

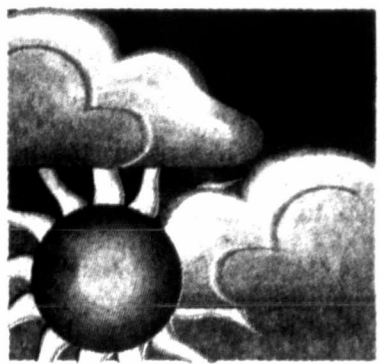
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Warning against "trying to play God," President Clinton today imposed a ban on federal funds for human cloning experiments.

In issuing the directive, Clinton noted recent breakthroughs in genetically reproducing animals and said he does not believe federal funds should be used for human cloning. Current restrictions do not guarantee that result, he said.

Comparing the cloning advancements to the way splitting the atom began the nuclear age, Clinton urged that scientists "move with caution and care."

"Each human life is unique, born of a miracle that reaches beyond laboratory science," Clinton said. "I believe we must respect this profound gift and resist the temptation to replicate ourselves."

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP) — When this rich town decided to renovate its main shopping street, there was a half a million dollars in federal money available for the asking.

Some town leaders decided that \$500,000 for quaint street lamps, fancy benches and new sidewalks on an avenue lined with ritzy shops could be seen as a frivolous use of tax dollars, so they did the unthinkable.

They decided not to accept the handout.

"I could not support using federal tax dollars... given the cuts being made in other areas," said James G. Bouteille, a member of the town's legislature and 1992 state chairman of Ross Perot's presidential campaign.

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico (AP) — Military officers will replace Federal Judicial Police currently stationed in the northern state of Tamaulipas, a top law enforcement official said.

A similar hand-over of law enforcement responsibilities was announced recently in the state of Baja California Norte, where army officers were placed in top police positions.

The army officers in Tamaulipas will be under the orders of the Public Magistrate's Office and will focus on fighting drug trafficking, the Mexican government news agency Notimex reported.

A total of 31 military men are expected to replace the judicial police, who will be sent to Mexico City.

Assistant Federal Attorney General David Pena Gonzalez said Maj. Pedro Gonzalez will head up the new military group in a bid to strengthen the fight against drugs in the country's northern region.

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Area emergency personnel prepare for severe weather

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

Severe Weather Awareness Week began with a severe start Saturday when thunderstorms, high winds and tornadoes ripped through the northeast part of Texas and into Arkansas.

The storms accounted for two deaths in Texas and 24 confirmed deaths in Arkansas. In addition, thunderstorms, tornadoes and floods also resulted in deaths in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Mississippi.

Gov. George W. Bush has proclaimed March 2-8 as Severe Weather Awareness Week to promote knowledge among Texans on what to do during intense weather situations. And, the harsh weather has amplified the governor's intent.

This week, cities and organizations across the state, especially in light of the recent storm in the northeast region, are taking on the responsibility of educating residents concerning adverse weather conditions.

"Many citizens do not realize that when severe weather threatens they may only have one chance to save themselves or a loved one," said Tom Millwee, state coordinator.

Here in the Panhandle, severe weather can often be seen in the form of thunderstorms and tornadoes.

"It's a reality and it's already upon us," said Local Emergency Planning Committee Chairman Kenneth Hall. "It looks like the season may be coming early."

Thunderstorms can include very adverse weather conditions such as heavy rains, strong winds, hail, lightning and tornadoes. The U.S. reports an average of about 100,000 thunder-

storms a year, resulting in between 150-200 deaths.

The United States has about 1,000 tornado sightings each year, more than anywhere else in the world, according to the Department of Public Safety emergency management division. Some 100 deaths each year are attributed to tornadoes.

In the Panhandle region, these are the most adverse weather conditions and residents are encouraged to know the difference between watches and warnings. A thunderstorm/tornado watch issued by the National Weather Service means that conditions for a thunderstorm/tornado are likely. A warning means that either a thunderstorm is in effect or a tornado has been spotted in the immediate area.

If a warning has been issued, residents are encouraged to seek appropriate shelter in a basement or an interior room, such as a closet or bathroom. Those living in mobile homes are even more at risk and are encouraged to plan ahead.

"It is unsafe to stay in a mobile home when severe weather or tornadoes threaten," states a press release from the Texas department of public safety emergency management division. "Even homes with a secure tie-down system cannot withstand the force of tornado or straight-line winds. Arrange to stay in the house of friends or neighbors, or move to a community center or other permanent structure. Go to that place once a tornado or severe thunderstorm watch is issued."

The Pampa LEPC will be offering a storm spotter training class on April 4 for the general public and industry. The class is offered at no charge and will be hosted by

Doug Crowley, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Hall and other members of the LEPC are also hoping new warning sirens will help increase residents awareness of adverse storm conditions. Although the new sirens could not be purchased (they cost about \$250,000) for this storm season, the LEPC is hoping to have them in place in Pampa by next year.

The eight sirens in Pampa would be replaced by 10 new sirens. In addition, the locations would be moved so that the sound would overlap, allowing more residents to hear the sirens during strong winds, said Hall.

"We feel very confident we can reach more people (with the new sirens)," he said.

The older sirens would be donated to Gray County and the cities of Lefors and McLean. The three sirens donated to Gray County would be placed at the Walnut Creek addition, the Cole addition and at Lake McClellan, said Hall. Currently, it takes 45 minutes for personnel at Lake McClellan to notify campers around the lake of impending severe weather conditions. By using a siren, the campers would be notified immediately.

Members of LEPC's siren committee will be meeting Wednesday at 10 a.m. at M.K. Brown auditorium to discuss fund raising options for the new sirens. Several businesses have already donated funds and the M.K. Brown Foundation has said it will match any donations made before Dec. 31 up to \$100,000.

Anyone wishing to get more information about fund raisers or how to make a donation can either attend the meeting or call Kenneth Hall at 669-5820.

Official says Sunday house fire deliberately set

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

A fire that blazed out of control at 833 Hill early Sunday morning was intentionally set, said Fire Marshal Gary Stevens.

"There was no reason for the fire," he said. "There was no electricity and no gas. The house was vacant... Somebody set it a fire."

This is the sixth structure fire in Pampa within a three-week period, including a fire at 820 E. Locust which resulted in the death of 47-year-old Princess Frances "Penny" Gardner. The

Locust street fire was attributed to a faulty extension cord in the kitchen and old electrical wiring in the house.

Two of the previous fires, however, were similar to the Hill street fire, as they were also vacant structures. A Feb. 16 fire in a storage shed located behind an empty home at 627 N. Banks was intentionally set but is probably the work of kids, Stevens said. However, another vacant house fire, a duplex in the 500 block of North Faulkner set on Feb. 18, is also under investigation and believed to be intentional.

At this time, Stevens does not

know if the two fires on Hill street and Faulkner are connected. There are currently no motives or suspects in either fire. However, a study of the burn patterns and the damage to the rooms at the Hill street house will give more information, said Stevens.

The Pampa Fire Department dispatched ten fire fighters to combat the Hill Street fire after receiving a call at 3:35 a.m. Sunday morning. The blaze burned out of control until shortly after 6 a.m., causing an estimated \$20,000 worth of damage, Stevens said.

Cheese sale for school



(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

Students at Travis Elementary School are gearing up for their 12th annual cheese and sausage sale. The sale, which is sponsored by the booster club, will help to raise money for the school equipment. This year's sale is targeted for new playground equipment. The sale will last through March 16 and residents can place an order by calling 669-4950 or contacting their favorite Travis Elementary School student. The cheese and sausage is from Zach's cheese, based in Guymon, Okla. Pictured above are students showing some of the prizes they could win during the sale. Students pictured are: bottom, Ben Gibson; second row, Alisha Jones and Kerri Carter; top right, Jacob Stillwagon. Aggie Zakrzewicz, a representative of Zach's cheese, is pictured at the top left.

Animal Control faces caring for castoff pets

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Cute or fuzzy, lovable or aloof, wet and hungry, they all have one thing in common. They've been abandoned or dumped by the people who said they would care for them and now they've all wound up at the animal shelter.

Some have been picked up as strays, others get dropped off, but they're all looking for someone who will provide food, shelter, medical care and above all else love.

These are the pets that find their way to the Pampa animal shelter. The castoffs that are old enough to breed, the ones that owners didn't take the responsibility of having neutered, or the puppy or kitten which has outgrown the cute stage and has started chewing shoes and clawing the furniture.

The Pampa animal shelter takes in more than 200 pets each month. Dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, birds and even the occasional pot-bellied pig are offered temporary shelter and hope of a lasting home.

"The only way to prevent this is to have your pets spayed or neutered," said Sandy Burns, chief Animal Control officer. "Most people think they are finding homes for their puppies and kittens when they give them away. They'd be surprised at how soon so many wind up here."

"The old wives' tale that an animal should have a litter first is just that, an old wives' tale. Having a litter doesn't make a better pet. It just makes more animals that need home, more animals that need to be neutered," Burns said.

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Out washing the car



(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

Area residents take advantage of the warm, sunny weather Monday to wash their vehicles. Lines of cars were visible at local car washes throughout the day. Pictured above washing their vehicle are Elder Norton and Elder Hollingshead, fulltime Mormon missionaries in Pampa who took advantage of their day off to clean up their car.

McVeigh's lawyer says newspaper stole statement, calls confession a hoax

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh's lawyer says the defense concocted his purported confession to trick one of the real Oklahoma City bombing conspirators into coming forward. The attorney also accused *The Dallas Morning News* of stealing the confidential memo.

After the newspaper published a story last Friday about the supposed confession, attorney Stephen Jones said the memo may have been a hoax. On Monday, he told reporters it was among hundreds of computer files stolen by the newspaper.

He demanded an investigation of the newspaper, and accused the *Morning News* of breaking into the defense's computer files to obtain documents for McVeigh and co-defendant Terry Nichols, as well as 25,000 FBI files.

Jones offered no proof that theft was committed and said he could not disclose precisely what documents had allegedly been stolen. Federal prosecutors said no one had formally requested an investigation.

The newspaper denied breaking any laws. Its lawyer, Paul Watler, said the paper used "lawful newsgathering techniques" and "did not hack into Mr. Jones' computer system and it did not assist anyone else in doing so."

"We have no fear of criminal repercussions," Watler said.

In the story published online Friday, the newspaper cited the defense memorandum that said McVeigh admitted to driving the explosives-laden truck that demolished the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in April 1995, killing 168 people and injuring more than 500.

The memo said he chose a daytime attack to ensure a "body count."

Jones responded within hours, saying the document was either a hoax or had been stolen; he suggested the paper had been duped by one of its critics.

On Monday, the defense elaborated. It said the confession was a ploy to elicit statements from

someone else the defense suspected.

"The defense believed that this person was willing to talk if the individual believed that he was not suspected by the defense of being a participant in the bombing," the defense said in a statement.

That person, the defense claimed, "had a history of incitement to violence and criminal activity."

Jones denied that the statement from McVeigh was a confession or even a "legitimate" defense memo, but said he could not characterize it further because of a gag order by U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch. He said he found the document in his files after the newspaper published excerpts.

"They knew or should have known that they had stolen documents," Jones said. "They knew or should have known they had no authorized release from Tim McVeigh, Judge Matsch or myself. There is no justification whatever for this criminal act."

Nichols' attorney, Michael Tigar, said none of his client's confidential memoranda or privileged materials have been compromised. He said Jones'

computer records included some of Nichols' defense files, but only witness statements shared with the prosecution.

McVeigh's trial is scheduled to begin March 31 in federal court here, with Nichols' trial to follow. But Jones said he may ask for a 90-day delay as a "cooling off period."

The *Morning News* filed a statement in court saying it would not report any more information from material used as "the source of the previous articles." The paper said it was "sensitive to the tension between Mr. McVeigh's fair trial rights and the national public interest in this case."

Editor Ralph Langer said the purported confession story was of overriding public significance, but additional articles based on the defense reports "would not rise to the same level of importance."

Jones also said he would ask the Texas Supreme Court to investigate whether the *Morning News* reporter who wrote the confession story, Pete Slover, a lawyer, should be disbarred.

State briefs

Republic of Texas man files suit against San Angelo

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A "citizen" of the Republic of Texas has filed a \$27 million lawsuit against the city of San Angelo over three traffic citations that could have been cleared up with a \$20 payment.

John Albert Crain of Crane was given tickets for driving with an expired driver's license, an expired license plate and no insurance while in San Angelo on Dec. 20.

Instead of paying for the tickets or contesting them in city court, Crain told the city attorney's office that the traffic tickets violated his rights as a "citizen of the Republic of Texas."

Republic followers claim Texas was annexed illegally by the United States and remains an independent nation.

In documents submitted to the city, Crain declared he has "never surrendered his inalienable/unalienable rights or his personal sovereignty to the government of the United States or other private corporate creations such as the state of Texas."

would eliminate the helmet provision for riders 21 and older.

UT told to release names on law school waiting list

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas must reveal the names of white law school applicants who were put on a waiting list and didn't get in.

The ruling by a state district judge could mean more lawsuits that challenge the school's admissions decisions.

Steven Smith, the attorney who sued UT in the Hopwood case, which ended racial preferences for Texas college students last summer, made the open records request in September. He asked for the names of white and "non-preferred minority" applicants on the waiting list in 1995 and 1996.

When UT refused to release names, Smith sued and Travis County Judge Jeanne Meurer ruled on Feb. 18 that the list was public information that must be released.

Jury finds parents, Honda to blame in son's death

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A jury has found both Honda Motor Co. and a Mexican couple responsible for the death of the couple's son when a three-wheel vehicle overturned.

The jury awarded the parents \$30 million in damages, but they will receive \$12 million because they were found to share responsibility for the boy's death, attorneys said.

"Honda will pay about one-third of the total \$30 million award," Bob Hilliard, an attorney for the parents, said Monday.

House delays vote on repealing helmet law

AUSTIN (AP) — A House committee heard three hours of testimony on the state's motorcycle helmet law before deciding it needed more time to consider repealing the 1989 measure.

The House Committee on Transportation left the bill authored by Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, pending Monday after testimony by a parade of Texans for and against the helmet law.

Current law requires all motorcyclists to wear helmets. Pitts' bill

Shamrock man receives four years for assault of Wheeler deputy sheriff

WHEELER — A 33-year-old Shamrock man was in Wheeler County jail today awaiting transfer to state prison after being convicted of assaulting a public servant.

Domacina Mares Luna Jr., also known as Dan Luna, was found guilty in Wheeler County District Court Friday of assaulting a peace officer and sentenced to four years in the Texas Department of Corrections and a \$2,500 fine.

Wheeler County authorities said Luna was in the county jail today waiting to be transferred to Huntsville.

Luna was convicted of assaulting Wheeler County Deputy Sheriff Jerry Bailey on March 17, 1996, at 302 S. Oklahoma Street in

Shamrock. Bailey and Constable Jerry Bob Jernigan were answering a domestic violence call at the time, said District Attorney John Mann, who prosecuted the case.

Luna was represented by James Fling of Shamrock.

"We must protect our law enforcement officers from assaults if we as citizens ask them to protect us," Mann told the jury in his closing arguments.

This was Luna's first conviction, Mann said.

The punishment for the crime of which he was convicted ranges from two to 10 years in jail. Luna was eligible for probation; however, he accepted an offer of four years in prison rather than have the jury decide his sentence.

Cowboy hall



A hallway at Wilson Elementary School carries an extensive depiction of cowboy and cowgirl related items that were used to decorate the hallway.

Group pushes school voucher idea

AUSTIN (AP) — With House bills already filed to allow government-paid private school tuition, and the Senate Education Committee chairman poised to file his own plan, a school choice group says momentum is on its side.

"Clearly there is movement on this issue," Joe Christie, a former state senator, said Monday. "There is a genuine effort by a disparate group of elected officials to try some new ideas in order to make our educational system better in Texas."

He was joined at a news conference by Austin businessman Jimmy Mansour, who also is treasurer for a political action committee, the A+ PAC for Parental School Choice. The PAC has raised money to elect religious conservatives to the State Board of Education.

Mansour said his effort with Christie, called Putting Children First, is separate from his work for the PAC.

"I'm not here as a Republican. Joe's not here as a Democrat. The issue of school choice should not be about politics," Mansour said.

Putting Children First supports: — A pilot program to allow

children in low-performing public schools access to public funds for private school tuition.

Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, has filed such a limited school choice measure. It would allow students at low-performing schools, who can't transfer to another public school, to use public funds for private school tuition.

Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, has filed a broader school choice measure, dubbed the child-centered scholarship program.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, plans to file a bill providing for a pilot program for the so-called school vouchers.

Removing the cap on independent charter schools, which are publicly funded, separate from school districts, free from many state regulations and able to enroll students regardless of district lines. Bivins has filed a bill to raise the limit from 20 to 100.

Other groups oppose using public funds for private school tuition.

"The current public education system in Texas already is dramatically underfunded. Average

spending per student lags behind average national spending by nearly \$1,000 per student per year. To divert any funding from our public schools would widen further this already unacceptable gap," said the Coalition for Public Schools, which includes teacher, parent and school administrator organizations.

Cecile Richards of the Texas Freedom Network, which monitors the activities of religious conservatives on the State Board of Education and elsewhere, said: "Mr. Mansour, chair of the voucher group, and his PAC raised over \$500,000 in the past year to elect extremists to the State Board ... Why would we trust him with our tax money?"

The board members called "extremists" by Richards have called for replacing the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills with periodic administration of another, nationally recognized test; have sought restoration of board control over textbook content; and have voiced concern that a national education standards project could inject radical ideas into the school curriculum.

WT officials named to education consortium

CANYON — Three West Texas A&M University officials have been appointed to rapid response teams with the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC).

Dr. James Clark, head of the Division of Agriculture, was appointed to the team for agriculture and sustainable development; Dr. James Hallmark, associate professor of speech communication, will serve on the rapid response team for communications; and Dr. Vaughn Nelson, dean of the Graduate School, research and information technology, was named to the team for energy related sciences and engineering.

TIEC is a consortium of 32 public universities in Texas that develops, coordinates and conducts international education programs and activities on behalf of the affiliated universities.

TIEC has administered programs in more than 20 countries throughout the world. Programs vary in length and in academic

subject matter, and for each program, TIEC brings together human resources from its member universities.

Consortium leaders developed 10 rapid response teams to address a variety of different concerns. Each university in the consortium nominated candidates for the teams, and about four or five people were appointed to each team, according to Hallmark.

"Rapid response teams have several purposes," Hallmark said. "One is to provide input as to what we are capable of doing as a consortium. We also have to provide input on grant submissions when they write proposals."

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If a grant is landed, the teams are in charge of identifying people to work the grant."

Nelson said his team will collect information about what kinds of energy-related programs are in progress at the member schools, and it will identify experts in those areas to work on grant-funded projects.

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Complaint holds up prison release for pathologist

LUBBOCK (AP) — A discredited West Texas pathologist will remain imprisoned until a parole board panel reconsiders the release it granted him last November, a state prison official said.

Ralph Erdmann was eligible for parole on Monday, but written complaints from undisclosed sources prompted the Angleton panel that approved his parole on Nov. 1 to take another look at the case.

"The panel asked that his file be sent to them for a reconsideration," said Glen Castlebury, spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Austin. "Knowing they wanted to reconsider this, we notified the authorities in Lubbock not to release him."

Erdmann, 70, initially received 10 years' probation for his 1992 conviction on six counts of falsifying autopsies in Lubbock, Hockley and Dickens counties, but authorities in Washington state discovered he had a cache of arms after he moved there.

The weapons violated his probation and he was extradited.

Erdmann has resided at the Stiles Unit near Beaumont since last May, but he was transported to the Lubbock County Jail last month to testify in a murder case in which he was the pathologist. He was still there Monday.

Lubbock attorney Philip Wischkaemper was upset when he found out about his client's impending return to the southeast Texas prison.

"Disappointed is an understatement," he said. "I have not talked to Dr. Erdmann, so I can't tell you what his reaction is."

The names of the complaining parties in a parole case are confidential, Castlebury said. Parole panels don't operate on any set timelines, so there's no way of telling when they'll make their decision, he added.

He became eligible for parole last September, and in November a panel granted him the March 3 parole date.

A condition of his parole was that he live in Travis County, where he has relatives. Upon release, he'd still have to report to a parole officer and stay out of further trouble through 2005, when his sentence would have ended.

Pain may be eliminated for millions

(SPECIAL) — A drug that is exciting researchers in the treatment of pain has been formulated into a new product known as "Arthur Itis," and is being called a "Medical Miracle" by some, in the treatment of debilitating conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, painful muscle aches, joint aches, simple backache, bruises, and more. Although the mechanism of action is unclear, experiments indicate that Arthur Itis, relieves pain by first selectively attracting, and then destroying the messenger chemical which carries pain sensations to the brain, thus eliminating pain in the affected area. Arthur Itis, is available immediately without a prescription in an odorless, greaseless, non-staining cream or new easy applicator liquid form. Arthur Itis, is guaranteed to work or your money back.

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Opinion

Hypocrisy mires finance reform

One of the most dangerous ideas politicians are now debating is that America must restrict the First Amendment in order to reform the way political campaigns are financed.

Some prominent campaign reformers have admitted that constitutionally protected free-speech rights are a barrier to effective reform. Rather than adjust their views on campaign financing, these crusaders want to adjust the Constitution with an amendment to encourage campaign-finance reform.

The First Amendment was meant primarily to protect political rights. This amendment would turn that safeguard on its head by giving authorities virtually unrestricted power to void free-speech rights in the political arena.

Under a proposed amendment Congress may adopt "reasonable regulations of funds expended" on campaigns. That sounds so, well, reasonable. In reality it would open the door to any half-baked reform idea that could gain passage.

The reason for the proposal is obvious: Zealous campaign-finance reformers can't get their ideas past the U.S. Supreme Court, which consistently protects donations to political campaigns as "speech."

Democracy depends on vigorous, open and sometimes rancorous debate. It is refreshing to see the courts treat as sacrosanct the part of the Constitution that enumerates those rights.

Americans need to understand that the crusade - however high-minded it may appear - to rid America of the influence of special interests, may only succeed in limiting the influence of individuals in the political system.

People give to political action committees and activist groups because they support those groups' ideals. Businesses give to campaigns because the government has so much power to control their future. It is hard to see how curtailing those citizens' rights to support the politicians of their choice will lead to more democracy rather than less.

Beyond the free-speech debate, there are important practical reasons to oppose finance reform efforts.

The best way to overcome an incumbent's natural advantages - name recognition, franking privileges, "free" media and the ability to bring pork home to the district - is by raising money.

Local campaign restrictions limiting the ability of candidates to raise funds can actually increase the kingmaker role of special interests. Democratic political consultant Dane Strother wrote in a recent *New York Times* column.

After two localities passed campaign spending caps, "Special interests filled the vacuum. Unions and big business set up independent campaigns to help the candidates of their liking, while politicians were reduced to begging them for support," Strother wrote.

Perhaps the most annoying part of the current debate is the rank hypocrisy at work. President Bill Clinton and congressional Democrats are yelling the loudest for campaign reform. Yet, each day new revelations detail the shady and even illegal fundraising activities of the administration and the Democratic National Committee.

The Clintonites say new laws will reform the system. But how can we believe them when they didn't pay much attention to existing ones?

Thought for today

"You and I may never see it, but ultimately nothing is so certain as the triumph of the things of the spirit over the gross material forces of American civilization."

Bliss Perry, *A Study of Prose Fiction*

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Jim Berry

"Hi, hon! Did you have a good day in your cubicle - I mean at the office?"

Deng left a substantial legacy



Stephen Chapman

When Deng Xiaoping died Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the age of 92, commentators began and ended by reminding us that he didn't allow democratic change in China, as if that failure were the critical fact about his life. It wasn't. Deng didn't accomplish everything he might have, but few political leaders in this century had a greater or more positive effect on the world.

All he did was bring one-fourth of the human race out of darkness and toward the light. So radically did he transform China that it's hard now to recall what it used to be. In 1978, his country was the wreck left behind by Mao Zedong: poor, suffocatingly regimented, bent on world revolution and safely sealed off from the outside world. Today, it is a fast rising economic power open to contact with foreigners and steadily becoming a normal member of the international community.

Since Deng's ascent, the standard of living of ordinary Chinese has more than doubled. The nation's output is nearly three times greater than it was. As *The Economist* magazine said in 1994, the growth under Deng "brought about one of the biggest improvements in human welfare anywhere at any time."

No one could have foreseen the scale of change that has occurred in less than 20 years. Deng succeeded not so much by what he built as by what he dismantled. He scrapped the farming collectives that had strangled production, allowed foreigners to invest in China and Chinese to study and travel abroad, permitted aspiring entrepreneurs to start businesses and junked most of the controls that governed nearly the whole of daily life for 1.2 billion people. He gave up supporting revolution abroad in favor of rapprochement with the West.

"He did good by not doing harm," says China scholar Arthur Waldron of Brown University and

the Naval War College. A lifelong Communist and veteran of the Long March, Deng's lasting achievement was allowing the introduction of capitalism and the restoration of normalcy. He left ample proof of the wisdom of getting the government out of the way.

Not that Deng was a visionary. His relentless pragmatism came from seeing the catastrophes wrought by Mao's bizarre experiments. The Great Leap Forward of the 1950s, a crash program of agricultural collectivization, created possibly the worst famine in history, causing 30 million deaths. The Cultural Revolution of the 1960s ad '70s - Mao's effort to restore the nation's revolutionary spirit by unleashing fanatical young Red Guards on supposed enemies - precipitated violence, upheaval and vast political persecution.

Deng, one of the persecuted, needed no tutoring on Mao's folly. He was evicted from office as a "capitalist reader," publicly humiliated and sent to toil for years in a tractor plant. His younger brother was driven to suicide. His son was thrown out a fourth-floor window and permanently paralyzed. Recalled by Mao, Deng was toppled again after the chairman's death in 1976, only to gain supreme power two years later.

When Deng got his chance to jettison the insanity of the previous 30 years, he didn't waste it. At a 1978 party conference, he surprised his fellow revolutionaries by uttering this heresy: "What do the people want from the Communist Party? First, to be liberated, and second, to be made rich."

Deng let the Chinese people begin to get rich, but he was less willing to liberate them politically. In most ways, the country did grow freer: Chinese no longer needed permission to travel or move, they could listen to Western music, wear Western clothes and talk to Western visitors, and they could grouse about the government in everyday conversation.

The limits, though, were firm. The people couldn't challenge the Communist Party openly, and they couldn't have a say in how the country was run. Deng flirted with political reform for a while, but he was not willing to take the risks that brought down Mikhail Gorbachev. When the demands for change grew too bold during the 1989 Tiananmen Square uprising, it was Deng who insisted on sending in the army to crush the democracy movement. And, in the ensuing years, he presided over a campaign to silence dissidents.

Although he saw clearly how Mao had erred, Deng was blind to the implications of his own policies. He thought he could build a modern economy without revamping China's primitive autocracy. He assumed that people granted prosperity would be willing to forgo freedom, ignoring a wealth of historical evidence to the contrary. Without intending to, he put China on the road to democracy.

True, he did his best to suppress democracy. In the end, though, the forces he unleashed are bound to overcome his preference. That process may take years or decades, but it too will be part of the formidable legacy of Deng Xiaoping.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, March 4, the 63rd day of 1997. There are 302 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 4, 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for the lack of a quorum.)

On this date:
In 1681, England's King Charles II granted a charter to William Penn for an area of land that later became Pennsylvania.

In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state.

In 1797, 200 years ago, John Adams was inaugurated as the second president of the United States.

In 1829, an unruly crowd mobbed the White House during the inaugural reception for President Jackson.

In 1897, 100 years ago, William McKinley was sworn in as the 25th president.

In 1902, the American Automobile Association was founded in Chicago.



The Civil War is dead and gone

Charley Reese

Hollywood images of the Old South. To watch movies or television, you would think the South had nobody but rich plantation owners and slaves. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In 1860, there were seven million whites in the South, and 6.6 million of them did not own one single slave. There were 250,000 free blacks living in the 15 slave states. Some of them owned slaves. Five slave states fought with the North. Some blacks, both slave and free, voluntarily fought for the Confederacy.

History is infinitely more complex than demagogues, historically illiterate journalists and screenwriters try to make it.

Another lie repeated over and over is that Georgia changed its flag, and South Carolina raised its Confederate flag in defiance of the civil rights movement. Not so. Airheads often think that whatever obsesses them, obsesses everybody. Nevertheless, there were other things going on in the 1960s besides the civil rights movement. One was the centennial of the Civil War.

Georgia changed its flag in anticipation of the centennial, and South Carolina raised its flag during the centennial. Next to the American Revolution, no event is more significant in

American history than the Civil War.

About 100,000 books have been written about it, and more are still being written about it. Tens of thousands of Americans visit the battlefields, collect memorabilia, participate in Civil War round tables or in heritage organizations like the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sons of the Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. Other thousands spend big sums on uniforms and equipment to reenact the battles.

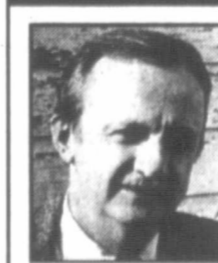
Trying to reduce interest in the Civil War to racism is nonsense.

Winston Churchill described the South's valiant fight against overwhelming odds as "one of the glorious moments in American history." That's what the Confederate flag symbolizes - the valor, honor and sacrifice of men who put their lives where their love of liberty was.

Anyone who wants to ban racist yahoos from waving the flag will get my help. They desecrate it. But if our Yankee high court won't let us protect the other flag we love, the American flag, it darn sure won't allow us to protect the Confederate flag.

We have more pressing problems to solve than a quarrel over historic symbols. People who attack the Confederate symbols are racist and divisive. But trust me, for as long as the flag is attacked, true Southerners will defend it. We will not allow our heritage to be made hostage to other people's ignorance and malice.

The time for finance reform is now



Joseph Spear

If we could get a few major players in the U.S. Senate to read some Horace, we could fix this campaign-finance mess.

"Seize the day," wrote the Roman poet and satirist, and that is precisely what the lawmakers in the Upper Chamber should do. The Clinton campaign's fundraising scandals present them with the sort of opportunity that hasn't been seen in Washington since Richard Nixon skimmed corporate coffers for obscene sums in 1972 and gave birth to the Federal Election Commission.

If this opportunity to rewrite the laws that purport to govern political fundraising is passed up, the chance might not come again for another quarter of a century. One compelling statistic tells it all: In the last session of Congress, 92 reform proposals were considered, and 92 were killed.

I put the onus on the Senate because the House is hopeless. Speaker Newt Gingrich is deeply into an image-recovery phase, necessitated by his own fundraising abuses. The investigation of campaign-finance wrongdoing has fallen to the Government Reform and Oversight Committee, chaired by Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., who probably wears his partisan blinders to bed, the better to keep his mind free of Democratic sacrilege.

So that leaves us at the mercy of the Senate. And, truth be told, the prospects in this arena are not so good either. Majority Leader Trent Lott seems sedately indifferent to reform.

Majority Whip Mitch McConnell is an implacable foe of change.

Only three titlers against windmills have come to the fore. Republican John McCain of Arizona and Democrat Russell Feingold of Wisconsin are doggedly pursuing the issue and have introduced a bill that would alter the system in major ways. Fred Thompson of Tennessee has also spoken up for reform, but some wonder whether his support is show or substance.

Thompson rose to fame as the minority counsel to the Senate Watergate Committee, slid into lobbying, became a movie actor, then campaigned for the Senate in plaid shirts and a pickup truck. As chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, he is heading up the Senate investigation of campaign misdeeds. He has promised a bipartisan effort, but his early maneuvers have been disturbingly antagonistic. He has asked for an open-ended probe. He wants \$6.5 million to finance it. He has appointed a huge staff. His first critical move was a call for 52 subpoenas that

focused exclusively on Democratic abuses.

Democrats reacted with fury, and correctly so. If all this commotion is to amount to anything more than another taxpayer-funded partisan assault - a la Alfonso D'Amato's Whitewater hearings - then the dirty laundry that's hauled out for bleaching will have to be emblazoned with elephants as well as asses.

Yes, investigate Bill Clinton and the Democrats. Expose and punish them. But let's also hear about Bob Dole's foreign contributors, his favors for financial backers, his use of corporate aircraft. Let's hear about Newt Gingrich's use of foreign embassies to raise money and the booty he got from members of the World Sikh Organization. Let's hear why Common Cause charged George Bush with running "a White House on the auction block." Let's hear about the Bel Air mansion that Ronald Reagan's right-wing business supporters bought for him.

That kind of talk scares them all - Republicans and Democrats alike. They know they're popping the top on a huge septic tank and the more they stir it, the more it will stink.

The potential catastrophe is that they will try to keep the lid on, which would defeat serious reform. I can think of half a dozen ideas off the top of my head that deserve study: instantaneous disclosure of donations; free television time; restrictions on out-of-state gifts; closure of the "soft money" loophole that permits unlimited contributions for general party activities; reduction of PAC contributions; retooling the FEC.

Carpe diem, people.

Poll: Six in 10 Texans support Bush's property tax cut plan

By STEVE RAY
Harte-Hanks Texas Poll Syndicate

Six in every 10 Texans support a property tax cut plan being pushed by Gov. George Bush, according to the Harte-Hanks Texas Poll.

But about half of Texans — including 53 percent of property owners — say their local property taxes are fair. And 59 percent of Texans would be willing to pay higher sales taxes if it reduced property taxes.

Analysts say public support of the governor's plan stems more from Bush's high popularity than an understanding of his proposals.

Bush has the highest favorability rating of Texas governors in at least 12 years. Sixty-nine percent of Texans approve of the job he is doing, 25 percent disapprove and 6 percent don't know.

"The details of this plan are not known by the public," said Bill Miller, an Austin based political consultant who works for both Democrats and Republicans. "They like the governor. He says it's a good idea. So they say it's a good idea."

The Republican governor has toured the state in recent weeks touting his plan as a way to reduce rising property taxes.

He has proposed lowering local property taxes by nearly \$3 billion a year and paying for it with higher sales taxes, a new business tax and \$1 billion from budget savings.

His efforts could be paying off.

Sixty-five percent of Texas property owners said they supported his plan compared with 26 percent who opposed it. And 59 percent of Texans said they would be willing to pay higher sales taxes if it reduced their property taxes.

Bush said the poll reflects what he is hearing from working people across Texas in his town hall meetings.

"There appears to be strong support of doing something about property tax relief," Bush said. "I hope that the message that exists outside the Capital comes here to Austin and people make the case to their elected officials."

Many of those elected officials are scrutinizing Bush's plan, which is coming under increased criticism by special interest groups and state law makers.

The most recent attack on the proposal came last month from the Legislative Budget Board, the analysts that provide official financial impact studies for state budget writers.

That report concluded that Texas taxpayers would see overall taxes fall by an average of 2.9 percent and that the average homeowner's property taxes would fall about 25 percent. Those results are smaller than the governor's office had projected.

It also stated that two-thirds of the new business activity tax would be passed on to consumers through higher retail prices, lower wages and lower investment returns.

And it forecast that Bush's plan would make poor Texans pay a larger proportion of their income in taxes.

"Obviously the public has not had an opportunity to review the details of his plan," said state Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, who heads a special House committee scrutinizing the proposal. "The devil is in the details and it takes a lot of study and a lot of effort."

Bush said the legislative analysis was based on flawed assumptions.

"I'm not surprised that people are setting up all kinds of smoke screens and ... trying to frighten people," he said. "But the most frightening thing is an increased property tax in our state."

The Texas Poll showed:
— Support for Bush's proposals stretch across all ethnic, income, geographical and gender lines.
— Among the 677 property owners surveyed, 53 percent thought their property taxes were fair compared with 43 percent who thought they were unfair.

Bush said that could easily change.
"The 53 percent who don't think their taxes are too high today will think so if we don't do something about it in short order," Bush said. "As a result of reappraisals and tremendous pressure caused by the number of new children coming into school districts, property taxes will continue to go up. So the number who think their property taxes are fair could be significantly less than that in a year's time if the state doesn't act."

— Forty-seven percent of Texans say businesses were paying their fair share of state taxes compared with 35 percent who disagreed. That's down from 1983 when 60 percent of Texans said businesses were paying their fair share of taxes.
"All this talk about taxes has raised questions in people's minds," said Miller, who represents retailers interested in the property tax debate. "But they still don't have enough information. I expect a drop off in support. Bush is going around saying some people aren't paying their share of taxes. It's a blanket indictment of Texas business and I don't think that's healthy. It's creating animosity between

the working class and the business class."

— Texans weren't sure where the state should get the money to pay for public school system if the \$10 billion property tax system was reduced.

Twenty-seven percent supported increasing the sales tax, 21 percent didn't know and 19 percent said some other source.

Eleven percent of Texans thought it should come from a tax on business profits and six percent thought it should come on a tax on business income.

Another 6 percent thought schools should be paid for with a state income tax and five percent each supported an increase in the business franchise tax and a value-added tax.

Bush conceded his plan was complex but said he expected support to grow as people began to understand the various elements of his proposals.

"People are very interested in the details," Bush said, "and the whys and wherefores of the plan. They want to understand the general philosophy behind what I am attempting to do."

That philosophy, he said, includes finding ways to make sure Texans get a substantial property tax cut; keeping property taxes low; funding schools in a fair way; and making sure that business taxes are flat and fair.

"All those elements create a certain degree of complexity," Bush said. "But people are listening and paying attention. Reaction to my speeches has been very positive."

The poll, conducted Feb. 3-15, has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. The Office of Survey Research of the University of Texas surveyed by telephone 998 adult Texans for Harte-Hanks Communications Inc.

Study rates cities by its fat residents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some cities have more fat folk than others but it still all comes down to what and how much people eat, a new study suggests.

The 33-city study issued today by the Coalition for Excess Weight Risk Education found overall that cities with high unemployment rates and low per capita income tend to have higher rates of obesity.

Among other factors: high annual precipitation rates and a high number of food stores.

Called The National Weight Report, the study found that restaurant-rich New Orleans has the nation's highest obesity rate at 37.5 percent of adult residents while outdoor-living Denver has the lowest at 22.1 percent.

Besides New Orleans, the high-weight metropolises include Norfolk, Va., 33.9 percent; San Antonio, 32.9 percent; Kansas City, Mo., 31.6 percent; Cleveland, 31.5 percent; Detroit, 31 percent; and Cincinnati, 30.7 percent.

Easiest on the scales after Denver are Minneapolis, 22.6 percent; San Diego, 22.9 percent; Washington, D.C., 23.8 percent; Phoenix, 24.3 percent; St. Louis, 24.8 percent; and Tampa, Fla., 24.9 percent.

Why the differences? The study said its research produced some ideas.

Many people in Atlanta, it said, reported eating fried foods, eating many of their meals away from home and having a deep loyalty to "Southern style comfort food," high in fat and calories but reflecting a sense of family and regional heritage and tradition.

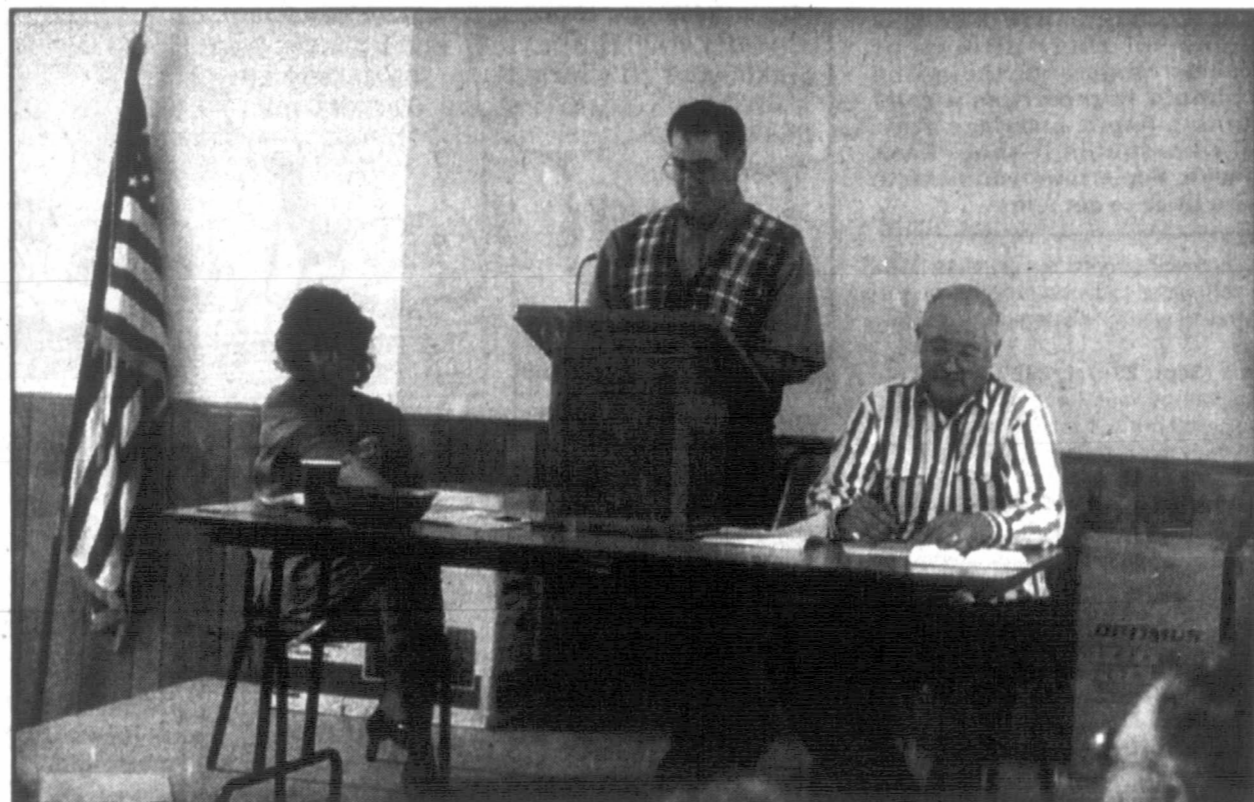
Ethnic food may be a fat builder in Cleveland, the survey said. And it said many people blamed the harsh winters for prompting them to eat meat and butterfats and biscuits and french fries to help them fuel up.

People in Phoenix said they tended to gain weight during the summers when it is too hot to exercise. But they said that may be counterbalanced by the desire to look good in tight-fitting summer clothing.

The National Weight Report is based on a list created by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which gathered the date from the National Health Interview Survey for the years 1990 and 1993. About 20,000 people, ages 20 to 74, reported their height and weight.

"As the second leading preventable cause of death in the United States, it results in some 300,000 deaths annually and contributes to major diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, cancer and stroke," the weight coalition said.

Phil-Pet Credit Union annual meeting



Phil-Pet Federal Credit Union held its annual meeting for 1997 on Saturday, with a barbecue dinner prepared by the board members. Presiding at the meeting Saturday are, from left, Leanna Cowan, Dale Garner and Gene Finney. The meeting also included officer nominations and awarding of door prizes.

(Pampa News photo by Darity Cowan)

National briefs

Doctor accused of planting false memories settles suit

APPLETON, Wis. (AP) — A woman who accused her psychiatrist of malpractice for diagnosing her with 120 separate personalities and putting her through an exorcism settled her lawsuit out-of-court for \$2.4 million.

The settlement Monday between Nadean Cool, a former nurse's aide, and Dr. Kenneth Olson came as the trial was entering its fifth week.

"We're delighted," said attorney William Smoler, speaking for Ms. Cool and her children. "It's a fair resolution to a long case, and my clients are real happy."

Olson's lawyer, David Patton, said the doctor correctly diagnosed multiple personality disorder, and that the settlement includes no admission of liability. Ms. Cool, 44, testified that her treatment from 1986 to 1992 left her suicidal and haunted by false memories. She said Olson told her one of her multiple personalities was Satan himself.

She discovered the note about eight hours before the body of JonBenet, the 1995 Little Miss Colorado, was found. An autopsy revealed the little girl had been strangled and may have been sexually assaulted.

Police did not ask Mrs. Ramsey's husband, John Ramsey, for a third handwriting sample.

Authorities have not named any suspects in the slaying.

Anti-abortion groups target teens at schools

NORTH BERGEN, N.J. (AP) — Anti-abortion advocates targeted teenagers by showing them pictures of bloody and dismembered fetuses outside high schools across the nation.

"We think the photographs speak loudly enough," said William Koehler, director of Project Awareness.

Monday was the first day of the campaign by Operation Rescue to bring "God back to school" and focus its anti-abortion efforts on youngsters. Protests were planned in 100 cities.

"We have tried the school boards," said Operation Rescue Director Flip Benham. "We have tried the courts. We have tried the legislators, and now we are going to the schools to take them back and bring them home."

Students had strong reactions to the pictures.

"I think it's just sick to see something like that," said Angie Grant, a ninth-grader at Abraham Lincoln High School in Denver. "Seeing what those mothers are doing to their babies, it's just not something I would do."

JonBenet's mother gives police handwriting sample

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The mother of slain 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey has given police a third handwriting sample, the family's spokesman said.

Patsy Ramsey supplied the handwriting sample Friday, Patrick Korten said Monday.

Officers have obtained several handwriting samples from Ramsey family members and friends in an attempt to determine who wrote a ransom note that Mrs. Ramsey found in the family's home Dec. 26.



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Arkansas turns to grim task of rebuilding

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Clint Butler cleared debris from his stricken mini-storage business and waited for the insurance adjuster to show up and go over the \$35,000 loss.

Most of the 50 units he rents are gone, their bright blue sheet metal walls shredded by Saturday's tornadoes. "Right here, you can say that half of my business is gone," Butler said.

While businesses began the grim task of tallying up their losses Monday, the death toll rose to 25 when an injured man died in a hospital. The same violent storm system left widespread flooding, destruction and death from Texas to West Virginia over the weekend.

An elderly man was still missing near Arkadelphia, southwest of Little Rock. In that city alone, 373 homes, 45 businesses and 16 public buildings were damaged or destroyed in a tornado.

Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., described what he saw there: "It's a scene of total and utter destruction. It's very similar to scenes reminiscent of World War II."

People trying to rebuild their lives received words of encouragement as federal officials toured the shaken state Monday. James Lee Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, got a close look at hard-hit areas in advance of today's visit by President Clinton.

"We'll be doing everything we can to make it easier for these people," Witt said.

National Weather Service meteorologists measuring the tornado's track and force found it grew to eight-tenths of a mile wide with sustained winds of up to 260 mph in a swath of Saline County, southwest of Little Rock.

In that area Monday, residents burned piles of branches or searched for anything of value in acres of tangled wreckage. Children's pajamas and other clothing dangled from broken treetops. Everywhere, crews repaired power lines and roofs. A spray-painted plywood sign warned looters to stay away.

Those rebuilding should also be on the lookout for scam contractors who "flock to a disaster area like vultures to a dead animal," cautioned Arkansas Attorney General Winston Bryant.

Just outside Little Rock, Johnny Glaze took in the view just outside his Mom's Corner Grocery — to the right, smoky bonfires consumed piles of branches and debris; uphill, families pulled muddied valuables from drifts of twisted junk; ahead, utility crews cleared a road; behind, the root ball of the huge pine that pounded his roof.

"I'm pretty much retired," he said. "This is pretty much my only income. I've got to keep it going 'cause I've got a lot of people depending on me for their income."

Gov. Mike Huckabee spent the day on his own tour of stricken areas.

"Even through that, you can still hear them say, 'I'm glad to be alive,'" he said.

AT&T plans financial cuts to revitalize business

BASKING RIDGE, N.J. (AP) — Thinking of switching to AT&T in exchange for some free money? Think again.

AT&T Corp. is sharply curtailing the expensive practice of luring new customers with financial incentives — from 60 percent in 1996 to 20 percent at the end of this year.

The new strategy is just one element of a \$2.6 billion, two-year cost-cutting drive unveiled Monday.

AT&T's new president, John R. Walter, predicted that the company's push to cut costs, combined with up to \$9 billion in fresh spending on local, wireless, and other new businesses this year, would result in double-digit growth in profits and revenues by 2002.

Despite the optimistic long-term outlook, Walter sent the company's stock reeling 7.5 percent Monday by predicting that increased costs and rivalry would depress already sluggish profits this year.

Walter said profit in the current quarter would be nearly 10 percent below the 76 cents a share earned in the final quarter of last year. That would be down even more from profits of 90 cents a share in the first quarter of 1996. First-quarter results are scheduled to be released toward the end of April.

Walter — who assumes Robert Allen's chief executive title in January 1998 — said the cost cuts would hit nearly every part of the business.

Most of AT&T's new capital spending is represented by \$5 billion in expenditures this year in business services.

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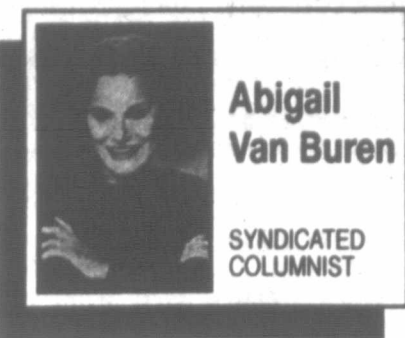
Working Wife Teaches Husband That Foreplay Can Last All Day

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter from the angry husband who signed his letter "Just Say No, My Foot," I had to write. Men seem to think that a woman, after working a full day, dealing with the kids, fixing meals, doing housework and rarely receiving a kind word, gesture or kiss from her mate, will somehow be sexually excited the minute they hop into bed and will want to attack her husband with those uncontrollable desires. I'm afraid the opposite is true.

My husband had no idea that foreplay begins in the morning and lasts all day. Of course, we had to talk about the definition of foreplay — which I described as helping me out around the house, with the kids, the laundry, the housework. I also let him know it would be nice to receive compliments like he used to give when we were courting and first married. Along with that needs to go some kind of physical contact like hugs and kisses, which I know I need to let me know that he still cares. All of these things begin to get us in the mood so that when the opportunity arises, we are as willing as they are.

Some nights I'm just not sexually motivated, but if my husband has made the effort to make me feel wanted and cared for, then I'll do the same for him.

I have a car that's 20 years old and I have to start it 10 minutes before I get ready to leave because the engine needs to warm up. After



Abigail Van Buren

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it's warm, it runs great. If I try to drive it cold, I don't get far. Well, the same goes for me in reference to intimacy and sex.

Men need to be reminded to treat their wives the way they did when they first met them and were convincing them what a great catch they would make. A little tenderness, kindness and helpfulness will get them what they want. Give and you will receive.

OVER 35 WITH A SATISFIED HUSBAND
DEAR OVER 35: Thank you for your profound observations. The letter from the cynical husband has struck nerves all over the country. Am I ever getting letters! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Just Say No, My Foot" could have been writing about me. Like his wife, I was 35, married 10 years, and had found every excuse in the world to say no to sex. I thought I'd never feel passionate or sexual again. Of course, that was before we got some marital counsel-

ing together.

It is now seven years later. I have two children under 2 years old and have sex almost every day. Most of the time I initiate it! What has caused this dramatic change? My husband.

My "new" husband tells me how pretty I am, even though I have gained 30 pounds after having the babies. He takes my hand in the car and puts his arm around me while watching television. When I'm cooking or tending to the baby, he comes up behind me, rubs my shoulders, and tells me what a good wife and mother I am. At night, when I'm dead tired, he puts his arms around me, tells me how wonderful I am and strokes my hair as I fall asleep.

My husband also goes out of his way to make time for sex when I am awake and in the mood. Sometimes this means coming home from work in the middle of the day! If "Just Say No, My Foot's" wife had a husband like mine, I'm sure she would love making love to him.

SAYING YES ALL THE TIME

DEAR JUST SAY NO, MY FOOT, AND OTHER MALE READERS: I don't know how many husbands will find this column on their pillows or breakfast plates, but those who do should regard it as a road map to a happy marriage. Anyone who doubts it should ask his wife. Sometimes you have to give a little to get a lot.



For Better or For Worse



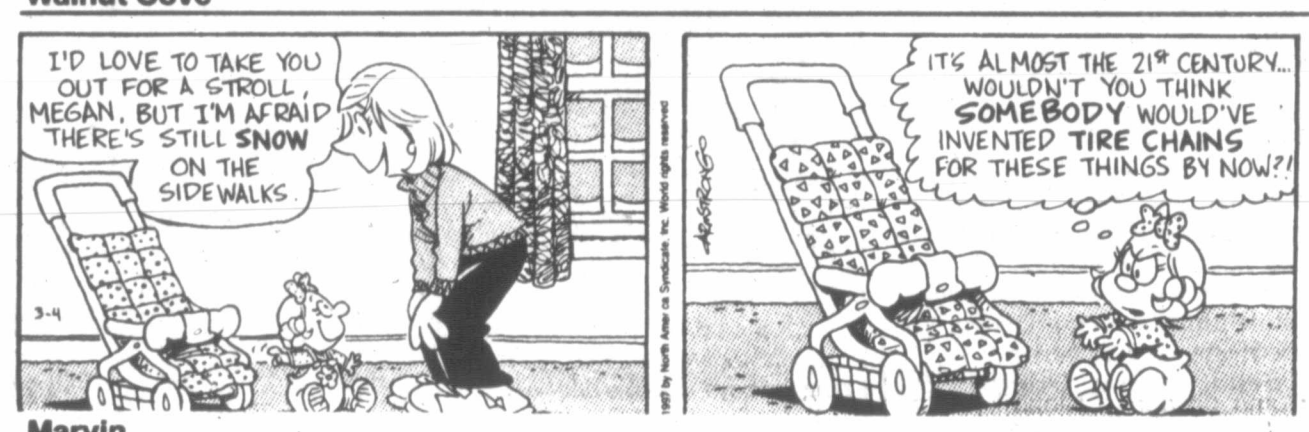
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Horoscope



Wednesday, March 5, 1997

Significant changes could be offered to Pisceans in the year ahead. These alterations will be desirable, you'll play a part in orchestrating your goals instead of leaving them up to others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Good things that develop for you today are not likely to come from your efforts alone. Events over which you have little control could be the big producers. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro Graph, c/o

this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Certain friends might start to play a more significant role in your affairs. This could work out well for all, so remain on the best of terms with everyone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Go after objectives with the greatest potential today. You will operate better when the goal is more meaningful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Have faith in your assessment of today's conditions and probabilities. You might be able to see windows of opportunity where associates see only broken glass.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might be able to comfortably alter a trying situation at work that you've been anxious to revise. Do it while there is support to back you up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Deal with associates in a thoughtful, tactful manner today; they will then want to go a few extra steps for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Excuses won't be necessary today, because tasks you felt were too challenging or too demanding won't be a threat to you any longer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your compliments will be much appreciated today because others will recognize what you say is truly felt and not merely voiced for effect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Lady Luck may see it that you are generally satisfied and appropriately rewarded today for deeds well done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Thinking big is something that should come naturally to you today. What may seem like elaborate schemes to others are within your abilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Material prospects are still looking positive. Something profitable might develop for you today, tomorrow or Friday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A different endeavor will attract your attention today. It will be worth studying and evaluating, because it may hold many opportunities.

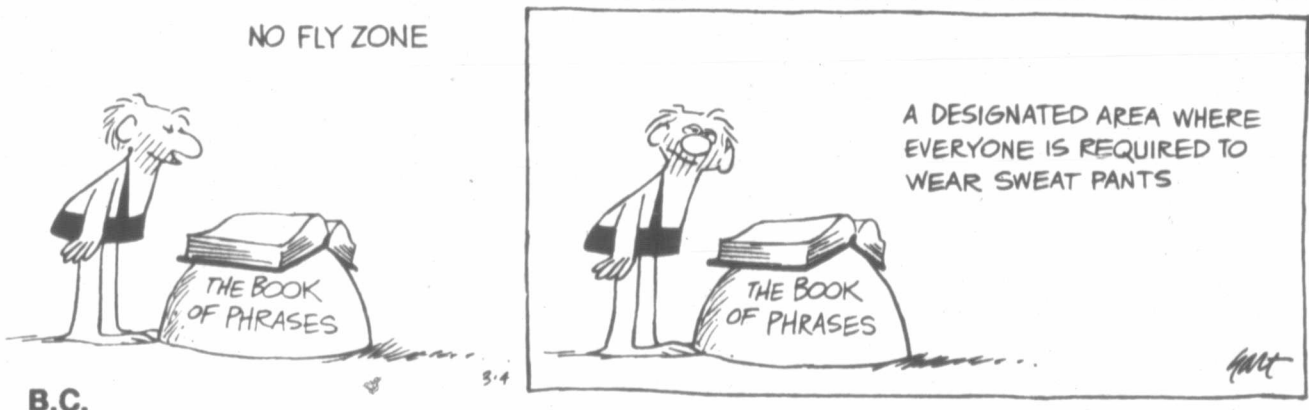
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"There's so much empty space here, I decided it was a good place for an island."



"I'm afraid to ask who ordered it."



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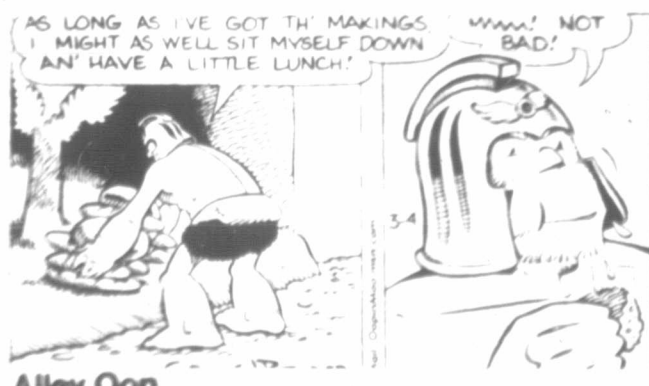
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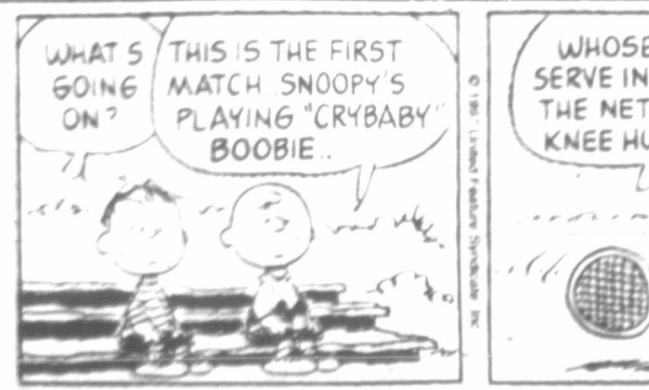
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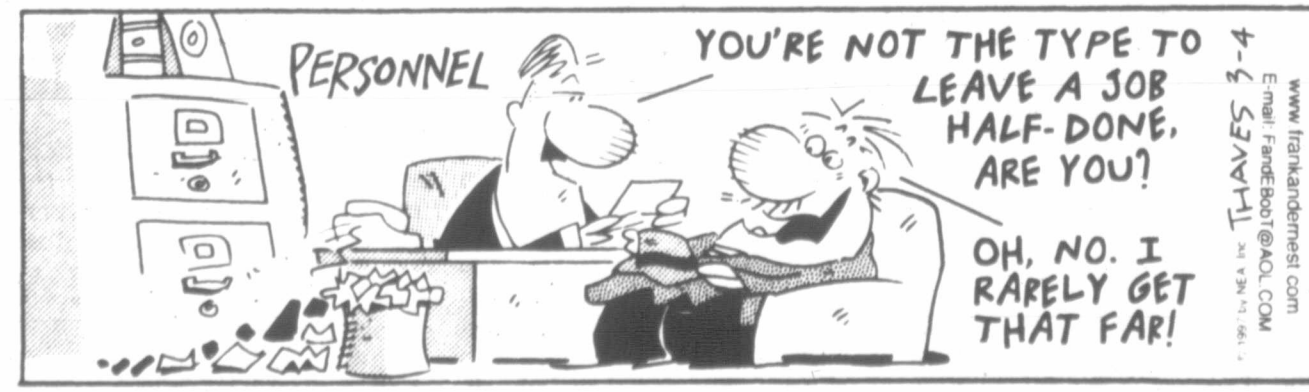
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BASKETBALL

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The SMU Mustangs dominated the San Jose State Spartans 76-52 Monday night in the first round of the Western Athletic Conference tournament.

SMU tied a tournament record by pulling down 55 rebounds but turned the ball over 27 times.

"I'm pleased with the win but not with our performance," said SMU coach Rhonda Rompola. "We did not get as well as we could have and I just hope we are saving it all for Wednesday."

The Mustangs face the No. 2 team from the Pacific Division, Colorado State, on Wednesday.

RODEO

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Jess Martin has every reason to celebrate.

The 26-year-old saddle bronc rider from Dillon, Mont., won his event at the \$241,929 La Fiesta de los Vaqueros, Feb. 21-23 in Tucson, Ariz., and quickly turned his season around.

Martin, a first-time National Finals Rodeo qualifier in 1996, scored 159 points in two rounds to rake in \$4,898 for his first win of the year.

"It went from being a bad winter to a good winter in just one rodeo," he said.

Martin is also competing in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and several other major winter rodeos.

"I'm winning the second round (in Houston) and I'm winning the average right now," he said. "I also placed in the first round (in Houston)."

Martin was 34th in last week's Crown Royal World Standings with \$2,858. This week he jumped to 12th with \$7,756 in 1997 earnings.

Despite knowing almost nothing about his first-round draw in Tucson & Beutler and Gaylord's Klondike Kite & shy; Martin scored 77 points for fifth place.

"I didn't even know that horse when I got there," he said. "I was just asking people about her. She's a really nice horse to ride."

Martin's second draw, Beutler and Gaylord's Cherry Picker, also was a mount unfamiliar to the Montana cowboy. But Martin caught a glimpse of the horse in the first round while helping his traveling partner, 1995 World Champion Saddle Bronc rider Dan Mortensen of Manhattan, Mont.

"I saw him (Cherry Picker) go and that kinda helped me there," he said. "Sunday was the first time I have ever been on him."

Martin rode Cherry Picker for 82 points to win the final round.

Other average winners in Tucson were Joe Beaver (Huntsville, Texas), all-around cowboy, calf roping and team roping, \$3,057; Clint Corey (Kennewick, Wash.), bareback riding, 158 points in two rounds, \$4,589; Clay Cerny (Eagle Lake, Texas), calf roping, 29.9 seconds in three rounds, \$5,366; Frank Thompson (Cheyenne, Wyo.), steer wrestling, 16.8 seconds in three rounds, \$4,294; Steve Pucella (Hereford, Texas) and Steve Northcott (Odessa, Texas), team roping, 20.6 seconds in three rounds, \$4,842 each; and Charmayne James (Stephenville, Texas), barrel racing, 51.66 seconds in three rounds, \$5,512. Lonnie Wyatt of Alvord, Texas, won the bull riding event with his 85-point ride in the first round aboard Beutler and Gaylord's bull No. 260.

TRIVIA

A little-known baseball record that may never be broken: Ty Cobb of the Detroit Tigers led the Major Leagues (American and National Leagues combined) in hitting seven consecutive years from 1908-1915. Cobb would go on to win three more combined batting titles in a row. Rod Carew of the Minnesota Twins led the Majors in hitting three consecutive years from 1973-75. That's the closest anyone's ever come to Cobb.

Three Dallas schools contend for state titles

AUSTIN (AP) — The Dallas Independent School District has the rare opportunity to win three state championships this weekend at the University Interscholastic League boys basketball tournament.

Four of the tournament's 20 teams are either from the Dallas Independent School District or suburban Duncanville.

Declining enrollment forced Dallas Madison, last year's Class 4A runner-up, to drop into Class 3A. Madison's (26-7) absence provided an opening for Dallas Lincoln (30-7) to earn a spot in the 4A field.

Defending Class 5A champion Dallas Kimball (36-2) returns in hopes of helping Dallas pull off the triple.

"I think it would be a first. That's how unusual that is," UIL Assistant Athletic Director Peter Contreras said. "The closest would be in 1990 when Kimball won 5A and Lincoln won 4A."

If Kimball successfully defends its championship, it will mark the first time a 5A boys team won back-to-back titles since Bryan in 1983-84.

The last teams to win consecutive championships were 2A

Troup and 1A Laneville in 1992-93.

For Duncanville, the boys' task will be to equal what the girls accomplished Saturday when they won the Class 5A state championship.

Duncanville missed accomplishing the feat in the early 90s when the boys won the 5A crown in 1991. The girls, who had won championships in 1988-90, lost in the 1991 semifinals to Victoria.

The last school to win the boys and girls championships in the same years was 1A Sudan in 1995.

The field also includes the return of 4A Houston Wheatley (30-9) which is making its ninth trip to the state tournament, but its first since 1986.

In the lower classifications, defending 3A champion Sinton (23-14) is back, while Vanderbilt Industrial (32-4) is the only repeater from last year's 2A tournament.

Boys UIL Playoff Pairings

DALLAS (AP) — Pairings for the University Interscholastic League's boys tournament at Austin's Frank Erwin Center on Thursday, Friday and Saturday:

Semifinals

Thursday, March 6

Class 1A
Wortham (25-2) vs. Weatherford Brock (28-8), 8:30 a.m.

Moulton (37-2) vs. Nazareth (31-4), 10 a.m.

Class 3A
Kountze (31-4) vs. Dallas Madison (26-7), 2 p.m.

Tulia (34-2) vs. Sinton (23-14), 3:30 p.m.

Class 4A
SA Fox Tech (34-3) vs. Sweetwater (25-11), 7 p.m.

Dallas Lincoln (30-7) vs. Houston Wheatley (23-9), 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7

Class 2A
Vanderbilt Industrial (32-4) vs. Tahoka (29-6), 9:30 a.m.

Woden (34-2) vs. Italy (25-4), 11 a.m.

Class 5A
Galena Park North Shore (33-3) vs. SA Taft (33-5), 3 p.m.

Dallas Kimball (36-2) vs. Duncanville (29-7), 7 p.m.

Finals Saturday, March 8

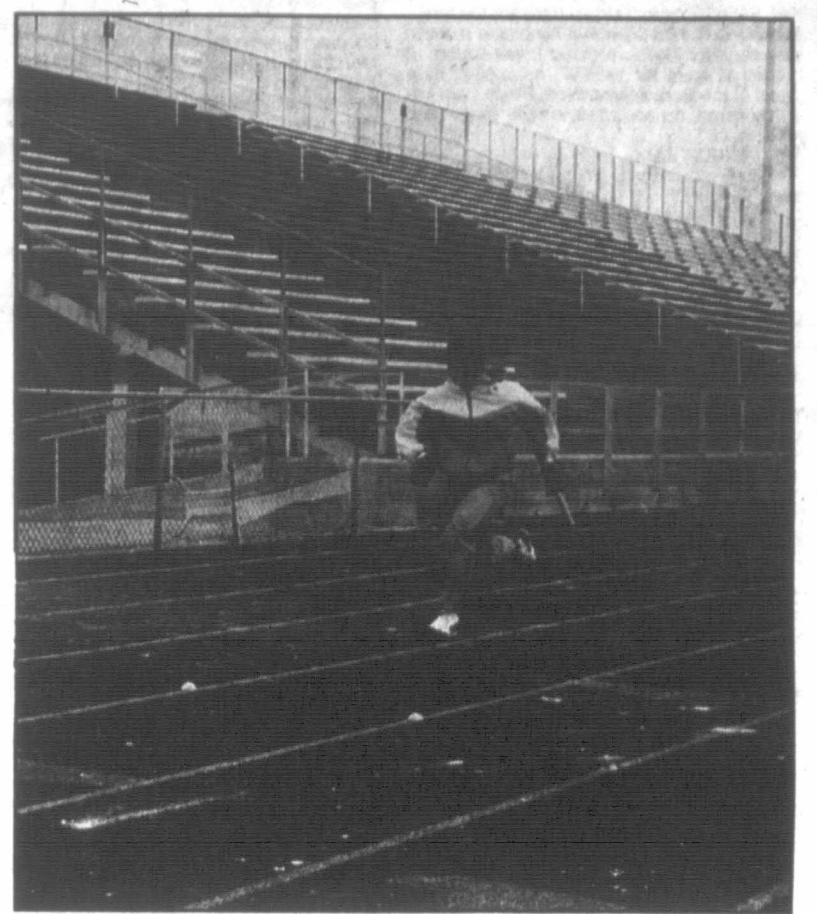
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(Pampa News photo)

Audrey Wilbon won the 400 and was a member of the winning 400 and 1600-meter relay teams at last weekend's Top O' Texas meet. The Lady Harvesters go for win No. 3 at the Plainview meet this coming weekend.

Lady Harvesters unstoppable in first two meets

PAMPA — In the first two track meets of the season, the Pampa Lady Harvesters have used both their talents and numbers to destroy opposing teams. Two runaway wins have left head coach Mike Lopez with a feeling of wonderment.

"I'm just thrilled to death with the way these girls are performing. They're all running well and they're all jumping well," said Lopez.

The Lady Harvesters are scoring points in almost every event and just simply overwhelming opponents with their depth. The Lady Harvesters scored 217 points in winning the Top O' Texas Invitational last weekend in Pampa. Second place Amarillo High, a Class 5A school, could do no better than 147 1/2.

In the opening meet two weeks ago, Pampa rolled up 203 points to win the Tiger Relays by 37 points.

The Lady Harvesters just keep getting better. All three Pampa relay teams captured first-place medals at the TOT meet. Barbara Wine had her personal best in the shot for the second straight meet, Jenny Fatheree won another 800 after a record setting performance at the Tiger Relays

the week before. She broke her own meet records in winning the 800 and 1600.

"Wine threw well. It was another personal best for her, and hopefully, Fatheree, will keep dropping her times," Lopez said.

Lopez had praise for Lecrease Ford in the long jump and Katy Cavalier in the triple jump as both Lady Harvesters won those events.

"Ford jumped well and Cavalier had another good day in the triple jump," Lopez said. Ford also anchored Pampa's winning 1600 and 400-meter relay teams.

Other first-place winners for Pampa were Robin Williams (100 hurdles), Audrey Wilbon (400) and Jennifer Ross (200).

The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Plainview track meet this weekend.

In the boys' division, sophomore Curtis Johnson has been a bright spot for the Harvesters.

Johnson won both the long jump and 200 at the Top O' Texas meet. The week before, he finished third in both events at the Tiger Relays.

The Harvesters are entered in a five-team meet Friday and Saturday at Borger.

Pampa varsity, junior varsity tennis teams win tournaments

DUMAS — The Pampa High School junior varsity tennis team claimed the team and girls' team title at the Dumas Junior Varsity Tournament last weekend.

Freshmen Allison Baxter and Rebekah Warner won an all-PHS doubles finals, defeating freshman Helen Orr and sophomore Kathy McComas in a third-set tiebreaker. Sophomore Amanda Browning claimed second in girls' singles. Junior Chris Harrison and freshman Matt Rains, like Baxter and Warner, won five matches in winning the boys' doubles title.

The team next plays today against the Borger JV in Borger.

improved her record to 22-2 in advancing to the girls' singles finals. Freshman Emily Waters (11-9) also reached the finals.

Those results are as follows:
Borger Invitational Tournament
Team standings: (girls points-boys points-total) 1. Pampa, 61-40-101; 2. Borger, 50-46-96; 3. El Paso Jefferson, 40-31-71; 4. Allis, Okla., 2-0-2; 5. Lubbock Monterey JV, 36-13-49; 6. El Paso Bowie, 14-30-44; 7. Amarillo High JV, 23-18-41; 8. Lubbock Coconado JV, 23-10-33.

Pampa results
Girls Singles
Emily Waters: First round - def. Tara Sealock (B), 6-1, 6-0; second round - def. Rosie Aherado (E), 6-0, 6-0; semifinals - def. Amy Towle (M), 4-6, 6-2; final - vs. Mandy Wells (P), did not play.
Mandy Wells: First round - def. Veronica Grado (EB), 6-2, 6-1; second round - def. Kim McGinnis (C), 6-0, 6-1; semifinals - def. Eunice Crozzo (E), 5-7, 6-4; final - vs. Emily Waters (P), did not play.

Girls Doubles
April Lopez-McGriney Quarters: First round - def. Pampa-Zapata (E), 6-4, 6-1; second round - def. Bird-Palmer (M), 6-0, 6-0; semifinals - def. Schwede-Shook (C), 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; final - lost to Frayley-Green (B), 6-4, 6-4.

Emily Curtis-Valerie Lee: First round - def. Johnston-

Marsh (M), 6-1, 6-4; second round - lost to Frayley-Green (B), 6-2, 6-0; third round - def. Barnes-Doucette (AMA), 6-3, 6-0; fifth place - def. Denny Goldston (B), 7-5, 7-5.

Boys Singles
Russell DuBose: First round - def. Nathan Miller (B), 6-0, 6-0; second round - def. Alex Rodriguez (EB), 6-1, 6-0; semifinals - lost to Teddy Knapp (E), 6-4, 6-2; third place - lost to Josh Wood (AMA), 6-3, 7-5.

Dustin Laycock: First round - def. Curtis Loyd (C), 6-3, 6-1; second round - lost to Steno Cragg (A), 6-4, 6-1; third round - lost to Jeff Pasklurst (B), 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; seventh place - lost to Alex Rodriguez (EB), 7-6, 7-6.

Boys Doubles
Kyle Easley-Ryan Witt: First round - def. Baucum-Vandusen (C), 6-4, 6-2; second round - def. Dion-Garth (M), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; semifinals - lost to Collingbourne-Zakshary (A), 6-3, 6-3; third place - def. Lee-Melton (A), 6-4, 6-1.

Bryce Hudson-Jason Vickers: First round - lost to Jones-Magana (E), 6-4, 6-0; second round - def. Rogers-Stephens (M), 6-4, 6-1; third round - def. White-Woods (C), 6-1, 6-4; consolation final - def. Chavez-Saenz (EB), 6-2, 6-1.

Dumas Junior Varsity Tournament

Team standings: (girls points-boys points-total) 1. Pampa JV 33-16-49; 2. Borger JV 20-24-44; 3. Dumas JV 28-8-36; 4. Boys Ranch 9-26-35; 5. Borger JV 10-16-26; 6. Caprock JV 13-7-20; 7. Sundry 6-12-18 (tie) Dalhart 2-4-6; 8. (tie) Perryton JV 4-2-6.

Hustlin' Harvester



(Pampa News photo by Matt Hutchinson)

PHS head boys' coach Robert Hale congratulates Kaleb Meek, who received the Hustlin' Harvester Award at Monday night's basketball banquet. Also pictured is August Larson, who received the free throw award. Meek was also presented with the rebound award.

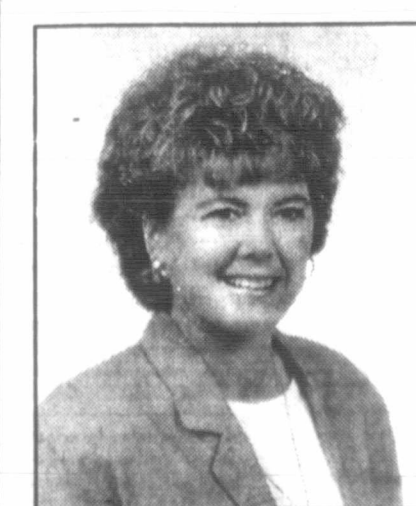
Rockets' Drexler off injured list

HOUSTON (AP) — Clyde Drexler is off the injured list, but the Houston Rockets said Monday he is not expected to play for a few more days.

Drexler, nursing a right hamstring injury for several weeks, is expected to miss Tuesday night's game against the Los Angeles Clippers.

Drexler sustained the injury Jan. 25, in the Rockets' 105-100 loss to Utah. He aggravated the hamstring Feb. 4 during the Rockets' 99-95 loss to the New York Knicks.

Also Monday, guard Brent Price was placed on the injured list and will be out for the season with a torn ligament in his right knee.



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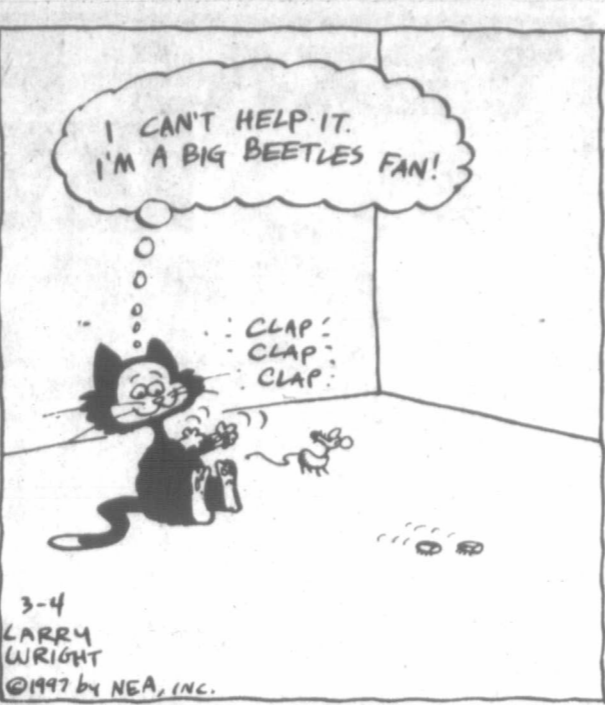
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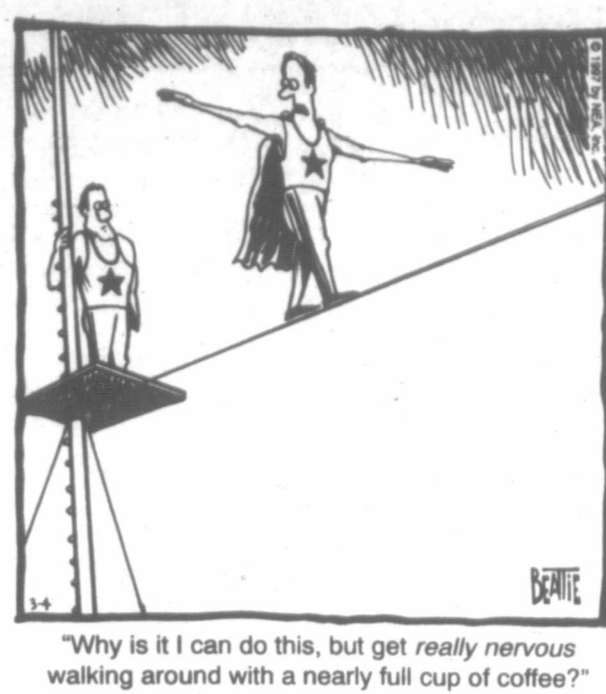
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World briefs

German workers strike at U.S. military bases

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — About 2,000 Germans walked off their jobs at U.S. military bases Monday in a dispute over job security and severance pay, union officials said.

The strike, approved last week by the German White Collar Workers Union and the Transport and Public Service Union, was expected to extend to other bases throughout the week.

The U.S. military employs about 15,000 civilian workers in Germany. Combined with those working in Germany for other North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies — Britain, France and Belgium — 35,000 workers could potentially strike.

Many Germans lost jobs after U.S. and NATO troops in Germany were reduced following the end of the Cold War.

The U.S. Army says it is offering an improved severance package — a maximum of 12 months' pay, compared to the current limit of five months.

Red Cross trying to get prison visits in China

BEIJING (AP) — Under U.S. pressure for progress on human rights, China has agreed to

resume stalled talks aimed at giving the Red Cross access to prisoners in Chinese jails.

Christophe Swinarski, head of the Red Cross delegation for East Asia, said Monday that talks would resume within three months, although dates have not been fixed.

"We are confident there is real goodwill on both sides," he said in a telephone interview from Bangkok, Thailand. "We hope that we can make progress as quickly as possible."

If no progress is forthcoming on human rights issues the United States says it will back efforts to censure China at a meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission this month.

Winter's toll: 57 people freeze to death in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — Fifty-seven people froze to death in Moscow during the past three months, health officials said Monday.

Below-freezing temperatures claimed the heaviest toll from Dec. 23 to Dec. 30, when 10 people died from exposure, Moscow's Health Service Committee told the Interfax news agency.

In addition, 1,066 people were hospitalized with frostbite from Dec. 1 to Feb. 28, officials said.

Saddam sues French magazine for defamation

PARIS (AP) — Saddam Hussein has sued a French magazine for defamation for calling the Iraqi president an "executioner" and a "monster," among other things.

The September article in *Le Nouvel Observateur*, "The Unbearable Likeness of an Executioner," also called Saddam a "perfect cretin," and "murderer."

At a hearing Monday, the defense argued that the court should throw out the case. Lawyer Sylvie Couturon said the Iraqi strongman was wrong in filing the defamation suit as if he were a common citizen.

Martine Valdes-Bouloque, the government's assistant prosecutor, agreed, saying it should be filed as "an offense against a foreign head of state."

Saddam's lawyer, Patrick Brunot, argued his client could only file as a common citizen and not as a head of state, because Paris and Baghdad cut diplomatic relations in February 1991, during the Gulf War.

Judge Martine Ract-Madoux took the motion under advisement and planned to announce April 1 whether the trial may proceed.

Claude ACS chapter offers free services

CLAUDE — The American Cancer Society in Armstrong County has announced that it has a variety of services available to cancer patients without charge.

"A lot of people don't know about what we can do for cancer patients right here in Claude," said Emily Heckman, Patient Services Chair for the local chapter. "And all we need in most cases is permission from the patient's doctor."

Loan equipment such as hospital beds, wheel chairs, walkers and commode chairs are avail-

able as well as a variety of gift items such as wigs, pillows and other items.

"We also try to help patients and their families with literature and information on other agencies," said Heckman. "Sometimes they want to know more about cancer, or they need to know what assistance might be available here."

Heckman said that when most people think of the American Cancer Society, they think of cancer research.

"It is true that the American

Cancer Society puts millions of dollars into cancer research, but we also feel it is important to work with local people and help cancer patients," Heckman said.

The American Cancer Society also offers transportation, patient visitor programs, housing, and support services for patients and their families.

Anyone needing more information on the services available for cancer patients can call their local American Cancer Society office at (806) 353-4306 or Emily Heckman at (806) 944-5582.

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