

Low tonight in mid 20s. High tomorrow near 30. See Page for weather details.

LEFORS — City council members selected Parkhill, Smith and Cooper engineering firm Monday evening to plan the replacement of seven water lines and construct a backup water well in the city.

The project, with help from a grant from the Panhandle Regional Planning Committee, will help replace old, worn water lines with new PVC lines. The PVC lines should help avoid contamination from old metal pipes and increase water pressure in the city.

This is not the first time the city of Lefors has had to replace water lines. Many have already been replaced with PVC lines, and the seven lines that will be replaced this year is part of a project to gradually convert and update all the water lines within the city.

Mayor Velda Chadwick is hoping construction on the water lines will begin by the end of the year. The water lines that are scheduled to be replaced are:

- On Fourth Street from Clardy to Gray;
- On Fifth Street from Shaw to Park and from McLean to Magnolia; On Sixth Street from Park
- to Main;
- On Seventh Street from Shaw to Court;
- On Ninth Street from Park to Court; and
- On Magnolia from Fifth to Sixth streets.

**PAMPA** — A general meeting for all parents of Pampa High School seniors will meet on Thursday, Feb. 27, in the high school library at 7 p.m. to discuss plans for the 1997 Senior Class all night party. All parents are encouraged

to attend. Organizers say they need everyone's help to make the party a success. For more information, con-

tact Debbie Cagle at 665-7334.

NEW YORK (AP) — Eight in 10 Americans believe it would be wrong to clone human beings, but a majority accepts the cloning of animals for medical research, a poll found.

The poll taken Monday night by telephone for ABC News' Nightline said Americans disapprove by 50 percent to 39 percent of the research in which Scottish scientists used the genetic material of an adult sheep to clone a lamb.

While 53 percent said such research should be allowed on animals, 87 percent said cloning of humans should not be allowed. Asked if cloning of animals is morally wrong, 44 percent said yes, 49 percent said no and the rest were unsure.

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# Ippel resigns from director post at PEDCO

By LAURA HALEY Staff Writer

Jack Ippel resigned his position as the executive director of the Pampa economic development corporation Monday.

Ippel turned in a letter of resignation yesterday just prior to the regular meeting of the economic development corporation's board of directors.

Lewis Meers, president of the board, said he thought Ippel may have been considering resigning his position but was not prepared to receive the resignation Monday. The resignation was an unexpected shock for the all members of the economic district's board, who spent a large portion of their regular meeting in an executive session to discuss the situ-

In the letter delivered to Meers, Ippel stated his intent to resign his position effective immediately without reason. Board members would not speculate on the cause of the resignation and Ippel could not be reached for comment. They did, however, accept the work ippel had done for the economic growth of Pampa.

"Jack has been good for the economic development of the community," said Meers.

He also praised some of the projects Ippel has helped the economic district attain, such as recruiting U.S. Bus, which is expected to open its doors in

Despite the untimely resignation of Ippel, the board of tinue to work with the ecodirectors said this twist will not affect the corporation's

plans for economic growth. "The continuity of ongoing programs will not be affected,"

said Meers. The future of the economic

Cool cat

'Jack has been good for the economic development of the community.'

— Lewis Meers, **Board president** 

There will be an effect on the corporation anytime a prominent employee is replaced, Meers said; however, this transition may generate some different ideas of economic growth for the corporation.

Mayor Bob Neslage also voiced his support of the future of the economic district despite the untimely resignation of Ippel.

'You (the economic district) have been proactive and positive in Pampa and it's definitely shown," he said. "I look for more positive things in the

At the regular meeting last resignation while praising the night, the board of directors decided to allow Susan Tripplehorn, project coordinator for the economic development district, to fill in for Ippel until a replacement can be found. Tripplehorn is familiar with the current contracts and day-to-day activities of the economic district, allowing a smooth transition despite Ippel's resignation, Meers said.

In addition, Ippel will connomic corporation as a consultant for the next three months. The agreement, which is part of a severance package offered by the board to Ippel, requires Ippel to be present at any time he is needed. He will receive development corporation is the equivalent of three months also sound, Meers added. salary for the consulting work.



The joke may be on the boss this time. With more snow expected tonight, Kenneth Rheams, owner of Rheams Jewelry, busy clearing the sidewalk in front of his business on Cuyler Street this morning, may be shoveling more of the cold white stuff tomorrow.

# Snow causes slick road conditions

From State and AP Reports

Falling snow and slick streets slowed Pampa residents on the

way to work and school today. Pampa reported snow and 24 degrees at 8 a.m. today. Monday's high was 26 degrees. A quarter-inch of snow left 0.05 inch of moisture by 6 a.m. today.

U.S. 60 was ice-coated between Amarillo and Pampa. Motorists reported freezing drizzle between Panhandle and White Deer at 8 a.m. today.

Carson County officials cold temperatures and slick conditions this morning. Wheeler reported a light snow beginning

about 9 a.m. Shamrock authorities said they received sleet early this morning. It was 27 degrees at 9 a.m. today in Shamrock. Slick road conditions along Interstate 40 led to a wreck near the Oklahoma-Texas stateline this morning. Officers reported no injuries.

Miami reported 26 degrees at 9 a.m. and a few snow flurries. Canadian reported 20 degrees and dry conditions shortly after 8 a.m. Hemphill County officials said they received a dusting of snow over night.

At 6 a.m. today it was snowing in Dalhart, Dumas and Amarillo. Dalhart reported 23 degrees. Dumas reported 22, and with a low of 25 degrees and Amarillo reported 23.

Childress reported cloudy conditions and 32 degrees at 6

Amarillo weather service reported 0.2 of an inch of snow as of midnight Monday for 0.02 inches of moisture.

they expected from one to two degrees. inches of snow accumulation over the next two days with light snow and rain forecast through Thursday.

A winter weather advisory was issued for a vast area of West Texas as light snow fell across the area and more was on the way.

Forecasts called for the possibility of snow over the Panhandle and South Plains and for a wintry mix of precipitation over the southern areas of the South Plains, much of the Permian Basin, the northern trans Pecos and mountains with rain expected across the rest of West Texas.

Most of the state will have some kind of precipitation tonight and Wednesday.

Weather officials said Pampa could expect mostly cloudy skies and cold temperatures today with snow and rain possible through this afternoon with southeast winds at 15 mph and a high temperature near 30. The forecast is for cloudy conditions tonight snow and freezing rain possible.

The forecast calls for continued cloudy and cold conditions on Wednesday with snow and rain mixed with a high of 30

degrees. Thursday should be cloudy with a chance of light snow with Weather service officials said a high of 40 and a low of 30

> Cloudy conditions should continue through Friday with a high of 48 and a low of 25. The weather should clear

> Saturday with a low of 32 and a high of 55 degrees. There will be occasional rain

> and few thunderstorms in western, northern and northeast sections of North Texas tonight. Rain and a few thunderstorms are likely in southern and southeastern areas. Some of the rain may be locally heavy at times.

> South Texas is expected to get light rain over the Hill Country and scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in Southeast Texas and along the middle and upper Texas coast.

Lows tonight will be in the teens in the Panhandle and in the 20s and 30s elsewhere across West Texas, the 40s in North Texas and in the 50s and 60s in South Texas. Highs Wednesday will be in

the 20s in the Panhandle and in the 40s and 50s across the rest of West Texas, the 50s and 60s in North Texas and in the 60s in

## Icy roads blamed in death of three at Texline

Icy roads across the Texas Panhandle were being blamed for a series of wrecks today, including a crash Monday that claimed three lives.

Two men and a woman were killed in a pickup-sport utility vehicle crash Monday morning on U.S. 287 about three and a half miles south of Texline.

Department of Public Safety officers said Karen Hickman, 37, of Houston, and John Spencer, 50, of Pawlett, Vt., were killed in the crash about 10:20 a.m. Monday. Ronald Hickman, 69, of lane in front of the southbound

Pearland, Texas, died shortly after noon Monday at Coon Memorial Hospital in Dalhart.

Officers said Ronald Hickman was driving a 1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee, and Karen Hickman was a passenger in the vehicle. Spencer was driving a 1985 Chevrolet pickup. Karen Hickman and Spencer

died at the scene.

Authorities said the Jeep was northbound on U.S. 287 and apparently lost control and slide broadside into the southbound

pickup. Officers said the pickup struck the Jeep on the passenger

Department of Public Safety troopers reported that the highway was slick and icy. A light snow was falling at the time of

Highway Patrol authorities reported a string of accidents on area highways early this morning in connection with the weather. No details were available by mid-morning as wrecks on icy roadways continued to be reported.

### Landrieu to support balanced budget amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) – A previously uncommitted Democrat has tentatively decided to support a constitutional amendment to balance the budget, apparently bringing supporters within one vote of victory, sources said today.

Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., who campaigned in support of the amendment but has since expressed reservations, has decided to vote for it, said a congressional source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

That would leave Sen. Robert Torricelli of New Jersey as a lone undecided Democrat, increasing

pressure on him from both sides. Landrieu was expected to announce her position at a news conference this afternoon. She would announce her support for the amendment "unless she changes her mind between now

Her expected support would bring supporters within one vote of the 67 needed for Senate passage of the amendment.

and then," the source said.

The amendment is supported by all 55 Republicans and 10 other Democrats.

Although Landrieu had expressed some public reservations about the amendment she was swayed by constituents who urged her to vote for the measure, sources said.

Before Landrieu's expected support was disclosed, opponents of the amendment said momentum appeared to be going their way because of growing concern the proposal could undermine Social Security.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utal, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and chief sponsor of the amendment, said the Social Security issue was a "risky gimmick" being used to kill the measure.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

A Siamese cat takes shelter from the light snow and gusty wind where she could find it this morning, as she curls up for a long winter's nap under the porch overhang of the house at 1128 S. Dwight.

# Daily Record

### Services tomorrow

ALEXANDER, Grace Ringo — 2 p.m., Church of God, Borger.

**BROOKSHIRE**, Martin Ray — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery,

### **Obituaries**

**GRACE RINGO ALEXANDER** 

FRITCH - Grace Ringo Alexander, 88, mother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, Feb. 24, 1997 at Borger Healthcare Center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Church of God at Borger with the Rev. J.D. Mitchell of San Angelo officiating and the Rev. L.K. Lawley, pastor of the church, assisting. Burial will be in the Garden of Good Shepherd at Westlawn Memorial Park in Borger under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Alexander was born at Stotesbury, Mo. She had been a Borger area resident since 1936 and was a homemaker and a member of the Church of God

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Luther Ringo, in 1947; and her second husband, Alva Alexander, in 1975

Survivors include four daughters, Mary Ellen Mitchell of San Angelo, Phyllis Kitchens of Pampa, Evelyn Roberson of Lubbock and Ruth Ann Jackson of Cleveland, Tenn.; a son, Robert E. Ringo of Fritch; 14 grandchildren; 23 greatgrandchildren; and six great-great-grandchil-

### MARTIN RAY BROOKSHIRE

Martin Ray Brookshire, 60, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 24, 1997, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Dr. Jim Prock, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangemetns are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Mr. Brookshire was born Feb. 6, 1937, at Tabler, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident most of his life. He married Mary Elizabeth Robinson on April 12, 1961, at Anadarko, Okla. He worked for many companies in the Pampa area, most recently Curtis Well Service. He attended Baptist churches.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Katherine and Danny Gilbert of Lefors; two sons, Martin Guy Brookshire and Johnny Lee Brookshire, both of Pampa; his mother and stepfather, Waulita and Troy Purvis of Pampa; a sister, Linda Alfaro of Pampa, tour brothers, Lee Brookshire of Oklahoma, John H. Brookshire and Willie Chisum, both of Pampa, and Floyd Brookshire of Warren and Jorden on a fire assist Ardmore, Okla. tour granddaughters; and a great-grandson

Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center

### Calendar of events

TOTS-N-TRAINING

Parents of preschool children can pick up tree materials to bein their children get ready for wheel through the loss V fraining program. Materials and a copy or theservice's newsletter at a yield sign and no liability. will be available at Frank - Thrittman #1, 300 E Brown, from 12-11 a m and 3-4 p.m. Frank's Thrittway #2, 1420 \ Hobart from 10-11 a.m. and 34 p.m. Albertsons 1233 N. Hobart, from 10-11 am and 330-530 pm and Pampa Community Day Care Center 1100 Gwendolen, from 4 30-6 p.m. For more information, call Sue Thornton at 664-4700

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

The Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will - criminal mischiet meet at 6.30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 27, at the Lovett Memorial Library 111 N. Houston Proper cutting piecing and pressing techniques will be demonstrated disitors are welcome.

MOOSE LODGE CALF FRY

The Moose lodge will sponsor a call fix for members and guests on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7

> SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES CLUB

The Skells Cetts Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 1 30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at the l'ampa Senier Citizens Center

### **Emergency numbers**

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### Police report

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

. MONDAY, Feb. 24

A burglary was reported in the 900 block of South Osborne. Various tools valued at \$750 was

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of Barnes. Various items valued at \$250 were taken. A runaway was reported in the 1800 block of North Christy

A theft was reported in the 1200 block of South Nelson. Two Boatmen's bank bags with \$70 cash and various papers were taken.

A theft was reported in the 100 block of South Cuyler. Taken was a Black Max air compressor valued at \$825.

Arrests

Crystal Gray, 24, 2232 Dogwood was arrested on three warrants. She remains in custody.

David Lee Ellison, 30, 605 S. Plains, was arrested on charges of no driver's license and failure to appear. He was released on bond.

Kirk Eldon Gray, 31, 2232 Dogwood, was arrested on four capias warrants. He remains in

### Fires

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

MONDAY, Feb. 24

11:11 p.m. – Two units and four personnel responded to 1025 S. Faulkner on a carbon monoxide check

TUESDAY, Feb. 25

6:17 a.m. - Five units and 10 personnel responded to 704 E. Jorden for a structure fire. Damage was confined to the floor joist of a mobile home.

### **Ambulance**

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

MONDAY, Feb. 24 11:34 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the Perry Lefors Airport to transport a flight crew to Columbia Medical Center and return them to

1:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West in Amarillo. TUESDAY, Feb. 25

6:17 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to

### **Accidents**

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident for the 24-hour period ending at

MONDAY, Feb. 24

A 1993 Chevy Cavalier driven by Melissa Ann Portilla, 19, 521 Yeager, and a 1991 Ford Probe, driven by Michelle Guerra, 18, 1214 S. Finley, collided at the intersection of Charles and Louisiana. Portilla was cited for failure to yield right of way

## Sheriff's Office

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

> MONDAY, Feb. 24 Arrests

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### Clinton unveils his \$16 billion anti-drug plan WASHINGTON (AP) - Presi-

dent Clinton outlined a massive, \$16 billion anti-drug strategy today amid signs that his administration would give Mexico a slap on the wrist for its government's ties to drug traffickers.

"We have to become angry whenever any child - one single child - becomes prey for drug and violence," Clinton said at a morning ceremony formally unveiling his drug-fighting budget, which the White House touted as the largest in history. It represents an \$800 million increase over the fiscal 1997 drug budget.

In his remarks, the president did not directly address the pressing question of Mexico's re-certification for anti-drug aid, which must be decided by March 1. He said generally that decisions would be made after Secretary of State Madeleine Albright returned today from her overseas trip.

"We are committed to cooperating with our friends in Latin America," the president said. "We want to cooperate with them, but we want them to cooperate with us as well.

Mexico was embarrassed earlier this month by the arrest of its top anti-drug official on charges he had links to drug traffickers. The arrest came as Clinton administration officials were ready to rubber stamp Mexico's re-certification for the State Department aid program that assists foreign governments in fighting drugs.

Since the scandal complicated re-certification, White House officials have dodged speculation on the outcome, saying they await Albright's recommendation. She said this weekend that the administration could fail to certify Mexico as a cooperating ally in the war against drugs, but then grant a waiver to permit continued aid on grounds of U.S. national security interests.

Vice President Al Gore, who joined Clinton for the morning event, noted that drug use among teens has doubled over the past five years, and one-third of new AIDS cases are linked to intravenous drug use. Gen. Barry McCaffrey, the president's drug czar, said 3.6 million Americans are addicted to illegal drugs.

The president's drug-control plan relies heavily on an unprecedented \$350-million ad campaign that would bombard voung people with anti-drug messages during prime-time television.

## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST** 

Tonight, cloudy with chance for snow. Low in mid 20s and easterly winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday, cloudy with chance for heavy snow with significant accumulation. High near 30. Lingering chance for snow through Thursday. Monday's was 23. Pampa received 1/4 inch ing at 6 a.m. today.

**REGIONAL FORECAST** 

West Texas - Panhandle:

concern over campus safety.

Clearing the snow

watch central and east tonight near 60 coast. Wednesday, foggy and Wednesday. Tonight, occa- morning at the coast. Cloudy sional rain and a few thunder- and windy with a slight chance storms. Locally heavy rain possi- of showers in the morning, ble areawide. Lows 40 west to 50 decreasing clouds in the aftersoutheast. Wednesday, rain and noon. Highs in the 70s. high was 26; the overnight low a few thunderstorms likely southeast, occasional rain and a of snow and 0.05 inch of mois- few thunderstorms remainder of with scattered snows and possiture in the 24-hour period end- area. Locally heavy rain areaw- bly heaviest over the southern

near 30. Wednesday, cloudy with a good chance of showers 50s south. with chance for snow, 1 or 2 and thunderstorms. Decreasing inches possible; chance for freez- clouds in the afternoon. Highs in of snow northwest. Rain likely ing rain changing to snow in the 60s to near 70. Upper Coast: elsewhere. Lows in upper 20s afternoon in southern regions. Tonight, cloudy with showers northwest to low 40s southeast. Highs from near 30 to mid 30s. likely. Lows in the 50s. Wednesday, a mixture of rain South Plains: Tonight, snow Wednesday, foggy at the coast. and snow northwest. Showers likely South Plains. Rain likely Cloudy and warmer with a elsewhere with a chance of thunlow rolling plains with rain chance of showers. Highs near derstorms. Highs in mid 30s changing to snow late. Lows 25-70 inland to near 60 coast. northwest to low 50s southeast.

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(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Crime rates were higher at insti-

the Education Department said.

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The study found a rate of one

Employees all around town, like Karen Deandra, an

employee of the Auto Zone, were busy sweeping and

shoveling the snow from this mornings' snow fall. It may all

be for naught as a real snowfall is expected tonight, with a

chance for one to two inches accumulation on Wednesday.

Report details campus crimes

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sixty- violent crimes and 4,656 property

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The Education Department There were 113 violent crimes per

report today also found that 257 100,000 students at institutions

students out of every 100,000 with campus housing, compared

The report is the first of its kind included private institutions

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**BORDER STATES** 

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Oklahoma – Tonight, a chance

# City briefs

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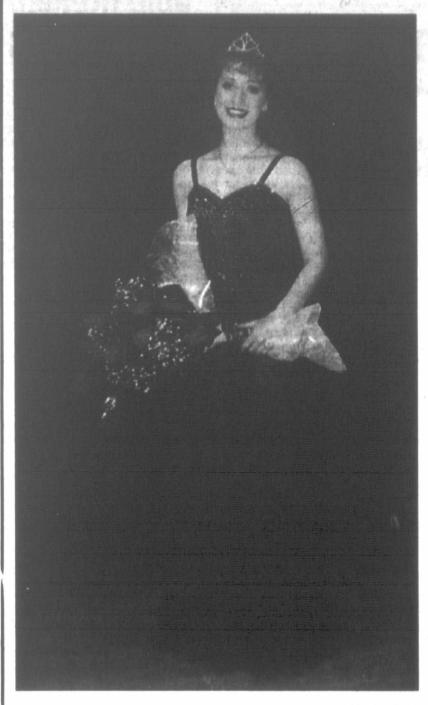
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### Miss McLean 1997



Lorin Hall, 17, daughter of David and Terri Hall, was recently named Miss McLean 1997. She is the granddaughter of Helen and Gene Hall of Pampa and Delbert and Punky Daniels of White Deer, and the great-granddaughter of Geraldine Shultz of Pampa. She is currently a McLean High School cheerleader and the Junior Class secretary. Miss Hall also is a member of the Drama Club and the journalism staff and was voted Most Beautiful this year. She is a member of the Flipin Farm Gymnastics team and has won gold and silver medals at area, regional and state events. She will represent McLean at the Miss Irish Rose Pageant March 14-15.

### INS fails to conduct background checks

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complained Monday that government sloppiness could have allowed murderers or drug dealers to slip through.

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to speed up the naturalization and Naturalization Service said process, the Clinton administrathe agency has yet to determine tion may have failed to ade- how many, if any, immigrants quately check as many as who escaped full FBI checks should have been denied citizenship because of criminal records. records, a preliminary study It may take several more months for a Justice Department-INS Congressional Republicans investigation to answer that question.

Responding to congressional inquiries and media reports, INS officials have acknowledged Among the majority whose serious shortcomings in their backgrounds were checked, Citizenship USA program. But 10,800 new citizens had a felony agency officials say many arrest record, a Justice improvements already have Department spokeswoman said. been made. An internal audit, But it's not yet known how overseen by an independent many, if any, were convicted of accounting firm and the Justice the specific felonies that auto- Department, is reviewing the problems.

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# What is and isn't made in the USA

By CALVIN WOODWARD **Associated Press Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) - Toys aren't us. Chemicals and airplanes are.

Also, cars, computer accessories, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, weapons and corn. That, we do.

America makes plenty and remains the No. 1 exporter. But with some lucrative exceptions, the United States is a faded presence in its own retail marketplace as a united nations of commerce presses in.

That reality, building for years, was clearer than ever in last week's report of a record trade deficit in goods in 1996, and in the country to the forefront of what the world makes.

It can also be seen eye-level at the local Wal-Mart, where signs proclaiming Bring It Home to the USA - an appeal to buy American - look out over merchandise that suggests a different sort of writing is on the

There are electric knives from Brazil, sweats from St. Lucia emblazoned with the name of Thomas Jefferson's University of and toys from China, China, China.

enormous buying power to keep some vices. domestic manufacturers afloat.

If this is an uncommon era of prosperity, as upbeat economists believe, different forces are shaping it. It's no longer what one calls the "Charlie Chaplin assembly line."

Often, what Americans make is unseen: not the clothes, but the machinery for others to stitch them; not the answering machines coming off the line, but the brain power that created such devices in the first place.

In a dollar store outside Washington, a browser can find an all-American Bag O' Rags and not much else made this side of the Pacific. But in big-bucks energy equipment, the United States accounts for a hefty majority of world sales.

The airplane business is so huge that one death of the Chinese leader who drove his company's fortunes - Boeing's - can drive the nation's trade deficit up or down one month to the next.

From soybeans to coal, America's vast natural endowment is part of what makes the economy strong.

Growth is tied even more closely to services, a grab-bag of enterprises from haircuts to tourism to high technology making up close to 80 percent of the economy.

Indeed, two records were set in the new trade report: a \$187.6 billion deficit in goods, Virginia, Mickey Mouse socks from Taiwan traced to petroleum imports and the growing consumer-driven trade imbalance with Mass. This, from a chain credited with using its China; and a \$73.4 billion surplus in ser-

Karl Marx wouldn't have approved. By his said.

way of accounting, services did not count. Even some capitalists find it dispiriting that modern economic leadership rests on information technology, insurance, Hollywood and other things you can't pound steel to make or hold up and admire

in the light. But it's the direction the advanced industrial countries are headed. And Gary Hufbauer of the Institute for International Economics says neither the small, laborintensive industry nor mass cookie-cutter assembly is the American forte.

Instead, he says, the United States is big in products that require both sophistication and volume, or tap the country's research and development advantage, such as highend computers, derivatives from crops and surgical instruments.

Detroit's rebound is one of several comebacks in U.S. manufacturing only partly shown by trade figures, affected as they are by the dollar's value abroad and the health of other economies. Last year, the Big Three commanded 73 percent of U.S. auto sales.

Combined with foreign-vehicle manufacturing in the United States, autos are a renewed success story, says economist Chris Probyn of DRI-McGraw Hill in Lexington,

"But in general, when it comes to consumer goods, we are not too successful," he

## State briefs

Woman, husband, ten-year-old son fight off intruder

DALLAS (AP) — With the help of her husband and tenyear-old son, a woman shot and Chronicle reported. killed a man who robbed them and had begun raping her, police

The assailant dived through a back window of the first-floor apartment and collapsed in a parking lot outside. The man, identified as Kedrian Myers, 18, died a short time later.

The 27-year-old woman told police that family members were getting ready for work and school about 6 a.m. Monday when the man barged through their front door and fired two shots, narrowly missing her hus-

With the couple's three young children hiding in a bedroom, the man demanded and received cash before turning his attention by a House subcommittee.

to her, the couple told police.
"Apparently, his original intent was a home-invasion robbery, but once he was in the house, he committed the sexual assault," homicide Sgt. Larry Lewis said.

Report: Bush ally may benefit from privatization plan

Worth billionaire who is a former business partner and major campaign contributor to Gov. George W. Bush stands to benefit from a Bush proposal to privatize state mental hospitals, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

A real estate investment trust arranged on Jan. 30 to buy 95 psychiatric hospitals from Magellan Health Services Inc. for \$400 million, the Chronicle reported.

The hospitals would be operated jointly by the Rainwater trust and Magellan, formerly known as Charter Medical Corp., the

Last year, Rainwater and his wife spent nearly \$70 million for a twelve percent stake in Atlantabased Magellan, the nation's leading mental health care com-

The deal came one day after Bush, in his proposed state budget, recommended that the state look into private management of a state mental hospital.

Bill would require disclosure of cigarette additives

AUSTIN (AP) — Tobacco companies would have to tell the state exactly what's in their products and the state would make the information public under a bill that will be studied

Rep. John Hirschi, D-Wich Falls, says cigarettes and other tobacco products have hundreds of ingredients, including - in some cases - one additive also found in rat poison.

He said Texans deserve to

know what their getting in addition to natural tobacco.

"Frito Lay has no problem listing it's ingredients. Coca-Cola HOUSTON (AP) — A Fort has no problems," Hirschi said during a meeting of the House State Affairs Committee Monday. "We're not being unreasonable asking that they only provide that information to the Department of Health."

Clausen Ely, a Washington, D.C., attorney for the Tobacco headed by Richard Rainwater Institute, said Hirschi's bill and a similar measure passed in Massachusetts treat tobacco products differently than other consumer products and violate federal law.

# Nixon returns to Senate in disgrace

on sex and firearms charges, Sen. rassed but ready move on.

police officer posing as a prostitute.
Police also said Nixon was

carrying a loaded, 9mm hand- ever steps are necessary to see that gun in his car at the time of his this type of incident does not occur arrest last Tuesday night.

solicitation of prostitution, a Class charge of unlawfully carrying a move forward. weapon, a Class A misdemeanor.

be embarrassed but was ready to continue his legislative duties.

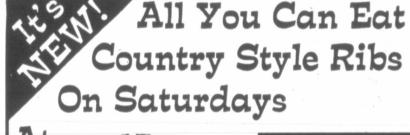
AUSTIN (AP) - Back to work bers of the committee didn't disfor the first time since his arrest cuss Nixon's return to the Capitol. On the Senate floor, Nixon intro-

Drew Nixon says he was embar- duced a group of constituents and passed a resolution in their honor. Nixon, R-Carthage, missed two He sent a letter of apology to feldays last week after his arrest for low lawmakers but said taking up allegedly trying to hire an Austin Senate time to discuss his situation would not be appropriate.

"I can assure you I will take whatagain to bring shame on myself and Nixon has been charged with those around me," Nixon wrote.

He said he believed fellow B misdemeanor. He also faces a lawmakers also are ready to

"They understand I'm going On his first day back in the Capitol through a tough time - not neces-Monday, Nixon said he deserved to sarily condoning it," Nixon said. "I think they are going to look at each one of my proposals on its Nixon presented a bill to the merits, whether it's good or bad, Senate Jurisprudence Committee and that's the way it should be. I regarding speed limits and defend on't think they are going to let sive driving courses. No action this reflect on their votes on parwas taken on the bill and mem-ticular pieces of legislation."





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# **Opinion**

# The tobacco wars aren't about health

Lest anyone suffered under the delusion that the federal Food and Drug Administration's campaign against tobacco was about protecting the public rather than expanding the FDA's power, a small news item on the same day the tobacco companies took the FDA to court over cigarette advertising should correct the impression.

Independently of the highly publicized court proceedings in North Carolina, an FDA panel announced that it wanted more proof of effectiveness before it would allow an antismoking device on the market.

The product - a lozenge - contains silver acetate, a substance that makes cigarettes taste especially nasty if they're smoked right after sucking on the lozenge. The idea is to provide something like aversion therapy for smokers.

It doesn't always work. Michael Fey, president of New Life Products, which makes the product, agrees that the effect is so awful that some people stop using the lozenges after one time. But one study showed that 17 percent of those who used the lozenges were tobacco-free after a month.

Nobody contends that the silver acetate lozenges involve safety issues. But the FDA in 1993 banned them because it said it wasn't sure they really worked all that well. News is that a panel was open to the possibility of letting them on the market if the company conducted more tests that showed partial successes.

For better or worse, Congress gave the FDA power to rule on the efficacy as well as the safety of drugs, so the agency had the power to ban this substance

But a strong case could be made that if it were really concerned about helping people to quit smoking, it would allow anything that offered even the promise of a bit of help, so

But the truth about the FDA is that its power comes from banning and regulating things. Public health, safety and sound science - to say nothing of duly constituted legal authority - are often relegated to irrelevance.

That's the case with the current crusade against cigarettes and cigarette advertising. Tobacco companies went to court, arguing that the government's ban on cigarette advertising for teenagers - set to take effect next year - violates the companies' free-speech rights and is beyond the scope of power of the FDA.

There surely is a question about whether the U.S. Constitution gives any agency of the federal government the power to ban or tightly regulate advertising of a product the government has not deemed to be illegal. But more specifically, Congress has on several occasions specifically exempted tobacco from FDA regulation as a drug. During the last session, two bills were introduced to give the FDA that authority, and Congress declined to pass them.

It could well be that Congress' stance has more to do with the political power of tobacco companies than with the addictive qualities of tobacco. But that's where the law stands. The FDA's campaign - urged on, to be sure, by the president of the United States - is clearly an effort to take power beyond what the law grants to it.

The FDA's proposed restrictions on advertising also violate free speech rights. The restrictions include banning billboards within 1,000 feet of schools, banning tobacco company sponsorship of sporting events and requiring that some ads and promotions be in black-and-white rather than in color. The Supreme Court, in a recent Rhode Island case that unanimously threw out a ban on advertising liquor prices, has edged closer to the position that "commercial" speech enjoys the same constitutional protection as other forms of speech.

It also specifically repudiated a 1986 decision (regarding a Puerto Rican gambling hall) that if a state had the inherent power to prohibit an activity, it had the lesser power to prohibit advertising for it, even if it hadn't decided to outlaw the

In addition, there's no proof - certainly less than in the case of the silver acetate lozenges - that bans on advertising will prevent a single person, including the target audience, teenagers, from smoking.

But from outgoing FDA commissioner David Kessler's perspective, it's not about protecting the public. It's about

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# Commission chases shadows

That British Airways ad has a point: Anyone fly-ing on a commercial airline is safe as a babe in his mother's arms. The typical air traveler in this country has a chance of far less than one in a million of being killed in a crash. Every year, by contrast, one out of every 6,000 Americans dies in an auto accident.

These facts force the White House Commission on Aviation Safety Security to a clear, unavoidable conclusion: There's a crisis!

The commission, headed by Vice President Al Gore, was appointed last year in the aftermath of the downing of TWA Flight 800. It was seen as necessary because the aircraft was thought to have been destroyed by a terrorist's bomb - an assumption that turned out to be wrong. Did that discovery cause the administration to question the need for a commission? Don't make me laugh. The commission proceeded anyway and just recently issued a report calling for all sorts of measures to justify its existence.

But once again, the commission is proceeding from a doubtful premise. It says that though the accident rate is low, it is not getting lower. As air traffic increases, the number of crashes will rise. In 20 years, it warns, there could be a plane crash somewhere in the world nearly every week.

The immediate response that comes to mind is: So what? More than a hundred people die every day in auto accidents just in the United States, and we don't have White House commissions issuing pitiful laments about the problem. The absence of improvement in an extraordinarily safe form of transportation is not exactly bloodcurdling. If things fail to improve, your chance of dying in a plane crash won't get any higher than it is now. The commission strains to conjure up an ominous

scenario, but the tidings just aren't very bleak. In fact, it's a mistake to suggest that air safety

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Stephen Chapman

improvements have stagnated

Fatality rates have been declining since the dawn of commercial aviation, and they continue to inch downward on both major carriers and commuter lines. A single big accident like TWA Flight 800, which killed 230 people, can obscure the long-run trend, but it doesn't change it.

Has this improvement occurred because the government is so vigilant and farsighted in protecting air passengers? Nope. In fact, the weakest link in the aviation system is the antiquated air traffic control system, which is the preserve of the federal government. Air travel has gotten safer because airlines have a powerful economic incentive not to take the sort of risks that can bring down planes and kill paying customers.

The Gore commission demands all sorts of steps to deal with this imaginary emergency, from installing "ground-proximity warning systems" that tell pilots when a mountain is looming ahead to putting smoke detectors in cargo holds. These may or may not do any good, since the accidents they address are extremely rare, but they probably won't do any harm.

The same can't be said of the proposal to require all children under age two to have their own seats - a change from the current rule, which lets them problem.

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HEY, IF THIS STUFF WAS SUCH A BIG DEAL, WHY DID THE AMERICAN

PEOPLE REFLECT ME??

sit on a parent's lap. This sounds sensible only until you consider how people will react to it. Some parents will buy the extra ticket, but some will decide the cost is too high and make their trip by car - a far more dangerous mode of transport.

The Federal Aviation Administration considered this idea in 1995 and found that requiring babies to have seats would prevent only two or three aviation deaths over the next ten years. But depending on how many parents chose to drive instead, the FAA concluded, it would produce an increase of anywhere from 17 to 82 additional deaths on the highway. The Gore commission apparently thinks more traffic fatalities are not too high a price to pay for a barely noticeable improvement in air safety.

The commission favors continuing all the security measures imposed in the aftermath of TWA Flight 800, such as requiring identification and quizzing passengers about their baggage. These can be justified in the name of safety - if you pay no attention to the inconvenience they cause travelers in wasted time, aggravation and reduced pri-

Such burdens might be worth bearing if air travel were genuinely hazardous. But it's hard to see why we should put up with them in the absence of any significant danger. The original logic was: We need these precautions because terrorists bombed TWA Flight 800. The logic today is: We need these precautions even though terrorists did-n't bomb TWA Flight 800. It's as if the fire department, called out to a house on a false alarm, proceeded to drench the building anyway.

As is often the case with government officials, the Gore commission is willing to consider virtually any solution to the problem at hand. The one possibility it won't consider is that there isn't a

## **Today in history**

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 25th, the 56th day of 1997. There are 309 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 25th, 1793, the department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record. On this date:

In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth I. In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1870, Hiram R. Revels, R-Miss., became the first black member of the U.S. Senate as he was sworn in to serve out the unexpired term of Jefferson Davis. In 1901, U.S. Steel Corp. incor-

porated by J.P. Morgan. In 1919, Oregon became the first

state to tax gasoline. In 1983, playwright Tennessee Williams was found dead in his New York hotel suite; he was

In 1990, Nicaraguans went to the polls in an election that resulted in an upset victory for opponents of the ruling Sandinistas.

# The catch, keep or kill motto

As you've probably read or heard, the crime rate is down. New York City recorded its lowest homicide rate since 1968. The number of law enforcement officers killed on duty is, thank God, down to a 30-year low. Fewer rapes have been reported.

CONTRIBUTIONS?

drop, but one important factor has been the increase in prison space along with the increase in incarceration rates. A mug inside isn't going to hurt anyone on the outside.

While it's true that criminals support an entire industry of sociologists, political demagogues, cops, lawyers, judges, jailers, parole and probation bureaucrats and journalists, crime itself is actually a simple proposition. It's just people breaking the law. Fortunately, only a minority do this. And only a minority of that minority do a majority of the crimes.

Therefore, when you identify or kill these birds, or capture and keep them behind bars, the crime fried, gassed, overdosed, shot or hanged. That is a rate will go down. Crime will never disappear (that's a generational thing), but it can be controlled. Keeping a mug in jail is a lot cheaper than paying for the damages his crimes can cost. Execution, if capital cases were handled properly instead of dragged out forever, would be cheaper yet.

The American Bar Association, which of late

**Charley Reese** 

There is probably no one single reason for the had a moratorium. A bad Supreme Court decision a few years ago stopped capital punishment until new laws were passed and the court balance changed. There is no need for another moratorium.

Of course, the ABA is correct when it says the process of trying and executing killers is bad. It ought to know. Lawyers screwed it up, as they have several institutional aspects of American life.

Nevertheless, killers of innocent people deserve to die. The executed have a recidivism rate of zero. The survivors of the victim feel better. The taxpayers save a lot of money. Justice is served. And a message is sent that killing innocent people can get you socially useful message, notwithstanding it win go over the heads of the really stupid and psychotic.

Yep, it's possible that an innocent person, despite all the safeguards, could go to his death. It's not a perfect world. But I choose to worry more about the thousands of innocent people who definitely go to their deaths at the hands of killers than that seems to be riddled with overqualified social work- hypothetical and rare individual who would get or kill - that should be the crime fighters' motto. ers, is taking a run at doing away with capital pundone in by mistake. He, after all, would be in no ishment by calling for a moratorium. We've already worse shape than the thousands of people who die right thing to do.

by accident every year anyway.

Don't let people sell you the nonsense that you can only have a death penalty if the system is perfect. That is merely a propaganda ploy because perfection in human affairs is impossible. We already know that the no-death-penalty system is defective because people get killed or raped by mugs who should be dead or behind bars. So as far as opponents and proponents of the death penalty are concerned, we're even on the score of imperfection.

But no death penalty opponent can point to a single victim of an executed murderer. That's game point for the death penalty proponents.

Forget about rehabilitation, too. It doesn't work. It is based on a myth that criminals do crime because they don't have good jobs or a good education. Actually, they don't have a good job or good education because they prefer to commit crimes.

See your local behavioral scientist for an explanation of why the Marxist claptrap of economic causes doesn't apply to violent and aggressive individuals.

Prison should be punishment. It should be an extremely unpleasant experience that one would not wish to repeat. Lawyers have made that impossible, so I will settle for no frills containment. Catch, keep

And always defend the death penalty. It is the

# Giving bipartisan peace a chance

The post-election hugs and kisses between Democrats and Republicans could be developing into a more mature relationship. I for one applaud and encourage it, and if we

can believe the polls, this puts me squarely in agreement with mainstream Americans, who have grown weary of partisan squabbles and favor solutions, whatever the politics. It also makes me an outcast (I say with profound gratitude) in ideological and media circles, many denizens of which depend on discord for their emotional sustenance and strife for their livelihood.

The trend toward civility has been gathering steam for some time, and the chief stoker has been Bill Clinton. He has, after all, long been a leader in the moderate New Democrat movement. In 1995, after being jolted from a series of liberal lapses by a resounding Republican electoral victory, he began talking about such substantial issues as balanced budgets and welfare in language that gladdened opposition hearts.

After his re-election, Clinton went out of his way to emphasize bipartisanship. "I stand ready to forge a coalition of the center," he told the Democratic Leadership Council. "And I invite people of good will of all parties - or no party - to join in this endeavor." He started quoting a biblical passage from the Book of Isaiah: "And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

Since Newt Gingrich's near-death experience ears. They know which way the breeze is THIS.



Joseph Spear

with official censure, the speaker has also become an apostle of cooperation. He seems to be stifling his usual bombastic rhetoric and has actually begun to preach accommodation. "The fact is, the president is helping us on Medicare," he recently told reporters. "The president is sending up a balanced budget. I think on far more fronts he is with us than he is against us."

The mood seems to be catching on all across Capitol Hill. Caucuses of moderate Republicans (the "Tuesday Lunch Bunch," for example) and centrist Democrats (the "New Democrat Coalition") have begun to emerge. In early March, at least 150 House members of both parties will attend a retreat in Hershey, Pa. They will strive, in the words of organizers, to find "a greater degree of civility, mutual respect and, when possible, bipartisanship.

Are they sincere? Perhaps not. Who cares? The point is, politicians have windsocks for

blowing, and that tells them where to land. Ideologues, on the other hand, are happiest when the dogs are howling. It is therefore no sur-prise that the pit bulls on both ends of the spectrum are growling at the newfound comity.

On the right, former drug czar cum morality guru William Bennett waxed indignant when Newt waved the olive branch at the White House. If the speaker can't hold the conservative banner high, said Bennett, then he ought to surrender it.

On the left, such reflexive liberals as Socialist congressman Bernie Sanders of Vermont is leading his Progressive Caucus in an assault on Clinton's proposed tax cuts and welfare reductions and "the corporate control over our media," which allegedly prevents Americans from hearing and reading the truth.

Which brings us to the most entrenched foe of cooperative governance. Too many people in my business would rather guzzle the heady lager of

conflict than sip the fine wine of ideas. Maureen Dowd of the New York Times: "The president seems to feel that disagreement is a fail-

Walter Shapiro of USA Today: "What's the point of squandering a fortune on vicious attack ads if the result is a bipartisan chorus of 'For He's a Jolly

Good Fellow' Gerald F. Seib of the Wall Street Journal: "Being a centrist can seem as exciting as kissing your sis-

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The women were to be among the first of some 4,000 plaintiffs to have their lawsuits go to trial Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, the Philadelphia company that makes Norplant.

But U.S. District Judge Richard Schell found in favor of Wyeth-Ayerst during a pretrial hearing Monday.

Schell said the women failed to prove that a different warning from the company would have changed the decision of their doctors to prescribe Norplant.

The judge has barred parties on both sides of the cases from public comment.

The contraceptive is designed to prevent pregnancy for five years through six matchsticksized capsules surgically implanted into the upper arm.

Plaintiffs complain of problems including excessive bleeding, ovarian cysts and wild mood swings. They also complain that removal of the capsules was more painful and difficult than they were warned.

Doctors who treated the women testified that they were fully informed by Wyeth, medical literature and seminars of all the side effects their patients said they suffered, Schell said.

He also ruled that Texas law provides that drug makers have a duty to warn only the doctor not the patient - of a drug's potential side effects.

A panel chose Schell in 1994 to preside over all Norplant cases filed in federal court nationwide. Schell decided last year not to try the cases as a class-action.



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**Employee of the Month** 



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge) Shiela Eccles of Pampa was chosen as the February Jordan Unit Employee of the Month honors. She works in the administrative offices as a count room clerk. Personnel are working with Special Olympics to raise funds for the coming events.

## Small towns targeted for home loans

ing the quality of those roofs, a state agency has introduced a ticipating in the state program, home-improvement loan program for poor families.

here is basic quality of life loans. issues," Larry Paul Manley, executive director of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, said Monday.

"Just getting people into homes isn't enough," added with less than 50,000 residents.

AUSTIN (AP) - With an inter- Linda Nessie, president of the est in not only putting a roof Federal Housing Administration over Texans' heads but improv- Homeowners Center in Denver.

home improvement lender that "What we're talking about would originate and service the

Manley introduced the Texas Home Improvement Loan Program combining private and public money to provide \$13.3 million for low-income families in small towns, defined as areas



# Clintons stay in contact with Hubbell

President Clinton used an intermediary to quietly stay in touch with former administration official and longtime friend Webster L. Hubbell while he was in prison, the Los Angeles Times reported

During the 16 months that Hubbell was in prison after pleading guilty to fraud and tax-evasion charges, the president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton checked on Hubbell through Marsha Scott, a trusted White

House aide, the newspaper said. Hubbell, a central figure in the Whitewater probe and former associate attorney general, resigned from the Justice Department three years ago. Last week, he invoked his Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination and refused to produce documents for a House committee.

Ms. Scott would visit Hubbell while he was in prison and reassured him of the first family's concern for him, the newspaper said.

Ms. Scott, 49, is a longtime

LOS ANGELES (AP) - friend of the Clintons, Hubbell ity. She certainly did not carry and his wife, Suzanne. Ms. Scott and Hubbell graduated in the same class at Little Rock's Hall High School. Ms. Scott and the president have known each other a pipeline between the Clintons for 30 years.

Hubbell and Mrs. Clinton were Little Rock.

Ms. Scott referred questions to the White House.

old friend, not in an official capac- financially," the friend added.

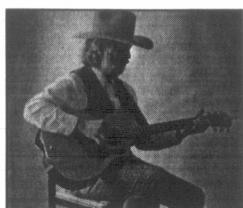
messages to and from anyone."

A friend who spoke to the Times on condition of anonymity described how Ms. Scott served as and Hubbell.

"She was taking messages from partners at the Rose Law Firm in the first lady to Webb ... And she was bringing back messages from Webb to the first lady," the friend

White House special counsel "She was going back and forth Lanny J. Davis said Ms. Scott (with Mrs. Clinton) on how he stayed in contact with Hubbell and his family were being taken purely on a personal level, as an care of, how they were doing







**PRESENTS** 

in "Sneak Previews" on Thursday, February 27th AT THE following business:

11:00 A.M. FIRST AMERICAN BANK, PERRYTON PKWY., PAMPA 12:00 NOON FIRST BANK SOUTHWEST, PAMPA 1:00 p.m. BOATMEN'S BANK, PAMPA 2:00 p.m. NATIONAL BANK of COMMERCE, PAMPA

3:00 p.m. FIRST AMERICAN BANK, DOWNTOWN PAMPA and on Friday, February 28th KGRO-KOMX Radio, Pampa 8:00 A.M. 12:30 p.m. BANK of COMMERCE, McLEAN

ANDY WILKINSON and Friends will be presented in concert on Saturday, March 1, at 8:00 p.m. At M.K. Brown Auditorium, with their TRIBUTE TO THE TEXAS PLAINS.

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and the sponsors: Pampa Fine arts Association, 200 N. Ballard - Pampa (665-0343); White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler - Pampa (669-8041) and at the door on Saturday evening, March 1.

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# THE PAMPA NEWS

Tuesday, February 25

# **Narcotics Anonymous Helps** Those Overcome By Despair

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter about the beroin addict who killed herself after writing "King Heroin Is My Shepherd." Her note mentioned "the doctor who told my family it would have been better, and indeed kinder, if the person who got me hooked on dope had taken a gun and blown my brains out."

Abby, I think the doctor who said that was partially responsible for the death of this young woman. She did not need a message of hopelessness and despair, especially from a person of authority and respect.

If only the doctor had encouraged her to hurry to Narcotics Anonymous, she might be alive today. Please print this so that other addicts may find new "courage, strength and hope." Narcotics Anonymous can be reached at 1-800-896-8896

CLOSE CALL IN SAN FRANCISCO

**DEAR CLOSE CALL: That** letter generated a flood of mail from readers whose lives have been touched by drugs, filled with important messages like your own. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in just as well in reverse. Peer groups response to "A Saddened Mom" who believes "it takes a village." It really does. I'm glad someone seems to understand that children involved with drugs need to be helped by the whole community. I'm 17 years old,

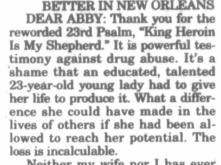
BETTER IN NEW ORLEANS Abigail Van Buren SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

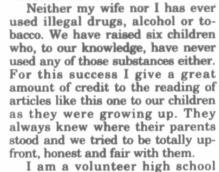
and I've already had a close friend (who was on drugs) commit suicide. wish people would understand that people don't take drugs because they are stupid or naive, as convenient as that would be to believe. People take drugs because they are depressed and believe they have nothing better to do with their I know a lot of kids who are on

> teacher. I have already used this column as a teaching tool. Rarely do I have every student's undivided attention, but when I read your column to them, no one even blinked. There was dead silence afterward. I know it helped to reinforce the commitment of some to stay off drugs and help their peers to stay off

the 23-year-old's family for sharing that sad suicide note with the world. I hope some good may come

DENNIS J. DAVIS, GLENDORA, CALIF. might be talked into paying more for





drugs, too. Thank you, Abby, and thanks to

# Horoscope



Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1997

Joint endeavors look promising for you in with a person with whom you have strong listener appears to be envious. look out for each other's interests.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It is best later when you're looking for something today to limit your business dealings to you urgently need, it won't have mysteriindividuals you either dealt with previous- ously disappeared. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. on information you're told today, be cer-Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for tain your informant has all the facts the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE straight, or else you may look a little foolto Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. ish. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do some NY 10156 Be sure to state your zodiac comparison shopping today before mak-

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It could make matters worse if you agree to do something today that is self-defeating just. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) When dealing to try to appease a sensitive friend's feel-

drugs and none of them really feel

they are truly valuable people. If a

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and needed, they wouldn't have

away from "bad" kids, which is too

bad — because peer pressure works

are oftentimes enough to save a

child. Fortunately, most of my

friends have been saved from drugs

by peer pressure. I shudder to think

YOUNG ENOUGH TO KNOW

how rare that is.

"Straight" kids are taught to stay

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might be a trifle slow getting started today. In fact, your productivity could wane if you're not utilizing your creative talents. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Gauge your audience carefully today and don't come

on too strong about something good that the year ahead, especially if you team up happened to you recently, especially if a emotional bonds. Both of you will then CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take time to put your house in order today, so that

ly or know by reputation to be ethical. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Before passing today. Do not accidentally leave the

ing costly purchases. If you don't, you

some things than they're worth.

with associates today, flattery isn't apt to serve a purpose. If you feel the need to compliment someone, be certain he or she is deserving.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Listen with your reason and not your emotions today. If your feelings dominate, there is a chance you'll be hurt by something where no ill will was intended.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If there is something expensive you're anxious to buy but can't afford, wait until you have the funds available instead of running up additional debt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Needless anxiety could impede your progress phone off the hook and then panic because you aren't receiving calls.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your initial impressions might not be reliable today. Before making major decisions, be sure you have thoroughly sifted all the facts. ©1997 by NEA, Inc.











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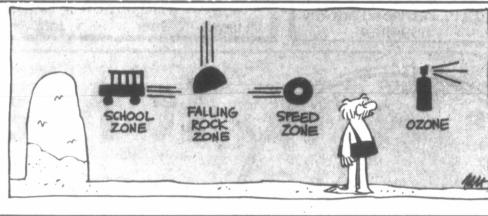
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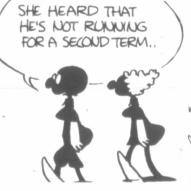
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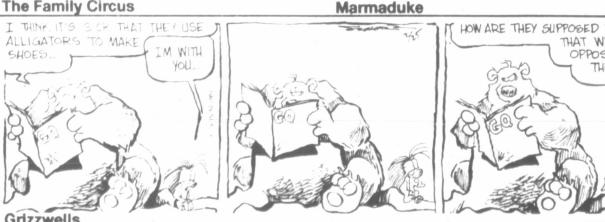


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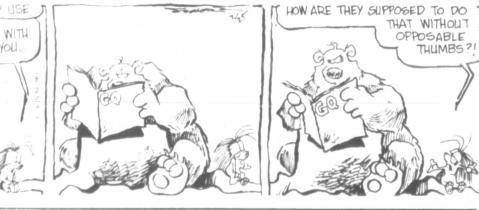


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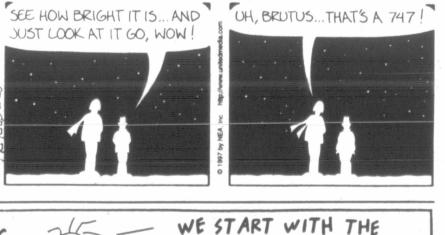
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# Notebook Nee saw something special in No. 2 Gophers

TRACK

PAMPA — Volunteers are needed to help with the Top O' Texas boys' and girls' track meet Saturday at Pampa's Randy Matson Field.

Interested persons can contact Mike Lopez at 665-7063 (home) or 669-4830 (school).

The meet starts at 9:15 a.m. with the boys' 3200 event.

### **GOLF**

PAMPA — The Pampa High School teams are entered in tournaments at Midland (girls) and Andrews (boys) this coming weekend.

The Pampa boys competed in the Tall City Invitational last weekend at Midland and finished in 16th place. Mike Smith led the Harvesters with a two-round total of 168 (89-79). Other Pampa scores were Grady Locknane 171 (91-80), Brian Brauchi 175 (86-89), Nathan Banner 181 (90-91) and T.J. Davis 186 (93-93).

The tournament was held at Midland and Green Trees Country Clubs.

### SOFTBALL

PAMPA - The Lady Harvester softball clinic scheduled Feb. 22 was canceled due to poor field conditions.

The next scheduled clinic will be Sunday, March 2, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Hobart Street Park.

All Lady Harvester softball players and coaches are urged to attend. This will be an opportunity for high school and middle school athletes participating in other spring sports to attend the clinic.

Note: A public meeting to discuss the creation of a girls' fastpitch softball program in the four Amarillo High Schools is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Tascosa High School Auditorium. The outcome of this meeting could open the door for girls' softball programs throughout the Texas Panhandle.

### SOCCER

PAMPA — Pampa hosts Borger in District 5 soccer matches, beginning at 4:15 Friday.

Both Pampa teams will try and snap back after losses to Amarillo Caprock Saturday.

The Harvesters have a 4-2 record and hold down second place in the district standings. Pampa boys fell to Caprock,

3-1, in a battle of first-place teams. Pampa girls lost, 1-0. Pampa girls are 2-4 in district play.

### **BASEBALL**

CANYON — West Texas A&M University head baseball coach Todd Howey announced Monday the rescheduling of four lost games from this past weekend due to snow at New Highlands Mexico University.

The Buffs were scheduled to play doubleheaders on Saturday and Sunday against NMHU, but the Las Vegas, N.M. region received a halffoot of snow last Thursday

night. WTAMU will open its home schedule as planned on Friday, but with a little alteration. The Buffs will play a doubleheader of seven innings each against Cameron University at Canyon, instead of the original one nineinning contest. The doubleheader starts at 1 p.m.

The Buffs will then host Cameron in a single contest at noon on Saturday, which was originally scheduled as a doubleheader.

By DOUG TUCKER **AP Sports Writer** 

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -Maybe there's a reason Danny Nee is the head basketball coach at the country that have played both Nebraska and his assistants are No. 1 Kansas and No. 2 Minnesota. still assistants.

Minnesota last December, long mention in the national polls, Nee was sure he'd seen a special

"I walked off the court and I felt they were a strong and dominating a team," Nee said. "I said to my staff, This team is one of the top 10 teams in the country."

Even though Minnesota beat the his staff did not necessarily agree.

Big 12 champion Kansas. The thing that impressed me depth and strength," Nee said. the Big Eight," said Missouri coach

### **BIG 12 ROUNDUP**

"Their overall strength."
The Huskers are the only team in

"If you throw Kansas and After the Huskers played Minnesota along with a few other teams into a hat, any one of them before the Gophers rated much could win the national championship," he said. "You need breaks, get on a run and play your best. Both those teams are capable of doing it."

In the meantime, Big 12 coaches are hoping to get at least six teams done a great job of. We've got out-into the NCAA tournament next standing teams ... we've got some

Huskers that day 70-56, Nee said No. 19 Colorado are all a cinch to NCAA exceeds the number we NCAA tournament bid in almost get bids. Texas and Texas Tech, Now, of course, they are ranked which were both ranked earlier in No. 2 in the country, right behind the season, also could be in good

"I hope that we have a number about Minnesota was their overall that would exceed what we had in

Norm Stewart. "We picked up four Jacque Vaughn, Tyronn Lue and Texas A&M coach Tony Barone. Texas A&M). Two or three of those have got a number of wins."

Completing his 30th season at dean of Big 12 coaches. He's never than 21 points a game. been one to hide his opinion of how the conference was being is a great point guard," Penders marketed.

"This league has always, I think, done the best job of downgrading the country. That's one thing we've er. Without him, we'd probably be done a great job of. We've got out- 4-20." teams.

committee's only interest, the Big third in the Big 12 in steals. 12 would place nine or 10 teams in the tournament.

Athletes like Chauncey Billups,

teams (Texas, Texas Tech, Baylor, Reggie Freeman — to name a few - make the Big 12 the most guard- think this league has the old-time teams are playing very well and rich league in the country, many guards. They're not just point coaches believe.

"Some are literally carrying their Missouri, Stewart was the dean of teams," said Texas' Tom Penders, Big Eight coaches and is now the who has Freeman averaging better

"That little kid at Nebraska (Lue) said. "He's one of the elite point guards in the country, yet you don't ever hear about him. itself, if you will, of any league in Freeman is a great all-around play-

The main reason Colorado is of the best players in the country. I ranked among the nation's elite Kansas, No. 13 Iowa State and hope the number selected for the teams and headed for its first were getting with just eight two decades is Billups. The 6-foot-3 point guard is averaging almost If guard play were the selection 22 points and five assists and ranks

"Chauncey Billups is probably an NBA pick because of his ability to score and play defense," said

"They are not simply specialists. I guards or off-guards. They can play both positions. I'd have to really look to see if any other league in this country comes even close to the guards in this league."

Naturally, in a league that's loaded at one position, some of the best hardly get noticed.

'Jacy Holloway is one of most underrated players in the country," Nee said of Iowa State's 6-0 senior point guard, who leads the Big 12 with 87 assists. "He's magnificent at what he does."

Of course, Nee is partial toward his own super-quick Lue.

"He's been the focal point of everybody's defense," Nee said. "I think he is an all-conference player. He can score. He can defend. He can pass. His speed can break down defenses, buckle their ankles and get penetration."

# Three Lady Harvesters make all-district squad

Squad.

while junior guard Chandra junior. Nachtigall was a second-team selection.

Senior pivot Kristi Carpenter made the honorable mention list. Jones, the daughter of PHS head coach Mike Jones, led the team in scoring, averaging 15.3 points per game. She also led in rebounds (7.0 per game), steals (60), and assists (81).

Nachtigall averaged 8.3 points per game and led the Lady Harvesters in three-point goals

Carpenter averaged 6.6 points and 3.9 rebounds per game and averaged 53 percent to lead the in field goal percentage.

1996-97 All-District 1-4A Sims, Canyon, senior. Girls Basketball Squad **First Team** Jennifer Jones, Pampa, senior; man.

Three Pampa Lady Harvesters Courtney Sims, Canyon, senior; have been named to the 1996-97 Valerie Valdez, Canyon, senior; All-District 1-4A Basketball Julie Rampley, Hereford, junior; Candi White, Canyon, junior; Senior guard Jennifer Jones Lindy Lombard, Canyon, junior; was named to the first team Courtney Gilmore, Randall,

### **Second Team**

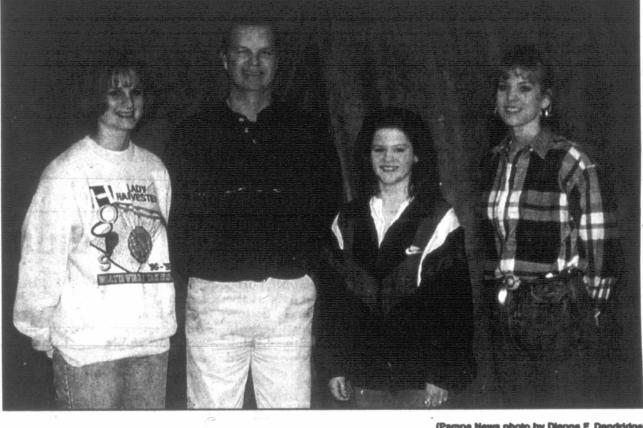
Chandra Nachtigall, Pampa, junior; Misty Davis, Hereford, junior; Catie Betzen, Hereford, junior; Mindy Norman, Randall, junior; Andrea Burrows, Randall, unior; Brooke Moore, Canyon, junior; Susan Spann, Caprock,

Honorable mention: Kristi Carpenter, Pampa, senior; Abbie Huffman, Dumas, senior; Kelli Mitchell, Borger, freshman; Yanira Maruffo, Caprock, sophomore; Rachael Artho, Dumas,

Coach of the year: Joe Lombard, Canyon.

Player of the year: Courtney

Newcomer of the year: Bethany Ratliff, Dumas, fresh-



(Pampe News photo by Dianna F. Dandrido

Three Pampa Lady Harvesters were named to the All-District 1-4A girls' basketball squad this season. Pampa all-district players pictured with PHS head coach Mike Jones are (from left), Jennifer Jones, Chandra Nachtigall and Kristi

# Wall, Holt top ticket to be Astros' final starter

By CARLTON THOMPSON The Houston Chronicle

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Donne Wall spent seven seasons trying to make it to the major leagues.

During that epic journey, which included more than three years at the Class AAA level, Wall became all too familiar with the long bus rides, the relatively small paychecks and the often sub-par playing conditions that are a way of life

in the minor leagues.

But making it is one thing; staying there is another, and Wall will have his hands full trying to hold slot in the Astros' starting rota-

Rule V draftee Ramon Garcia and lefthanders C.J. Nitkowski and Trever Miller, both acquired in the nine-player deal with Detroit, also could figure into the mix.

But for the most part, it's a twoplayer battle between Holt and the incumbent, Wall. And new manager Larry Dierker has said the job is

"I feel like I have to go out there and prove myself again. You can't go out there with a lackadaisical attitude and act like your job already has been given to you."

That's a typical response from Wall, who guided his career from the sandlots of Festos, Mo., to the glory of the major leagues.

about Wall's remark is that it consisted of more than four or five words. The soft-spoken If anyone appreciates what it righthander isn't one to waste takes to make it to The Show, it's words unless he's joking around with Billy Wagner, his best friend

on the team. off rookie Chris Holt for the No. 5 talks," Wagner said. "You should lineups. let me have that tape recorder so I can show you how he never shuts

> Holt, a baby-faced righthander from Dallas, has the gift of gab and isn't shy about sharing his opinions the minors.

"I really do feel like I've done to win. everything I can do in the minors," said Holt, 25. "I'm ready for the major leagues. It's just a matter of "It's nice to know the manager getting an opportunity and being in gets in a jam. believes in you, but you don't want the right spot at the right time. If I "I make some adjustments However, Wall is viewed only as a will become a two-horse race.

"I feel I've pitched myself into a of these hitters." position to have a chance to make last season (he pitched 4 1/2 if I have to, I'd go down there and resulted in victories for the Astros. pitch my butt off.

which pitcher had the best arm, September, losing all four of his the Astros' rotation if needed, but Wall would be the odd man out. starts and posting a sky-high 8.74 The 29-year-old doesn't throw hard ERA "You guys (the media) just don't and has to rely on his mound savvy know how much Donne really to maneuver through opposing into the off-season and opened the

Fortunately for Wall, Dierker is a believer in intangibles and past results. The manager, a pitcher of note during his playing days, is as my spot," Holt said. "I've got just impressed by the fact Wall has won as good a shot as anyone. I'm going at every level, and he points to to pitch to the best of my ability on the possibility of a sixth year in Wall's 75-44 minor-league record as everytime and try to force their people we brought in.'

Wall is the first to admit he does-

to get too overconfident," Wall said. throw my game, I'll be there. It toward the hitters," he said. "I have starting pitcher despite a brief stint would be tough to go back to confidence that when I go out there in the bullpen late last season. Triple-A whenever you feel like I'm going to do well. I don't throw you're ready. I'm tired of the minor very hard, but I have confidence said. "But I want to be on the bigleagues, and I don't want to be that I can make a good pitch when I league club, and I'll do whatever have to. You have to outthink some

And he did just that when the this team. After getting a taste of it Astros promoted him from Class returned to their former club if they AAA Tucson last season. Wall went The only thing out of character innings after the September call- 6-0 with a 3.51 earned run average ups), I know I want to be here. But in his first 10 starts, all of which

But he fell on hard times — as did If the decision came down to most of his teammates — in

The dropoff created doubts going door to Holt, who bolstered his bid for a spot in the rotation with a solid winter season in Puerto Rico.

"I'm going to go in and think of it a testament to the pitcher's ability hand and make them put me into the rotation."

Holt has an advantage over Wall n't have a cannon for an arm or a in that if Wall wins the spot in the dominant pitch to rely on when he rotation, the Astros still believe Holt can be effective as a long reliever. being longshots in what ultimately

"My preference is to start," Holt they want me to do if it's going to get me a spot on the team.

Because Rule V draftees must be do not stay on their new team's roster for the entire season, Garcia has an added advantage in his attempt

to make the team. Garcia has been a big-league starter before and could step into the current plan is to use him in long-to-middle relief, an area where the Astros were often pathetic last

"I think this year we have guys who could fill a lot of different roles," closer Billy Wagner said. "Last year, we had a bunch of closer-type guys trying to fit in wherever they could. We should be a much better overall staff with some of the

It would take a miracle — OK, a reat spring - for Miller and Nitkowski to crack the rotation. Both have the advantage of being a lefthander, but the disadvantage of

# University of Arkansas officials deny losing control of basketball program

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Athletic Association accusing the two years. school's men's basketball program, have frozen the salaries of basketball coach Nolan Richardson and the trol

The university released Monday feit a basketball scholarship this year

University of Arkansas officials, school of several violations of while denying a loss of control of the NCAA rules. The school's response sent to the NCAA, the university ing they were disciplinary actions. The school also said it would for-

admitted four violations, but denied said it froze salaries for Richardson, employees for a year.

its response to a letter of inquiry and next, and would deny scholar- NCAA men's basketball champi- investigators. Ms. Wood resigned February, shortly after the NCAA from the National Collegiate ships to junior-college transfers for onship in 1994, did not elaborate on Aug. 26 as academic adviser for investigation began.

the reason for the salary freeze for men's basketball. In the 100-page-plus document the 1996-97 fiscal year, beyond say-

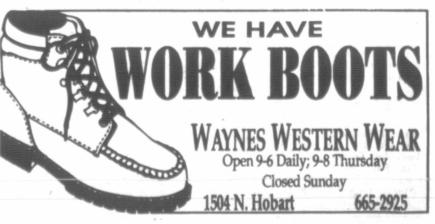
four other athletic department Wood, daughter of Arkansas chan- and Sunday Adebayo. cellor Dan Ferritor, and a separate

The school also admitted "the inadvertent and technical adminis-The admitted violations include trative miscertification," of junior Richardson's program is out of con- athletic director Frank Broyles and improper typing assistance by Kim college transfer players Jesse Pate

The school voluntarily declared The university, which won the allegation that she lied to NCAA Pate and Adebayo ineligible last







## Scoreboard

### **NBA STANDINGS National Basketball Association** At A Glance By The Associated Press All Times EST EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Sunday's Games Houston 95, San Antonio 85 Detroit 85, Washington 79 New Jersey 109, Boston 93 L.A. Clippers 99, Milwaukee 86 Cleveland 91, Vancouver 84 Seattle 89, Utah 87, OT New York 127, L.A. Lakers 121, 2 OT Miami 95, Denver 86 Orlando 99, Indiana 90 Dallas 88, Phoenix 86 Monday's Games Orlando 93, Detroit 84

Atlanta 106, Golden State 100 Chicago 116, Portland 89 Tuesday's Games Sacramento at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. Indiana at Washington, 7:30 p.m. Seattle at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m. Charlotte at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. New York at Utah, 9 p.m. Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m. Wednesday's Games Sacramento at Boston, 7 p.m

By PEGGY FIKAC

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**Associated Press Writer** 

A bill to exempt the obstruct.

University of Texas' planned

expansion of its football stadi-

um from a law protecting views

of the state Capitol was

approved 31-0 Monday by the

Texas Senate. Sen. Ken

Armbrister, D-Victoria, spon-

sored the measure, which goes

to the House for consideration.

Miami at Orlando, 7:30 p.m. Golden State at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Seattle at Indiana, 8 p.m. Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m. Minnesota at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m. New York at Portland, 10 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

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**HOW TOP 25 FARED** By The Associated Press How the top 25 teams in The Associated

Press' college basketball poll fared Monday: 1. Kansas (28-1) beat Oklahoma 70-68. Next: at Nebraska, Sunday.

2. Minnesota (24-2) did not play. Next: at No. 3. Kentucky (26-3) did not play. Next: at 4. Utah (20-3) at Rice. Next: vs. Texas-El Paso, Thursday. 5. Wake Forest (21-4) did not play. Next: vs.

Georgia Tech, Tuesday 6. South Carolina (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderhilt Wednesday 7. Duke (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Maryland, Thursday. 8. North Carolina (19-6) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Clemson, Wednesday. 9. Cincinnati (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Mississippi, Tuesday.

10. UCLA (17-7) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon

11. New Mexico (21-5) did not play. Next: at Brigham Young, Thursday.

12. Clemson (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 North Carolina, Wednesday. 13. lowa State (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Colorado, Wednesday 14. Xavier, Ohio (20-4) did not play. Next: vs. St. Bonaventure, Thursday.

15. Arizona (17-7) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Thursday.

16. Maryland (20-7) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Duke, Thursday.
17. Louisville (21-6) did not play. Next: vs.

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AUSTIN (AP) — A new chant ward, lawmakers must agree to side, scheduled to be finished

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Barrientos, D-Austin, asked

Armbrister during Senate

debate. More than 30 views are

protected under the current

18. Villanova (20-7) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Wednesday. 19. Colorado (20-7) beat Wolford 65-58. Next: at No. 13 lows State, Wednesday. 20. College of Charleston (25-2) did not play. Next: vs. Centenary, Thursday. 21. Illinois (18-8) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Tuesday. 22. Indiana (21-8) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Minnesota, Saturday.

23. St. Joseph's (19-6) did not play. Next: vs. Massachusetts at the Palestra, Tuesday. 24. Michigan (17-9) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Minnesota, Wednesday. 25. Stanford (16-7) vs. San Diego State. Next:

> HOCKEY National Hockey League At A Glance

By The Associated Press All Times EST EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Bill passed to allow for UT stadium expansion

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Stadium."

Tuesday's Games
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Montreal at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m. Wednesday's Gemes
Chicago at Hartford, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

**TRANSACTIONS** By The Associated Press BASEBALL

American Le MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jeff D'Amico, RHP Tim VanEgmond, LHP Henry Santos and LHP Valerio De Los Saritos.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with LHP Eddie Guardado on a two-year contract.

National League
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms
with LHP Michael Mimbs and RHP Scott Ruffcorn on one-year contracts. BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association ATLANTA HAWKS—Activated F Tyrone Corbin from the injured list. Placed F Ken Norman on the injured list. CHICAGO BULLS—Activated G Randy Brown from the injured list. Placed C Bill Wennington on the injured list. LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Signed F Larry Krystkowiak to a 10-day contract, PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Placed G Mitchell Butler on the injured list. Signed G Rumeal Robinson to a 10-day contract. FOOTBALL National Football League ATLANTA FALCONS—Acquired QB Chris

Chandler from the Houston Oilers for two undisclosed 1997 draft picks. Named Harold Richardson assistant for football operations and assistant head coach.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed CB Clifton Abraham, LB Ray Jacobs, WR Chris Zachery, P Brian Gragert, LB Errick Herrin, CB Michael Reed, and CB Tim Sensley. Re-signed RB Anthony Johnson and NT Greg Kragen. Extended the contract of C Mark

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed CB Clayton Holmes to a one-year contract. NEW YORK GIANTS—Named Mike Gillhamer offensive quality control coach and Craig Stoddard assistant strength and conditioning coach. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Agreed to terms

with OL Kevin Gogan on a six-year contract. HOCKEY National Hockey League FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled C Craig

The Capitol only can be seen

from the center of the intersec-

tion, according to photographs

proffered by UT. There is no

The expansion project has the

go-ahead of Lady Bird Johnson,

supports the stadium expan-

sion, citing Texas' entry into the

Big 12 conference.

Fisher from Carolina of the AHL. NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Reassigned G Tommy Soderstrom to Rochester of the AHL, D Shawn Anderson to Manitoba of the IHL and C Jim Dowd to St. John of the AHL

# Spurs fall to Hornets

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — As the Spurs battled the Hornets, Dominique Wilkins of San Antonio at one point had blood on his uniform but didn't know where he was bleeding.

"That tells the story," Wilkins would say later. "I'm bleeding and only went to the free throw line once in the second half."

It was an unusually physical game for the Spurs.

As usual, though, it was another Glen Rice scored 33 points and Anthony Mason had 24 to lead

Charlotte to a 96-84 victory over San Antonio Monday night, extending the Hornets' winning streak to a season-best five "(Glen) Rice and (Anthony)

Mason are All-Stars. They are unbelievable players," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich. "We made a game of matchups, and it's didn't let it happen."

The Hornets led the entire game and fended off Spurs Chuck Person and Charles Smith threats in the third and fourth are among the Spurs sidelined by quarters. Rice scored 10 points in injuries.

the final period.

San Antonio moved within 89-82 with 2:37 remaining on a field goal by Wilkins, but the Spurs could get no closer.

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Hornets coach Dave Cowens also thought the game was a rough one.

"It got really physical out there, and I just let the guys slug it out," Cowens said. "We've become a marked team, and people are going to come after us and get really physical with us. It makes their day to beat us, where before maybe it didn't."

The Hornets now have won 10 of their last 12 games.

Cowens, a Spurs assistant coach last year, had some sympathy for the injury-ravaged San Antonio team.

"They're playing tough and undermanned," he said. "This is an effort to upset them, but they tough to win because the matchups are tough for them."

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### University of Texas regents last year approved the expan-Armbrister said, "As they 38th and Red River streets. Fortner takes shattered Purdue program to title

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER **AP Sports Writer** 

Purdue's Nell Fortner inherited a mess and turned it into a cham-

Taking over a program that was reeling from the firing of coach Lin Dunn and had only three returning players, Fortner guided Purdue to a share of the women's Big Ten championship.

The Boilermakers were rewarded for their effort Monday with the No. 24 spot in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, which for the 10th straight week had Connecticut on top.

"I'm a little overwhelmed," said Fortner, an assistant at Louisiana Tech before spending last season as an assistant with the U.S. Olympic team. "We were picked to mores Stephanie White and Ukari finish eighth in the league, so this Figgs as the only returning players.

is incredible.

hard work and belief in themselves could accomplish."

Purdue (16-9) tied Illinois and Michigan State for the conference title by beating Illinois 80-75 Sunday before a crowd of 16,050 at the Illini's Assembly Hall — the largest ever for a Big Ten game. The victory capped a strong run that began when the Boilermakers stood 6-6 overall and 2-2 in the Big Ten following a Jan. 5 loss at Michigan State.

But even a .500 season would have been an accomplishment because Fortner had to start almost from scratch. Six players transferred after Dunn and assistant coach MaChelle Joseph were fired, leaving senior Jannon Roland and sopho-

They've been joined in the regu-"It shows the kids what their lar rotation - made up of just seven players — by freshmen Mackenzie Curless, Tiffany Young and Michelle Duhart and senior Corissa Yasen, an NCAA heptathlon champion who had not played basketball since high

> Led by Roland's 19.2 scoring average, that group won eight of its last 10 to earn the top seed for the Big Ten tournament starting

> "It's an incredible finish to a great year," Fortner said. "The kids have worked so hard and have earned everything they've gotten."

While Purdue joined the poll near the bottom, Connecticut (26-0) remained an overwhelming choice for the top spot, receiving 38 of 42 first-place votes and 1,045 points from a national media panel.



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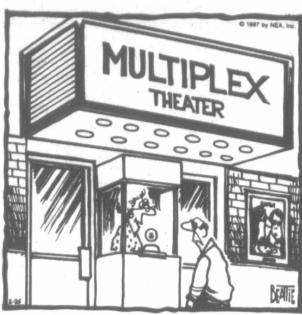
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# FBI agents locate truck, nix terrorist advisory

FORT WORTH (AP) - The FBI has located a U-Haul truck that had been believed to be loaded with bomb components and cancelled a terrorist threat advisory, police say

Fort Worth police said early today they had been notified that agents located the truck in Atlanta, Ga., determined it was not carrying bomb making components and cancelled the advi-

The FBI office in Dallas could not confirm the report, but said agents will hold a news conference later today.

There had been indications earlier today that that the episode resulted from a misun-

derstanding.

By Monday night, FBI agents had identified the two men driving the truck and determined that their cargo was legitimate, but the truck had not been located and agents wanted to interview the men to be sure, according to reports in *The Dallas* Morning News and several other media outlets.

"It looks as though they were going about legitimate business," a federal law enforcement official told the Morning News on condition of anonymity. "But we won't know for sure until we talk to the two men and examine the truck."

FBI spokeswoman Marjorie Poche refused to confirm the reports, sticking to an agency statement urging the men to call the FBI or local police "at once because of the possibility that the materials in the truck were meant only for innocent use."

The statement said a witness told police that the men were loading diesel fuel into containers in the back of the truck with out-of-state license plates at a Texaco station Saturday. Local police, however, said at a news conference that the witness saw three men at the station in Haltom City, a suburb north of Fort Worth.

Someone else at the station observed that the truck held three blue plastic containers that appeared to be filled with ammonium nitrate fertilizer, the FBI said.

The materials spotted in the truck could produce an explosion big enough to destroy a large building, the FBI noted in an advisory. The same materials were used to destroy the Oklahoma City federal building.

But the bureau urged the men to call the FBI or local police "at once because of the possibility that the materials in the truck were meant only for innocent

"This is very soft, very speculative information," said a federal law enforcement official in Washington, requesting anonymity. "These guys may be farmers for all we know.

The FBI released a sketch of one of the men, of average build and in his mid-50s. He was described as having slickedback, salt-and-pepper hair, being about 5-feet-10 and clean shaven.

The other man, in his mid-30s, was described as clean shaven with short brown hair, about 5feet-9.

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# Mexico fires 36 employees in wake of drug czar's indictment

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firings may follow.

"The National Drug Control Institute has (Gen. Jesus) Gutierrez Rebollo," he said.

vage the reputation of its anti-drug effort, moved into a luxury Mexico City apartment allegedly loaned to him by one of narcotics agency who had contact with Mexico's leading drug lords, Amado

To complicate matters, U.S. officials Attorney General Jorge Madrazo have said that Gutierrez Rebollo was Cuellar said he would continue employee privy to highly sensitive intelligence Monday to recertify Mexico's drug pro-reviews and warned Monday that more information, including the names of US grams at a downgraded status, which drug agents in Mexico.

fired all personnel who were in contact with attempts to capture him, even slipping The New York Times reported today. out of his sister's wedding just before

The United States is expected to

announce on March 1 whether it will cer-Mexico's anti-drug program. Certification is needed to maintain U.S. financial aid.

U.S. officials discussed a proposal Carrillo Fuentes has evaded police diplomatic embarrassment for Mexico,

Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, the head of the

Meanwhile, Mexico denied an earlier New York Times report alleging that two state gov-

ernors were aiding drug traffickers.
Attorney General Madrazo said government investigations had revealed nothing of substance to implicate the two - Sonora Gov. Manlio Fabio Beltrones and

Morelos Gov. Jorge Carrillo Olea. The Times said Sunday that accusations would keep aid flowing but would be a linking Beltrones to drug smugglers are diplomatic embarrassment for Mexico, based on interviews with U.S. officials, reams of intelligence data and "highly reliable" informers.

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