (abbr.)
  - Actor
  - Mineo
  - Singer
  - Della
  - Drunkard
  - Skinny fishes
  - Cafe au —
  - Type of ant
  - Having effervescence
  - Groove
  - Self-esteem
  - Poetic contraction
  - Worthless parts
  - Finnish first name

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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**11** Door openers  
**16** Wallach and Whitney  
**20** Invitation  
**22** Football-players' shoes  
**23** Before this time  
**24** Order of whales  
**25** Thanks  
**26** Secret scheme  
**27** Moslem prince  
**29** Yes —  
**30** Cart  
**31** Auld
- Lang —**  
**36** Fancy fabric  
**38** Feeling of resentment  
**42** Lure  
**44** Swimming mammal  
**46** Horse directives  
**47** — avia  
**48** And others (2 wds.)  
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## Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr's departure good sign for White House?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clinton loyalists see the impending departure of Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr as a favorable sign, but other lawyers familiar with the investigation say the big decision is still to come on whether to take legal action against the president and first lady.

In a surprising development, Pepperdine University President David Davenport said Monday that Starr will step down from the probe to take a full-time job Aug. 1 as dean of the law school and school of public policy.

Left unanswered was what would happen to the Whitewater probe, and precisely what Starr's plans were with regard to it.

"I think it is inconsistent with the orderly con-

duct of this investigation for me to continue indefinitely as independent counsel once I have moved my family to Los Angeles, but the precise timing has yet to be determined," Starr said late Monday when he arrived at the airport in Little Rock, Ark.

He said the investigation would be unaffected. "What we're trying to do is conclude this as promptly as possible, but consistent with a very comprehensive and thorough investigation," Starr said.

The Clintons' Whitewater lawyer, David Kendall, did not comment.

But there was quick reaction from lawyers who have watched the three-year criminal investigation, some of them Clinton partisans and others

associates of Starr — none of whom agreed to let their names be used.

"If Starr were going to do anything to the president or first lady, he'd have to be here to see it through, he wouldn't be taking a full-time job elsewhere," said one lawyer. "I see this as great news (for the Clintons)."

Another lawyer cautioned against reading too much into it.

"Will the probe end soon or will a new Whitewater prosecutor take over? I don't think we know enough to say based on the limited facts out there," said the lawyer.

"My assumption from talking with Ken in the interview process is that the investigation will go forward," the Pepperdine president said in an

interview. "I think he feels confident that there is a good team of people in place who are working on it and he has several more months to be part of the investigation before he reports for duty out here."

Davenport said he also assumed from his conversation with Starr that "there will be some combination of Ken completing a chapter of his work and turning that over to some associates in whom I know he has a lot of confidence."

The White House had no official comment on Starr's decision, though aides privately speculated that the prosecutor must not intend to indict President Clinton and his wife, Hillary.

Said a former presidential aide: "Is Starr going to indict the first lady and then leave for the West Coast? I don't think so."

## Fed up with Seko, rebel movement gains support

KALEMIE, Zaire (AP) — Zaire's rebels are gaining not only territory but manpower, with thousands of volunteers signing up to fight the government — each with his own grievance against the authoritarian rule of President Mobutu Sese Seko.

With every town Laurent Kabila "liberates," the rebel leader makes a recruitment tour. Rebels say that in Kalemie alone, some 4,500 new fighters joined in February. The long lines at a makeshift recruitment office vouched for the rebels' popularity.

"In the few days since Kabila's regime took over Kalemie, we can already feel the difference," said Jean-Baptiste Banze, who was among 500 men waiting to enlist Monday.

"There is no longer any harassment from the military. Mobutu's soldiers were butchers, they did us a great disservice. Whereas, when Kabila came here, they presented themselves as protectors," said Banze, 35.

The rebellion started in September after Zaire threatened to expel ethnic Tutsis, known as Banyamulenge. They had lived along Zaire's eastern border for decades but were deemed foreigners by the government because they were of Rwandan descent.

The Tutsi revolt was quickly joined by other ethnic groups also claiming to have been poorly treated by Mobutu, who has ruled Zaire for more than three decades.

The insurgents made rapid gains against a government army plagued by poor training and equipment and low morale. Rebels now hold a 900-mile swath of eastern Zaire and are threatening Kisangani, the country's third-largest city.

Rebels are demanding the ouster of Mobutu, who has managed to turn the mineral-rich country into one of the poorest in the world, and destroy much of the infrastructure left from colonial days.

Their cause was joined Monday by the would-be fighters who lined up outside a former government building in Kalemie, 275 miles southeast of Kisangani. Officially, the rebels will take any male from 18 to 40. But a registration list showed that some were as young as 14.

Children as young as age nine who dreamed of becoming rebel soldiers looked crestfallen when they were chased away. "You're too little, we need big, strong men," said recruiting officer Jean Mulongu.

## Coca-Cola drops two teas from line

ATLANTA (AP) — Coca-Cola Co. is dropping the last two tea drinks from its Fruitopia line to focus on fruit beverages.

"As this brand has evolved, it's clear that the brand's strength is in the juice drinks, so that's where our focus will be from now on," said company spokesman Scott Jacobson.

Fruitopia sales in 1996 were down because the company dropped six flavors of tea, but its sales of fruit drinks were up 15 percent.

A new fruit flavor, Mind over Mango, will be marketed nationally later this year after being test marketed in the Southwest, and another undisclosed fruit flavor is in testing for a possible 1998 introduction, the company said.

The tea flavors being dropped are Peaceable Peach and Born Raspberry. The company said it plans to reintroduce similar flavors in its Nestea line later this year.

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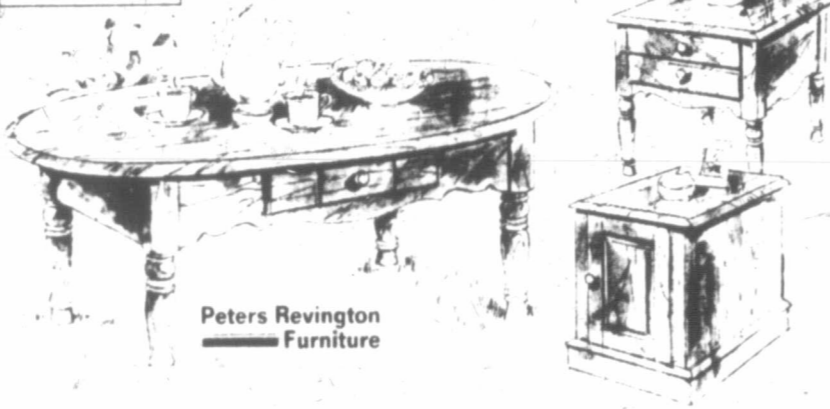
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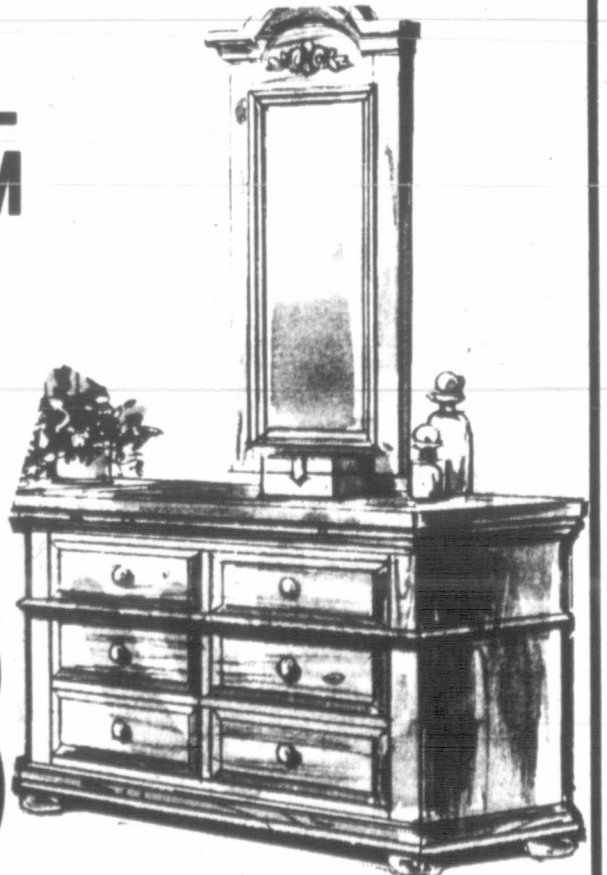
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