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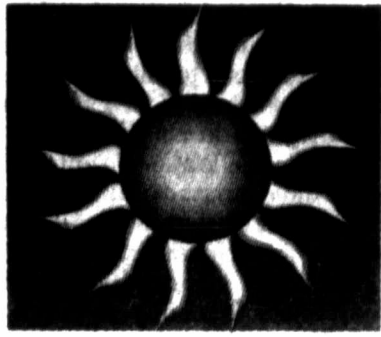
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Low tonight in upper 30s. High tomorrow in mid 70s. See Page 2 for weather details.

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The *Globe* tabloid says it will publish crime scene photographs purportedly taken in JonBenet Ramsey's home after the 6-year-old beauty queen was killed.

The *Globe* says four leading criminologists have concluded that the photos are of JonBenet's bedroom and a basement room next to the one where her body was found.

Globe editor Tony Frost said in a news release late Sunday that the photos "trace the killer's footsteps inside the Ramsey's Boulder home" and will appear in *The Globe* on Tuesday.

The tabloid said the photographs were legally obtained from a confidential source and its experts agreed publication of the pictures would in no way impede the police investigation.

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. said Monday that it was recalling about 390,000 cars to replace defective windshield wiper switches that could cause the wipers to fail.

Cars subject to the recall are the 1994 Pontiac Grand Prix, 1994-95 Buick Regal and Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme, and the 1995 Chevrolet Lumina and Monte Carlo.

By The Associated Press

One ticket sold in Houston correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$9 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 7, 19, 21, 24, 33 and 48.

There were 152 tickets purchased matching five of the six numbers, winning \$1,233 each. Matching four of the six numbers were 7,863 tickets, with a prize each of \$85.

Lotto officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday's drawing will be worth \$4 million.

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Two Irving teenagers were killed and three others were injured as they headed for spring break on South Padre Island and their vehicle careened off a highway and rolled several times.

The driver, 19-year-old Mark Moore, apparently fell asleep, authorities said.

Michael Tilman and Rahan Nealy, both 18, were killed in the one-car wreck at 12:15 p.m. Sunday. Tilman died about an hour after the crash, and Nealy was pronounced dead four hours later.

Moore was being treated for head and internal injuries today at Spohn Memorial Hospital. Passengers Milton Lanard Hobdy, 18, and Rajesh Lalubhai Patel, 19, were in stable condition today at Spohn with cuts and bruises.

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New evidence: Missile downed TWA Flight 800

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — Newly disclosed evidence "points to a missile" as the cause of the explosion that killed all 230 people aboard TWA Flight 800 off New York's Long Island, *The Press-Enterprise* reported today.

The evidence includes reddish residue found on several seat backs that laboratory analysis showed to be "consistent with solid missile fuel" ingredients, the newspaper said.

It said information from FBI and National Transportation Safety Board documents and investigative sources indicates the plane may have been a victim of a terrorist missile or "friendly fire" — a Navy weapon gone astray.

The FBI repeated that it had no proof of a missile, although it has not ruled one out as a possible cause of the July 17 crash. The Navy again denied any role in the disaster.

Investigators say a missile remains one of three theories, along with a bomb or mechanical failure.

The paper also said tapes to be released later this week by the Federal Aviation Administration suggest a projectile moving at 1,500 mph was on a collision course with the plane just before it exploded over the ocean during a flight to Paris.

"That's not true," FAA spokeswoman Diane Spitaliere said today. "We're not releasing anything." Materials involved in the investigation were already sent to the NTSB, she said.

The report said "compelling testimony" indicated a missile hit the plane on the right side, forward of the wing, passing through the fuselage without exploding.

"The source of the missile remains unclear, with speculation centering on either a terrorist attack or friendly fire, possibly a sec et Navy weapons test gone wrong," the paper said.

Investigators say an explosion in the plane's nearly empty center fuel tank broke the huge aircraft in half.

The cause of that explosion has not been officially declared, but James Sanders, a private investigator who assisted the newspaper's inquiry, said he believes heat from a missile was responsible.

The newspaper said Sanders, a retired police officer and writer with investigative experience who is married to a TWA

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— Navy official

employee, obtained samples of the seat fabric from crash investigation sources and had it privately analyzed, coming up with the missile fuel residue finding.

The components, the paper said, were magnesium, silicon, aluminum, calcium, zinc and other metals, "consistent with a missile's internal components and wiring."

In Washington, Navy officials reiterated their denials that any missile test was conducted off Long Island at the time of the crash.

"It just isn't true. There was no missile firing at that time. It's been looked at and looked at, and nothing has changed," one unidentified Navy official told the newspaper.

He referred all other questions to the FBI, which is investigating the crash with the NTSB.

The paper quoted James Kallstrom, assistant director of the FBI and its chief investigator of the explosion, as confirming that the reddish residue was found on seats — but denying that it had anything to do with missiles.

"There's a logical explanation but I'm not going to get into it," Kallstrom said in an interview with the paper on Friday.

Kallstrom told The Associated Press early today that he could not comment because he had not yet seen the *Press-Enterprise* story.

In November, he angrily denounced the friendly fire theory as "pure, unadulterated nonsense," and NTSB chairman Jim Hall called it "unfounded and irresponsible."

Navy officers and former officers argue that because a ship's crew and hundreds of other people in the communications network would know within minutes of such a missile firing, there is no way it could be concealed from Congress, the public and the news media, especially for months afterward.

Colorful bus



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)
 Greyhound Bus travelers, on a brief rest stop in Pampa late last week, are privileged to ride on a one-of-a-kind Greyhound, completely covered with air-brush artwork depicting the Wizard of Oz theme. The traveling passengers shown in the photo represent Oklahoma, California, Missouri and Ohio, they said.

Bank account linked to Mexican corruption

HOUSTON (AP) — At first glance, Texas Commerce Bank account no. 08100355370 doesn't seem like much.

Sure, its balance — \$9,041,598 — is a good chunk of change. But that's nothing special in Houston, where millionaires are hardly news.

But this single account and its owner could blow wide open a corruption scandal simmering in Mexico and further damage the United States' drug-fighting partnership with its southern neighbor.

The account belongs to Mario Ruiz Massieu, once Mexico's top drug prosecutor, who is now named in allegations that top Mexican officials were paid to protect drug cartels.

Jury selection began today as U.S. prosecutors went to court to prove that Ruiz Massieu's nest

egg, fed in six-figure deposits over 13 months, was not the result of shrewd stock picks or a lucky real estate deal.

The money, they say, came from Mexico's leading drug traffickers, who wanted unfettered routes to get drugs into the United States and their profits back into Mexico. If they can convince six federal jurors, U.S. taxpayers will be \$9 million richer, thanks to federal asset forfeiture laws.

In Mexico, this is more than some mere cash forfeiture trial; it has exploded into a kind of Mexican Watergate.

This is what has happened in public view.

In 1993, then-President Carlos Salinas de Gotari appointed Mario Ruiz Massieu deputy attorney general, with a primary goal of cracking down on drug traffickers.

In 1994, assassins killed Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu — the prosecutor's older brother and the No. 2 man in the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party — and Luis Donaldo Colosio, then the party's presidential candidate, within six months of each other.

Despite convictions in both deaths, questions remain unanswered as to whether the murders were motivated by political struggles within the ruling party or linked to drug trafficking — or both.

At the request of incoming President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon, Mario Ruiz Massieu investigated his own brother's murder. But in November 1994, he abruptly resigned from his post and the party, claiming that high-ranking party members were sabotaging his efforts.

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Report: States put welfare funds to other uses

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — With welfare caseloads dropping and the economy strong, states are spending surplus federal dollars intended for welfare services on social programs, schools, roads and prisons, *USA Today* reported today.

"We didn't anticipate this type of situation, where you could expand services, do a better job and still have money left over," Jack Tweedie of the National Conference of State Legislatures told the newspaper.

Welfare rolls have dropped nationally from a high of 14.4 million cases in March 1994 to about 11.5 million now. Under the new welfare reform law, states get \$16.5 billion in federal funds this year, compared with \$15 billion last year.

Some of the money can be spent on child care and other social services. States can save as much as 25 percent of their welfare funds and use the money in other parts of their budgets.

Most states are spending

money on programs to help welfare recipients with child care, transportation and job training.

But California is planning to spend \$141 million on juvenile probation; Connecticut \$24 million on housing and nutrition; and Indiana is setting aside funds for heating aid, family planning and fatherhood conferences.

Experts are warning states to save money for bad times, because under the new law, federal welfare money will not increase.

As floodwaters surge, families move children to safety

BIRDSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Twelve-year-old Phillip Sharp was on his front lawn casting a fishing line into the expanding Ohio River when the Coast Guard came to take him to higher ground.

"I wasn't scared, I was having fun," Phillip said. "I was canoeing around and fishing in my front yard. Didn't catch anything, but I was getting some bites."

With floodwaters quickly surrounding the homes and trailers that dot rural western Kentucky, many residents are starting only now to show respect for the raging waters that devastated upriver towns this past week.

Belying the threat coming relentlessly downriver, sun shone today after a rapidly moving cold front passed through and brought light rain Sunday that had no effect on water levels.

Phillip's parents called the Coast Guard to take their son to an uncle's house, even though they stayed behind; others who stayed also sent their children

and elderly relatives to safety.

The sixth-grader had spent the past week watching nearby farm fields grow into lakes and the river spill a mile over its banks. The water in front of Phillip's trailer was 5 feet deep by the time he was evacuated.

Though floodwaters were starting to recede upriver, the Flood of '97 is far from over, with water still rising in downstream towns. The Ohio was expected to crest Tuesday in Evansville, Ind., Wednesday in Mount Vernon, Ind., and Friday in Paducah.

Volunteers and emergency crews were busy sandbagging to plug holes in the main levee in Old Shawneetown, Ill., where the Ohio has risen nearly 2 feet and is expected to crest Thursday.

Downriver, Smithland is surrounded by water that is waist-high and rising, with a crest expected Friday. Schoolchildren helped fill sandbags until midnight Saturday to boost the height of the town's flood wall to 5 feet.

"The whole town is relying on

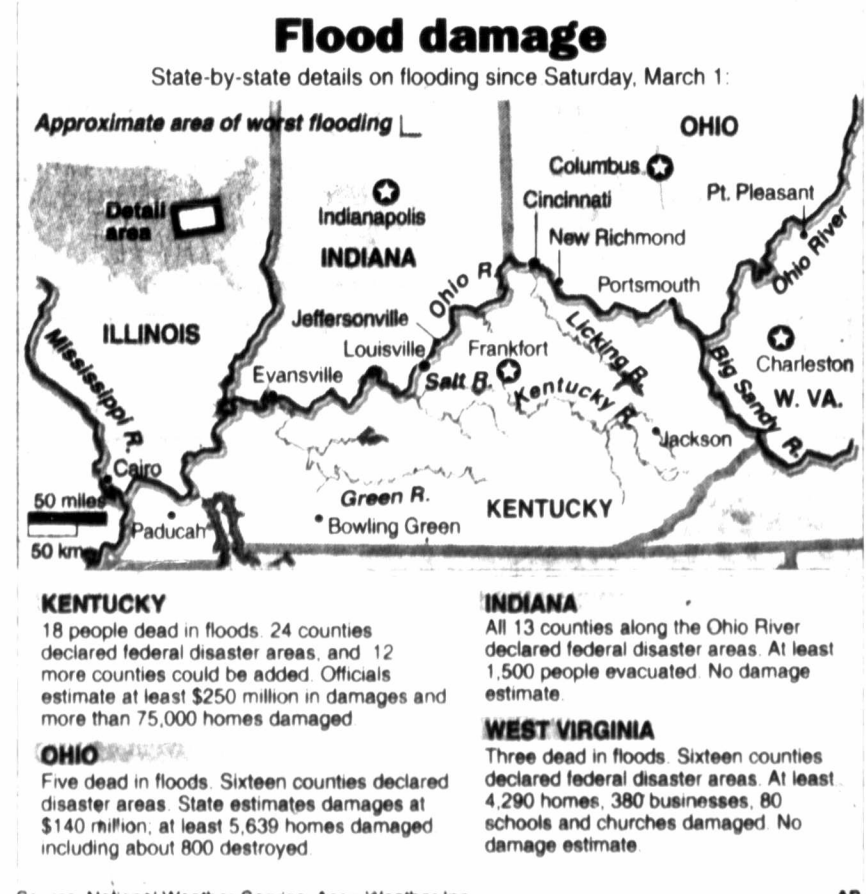
that wall," said George Green, a town councilman.

In this tiny hamlet, a few miles upriver from Smithland, the river was 12 feet above flood stage and expected to rise another foot before cresting Thursday. Already, residents have abandoned 25 of the 40 homes.

"It's really starting to scare some people now," said Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Keith Felcyn, who spent Sunday checking families who chose to stay in their inundated communities.

The Coast Guard has urged dozens of families living along the Ohio and its tributaries to leave their homes for emergency shelters on higher ground, but legally there is nothing they can do to make them leave.

"People don't realize what the river can do when it jumps out of its banks," said Coast Guard Lt. Thomas Tarrants. "It's going to take the path of least resistance and if you're in the way, God help you, because it isn't going to stop for anything."



Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ANDERSON, Glen R. — 2 p.m., Brown's Memorial Chapel, Stinnett.
BRYANT, Ella Mae — 10:30 a.m., Church of Christ, Miami.
LINDSEY, Sammie D. — Funeral mass, 2 p.m., St. John's Catholic Church, Borger.

Obituaries

GLEN R. ANDERSON

McLEAN — Glen R. Anderson, 67, died Saturday, March 8, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Brown's Memorial Chapel at Stinnett with the Rev. Billy Holland, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Anderson was a native of Chandler, Okla. He had been a McLean resident for the past eight years and was a retired floor layer and member of the Carpenter's Union.

Survivors include three sons, Doug Ownby of North Carolina, Jeff Ownby of Kentucky and Roy Ownby of Merced, Calif., a sister, Norma Estes of Stinnett, and six grandchildren.

TOM FRANKLIN COFFEE

Tom Franklin Coffee, 68, of Pampa, died Sunday, March 9, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church of Miami with Dr. Jim Prock, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pampa, the Rev. Darrell Monday, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Pampa, and the Rev. Jerry Arrington, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Coffee was born Sept. 9, 1928, at Miami to pioneer Roberts County ranchers, C.M. and Abbie Coffee. He attended Miami High School, graduating in 1947. He married Betty Stanford on Oct. 15, 1960, in Miami. They resided in Higgins from 1960 to 1974, and had been residents of Pampa for 23 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army 1st Battalion 8th Regiment, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a cattle inspector for the First National Bank in Amarillo from 1966-1971. He was actively involved in ranching at the time of his death. He was a member and past grand master of both the Miami Masonic Lodge #805 and the Higgins Masonic Lodge #820. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Consistory and was a 32nd Degree Mason. He was a member and past president of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association and a member of the Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He was a member of the Pulaski American Legion Post of Miami. He was a member of the Texas Tech Dads Association. He was a member and deacon of the Central Baptist Church and the Baptist Men and was currently teaching the Pre-School Department.



Survivors include his wife, Betty, of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Walter Clyde and Marsha Coffee of Pampa and Tom Clay and Melanie Coffee of Richmond, two brothers, Walter C. Coffee of Miami and C.M. Coffee Jr. of Miles City, Mont., and five grandchildren, Tara Coffee, James Coffee, Heather Coffee, Emily Coffee and Mason Coffee.

The family will gather at 2104 Lea in Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to the Central Baptist Church Pre-School Department.

EVERETT VERNON EISENMAN

ERICK, Okla. — Everett Vernon Eisenman, 83, steplather of a Shamrock, Texas, resident, died Saturday, March 8, 1997. Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jeff Avery officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. in Minco Evergreen Cemetery at Minco, Okla., under the direction of Bowler Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. Eisenman was born in Minco. He married Nellie Wylie in 1954. He had been an Amarillo resident for 34 years prior to moving to Erick. He retired from Smider Oil Company in Amarillo and was a member of First Baptist Church in Erick.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Eisenman in 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Nellie; a daughter, Wanda Overton of Perryton, Texas; five sons, Bobby Eisenman and Jimmy Eisenman, both of Perryton, LeRoy Eisenman of Roswell, N.M., Jimmy Eisenman and Jessie Eisenman, both of Richmond Hill, a stepdaughter, Lena Smith of Amarillo, three stepsons, Kenneth Allen of Perryton, Wayne Allen of Shamrock and Bob Allen of Vinson, Okla., two sisters, Daisy Brown of Chickasha, Okla., and Gladys Thompson of Oklahoma City, Okla., and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

LUCILE HARLAN KINCADE

Lucile Kincaide, 86, of Pampa, died Monday, March 10, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

SAMMIE D. LINDSEY
BORGER — Sammie D. Lindsey, 73, died Friday, March 7, 1997. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today in Minton Memorial Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. John's Catholic Church with Monsignor Norbert Kuehler officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery at Groom under the direction of Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Lindsey was born at Bellevue. He married Ann Looten in 1948 at Amarillo. He had been a Borger resident for 30 years, retiring from Phillips Petroleum as a supervisor for research and development. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines, serving during World War II. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion Post #671 and St. John's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ann; three daughters, Ladene Bliss of Borger, Chadette Cornelius of Houston and Pat Dietz of Bartlesville, Okla., a brother, Bill Lindsey of Amarillo, and six grandchildren.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, March 8

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of East Craven. Two trees valued at \$50 were damaged in a city park.

Theft from a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight. Two front turn signal lenses, valued at \$400, were stolen from a 1991 Mercury.

Theft of a wooden jewelry box and contents, valued at \$150, was reported in the 200 block of North Tignor.

A hit and run was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart. Approximately \$700 damage was done to the rear bumper and right quarter panel of a 1996 Chevy Cavalier.

A minor in possession of alcohol was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

SUNDAY, March 10

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of South Pitts. Stolen were a 9 mm semi auto, .38 caliber revolver and a VCR. Total loss or damage is estimated at \$900.

Theft of five prescription drugs, valued at \$115, was reported in the 900 block of East Scott.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Davis. Damage was limited to cleaning peanut butter off a 1988 pickup.

A theft of a chrome GT bicycle, valued at \$100, was reported in the 300 block of North Naida.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne. Taken were various electronics valued at \$300.

An assault and family violence was reported in the 1800 block of Coffee. Minor injuries were reported.

An assault by contact was reported in the 300 block of North Naida.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Starkweather. Three 4x8 road barriers were damaged.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, March 9

Arrests

Jaime Jackson, 21, 1149 Prairie Dr., was arrested on a charge of probation violation. She remains in custody.

Larry Dean Davis, 36, 109 N. Wynne, was arrested on a charge of no rabies vaccine for pet. He was released on bond.

Patrick Lee Edwards, 20, 1164 Varnon Dr., was arrested on a charge of violation of probation. He remains in custody.

Wilburn Ray Reger, 128 S. Wells, was arrested on charges of defective brake lights and failure to appear. He remains in custody.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, March 7

A 1993 Ford Mustang driven by Jennifer Lea Brewer, 15, 1141 Terrace, struck a wall of Boatmen's Bank at 100 N. Cuyler. Brewer was cited for failure to leave required information and striking a fixed object.

SATURDAY, March 8

A 1986 Ford F150 pickup driven by Jesus Jose Barreza, 18, 1132 Crane, struck a light pole and two fence poles in the 400 block of South Finley. Barreza was cited for failure to control speed and disregarding yield sign.

Stocks

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

Wheat	4.20
Milo	4.56
Corn	5.24

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

Chevron	66 1/2	up 3/8
Coca-Cola	60 3/8	dn 1/8
Columbia/HCA	43 1/2	NC
Enron	40 1/8	NC
Halliburton	69 1/8	up 1/8
McDonald's	47 3/4	NC
Ingersoll Rand	47 3/4	NC
KNE	40 7/8	NC
Kerr-McGee	64	up 1/2
Limited	19 1/8	dn 1/8
Mapco	31 1/2	NC
McDonald's	44 1/2	NC
Mobil	131 7/8	up 5/8
New Atmos	24 5/8	NC
Parker & Parsley	30 1/2	dn 1/8
Phillips	49 1/8	up 3/8
Phillips	41 7/8	dn 1/8
SLB	108 1/4	up 1 7/8
SPS	36 5/8	dn 1/8
Tenneco	40 1/8	dn 1/8
Tetaco	103 5/8	up 5/8
Ultrimar	32	up 3/8
Wal-Mart	27 1/2	up 1/4
New York/Gold	350 5/8	
Silver	5 1/4	
West Texas Crude	21 01	

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

Amco	88 9/16	up 1/16
Amco	126 3/8	dn 1/2
Cabot	24 5/8	dn 1/8
Cabot (WV)	16 1/4	NC

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters Club meets 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the dining room of Coronado Inn. For more information, call Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Gary Casebier at 665-4212.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

RED CROSS DISASTER CLASSES

The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be holding disaster classes every Tuesday evening from Jan. 28 through March. The classes, held at the Red Cross office at 108 N. Russell, begin at 7 p.m. and are free to the public. For more information, call 669-7121.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Rapper Notorious B.I.G. shot to death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The slacker on the Notorious B.I.G.'s bullet-riddled Suburban read "Think B.I.G. March 25, 1997" — a promotion for his upcoming album *Life After Death ... 'Til Death Do Us Part*.

The Notorious B.I.G., who went from a Brooklyn crack dealer to a platinum-selling gangsta rapper, was shot to death early Sunday outside a party celebrating the 11th annual Soul Train Music Awards.

The 24-year-old rap star, whose real name was Christopher Wallace, was sitting in his parked GMC Suburban. He was rushed in the same sports utility vehicle to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead, police said.

Wallace, also known as Biggie Smalls, was the second major rap star to die in a drive-by shooting in six months. Tupac Shakur, who had accused Wallace of copying his style, was killed in Las Vegas in September.

The party was sponsored by *VIBE* magazine and attended by its founder Quincy Jones, publicist Arnold Robinson confirmed. Jones did not return calls Sunday,

but Robinson said the well-known composer and producer was stunned by Wallace's death.

Wallace's estranged wife, singer Faith Evans, and dozens of party-goers, security guards and parking attendants witnessed the shooting. But authorities said late Sunday they had no description of the gunman and that witnesses were afraid to talk to police.

"It's frustrating," said Detective Raymond Futami, one of almost a dozen investigators assigned to the case. "I'm sure there's a little bit of an intimidation factor ... because of the reputation of some of the people who are involved in this case."

Wallace built his gangsta rap persona around authenticity, singing about his past as a crack cocaine dealer in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, one of New York City's toughest neighborhoods.

The 6-foot-3, 300-pound rapper worked with Bad Boy Entertainment, run by East Coast producer Sean "Puffy" Combs. His *Ready to Die* debut recording went platinum.

"We are overwhelmed with grief by the death of a great artist, a family member and our friend, the Notorious B.I.G.," a company release said.

Shakur was shot in a Sept. 7 drive-by attack in Las Vegas as he rode in a car with Death Row Records president Marion "Suge" Knight. Shakur died six days later.

Wallace was considered a Shakur rival. Shakur, who sang about Wallace and had claimed to have sex with Evans, once accused Wallace of involvement in a 1994 robbery when Shakur was shot several times and lost \$40,000 in jewelry.

Wallace, who denied any involvement, was conspicuously absent from a high-profile "rap summit" in Harlem last fall called to ease tensions between West Coast and East Coast rappers around authenticity, singing about his past as a crack cocaine dealer in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, one of New York City's toughest neighborhoods.

Terri Baker, Wallace's entertainment lawyer, would not comment on speculation about rivalry among rap groups.

"I don't understand why everyone is focusing on the negative. The man was the most loyal, sweetest person, with a gigantic heart, full of love for people," Baker said.

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Account

Behind all the political machinations, however, something else entirely appears to have been going on, according to court documents:

For 13 months beginning Dec. 2, 1993, Ruiz Massieu's top aide ferried cash-filled boxes and suitcases to Houston, where the money — often in bundles of \$20 bills tied with rubber-bands or wrapped in plastic tape — was deposited at a branch office of Texas Commerce Bank near The Galleria shopping area.

Court records show the account was opened with \$40,000 under the name "Mario Ruiz,"

and the aide, Jorge Stergios, told bank officials he was delivering money from the sale of Ruiz Massieu real estate.

Twenty-four additional deposits were made, ranging from \$119,500 to \$477,320.

When bank officials asked why his employer did not want to invest the money, Stergios told them Ruiz Massieu wanted "immediate liquidity."

Ruiz Massieu acknowledges in court depositions that the money is his. He says he kept the money in U.S. dollars because the peso was so unstable in 1994. He insists all the money, except a \$500,000 bonus from President Salinas, came from his brother's estate or from

family business dealings.

Stergios was enlisted as courier, Ruiz Massieu says, because he speaks better English and could maneuver through U.S. Customs more easily.

Raul Salinas de Gotari, the former president's brother, has acknowledged doing the same thing, but on a much grander scale.

Using false names, Raul Salinas in 1989 opened a network of bank accounts. Four years later, he began shifting money to banks in Switzerland and elsewhere via Cayman Island shell corporations.

So far, Mexican investigators have found at least \$120 million in Salinas bank accounts.

Kevin Roth Trio to be in concert on Thursday

The Kevin Roth Trio will feature new songs as well as favorites and traditional instrumental tunes, which Roth has collected in the last 20 years, in the Trio's program at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in M.K. Brown Auditorium for Pampa Community Concert Association members.

Songs include Broadway hits, blues, jazz and ballads, each "chosen for a meaning beyond just entertainment," according to Roth.

Attendance is by membership in the Pampa Concert Association and by reciprocal agreement with associations in Borger, Plainview and Hereford.

Members of the Trio are Kevin Roth, vocalist, who also plays piano and mountain dulcimer; Jill Haley, oboe and English horn; and Chris Knowles, bass and guitar.

Roth has appeared with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Erie Chamber Orchestra, as well as

Galveston, Sandpoint Music, Ohio Dulcimer, Mariposa folk festivals and in numerous concerts.

Roth recorded over a dozen records for Folkways Records, and in 1986 established his own record company, Marlboro Records, Inc. In the last 10 years he has released another 12 recordings, mostly children's music.

He is heard daily singing the theme to PBS show for kids, *Shining Time Station*.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following incidents for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, March 8

3:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Prairie Drive on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

6:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Perry on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Finley on a possible trauma. No one was transported.

SUNDAY, March 9

3:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of Tignor on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

8:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Baptist St. Anthony's West in Amarillo to transport a patient to the 2200 block of North Wells.

5:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

MONDAY, March 10

2:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

5:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Doucette on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, generally clear with a low in the upper 30s and southwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Tuesday, sunny with a high in the mid 70s and southwesterly winds 15-25 mph and gusty. Sunday's high was 58; the overnight low was 33.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, generally clear with lows from mid 30s to around 40. Tuesday, mostly sunny and breezy with highs from around 70 to mid 70s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Tuesday, increasing clouds. Highs mid 60s to mid 70s.

North Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy south, increasing clouds north. Lows 44 to 50. Tuesday, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of

rain or thunderstorms south and west. Highs 69 to 76.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Flash flood watch in effect for the Texas Hill Country. Tonight, cloudy with showers or thunderstorms, locally heavy rainfall possible.

Lows in mid 50s, near 50 Hill Country. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms late in the day. Highs near 70. Upper Coast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in mid 50s inland to low 60s coast. Tuesday, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in mid 70s inland to near 70 coast.

Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, cloudy with showers or thunderstorms, locally heavy rainfall possible area-wide. Lows in low 60s coast to near 60 inland. Tuesday,

cloudy with showers or thunderstorms, locally heavy rainfall possible area-wide. Highs in upper 60s coast to near 70 inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, fair skies north. Becoming cloudy south. A chance of rain and thunderstorms southern third, snow above 7500 feet. Lows upper teens to mid 30s mountains and north, mid 30s to 40s southern lowlands. Tuesday, rain and thunderstorms likely southern third. A chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms west central mountains, central valleys and east central plains. Partly cloudy far north. Highs upper 40s to low 60s mountains, upper 50s to low 70s lowlands.

Oklahoma — Tonight, clear. Lows from mid 30s to mid 40s. Tuesday, fair skies. Highs in low and mid 70s.

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GOP renews demands for special prosecutor amid latest reports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing new reports that China tried to influence American politics with illegal contributions, Republicans are renewing demands for a special prosecutor to investigate campaign finance improprieties.

The White House countered by insisting that President Clinton and other senior officials had only done what was necessary, and legal, to meet the Republican challenge in the 1996 elections.

"I thought maybe we had seen the worst part some time ago, but I think it could get worse," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said of a *Washington Post* report Sunday that the FBI last year warned six Capitol Hill lawmakers that they were targets of illegal Chinese contributions.

ABC News said as many as 30 members of Congress were told they might be approached.

The *Post* article, which quoted unidentified government officials, said Chinese officials in 1995 developed a plan to spend \$2 million to influence members of Congress and the administration through contributions.

The Chinese Embassy denied that assertion, saying in a statement: "The fact is that we had nothing to do and cannot possibly have anything to do with any U.S. election campaigns. Any attempt to vilify China in this regard is bound to prove futile."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., acknowledged being briefed by the FBI over the alleged targeting last June. ABC reported that Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., was one of the other lawmakers warned, whose names have not been made public.

A spokesman for Boxer did not return a telephone call seeking comment.

Feinstein told reporters Sunday "there were no specifics about who or how or what to look for" in the 10-minute briefing she received. She said she planned to call FBI Director Louis Freeh to get more details.

Former White House chief of staff Leon Panetta said on NBC's

Meet the Press that neither he nor Clinton were advised of an FBI investigation.

But Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, questioned that, saying on *Fox News Sunday* that "it seem to me the White House certainly had to be warned, too. And if that's true, that makes these charges or these allegations even more serious than before."

Hatch and McCain are among Republicans demanding that Attorney General Janet Reno appoint an independent counsel to look into potentially illegal fund-raising activities by the White House, some by Asian-American fund-raisers with business ties to China.

McCain said on CNN's *Late Edition* that Reno, who has appointed four independent counsels to investigate Whitewater and other White House scandals, has a reputation for independence, but "I believe she is about to erode that reputation if she doesn't move forward."

Reno has said that so far the threshold for naming a special counsel — suspicions that a high-level official committed an illegal act — has not been reached, and the White House strongly defended its aggressive money-raising activities.

"We at the White House were in a fight of our lives," chief of staff Erskine Bowles said on ABC's *This Week*. Democrats were in danger of being overwhelmed by a GOP agenda they believed was wrong, and "this president was fighting for what he believed in."

Panetta acknowledged that the Democratic National Committee spent about \$35 million in unlimited and unregulated "soft money" donations on television advertising to undergird the Clinton re-election campaign. But he denied that campaign laws intended to keep party operations at arms length from the White House were violated.

Chatty squirrel



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

The photographer was greeted by a friendly squirrel Friday afternoon near a residence, chattering about the warm, sunny day. The sunny weather didn't last long, with clouds and mist keeping temperatures down over the weekend. But sunnier skies and warmer days are expected to last into mid week.

Tobacco smuggling big in prison

HOUSTON (AP) — The smoking ban imposed on Texas inmates two years ago is fueling a profitable smuggling industry inside penitentiaries.

A .65-ounce package of tobacco, which typically sells for 99 cents at the corner convenience store, can bring in \$25 behind bars. Or even more, if it is divided into rolled cigarettes.

Prison workers themselves have been implicated in smuggling activities.

"To me tobacco is worse than narcotics," said Ed Owens, director of 15 state prisons in the Huntsville area, who says tobacco offenses occur daily. "It's more profitable."

Since the ban began in March 1995, tobacco has become the leading contraband item.

"Anyone in prison who has 200 bags of tobacco has power," said Joe Fernald, assistant warden at the Walls Unit.

But he suggests that the amount of tobacco that makes its way into prisons must be small or prices would be lower.

The punishments for convicts selling tobacco are harsh.

Inmates can lose good-time credits, trusty status or even the privilege of attending classes.

Workers for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice who are found trafficking in tobacco face felony charges. Those guilty of lesser offenses can be forced to resign.

Last year, about 40 employees and 134 inmates were caught in tobacco violations.

A week ago, corrections officers intercepted an inmate's mother as she gave trustees working at a prison laundry a bag containing 202 packages of tobacco. It is worth more than \$5,000 on the black market.

Days earlier, officers recovered two trash bags stuffed with 432 packages of tobacco and four cases of rolling papers from a ditch at the Michael Unit near Tennessee Colony in Anderson County.

Indians disappointed in DNC

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two impoverished Indian tribes in Oklahoma seeking the return of 7,500 acres taken by the federal government more than a century ago scrapped together \$107,000 in contributions to the Democratic National Committee last year in hopes of getting back their land.

For their money, leaders of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Indians ate at the White House with President Clinton, dined at Vice President Gore's house and received floor passes for the Democratic National Convention in Chicago last year, according to reports today in *The Washington Post* and *The Philadelphia*.

But the land, taken in 1869 for a military fort and now used by the Agriculture Department for a research project, remains under federal control. Tribe officials still learning from their first foray into the Washington fundraising circuit are considering whether to remain in the money game.

"We're trying to learn to work all the angles — we have to," Archie Hoffman, tribal business council secretary, told the *Post*.

"We got great hopes we're going to get our land back this year."

Two tribal officials who attended a June 17 lunch at the White House with a few other big donors said Clinton listened to their concerns about the land without promising anything. Clinton asked an assistant if the White House had a file on the issue, and the officials came away encouraged.

"I think they had felt like it was the first time in 100 years they have been heard," tribal lawyer Richard Grellner told the *Post*.

The tribes' leaders say Clinton never made any promises about the land. But they were disappointed that not much had changed after Clinton's re-election.

So Grellner, through a Washington political consultant he knew, was put in touch with Nathan Landow, a longtime fund-raiser for Vice President Al Gore.

Landow has been seeking to represent the tribes and has brought in Clinton-Gore campaign manager Peter Knight's lobbying firm to win return of the lands, the *Post* reported.



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A \$150,000 state grant is being used as start-up money for the program, which will use a long-vacant half of the Lubbock County Community Corrections Facility.

"We've been open for four years this Sunday, and we've never had both halves open up yet," said Steve Rampy, chief director of the Lubbock facility. "This will be a first for us, and the state."

The \$4 million unit is home to about 100 nonviolent felons sentenced there in lieu of prison. To be considered, felons must be eligible for probation

and must not have used violence or deadly weapons in their crimes.

They also must be considered potentially employable.

Inmates work toward high school equivalency degrees, receive treatment for drug and alcohol addictions and get vocational training.

The county has paid \$500,000 annually toward bond debt on the facility since it was first built. The state's rent for the beds covers \$393,732 of the bond payments. The facility will be paid off by 2002, and the rent paid for state inmates will become county revenue.

Rampy said the grant will fund 24 beds for inmates, who will receive more personal treatment.

Women in Science conference scheduled

AMARILLO — The 10th annual Women In Science Endeavors (WISE) conference will be held on Saturday, March 22, at Bonham Middle School in Amarillo from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

WISE was developed to provide positive role models and a stimulating experience for young women who have shown an interest in pursuing a scientific career. This event is free to the participants.

Nominated by their principals, these young women in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades come from schools throughout the Panhandle, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico.

The day consists of four workshops and the participants are able to choose from six different speakers. Each workshop will include a hands-on experience. In addition, the parents are invited to attend sessions on college entrance requirements, financial

aid, and gender equity.

This year's speakers include Helen Jean, nuclear medicine technologist; Linda M. Kelley, environmental engineer; Christine Lopez, meteorologist; Dr. Pamela Martin, pediatrician; Sherry Patin, zoo foreman; and Amy Powell, mechanical engineer.

WISE is being coordinated by the Don Harrington Discovery Center, Amarillo College, the Amarillo Independent School District, Region XVI Education Service Center and the American Association of University Women.

This program is provided free of charge, due to support from Phillips Petroleum, Harrington Regional Medical Center, Mason & Hanger, Battelle, Midgard Energy and Amarillo Production Credit Association with donations by Pepsi, Calico County and Ruby Tequila's Mexican Restaurant.

For further information regarding the WISE conference, contact Christy Danze at (806) 355-9548, Ext. 20.

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How far should science go?

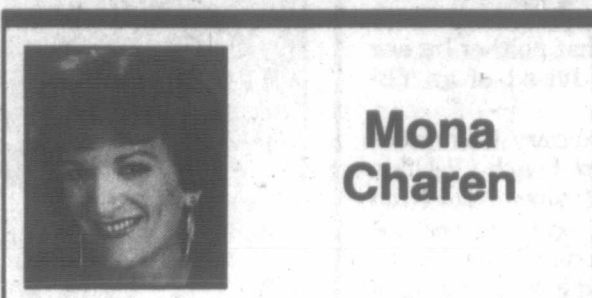
Rarely is a scientific breakthrough more mind-bending than the news out of Scotland that Dr. Ian Wilmut has successfully cloned an adult sheep. The mind buzzes with the possibilities. Will people be able to resist? Ross Perot? Remember Woody Allen trying to clone the nose of the dead leader in his futurist farce *Sleeper*? Did Deng Xiaoping just miss the deadline, so to speak?

Jokes make it easier to assimilate this news, but really, if you stop to think about it, cloning almost represents a victory over death — and thus over our most basic understanding of the world. Even to consider the implications induces a kind of vertigo.

Recent developments in embryology have made it possible to divide a fertilized embryo into two or three individuals, creating identical twins or triplets in animals. (This technique was never used on human embryos.) But inducing twins or triplets was not of major significance to science since you cannot tell what traits an embryo will have when it grows into an adult.

Replicating a known adult is another matter.

What Wilmut has done is to take DNA from a living grown sheep — whose desirable traits were known — and inject it into the egg of another sheep. The egg was first gutted of its own DNA, leaving only the cell structure and the nutrients necessary to foster growth. The DNA from the donor sheep was then added to the egg. The egg was now equipped with all of the DNA necessary to begin growing. The parents of this embryo were the parents of the sheep who provided the DNA. It required (ready, Frankenstein



Mona Charen

buffs?) a small jolt of electricity to start the process, and then the growing embryo was placed in the womb of another sheep to complete gestation.

In due course, the clone, named Dolly, was born. She is a healthy identical copy of the donor sheep.

Within ten years, scientists speculate, this kind of genetic engineering could yield animal organs that are perfect for human transplantation. They will be able to design animal organs with surface cells identical to those on human organs to avoid rejection. Drugs and biological products like clotting factor could be mass-produced, bringing down the cost and saving countless lives.

But if they can clone sheep, it obviously means that it is possible to clone human beings, too.

Who would want to do such a thing other than a slightly mad egotist? In any case, you could never produce an exact replica of any person. We are not just the sum of our genes. Everything that happens to us from the moment of conception forward contributes to making us who we are.

Identical twins share the same DNA but are not the same people.

So, letting one's imagination roam, you could not, for example, create another Ronald Reagan by cloning his DNA. The baby Reagan would have different experiences from the get go and would be a very different adult. But how about Paul Newman? His desirable traits are on the outside, aren't they? Not completely. There are plenty of handsome men (Dan Quayle?) who lack Newman's sex appeal. Even good looks owe a great deal to what is inside the person's head.

So, we can dismiss as vain folly the idea of cloning adult humans for their genius or their beauty.

But what if a couple has a one-year-old baby who is terribly injured in an accident? Imagine that the mother has had her ovaries removed or the father is undergoing chemotherapy. The child lies dying. Couldn't cloning mean that the child's DNA could be injected into the prepared egg of any woman and then transferred into the mother, who could carry an identical twin of this child to term? This is not having another baby to help heal the grief of one lost. This is replacing the lost child in nearly every particular. Does that not make the head swim? Would such a use of cloning technology be immoral?

Assisted reproduction — helping egg and sperm to unite — has fueled persistent controversy and raised questions about humans attempting God-like interventions. Cloning makes those quarrels suddenly antique. We are now holding in our hands the capacity to replicate adults — and the implications are surreal.

Opinion

Marijuana debate continues to rage

Three significant contributions were made recently to the ongoing public debate on medical uses of marijuana:

A group of nine California doctors publicly noted that 70 different medical studies done since 1975 showed some efficacy in treating certain medical conditions with marijuana and expressed no concern about safety.

The editor of the *New England Journal of Medicine* took the bold step to say that marijuana is medicine.

And, the *Boston Globe* reported that a previously unpublished study showed no link between marijuana's active ingredient and cancer.

Federal officials such as "drug czar" Gen. Barry McCaffrey and other law enforcement officials, in opposing California and Arizona initiatives that allow doctors to recommend marijuana for some patients, have persistently contended that not enough research has been done into the medical uses of marijuana.

All three of the aforementioned developments argue against that contention.

According to the \$2 million study unearthed by the *Boston Globe*, scientists with the National Toxicology Program pumped large amounts of THC, marijuana's most active ingredient, into the stomachs of laboratory rats and mice to see if it would induce cancer. They discovered that if anything, the THC seems to offer some degree of protection against cancer — although, as usual, more research is needed to be sure. The study was paid for by taxpayers but somehow had not been made public.

Dr. Jerome P. Kassirer, editor of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, in writing about his belief that marijuana is medicine, cited several conditions for which it seems to have therapeutic value. He noted that it is significantly safer than many drugs currently used and called federal policy "misguided, heavy-handed and inhumane."

Dr. Kassirer also noted that marijuana is now on Schedule I, which is reserved for uniquely dangerous drugs that are unavailable for physicians to prescribe. He suggests it be moved to Schedule II, along with drugs like morphine and cocaine.

We would add another point to consider. Following are the criteria under the law (21 USC 812(b)) for placing a drug on Schedule I:

"(A) The drug or other substance has a high potential for abuse."

"(B) The drug or other substance has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States."

"(C) There is a lack of accepted safety for use of the drug or other substance under medical supervision."

Does marijuana meet any or all of those criteria? If it doesn't, are those who are stubbornly keeping it on Schedule I, in fact, breaking the law?

It might be time to open that question for discussion.

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Today is Monday, March 10, the 69th day of 1997. There are 296 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made what was, in effect, the first telephone call. His assistant, in an adjoining room in Boston, heard Bell say over the experimental device: "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you."

On this date:
In 1496, Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the Western Hemisphere as he left Hispaniola for Spain.

In 1629, England's King Charles I dissolved Parliament; he did not call it back for 11 years.

In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

In 1848, the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the war with Mexico.

In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant became commander of the Union armies in the Civil War.

In 1880, the Salvation Army arrived in the United States from England.

In 1948, the body of the anti-Communist foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, Jan Masaryk, was found in the garden of Czernin Palace in Prague.

In 1949, Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred E. Gillars, also known as "Axis Sally," was convicted in

Washington, D.C., of treason. (She served 12 years in prison.)

In 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis, Tenn., to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. (Ray later repudiated that plea.)

In 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, Soviet leader for just 13 months, died at age 73.

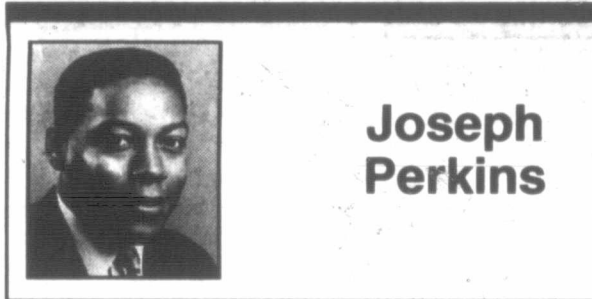
Ten years ago: The Vatican issued a 40-page document on scientific techniques involving procreation, condemning such practices as surrogate motherhood, test-tube births and cloning.

Five years ago: Democrat Bill Clinton claimed front-runner status as he won a series of Southern landslides on Super Tuesday; President Bush swept all the Republican contests.

One year ago: Hezbollah guerrillas launched a wave of bomb and rocket attacks on Israeli troops in south Lebanon. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, accusing China of "reckless" provocations against Taiwan, said on NBC that U.S. warships would move closer to Taiwan.

Today's Birthdays: Talk show host Ralph Emery is 64. Actor Chuck Norris is 57. Playwright David Rabe is 57. Singer Dean Torrence (Jan and Dean) is 57. Actress Katharine Houghton is 52. Newspaper columnist Bob Greene is 50. Rock musician Tom Scholz (Boston) is 50. Actress Shannon Tweed is 40. Actress Sharon Stone is 39. Rock musician Gail Greenwood (Belly) is 37. Rock musician Jeff Ament (Pearl Jam) is 34.

Clinton floats in a sea of denial



Joseph Perkins

The White House is in denial. Every fresh revelation of unseemly, if not downright illegal, campaign fundraising by high ranking Clinton administration officials — up to and including both the president and vice president — is met with one artful dodge after another.

Here is a catalog of the dodges for those of you keeping score at home:

I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING (BUT I'M GOING TO APOLOGIZE ANYWAY) This has become Clinton's latest defense, which he tried out in New York at a fundraiser for the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee.

"For reasons I cannot explain," said the president, "or defend, our party did not check all the contributions." He conceded that, "It was wrong not to check those contributions," adding that "it was everybody's responsibility, from me down, who didn't know about it and should have."

But the White House knew more about these suspicious contributions than the president lets on. Indeed, the Feb. 24 issue of *Time* magazine reports that Clinton was warned by his own National Security Council that one prominent Democratic donor, Johnny Chung, was a "hustler."

But the president apparently was swayed more by Chung's \$366,000 in contributions to the Democratic National Committee than advice from his NSC. So Chung was allowed to make 49 visits to the White House, including one occasion, according to *Time*, when he traipsed around with two six-packs of beer and the chairman of a Chinese beer company in tow.

NO LAWS WERE BROKEN (BUT WE PROMISE NOT TO DO IT AGAIN) The president notes that "less than 2 percent" of the donations raised by the DNC was returned. And while some of it was returned because it came from questionable sources (like impoverished Buddhist monks, who cut the Democrats \$5,000 checks, or middle-class Indonesian landscapers, who happened to have an extra several hundred thousand dollars

to proffer to the party of Clinton), much of it was returned, the president says, "because they raised questions, even though they were clearly lawful."

The president's implication is that all the controversy about the Democrats' fundraising is much ado about a paltry million dollars or so (out of more than \$40 million that was raised during the past election.) But the issue is not the amount of contributions that were raised, legally or illegally. It's whether high ranking officials at the White House and DNC knowingly violated the law in soliciting campaign donations.

Did they solicit illegal donations from foreign nationals (or from American citizens or legal immigrants fronting for deep-pocket foreign nationals)? Were fundraising activities conducted on the White House grounds (which would be a violation of the law)? Did certain White House officials cover-up their knowledge of illegal fundraising (which would amount to an obstruction of justice)? Were Clinton administration policy decisions influenced by foreign donations?

EVERYONE ELSE HAS DONE IT (SO WHY SHOULDN'T WE?) President Clinton hasn't said this publicly, but his former deputy chief of staff, Harold Ickes, has. "I have no apologies for the amount of money we raised," he told *USA Today*. "I give no apologies for how it was raised."

Ickes, who came up with the idea of holding White House coffee klatches for potential donors (which included, among others, a Chinese arms

dealer and a convicted drug trafficker), insists that Clinton was no more obsessed with building a re-election war chest than previous presidents.

"Nixon wasn't obsessed with the next election?" asked Ickes, sarcastically. "Ronald Reagan wasn't? No, no, no, they didn't give a thought about the next election. George Bush? Lyndon Johnson? I bet Lyndon Johnson didn't even think about the next election."

"Jimmy Carter never gave it a thought. Dwight Eisenhower, he went to sleep up there in the Lincoln bedroom and never met a contributor? In fact, if somebody gave him a contribution, he took them out and beat the s— out of them on Pennsylvania Avenue. Come on!"

Ickes left out Harry Truman. Maybe because he recognizes that Truman was a stand-up president. Instead of defending the sell-out of the White House for campaign donations, Truman would have owned up to that the buck stopped with him.

I'M FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM (BUT I'M GOING TO CONTINUE BUCKRAKING AS USUAL) In his State of the Union message earlier this month, President Clinton urged the Republican-controlled Congress to pass the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill, which, among other things, would ban unregulated "soft money" donations.

But the president's sincerity is cast in doubt by his appearance at the DSCC dinner, which raised \$1.2 million, a third of which came in the form of the very soft money contributions that Clinton claims he wants to ban.

Even non-Republicans were calling Clinton a hypocrite. "To continue raising money hand over fist at a time when his fund-raising practices from the last campaign are under scrutiny is almost beyond description," said Ellen Miller of Public Campaign.

But Clinton really doesn't care what Miller or anyone else thinks of his past or present fundraising practices. No matter the charge, he's got a ready dodge.

America's judiciary is authoritarian

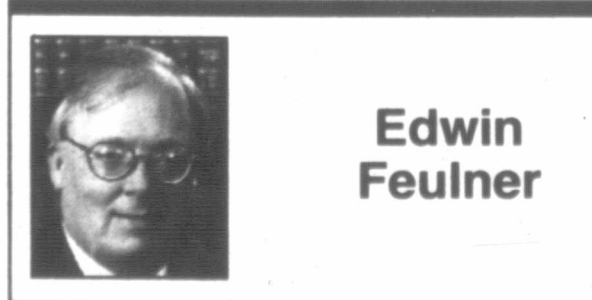
In the past decade or so, Americans have begun to rebel against a host of government actions they view as unfair, ill-advised or downright dangerous. What they don't know is that they're reacting to an all-but-secret revolution against America's representative form of government.

Imposing race and sex quotas in hiring and school admissions, encouraging teenage girls to set up house at taxpayer expense, letting dangerous criminals out of jail (or refusing to put them away in the first place) are all policies that have no basis in law. Yet, no matter what we do — including voting the policies down at the polls — most of these policies continue.

Why? No one voted for race and sex quotas. Congress never passed a law allowing dangerous criminals to walk the streets. It never created such a long, involved hearing process for cutting off welfare benefits that practically no one, once signed up for welfare, could have their benefits terminated. No president ever begged Congress to use government authority to force renters and employers to give special consideration to homosexuals.

So who's doing all this stuff? How can they do it without "the consent of the governed," as our Declaration of Independence puts it? And how can they overturn our efforts to stop them?

"In no other democracy in the world do unelected judges decide as many vital political issues as they do in America today," says former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese, who should know. After all, it was Meese who headed the



Edwin Feulner

commission that documented the human tragedy that has been perpetrated on this nation by pornographers, aided and abetted by judges who regard the First Amendment as a license to destroy innocence and abolish decency.

In his chapter "Reining in the Federal Judiciary" in the Heritage Foundation's new policy book, *Mandate For Leadership IV: Turning Ideas Into Actions*, Meese says that in their zeal to transform America into their idea of a social utopia, liberal judges in America's federal courts have assumed legislative authority in blatant violation of the Constitution of the United States. Judges are making the laws instead of interpreting them.

"Federal courts in nearly every state are substituting their judgment for that of local officials and trying to manage everything from prisons and mental hospitals to grammar schools and athletic leagues," Meese says. "Judicial excesses over the past 30 years include imposing racial preferences

and employment quotas in violation of the common-sense principle of equal opportunity; creating a 'right' to public welfare assistance that literally has built the culture of dependency; weakening criminal procedures so that even rapists, killers and child molesters have been set free; discovering a 'right' to abortion that even abortion advocates have admitted is dubious; and overturning state referenda directly supported by the people."

The social revolution federal judges are imposing on America is an assault on our constitutional system, and ultimately, our freedoms. And since most Americans don't understand that the real fight isn't over abortion or affirmative action or crime but over whether federal judges have the authority to make these decisions, the judges keep winning.

The federal judiciary has become the most undemocratic and the most powerful branch of the government. And President Clinton is appointing more "judge-legislators" than ever before. But Article III of the Constitution gives Congress the power to limit the jurisdiction of federal courts. Congress should exercise this power. But it won't do so without an outcry from the people.

John Leo of *U.S. News & World Report* recently wrote that the most galling aspect of the revolution in the courts "is that it remains invisible to most Americans."

Well, now you know. Let's do something about it.

Poll: Most Texans favor parental notification on abortions

By ANNA M. TINSLEY
Harte-Hanks Texas Poll Syndicate

Half of Texans believe abortion should be legal, but nearly three in four say parents should be told if their minor daughters are seeking abortions, according to The Harte-Hanks Texas Poll.

And 76 percent want women seeking abortions to be counseled on alternatives.

"Texans are willing to extend the right to choose to adults, but not to children," said Susan E. Marshall, an associate professor of sociology at the University of Texas in Austin. "This shows great support for the family, rather than the individual child."

In 1995, there were 87,501 abortions in Texas, more than 2,000 fewer than the 89,365 in 1994, according to the state's Department of Health.

Abortion continues to be a hot issue in Texas politics as a handful of bills are pending before the Legislature this year. Proposals range from giving women more counseling on their options to requiring parental consent for minors seeking abortions.

Analysts say the bill with the best chance of approval is parental notification, sponsored by state Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, even though it failed in 1995.

A Senate committee has approved the measure this year, and a new Republican majority in the chamber has given hope to supporters that the Legislature will pass it.

While the Legislature debates parental notification, it appears clear what Texans want.

Seventy-three percent of Texans favor a state law

requiring parental notification. Twenty-two percent oppose it, 2 percent are neutral and 3 percent don't know.

Overall, 50 percent of Texans say they believe abortion should be legal, 41 percent say illegal and 9 percent don't know.

"When you ask about abortion, there is an almost 50-50 split," Shapiro said. "But when you ask about parental notification, (approval) skyrockets. To me, this is indicative of responsible public policy."

State Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, opposes Shapiro's bill and successfully worked to defeat it last session. He said he will continue to fight the proposal.

"This law ... will force many young pregnant girls to opt out of health care because they fear embarrassing themselves, their parents or because they are being abused at home," Moncrief said. "This is bad policy for Texas."

Under the bill, a doctor who doesn't notify a parent and performs the abortion would be in violation of a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and up to a \$4,000 fine.

Anti-abortion advocates praise the legislation.

"Parents have the right, as well as the obligation, to know the good, the bad and the ugly about their children," said Bill Price, president of Texans United for Life. "Parents have the right to know when their minor children are in distress."

Such a law could be a death sentence for some Texas girls, said Kae McLaughlin, executive director of the Texas Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League.

"People don't think of those girls who would be

beaten, killed or thrown out of the house if their parents knew they were pregnant," she said. "Maybe they became pregnant through molestation in the family."

In such cases, the bill would let a minor seeking an abortion avoid having her parents notified by obtaining judicial approval.

A court can let a minor consent on her own if it finds she's mature and well-informed enough to make the decision on her own, or that the notification requirement is not in her best interest.

"Sure they could go to court. But they are trying to seek privacy in the first place," said McLaughlin, who added that about 27 officials know a girl is pregnant before she leaves the courthouse. "The kid is already afraid to go to a teacher or counselor. Now we'll ask them to go to court and tell the judge when they're already terrified?"

McLaughlin said bill will lead to Texas girls seeking legal abortions out of state or illegal abortions in state.

Shapiro said she has 21 solid votes — enough to pass the bill — for parental notification in the Senate. She said she will ask for a vote on the issue as soon as rules allow, which could be the week of March 17.

Overall, 74 percent of Texans say the abortion issue is important to them. Twenty-five percent say it's not important and 1 percent didn't answer.

The Poll also asked Texans about when they believe life begins.

Fifty-three percent of Texans believe life begins at conception. Fifteen percent say life begins at birth, 27 percent say life begins some point in between conception and birth and 5 percent didn't answer.

Price said the results mean anti-abortion officials are getting their message out.

"Almost every science book says when an egg and sperm come together you have all the DNA material that a person will ever have throughout their entire life," he said.

Lawmakers could try this session to set new rules determining when life begins. Under Texas law, a person is someone born and alive — as opposed to an unborn fetus.

"This is a philosophical question and it's the very reason we do not legislate when life begins," McLaughlin said. "It's why we don't have legislators make decisions on theology."

Meanwhile, Texans also say they want women considering abortion to receive more counseling.

Seventy-six percent of Texans favor requiring women seeking abortions to be counseled on alternatives to abortion. Three percent are neutral, 18 percent oppose and 3 percent don't know.

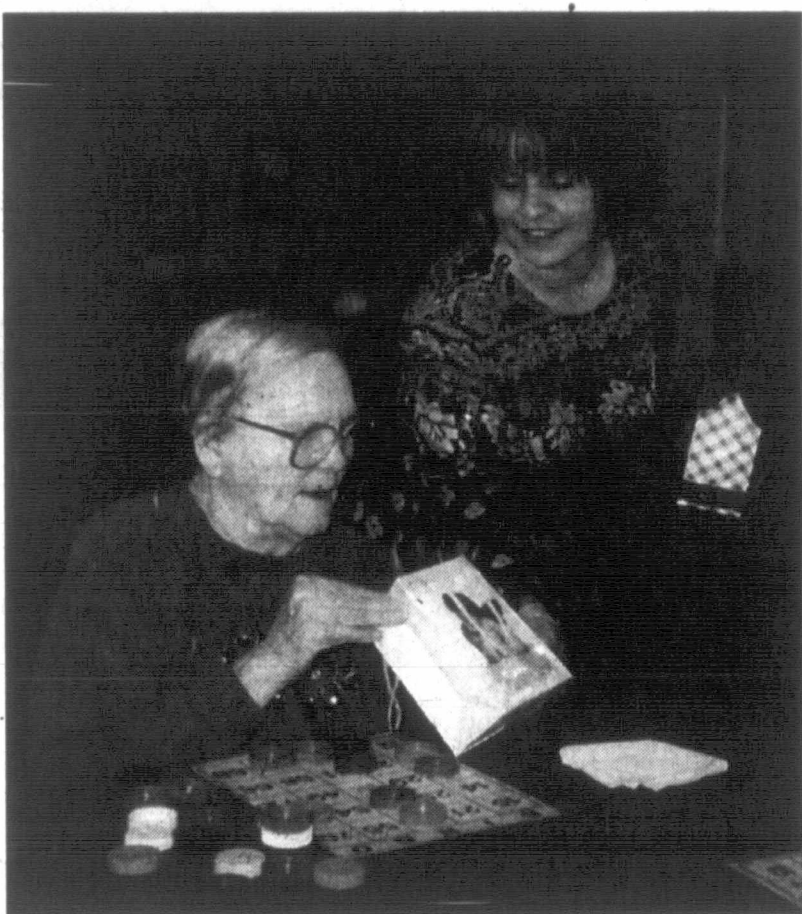
McLaughlin said she opposes legislating counseling because it could result in biased counseling.

But Price said current counseling is biased. Although no counseling is required by law, most centers offer some.

"I don't think it should be left up to people who sell the product to develop information they're going to give the consumer. It's the fox guarding the hen house," he said.

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 998 adult Texans for Harte-Hanks Communications Inc.

Bingo time



(Special photo)

Junior Service League member Sherri Griggs, right, presents Ms. Eugenia with her winnings at an annual Bingo game held recently at Coronado Healthcare Center. The Bingo game is just one of the various service projects provided by Junior Service League members in Pampa.

Foreign exchange student program representative to visit in Pampa

A representative of the Center for Cultural Interchange is planning to visit Pampa in March to discuss the organization's exchange student program.

Lee White, Texas regional director for CCI, said he hopes to visit Pampa in the first week of March to discuss the non-profit organization that promotes peace through understanding of world cultures.

The Center for Cultural Interchange is a non-profit student exchange organization founded in 1985 by writer and lecturer Emanuel Kuntzelman.

The center's goals are to promote cultural understanding, academic development and world peace, White said.

For foreign students, CCI organizes short term group and individual homestays in the United States, as well as the Academic Year Program (AYP), a year and semester homestay program.

The Discovery Abroad programs provide American stu-

dents with long and short term homestay possibilities in many areas of the world.

CCI's programs encompass approximately 750 participants from more than 30 countries around the world, White said.

Families may welcome teenagers from other nations into their homes for a semester or for an academic year.

In addition, Pampa parents are invited to inquire about an overseas opportunity for their own children — a summer/athletic language camp in Marbella, Spain.

In Marbella, located near the Mediterranean, participants will practice their favorite sports while attending language classes and cultivating relationships with others from the international community, White explained.

For more information on the summer camp or about CCI programs, contact Lee White at the CCI office, 1-888-227-6231.

Serbs seek justice in Muslims, Croat war crimes trial

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Blamed for much of the horror of Bosnia's war, angry Serbs are seeking justice against three Muslims and a Croat charged with gang rape, torture and murder at a Bosnian concentration camp.

The trial, conducted by the United Nations' tribunal on Yugoslavia, begins today. It is the first collective war crimes trial since Nuremberg and Tokyo courts examined World War II atrocities.

It also represents a chance for Bosnia's Serbs to show they were not the only ones responsible for rape, torture and murder during the war.

"I want justice, nothing more and nothing less. I will say how it was," said Grozda Cecez, a Serb woman in her 60s who said she was raped at Celebici, a central Bosnia camp set up by mostly Muslim authorities at the beginning of the war.

Cecez and a male victim came to The Hague to testify, accompanied by a psychiatrist who is helping them cope with the emotional ordeal of the trial, which is expected to last several months.

The International Red Cross first reported the Celebici camp as a place of harassment and torture in August 1992. Months later, a number of Serbs were released and the camp was shut down. Some, however, were transferred to other camps and endured prolonged torture until 1994.

At least 14 Serbs allegedly died horrible deaths at the camp and many more suffered torture during months or years as prisoners.

Inmates were beaten with steel cables, wooden and metal bars, burned with heated scissors, wrapped with fuses that were then lit, and forced to remain in vats of water, according to a 49-page indictment. Prisoners were raped and some were forced to act like animals and to perform oral sex on each other, the indictment said.

One man died after a badge with a Muslim party logo was nailed to his head, it said.

The defendants are: Zejnir Delalic, 49, a Muslim military commander in the region; the camp's commander, Zdravko Mucic, a 41-year-old Croat; Mucic's deputy, Hazim Delic, 36; and Esad Landzo, 23, a guard at the camp. The indictment says the four men had sig-

nificantly different roles in the alleged atrocities.

Landzo is accused of personally killing five men. Delic is charged with four slayings and with direct participation in the torture.

There has been no evidence Delalic and Mucic personally took part in any of the alleged atrocities. They are considered responsible as commanding officers who must have known of the acts and could have prevented them.

Some Celebici survivors have protested that the U.N. court did not go far enough up the Muslim hierarchy to indict all responsible officers, claiming only "small fish" were charged.

Some told investigators they saw Bosnia's Muslim leader, Alija Izetbegovic, visiting the camp in 1992 while they still were imprisoned. Though he never saw them or the conditions they were kept in, he must have known about their misery, they contend.

By contrast, the Serbs say, probes of atrocities committed by Serbs have led up the chain of command to the indictments of the top Serb leaders, Radovan Karadzic and Gen. Ratko Mladic.

State briefs

Ashes mailed to family; shock prompts procedure change

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man's shock at receiving his wife's ashes in the mail has prompted the state's largest medical-study program to change how it returns to families the remains of donated bodies.

The changes made by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas could spread to the state's other ten willied-body programs.

"This is one area where we clearly dropped the ball," said Dr. John Burnside, director of UT Southwestern's willied-body program. "Instead of, 'Ho-hum, here's another set of ashes we're sending out,' this made us

think, 'How would you feel if you were on the receiving end of this?'"

The medical school will start notifying families by phone as well as letter and allow them to receive in person the ashes of their loved ones, whose bodies had been donated for anatomical study.

"This is an important enough issue that if Dallas has made that change, all the schools in the state will want to consider it," said Dr. Andy Payer, the program director at UT Medical Branch at Galveston and an officer for the state Anatomical Board. The board oversees the use of bodies for medical education and research.

Lawmakers want \$10 million bailout of Texas Southern

HOUSTON (AP) — Black lawmakers seek a \$10 million bailout of Texas Southern University to keep the financially troubled school from being taken over by the state.

Under state control, the historically black university likely would become part of a university system such as the University of Texas, state Rep. Al Edwards said.

"We are in the midst of a storm," Edwards told a gathering of students, faculty and administrators at the college's Thurgood Marshall School of Law. "This is it. In two years, if we don't come back with a good report, TSU will go into receivership, and who

knows what will happen." State Rep. Garnet Coleman, whose district encompasses the Houston college, said loss of Texas Southern's status as an independent campus would happen "over my dead body."



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Bulimic Girl Seeks To Purge Pressure From Parents To Diet

DEAR ABBY: I am 18 years old and recently went from 180 pounds to 130. I've dropped six pants sizes, plus two more sizes in shirts. You can definitely see the difference.

Ever since I was a little girl, my parents have bugged me to lose weight, even though I was healthy and well-built. I played sports and ran track, so a lot of my weight was muscle, but my parents always wanted me to look like a tiny gymnast in miniskirts, so they bribed me to lose weight. By the time I was in the eighth grade, I was so depressed about my weight that I considered suicide.

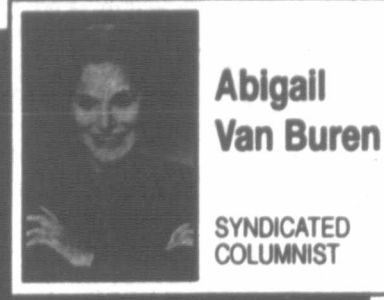
About 6 1/2 years ago, I began sticking my fingers down my throat every time I ate. Now I throw up after I eat whether I stick my finger down my throat or not. I know it's not healthy. I know I am bulimic, and it is not a joke.

I want to have a husband and children someday, but I know that won't happen unless I get well. You can bet that if I'm lucky enough to have children, I'll love them no matter what size they are.

Please tell me where I can get help, Abby. And please tell parents to stop criticizing their overweight children. Help them lose weight, yes, but constant nagging and poking fun only lead to desperate measures on the part of the child.

READY TO MOVE ON
IN HOBBS, N.M.

DEAR READY TO MOVE ON:



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

It is a sad commentary that someone as young as you had to resort to such drastic and life-threatening measures.

Bulimia nervosa is an eating disorder characterized in part by a preoccupation with food, binge eating (usually in secret) and purging after eating. The disorder is generally accompanied by depression, shame and guilt, mood swings, low self-esteem and withdrawal from normal social activities. Physically, bulimics can suffer from malnutrition, dehydration, tears in the esophagus, and serious heart, kidney and liver damage. If left untreated, it can even be fatal.

It is important to recognize that food is not at the heart of any eating disorder. Parents, if you feel that your child may have an eating disorder, either bulimia nervosa or anorexia nervosa, do not blame or try to make your child feel guilty. Express your love and support and try to

be understanding. Realize that your child is terrified of something, and seek professional help immediately.

For information on eating disorders and a referral to a doctor, therapist and support group in your area, contact the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders by writing to: ANAD, Box 7, Highland Park, Ill. 60035. Enclose a long (business-size), self-addressed, stamped (55 cents) envelope. ANAD's hotline, answered by understanding counselors, is (847) 831-3438.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 79-year-old woman and I'm in pretty good shape for my age. Even so, I tire more easily these days, and shopping in department stores has become harder than it used to be because there is no place to sit down and rest for a few minutes. My feet and legs get tired, and if I could just sit and rest, I would be able to continue shopping. As it is, I end up taking a catalog and leaving, because I can't walk or stand that long.

With department stores competing so heavily for business, wouldn't you think they could put a chair or two near the cash register for us older folks?

MAXINE, LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR MAXINE: I would think they could — and should — even though space in department stores is very valuable.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

In the year ahead you might become fascinated by a number of new interests. Some will be social, some will be commercial, but all will have good chances of success.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There is a possibility that today you might once again waste some of your resources on a frivolous involvement you promised yourself never to repeat. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There is

something you desire rather strongly, but perhaps not strongly enough, you may be unwilling today to take the necessary measures to attain it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You must be careful not to unconsciously try to manipulate others to do your bidding, even if they acquiesce, what they do for you might be detrimental.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There is a significant difference between being a visionary and daydreaming. Unfortunately, you might use wishful thinking in your financial involvements today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not put too much faith today in a person who fumbled the ball the last time you needed this individual's help. His or her skills haven't improved recently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Individuals with whom you associate today will determine your productivity. If your cohorts are indifferent, you might be tempted to slack off as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be on guard at all times today if you are buying, selling or trading something of value. If you

aren't careful, have a red pencil ready to add up your losses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Agreements that affect family members shouldn't be made for expedience reasons today. If you're too hasty, you might not do what's best for all concerned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today your good intentions regarding health, diet and exercise might be ignored. Push yourself a bit harder to keep your worthwhile resolutions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There are some warning signals in your chart today. Think carefully before taking on any new, long-range financial obligations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have a very good chance of achieving a significant objective today, provided you don't let self-doubts or negative expectations convince you otherwise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not pass on information today about a mutual friend. Your comments could unintentionally hurt this person, who doesn't deserve it.

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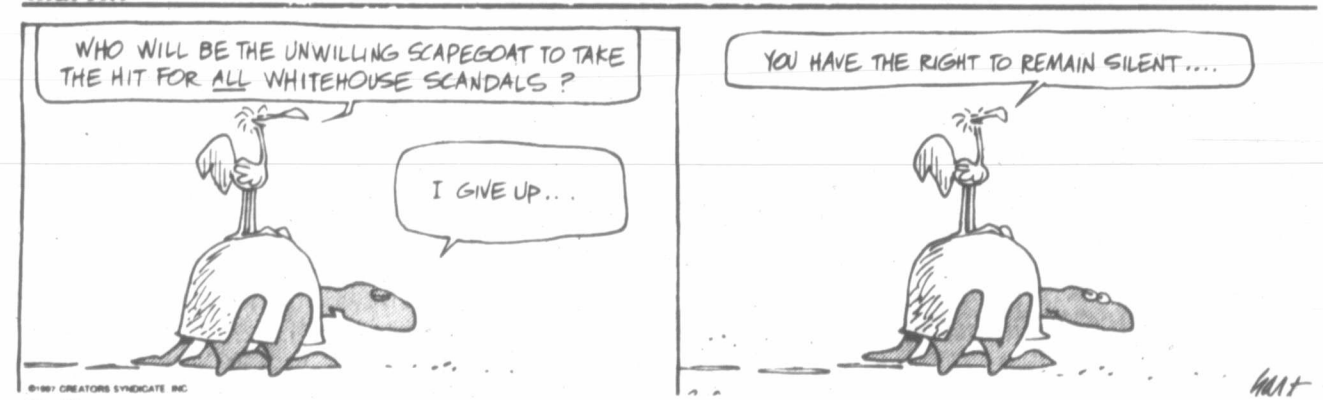
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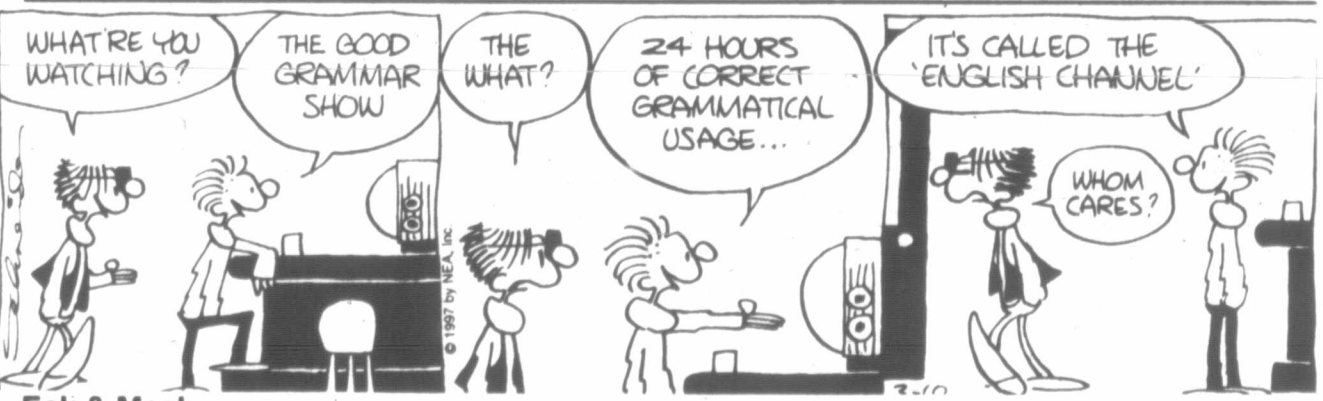
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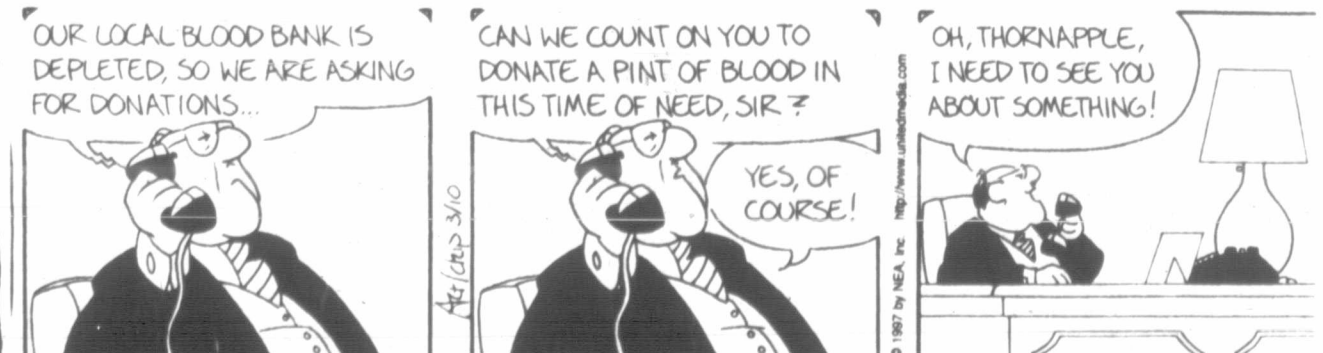
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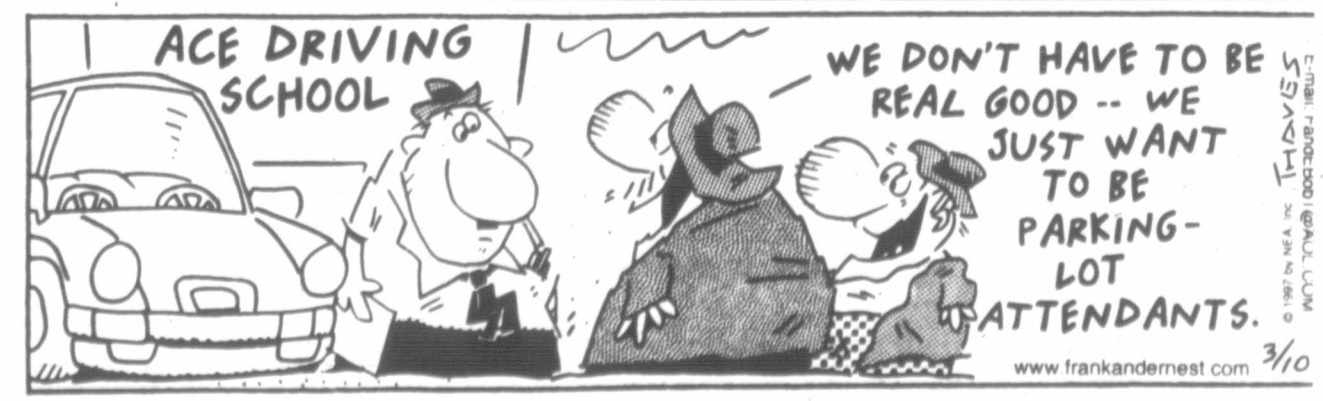
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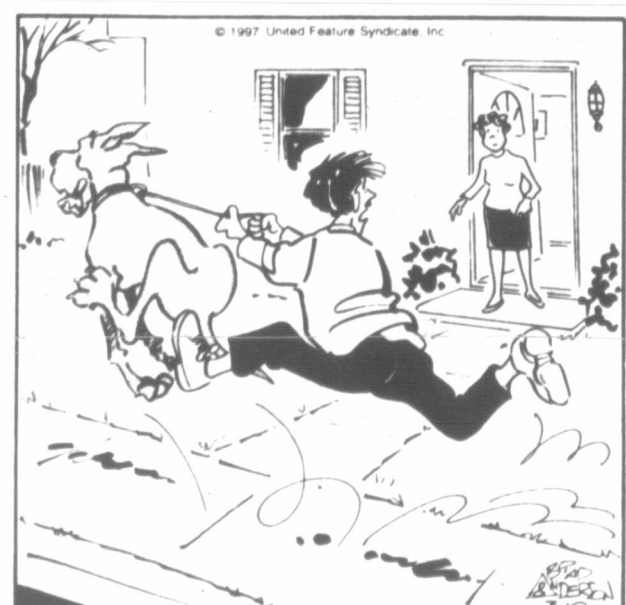
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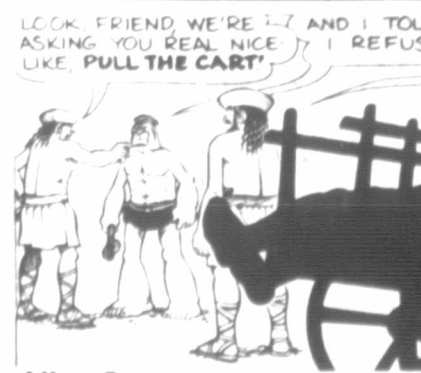
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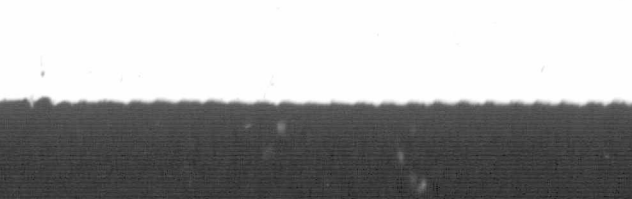
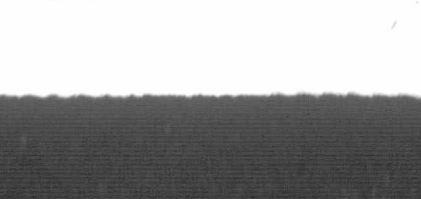
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Sports

Notebook

BASKETBALL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Connecticut, Old Dominion, Stanford and North Carolina were given the No. 1 seeds Sunday in the NCAA women's tournament. Top-ranked Connecticut (30-0) is the No. 1 seed in the Midwest Regional, Old Dominion (29-1) is on top in the Mideast, Stanford (30-1) is No. 1 in the West and North Carolina (27-2) heads up the East. Defending champion Tennessee (23-10) is the No. 3 seed in the Midwest.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A day after declaring two players ineligible during the Big 12 tournament, Texas Tech said Saturday it had withdrawn from NCAA consideration and forfeited its 10 conference victories.

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GOLF

AGADIR, Morocco (AP) — South Africa's Clinton Whitelaw won his first European tour title Sunday, closing with a 3-under 69 for a two-stroke victory in the Moroccan Open. Australians Darren Cole (64) and Wayne Riley (68) and England's Roger Chapman (67) tied for second.

TRACK AND FIELD

PARIS (AP) — Kenya's Wilson Kipketer broke his world 800-meter record in the World Indoor Championship on Sunday, finishing in 1 minute, 42.67 seconds. He set the previous mark of 1:43.96 on Friday.

Russia's Yekaterina Podkopayeva, at 44 the oldest winner ever in the championships, took the women's 1,500 in 4:05.19. American Mary Slaney, 38, finished 0.03 seconds back.

On Saturday, Kevin Little became the first white American sprinter in 41 years to win a major international competition, matching the U.S. 200 record of 20.40 seconds. Bobby Morrow was the last white American sprinter to win in the Olympics or World Championships, sweeping the 100 and 200 and running on the winning 400 relay in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Robert Howard won the triple jump at 55 feet, 11 inches Saturday night to lead Arkansas to its 13th NCAA indoor title in 14 years. Louisiana State won the women's title for the fifth straight year.

TENNIS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Australia's Mark Philippoussis beat Richey Reneberg 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) on Sunday in the final of the Franklin Templeton Classic. Philippoussis had 13 aces for a tournament total of 68.

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Second-seeded Dutch star Richard Krajicek won the ABN AMRO indoor Sunday, beating Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-5). Krajicek is No. 6 in the ATP Tour rankings.

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Second-seeded Conchita Martinez of Spain beat Germany's Petra Begerow 6-4, 6-2 on Sunday in the second round of the Evert Cup. No. 3 Anke Huber of Germany beat Russia's Anna Kournikova 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

FOOTBALL

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia freshman lineman Daniel Paul VanEtten was killed early Sunday when the sports utility he was driving went out of control after its tire went flat.

Teammates Carlos Osegueda, Matt Wilson and Donnell Khorl Ivey, and another passenger, Dina Karwoski, were treated for minor injuries at Camden Medical Center.

Longhorns make 64-team NCAA field

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It's not so much whether you win or lose, but whom you played in the game.

Texas coach Tom Penders has scheduled hard-to-beat non-conference foes like Rhode Island and Louisville that tend to depress the won-loss record, and the Longhorns got the last laugh Sunday, making the 64-team NCAA field Sunday with a 16-11 mark, worst among the at-large teams.

A host of bigger winners tasted rejection. Also-rans included Southwest Missouri (24-8), New Orleans (22-6), Bowling Green (22-9), and a couple of members of the most disappointed conference on the collegiate landscape —

Syracuse (19-12) and West Virginia (19-9) of the Big East.

"Texas did exactly what we ask schools to do," selection committee chairman Terry Holland said. "They played a tough schedule. Texas had six wins over teams in the top 50. We felt that was sufficient to get them in the field."

Said Penders, "Writers sometimes get fooled by the record thing and Associated Press polls and all this and they compare it to football. (In basketball,) you're rewarded for your schedule."

Top-ranked Kansas (32-1), North Carolina (24-6) and Kentucky (30-4) were given No. 1 seeds along with Minnesota (27-3), which a year ago couldn't even get a bid despite having 19 wins.

"We have a good feeling,

because last year, believe me, it was an empty spot in the belly," coach Clem Haskins said.

The Golden Gophers' first round opponent in the Midwest Regional on Friday in Kansas City is Southwest Texas State (16-12).

Kansas and North Carolina also open Thursday, against the only teams in the tournament with losing records. The Jayhawks take on Jackson State (14-15) in Memphis, Tenn., and the Tar Heels meet Fairfield (11-18) in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Kentucky, the defending NCAA champion, was made No. 1 seed in the West Regional and will open on Thursday against Montana.

As far as traveling so far, Rick Pitino says it's no big deal.

"All you see is a basketball court

and a hotel," the Kentucky coach said.

One of the most intriguing and historic matchups of this or any other tournament could come Saturday in Winston-Salem when North Carolina's Dean Smith tries to pass Adolph Rupp as the game's all-time winningest coach.

If eight-seeded Indiana has gotten past its first-round opponent Colorado, then leading the opposition would be none other than the third-biggest winner among active college coaches, Bob Knight.

Just being the team that Smith beats to tie Rupp's mark of 876 wins is enough to impress Paul Cormier.

"I could be a part of history," the Fairfield coach said.

An unusually small number of upsets in conference tournaments

over the weekend made the selection committee's job much easier, Holland said, and led to the power conferences gobbling up every one of the at-large bids.

"The upsets that did occur tended to occur early and allowed us to at least start preparing," Holland said. "It also gave us a few more spots to play with in terms of the at-large bids."

The committee did get off to a rough start Sunday. Lightning struck its hotel before dawn, temporarily knocking out phone service. No one was hurt.

Forty-three of the 64 berths — including all 34 at-large bids — went to nine conferences. Another 21 leagues, such as the Missouri Valley, Southland and Patriot, all got only one.

Kansas closes at number one

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

The AP college basketball poll and the NCAA tournament selection committee agreed on three of the four top seeds.

Kansas was the unanimous No. 1 choice today in the final poll, the 15th straight week the Jayhawks (32-1) held the top spot. Utah, a No. 2 seed in the upcoming tournament, was No. 2 in the poll, the Utes' highest ranking of the season, and they were followed by No. 1 seeds Minnesota and North Carolina.

Kentucky, the fourth of the No. 1 seeds, was ranked fifth.

Kansas was No. 1 on all 70 ballots from the national media panel and received 1,750 points, while Utah (26-3), which was third last week, had 1,578.

Minnesota (27-3), which dropped one spot after losing to Wisconsin on Saturday, had 1,571 points, five more than the Tar Heels (24-6), whose Atlantic Coast Conference sweep gave them 12 straight wins. Defending national champion Kentucky (30-4), which had 1,559 points, also moved up one spot after winning the Southeastern Conference tournament.

South Carolina, which dropped two spots from fourth to sixth after losing to Georgia in the SEC semifinals, was followed by UCLA, Duke, Wake Forest and Cincinnati.

New Mexico led the Second Ten, with St. Joseph's, Xavier, Clemson, Arizona, College of Charleston, Georgia, Iowa State, Illinois and Villanova following in the Top 20.

The last five teams were Stanford, Maryland, Boston College, Colorado and Louisville.

Boston College (21-8), which won its first Big East tournament championship last weekend, was the lone newcomer in the final poll, replacing Indiana (22-9), which dropped from No. 25 after losing to Michigan State on Saturday.

Kansas was the first unanimous No. 1 in a final poll since UNLV in 1991.



Lady Harvesters capture Bulldog Relays

PLAINVIEW — The Pampa Lady Harvesters placed among the top three in 10 events to win the Bulldog Relays last weekend.

The unbeaten Lady Harvesters finished with 150 points to win their third meet championship. Palo Duro was second with 114 points.

"We scored in every event except the high jump. That was a big plus for us," said Pampa head coach Mike Lopez.

Bulldog Relays at Plainview High School

Team totals: 1. Pampa 150; 2. Palo Duro 114; 3. Dumas 53; 4. Canyon 52; 5. Plainview 50; 6. Tascosa 39 1/2; 7. Caprock 37; 8. Lubbock Monterey 36 1/2; 9. Clovis 22; 10. Randall 18; 11. Lubbock High 10.

Pampa placings
Shot put: Barbara Wine, first

place, 40-11; Stephanie Winegart, fifth place, 35-9.

Long jump: LeVonne Evans, fourth place, 16-2; Katy Cavalier, fifth place, 16-1 3/4; Lacrease Ford, sixth place, 15-10 3/4.

Discus: Andrea Rodriguez, sixth place, 103-3.

Triple jump: Katy Cavalier, second place, 34-7 1/4.

3200: Anna Resendiz, third place, 12:42.17; Amanda White, fourth place, 12:49.25.

400 relay: Pampa, first place (LeVonne Evans, Audrey Wilbon, Leshica Evans and Lacrease Ford), 50.38.

800: Jenny Fatheree, first place, 2:25.38.

100 hurdles: Lori Lindsey, fourth place, 16.9.

100: Lacrease Ford, first place, 12.31.

800 relay: Pampa, second place (Audrey Wilbon, Leshica Evans, Lisa Kirkpatrick and LeVonne Evans), 1:50.33.

400: Dutchess Bowen, fourth place, 1:04.12.

300 hurdles: Robin Williams, fourth place, 51.49; Tandy Morton, fifth place, 52.78.

200: Lacrease Ford, first place, 26.38; Lisa Kirkpatrick, sixth place, 28.15.

1600: Jenny Fatheree, second place, 5:41.60; Anna Resendiz, fourth place, 5:50.94; Amanda White, fifth place, 5:55.00.

1600 relay: Pampa, first place (Audrey Wilbon, Robin Williams, Jenny Fatheree and LeVonne Evans), 4:17.41.

BORGER — The Pampa boys' team placed third at the Berger Relays Friday and Saturday with 97 points. Borger won the meet with 176 points.

Gabe Wilbon (triple jump) and Curtis Johnson (200) won first-place medals for Pampa.

The Harvesters compete in the San Angelo meet March 21-22.

Harvester Lanes host TOT Open

PAMPA — The 37th annual Top O' Texas Open was held recently at Harvester Lanes.

Diana Cross won the Singles-Open Division with a 744 series. Cathy Dorin was second with a 740, followed by Chris Duroy, third, 732; Heath Keelin, fourth, 731, and Marty Cross, fifth, 717.

Mickey Nunn and Stephen McAnear teamed up to win the Doubles-Open Division with a 1,403 series. Carrie Duroy and Chris Duroy were second (1,388) and J.T. Lamberson and Kurt Foster were third (1,362).

Western Bowl Pro Shop earned \$750 in winning the team title with a 2,852 series. Winks was second at 2,667.

The all-events winner was Michelle Maly with a 2,161 series. Mike Scroggins won scratch all-events with a 2,036.

Six of the winners are (left to right) Heath Keelin, Mickey Nunn, Marty Cross, Diana Cross, J.T. Lamberson and Kurt Foster.

New sound system



Two Pampa businesses, Tarpley Music Co. and First American Bank have donated a new sound system for the Harvester baseball park. Pictured with PHS head coach Dennis Doughty (left) are Dennis Godwin of First American Bank and Bobby Richardson (right) of Tarpley.

Jarrett wins Primestar 500

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Dale Jarrett has dominated Winston Cup racing all season. Now he has a victory to show for it.

Nothing could stop Jarrett — not a broken ignition, not a flurry of caution flags, not a spectacular crash that halted the race for nearly an hour — as he ran away from the field Sunday at the Primestar 500, his first triumph of the season.

Jarrett easily could have been a winner in the previous two races, having led the most laps at both Richmond and Rockingham before coming up short at the finish both times.

Jarrett's Ford Thunderbird led 253 of the 328 laps at Atlanta Motor Speedway — and this time, he made sure the last one was accompanied by a checkered flag.

"When you're running as good as we have this year, you just can't get down on yourself," said Jarrett, savoring his third straight top-five finish. "If you just keep putting yourself in position, you know that (a victory) is going to happen."

Jarrett took to heart the advice of his father, former Winston Cup racer Ned Jarrett.

"Dad just kept telling me to keep doing the things we were doing," the younger Jarrett recalled. "We were running great, things just weren't going our way. We just had to continue doing

what were doing and we would get to victory lane. He's been my biggest supporter, and it's great to have a dad and a friend who knows enough about the sport that he can help you."

Jarrett earned \$137,650 and stormed to the front of the Winston Cup standings with his ninth career victory and first at the Atlanta track. He averaged 132.730 mph.

Jeff Gordon, the series points leader entering the day, blew an engine after only 59 laps and wound up last in the 42-car field.

"We're losing a lot of points that we're going to have to fight hard to make back up," said Gordon, a two-time winner this season who dropped to fourth in the standings with 562 points — 72 behind Jarrett. "Those things happen. I guess it was just our time."

Not even Gordon would have been able to catch Jarrett on this day.

After a scare on lap 190, when Jarrett's engine quit and he had to switch to a backup ignition system, there was never a doubt that his No. 88 Ford Thunderbird was strongest car on the track. After the ignition trouble, Ernie Irvan took over the lead, but Jarrett quickly got back up to speed and took back the top position from his Robert Yates Racing teammate five laps later.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL

The Top Twenty Five

By The Associated Press
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 9, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Kansas(70)	32-1	1,750	1
2	Utah	26-3	1,578	3
3	Minnesota	27-3	1,571	2
4	North Carolina	24-6	1,566	5
5	Kentucky	30-4	1,559	6
6	South Carolina	24-7	1,385	4
7	UCLA	21-7	1,343	9
8	Duke	23-8	1,245	7
9	Wake Forest	23-6	1,223	8
10	Cincinnati	25-7	1,014	10
11	New Mexico	24-7	949	14
12	St. Joseph's	24-6	856	19
13	Xavier/Ohio	22-5	765	11
14	Clemson	21-9	713	13
15	Arizona	19-9	654	12
16	Colo./Charleston	28-2	599	17
17	Georgia	24-8	524	24
18	Iowa St.	20-8	485	16
19	Illinois	21-9	437	15
20	Villanova	23-9	387	21
21	Stanford	20-7	371	23
22	Maryland	21-10	344	22
23	Boston College	21-8	255	—
24	Colorado	21-9	244	18
25	Louisville	23-8	226	20

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

Championship

Coppin St. 81, N. Carolina A&T 74, OT

Southwestern Athletic Conference

Championship

Georgia 78, South Carolina 63

Eastern Athletic Conference

Championship

Uth 69, Texas Christian 66

National Basketball Association

At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
American	47	16	.746	—
Atlantic	45	17	.726	1 1/2
Central	32	28	.533	13 1/2
Eastern	28	33	.459	18
Midwest	18	43	.295	28
Pacific	16	44	.267	29 1/2
Southwest	12	50	.194	34 1/2

Western Athletic Conference

Championship

Portland 83, New Mexico 63

Big Sky Conference

Championship

Montana 82, CS Northridge 79

Big West Conference

Championship

UCLA 87, Washington St. 86

Transactions

By The Associated Press

American League

ANAHEIM ANGELS—Signed 1B-OF Darin Erstad, RHP Dennis Springer and 3B George Arias to one-year contracts. Assigned RHP Travis Buckley, C Ben Molina and RHP Steve Clevinger to their minor-league camp.

National League CINCINNATI REDS—Sent C Paul Bako, INF Stephen Larkin, INF Tim Lincecum and OF Pat Watkins to their minor-league camp.

Rockets hand Mavericks seventh straight setback

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The way Kevin Willis and Eddie Johnson are playing, the Houston Rockets can afford to let injured stars Charles Barkley and Clyde Drexler sit out until they're healthy.

Willis had 19 points and 10 rebounds and the Rockets continued an unbeaten road trip Sunday with an 88-83 victory over Dallas. It was the Mavericks' seventh-consecutive defeat.

The Rockets can conclude a spotless road trip with a win Tuesday night against the floundering San Antonio Spurs.

Eddie Johnson, signed by the Rockets on March 3, added 17 points for Houston, which has won five straight and is 4-0 on the current swing. Mario Elie added 16 points and Matt Maloney 15.

"This has been a big road trip for us," said Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich. "We've been getting some great play from guys off the bench who are stepping up while Clyde and Charles are out of the lineup."

"Kevin Willis was a big factor and we got great play from Eddie Johnson off the bench. We're also playing great defense."

Willis said it's no secret that the Mavs are weak inside.

"We knew we had an advantage inside so we wanted to take advantage of that," Willis said. "We pounded the ball down low and took the best possible shots we could."

Michael Finley led the Mavericks with 24 points, and Erick Strickland and Shawn Bradley added 19 apiece.

Dallas started the second half with a 13-0 run. A 3-pointer by Finley cut the Houston lead to 44-39 with 8:17 left in the third quarter. Maloney hit a 3-point shot to stop the Dallas rally, and Houston led 65-56 at the end of three quarters.

Dallas closed the gap to six points on a basket by Strickland with 4:49 to play, but back-to-back 3-point baskets by Elie and Johnson put Dallas away.

The Rockets, thanks to 25.7 percent shooting from the field for the Mavericks, took a 44-26 halftime lead. Dallas' first-half total was the lowest in franchise history and only two points higher than the club record low for a half.

"Our first half wasn't very artistic, to say the least," said Dallas coach Jim Cleamons. "We didn't shoot the ball well at all. We got better in the second half but it was too late. I guess we just had the jitters."

Bradley said the Mavs were pathetic in the first half.

"Where were we?" Bradley asked. "We played great in the second half. But we couldn't stop Kevin Willis. He really played a good game."

Houston took a 21-point lead on a layup by Haakeem Olajuwon, making the score 42-21 with 52.4 seconds left in the first half. Willis paced the Rockets in the first half with 11 points.

Houston defeated Dallas 88-78 and 89-80 in previous games this season.

Dallas Kimball building 90s dynasty in Class 5A

AUSTIN (AP) — Dallas Kimball coach Goree Johnson has made bad news for the rest of Class 5A.

The Knights, who have won three state titles in the 1990s — including two straight — could be even better next year.

"We might be better. We will definitely be bigger," Johnson said while celebrating his team's 64-53 victory over Galena Park North Shore in the 5A title game Saturday night.

No other 5A team has even won two state titles in the 90s.

Led by seniors Brandon Burney, the finals most valuable player, and Jeryl Sasser, who led a dramatic fourth-quarter comeback for a 63-60 victory over Duncanville in the semifinals, the Knights again proved to be better at crunch time.

Kimball, which matched last year's record of 38-2, broke open a two-point game by outscoring North Shore 17-7 in the final period.

"Our program is about pride, respect and responsibility," Johnson said. "If we're close in the fourth quarter or have a lead, we're going to win nine times out of 10."

North Shore, which returns eight players — including two starters — next year, finished the year 34-4.

The city of Dallas had been seeking a triple crown at this year's state tournament, with three high schools — Kimball, Dallas Lincoln in 4A and Dallas Madison in 3A — all reaching the finals.

But Lincoln (31-8), hampered by a knee injury to star 6-foot-6 forward Willie Davis, a Southern Methodist signee, couldn't keep up with San Antonio Fox Tech as the Buffaloes scored a 68-59 victory for the 4A title.

National Invitational Tournament picks its 32 teams

NEW YORK (AP) — Within hours of not seeing their names on the NCAA's brackets, several teams took the opportunity to play some more postseason games.

Syracuse, West Virginia, Michigan and Hawaii, all considered bubble teams for NCAA at-large berths, were among the 32 teams selected Sunday for the NIT.

Michigan coach Steve Fisher said Sunday night that he asked team members what they wanted to do after the NCAA passed them over.

"They said we're not ready to quit playing," Fisher said. "We want to play."

"We're disappointed that we're not going to the NCAA tournament. I think we're one of many teams who feel that way. We have ourselves to thank or to blame for that."

North Carolina State and Texas Christian, whose surprising conference tournament runs ended in championship game losses, were also chosen, along with Iona, Drexel, Nevada, Fresno State, Southwest Missouri State, Bowling Green, Tulane, Northern Arizona, New Orleans and UNLV, all winners of at least 20 games.

Also in the field is defending NIT champion Nebraska.

Just like the NCAA tournament, the NIT field is dominated by teams from the power leagues, with 24 teams coming from the nine major conferences. The Big East has six teams in the field — Connecticut, Syracuse, West Virginia, Pittsburgh, Miami and Notre Dame. Conference USA and the Western Athletic Conference had three each.

The tournament opens Wednesday with Iona (22-7) at Connecticut (14-14), Drexel (22-8) at Bradley (16-12), Nevada (20-9) at Fresno State (20-11), Washington (17-10) at Nebraska (16-14), Florida State (16-11) at Syracuse (19-12), George Washington (16-13) at Michigan State (16-11), Southwest Missouri State (24-8) at North Carolina State (16-14), Bowling Green (22-9) at West Virginia (19-9), Oral Roberts (21-6) at Notre Dame (14-13), Alabama-Birmingham (18-13) at TCU (21-12), Northern Arizona (21-6) at Arkansas (15-12), New Orleans (22-6) at Pittsburgh (17-14), Oregon (17-10) at Hawaii (20-7) and Memphis (16-14) at UNLV (20-9).

The remaining first-round games are set for Thursday, with Miami, Fla., (16-12) at Michigan (19-11) and Tulane (20-10) at Oklahoma State (18-12).

The NIT will be played at campus and neutral sites for the first three rounds, with the semifinal and finals at Madison Square Garden on March 25 and 27.

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 - 22 Eccentric
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Korean ginseng growers see tradition fading

By SANG-HUN CHOE
Associated Press Writer

KANGHWA, South Korea (AP) — For most of his 80 years, Lee Bong-hee has roamed dark regions of Korea's tough hills, looking for shady, rocky patches suitable for planting ginseng.

The root is fabled in Asia for its ability to promote health and vitality, but it is a tough crop to grow.

"It all starts with finding the right type of soil," Lee says.

Lee and others of his age wonder how much longer their countrymen will be willing to engage in the generations-old search. Only 20,000 to 24,000 ginseng growers are left in South Korea.

"Children are not taking over. We send them to universities, and they don't come back," says Hwang In-chul, an official of a ginseng growers cooperative on Kangwha, an island northwest of Seoul.

Little wonder, considering the intensive work required to grow ginseng, a sweet but bitter-tasting root that has fascinated Asians for centuries because of its supposed medicinal properties.

Korea was the first recorded nation to cultivate ginseng and boasts its variety is superior to any other. Believing the root is a cure-all for everything from a common cold to a sag-

ging libido, Koreans consume it in tea, tablets and food.

A 5th-century Chinese medical book says: "Ginseng ... evens the spirits, allays fear, improves the eyesight, sharpens the memory, removes thirst, and if taken for a while, invigorates the body and prolongs life."

Strong demand and the toughness of bringing in a crop means the rewards can be considerable for those willing to spend the time and effort.

Ginseng sells for the equivalent of \$60 a pound, and an acre of the right kind of loamy, rocky, heavily shaded and well-drained land on a mountain slope can produce 3,300 pounds worth \$198,000.

But that prized acre will produce only one crop every 17 years.

"Ginseng farming is such a gamble," says Lee, whose leathery face resembles the wrinkled texture of the golden roots he has grown as a full-time occupation for 45 years. "When city people drive by and see ginseng, they see money. They don't see what's behind all that."

Lee recalls countless sleepless nights when his father, and his grandfather before that, sat up through the darkness, reading the sky for the weather the next day.

"Ginseng grows listening to the farmer's footsteps," he says. "They are like little toddlers. They need constant care."

Ginseng is extremely vulnerable to fungus and root rot. Exposure to direct sunlight is fatal to the plant, so it must be planted in fields that get sunlight only at dawn and sunset. Farmers must enclose their plots with snares and traps to protect the crop from pests and thieves.

Above all, ginseng is such a slow-growing crop that Chu Bong-hwan, a 74-year-old farmer, says: "If there is one way not to grow ginseng, it is quick and fast."

It takes 18 months to grow ginseng seedlings. After transplanting, half of the seedlings will die or rot before producing the most coveted seven-year-old root thick with its unique aroma.

Then, because Asians believe ginseng absorbs its medicinal powers from the ground, farmers leave plots dormant for a decade before planting more ginseng. Even after the rest, the used ground never produces the same quality, they say.

Farmers are thus forced to search constantly for new fields to rent.

Most of the easily accessible ground has been used up or planted with quick-return crops, pushing ginseng growers farther away from towns. A big portion of South Korean ginseng is now grown in a restricted area just south of the heavily guarded demilitarized zone between South and North Korea.

Study: More than 200,000 children in distressed areas

DALLAS (AP) — Almost 237,000 Texas children live in neighborhoods that have high numbers of welfare recipients, single mothers and the unemployed.

A study by the Baltimore-based Annie E. Casey Foundation, which studies children's issues, drew those conclusions from independent research, Census Bureau figures, FBI crime reports and other statistics.

More than half of the children live in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio, the study found.

Some analysts believe the number of children in those neighborhoods could grow as the state and federal governments keep scaling back public assistance.

"I would expect that more people would be at risk of falling into poverty because of

the cutbacks," said Pam Hormuth, a researcher with the Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin, which monitors issues affecting low-income Texans.

Children who slip into poverty are at an increased risk for problems with school performance, crime and health.

"In the distressed neighborhoods, the risks compound each other," Ms. Hormuth said.

The problems that accompany children in the distressed neighborhoods should be addressed at the state and local level, the foundation suggested.

"The nation has entered a social-policy era when states will have an expanded opportunity to design their own strategies to alleviate poverty, promote family strengths, encourage employment and foster effective education," said Douglas Nelson, president of the Casey Foundation.

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