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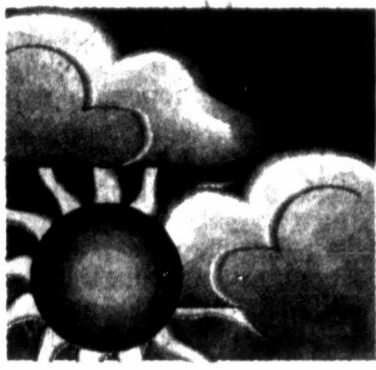
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PAMPA — A special meeting of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation board of directors will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the PEDCO office, 301 N. Ballard, to discuss replacing Jack Ippel, former director of the organization.

Ippel turned in his resignation just minutes before the regular PEDCO meeting in February. Members of the board accepted his resignation, but have not yet determined what actions will be taken to replace Ippel. Currently, the project coordinator, Susan Tripplehorn, has been fulfilling Ippel's position, and Ippel has also been available on a consulting basis.

In addition to discussing options for filling Ippel's position, the board will also discuss donating a MAC8100 computer system to the Pampa Independent School District and purchasing real property.

Participation from the general public is encouraged.

PAMPA — The city commissioner meeting scheduled for tonight has been canceled due to Spring Break.

Instead, the commissioners will hold a special meeting on March 18 at the regular time of 6 p.m. in the Commission Chambers on the third floor in the City Hall.

Members of the public are invited to attend.

PAMPA — Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving a burglary that occurred sometime between Nov. 28 and Dec. 18, 1996.

This burglary occurred in the 400 block of Davis. Approximately \$2100 worth of jewelry, personal belongings and tools were taken.

Crime Stoppers wants your information. Call 669-2222. Crime doesn't pay, but Crime Stoppers does.

CLARENDON — R.W. Hampton, professional cowboy poet and balladeer, will spin his tall tales and humorous stories at Clarendon College's Bairfield Activity Center on Wednesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in an event for the entire family, according to college officials. Everyone is encouraged to attend this free event, they said.

Hampton was recently featured in *People* magazine for his performance at the Elko, Nev., Cowboy Poetry Gathering. He is a regular performer at cowboy poetry events throughout the United States.

Cultural events, such as Hampton's poetry, are brought to the community by Clarendon College's Cultural Affairs Committee. For more information, call Jo Shaller at Clarendon College, (806) 874-3571.

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Juvenile Board, county OK RECOR agreement

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

The 32nd Judicial District Juvenile Board and Gray County officials approved the contract and agreement with Rehabilitation and Corrections Corporation (RECOR) to carry out the juvenile programs in accordance with the Texas Family Code in the board meeting this morning.

Under the terms of the contract, RECOR will provide space, if space is available, on request from Gray County at its Sweetwater Regional Juvenile Detention Facility in Sweetwater, Texas.

The boot camp services for juvenile offenders is for 24-hour care, seven days per week supervision, routine medical examination and treatment within the facility; an approved education program; recreation facilities; and counseling to each child placed within the facility.

In the agreement, Gray County agrees to pay the Juvenile Board a daily rate of \$78 for each and every day a child is held in the detention facilities, and to take responsibility if emergency medical treatment or hospitalization outside the facilities is required for a child while held in detention.

Each child placed in the Sweetwater facilities shall be required to follow the rules and regulations of conduct set by the administration. If a child is found to be mentally unfit, dangerous or unmanageable, the administration will notify the local juvenile

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board to remove said juvenile from its premises, and it will be the responsibility of the county to provide transportation and removal of said juvenile.

RECOR will accept any juvenile client qualified for care as decreed by the court, and a child placed in the facilities shall not be discharged without the receipt of an order signed by judges of juvenile jurisdiction in Gray County, duly certified by the clerk of the court or by authorization of the juvenile probation department.

According to Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Albert Nichols, this agreement is in effect immediately for one or more Gray County juveniles to be transported to Sweetwater's detention facilities, and will be effective until such time as RECOR submits a renewal contract. However, if either party in the agreement determines to terminate the contract, written notice must be submitted of the intention to terminate within 30 calendar days from the date of notice.

In other business, the board approved the purchase of computer equipment for the juvenile probation offices, including a computer, printers and networking program.

The independent audit report of the Gray County Juvenile Probation Department, submitted by Brown, Graham and Company professional certified public accountants, was approved by the board, pending proper and official signatures of representatives of the accounting company.

In accordance with the auditor's report, total funding and revenue sources allotted to Gray County Juvenile Probation Department in the 1996 fiscal year amounted to \$266,408. Resources for funding is through the State of Texas, Gray County, Pampa Independent School District contracting, community corrections assistance programs and matching funds.

Expenses of operations, salaries, travel and other costs throughout the fiscal year totaled \$262,739, leaving a starting balance of \$4,113 at the end of the government accounting term, Aug. 31, 1996.

Nichols is satisfied with the manner of operations in his department and the fact that his staff handles costs and budget items with careful scrutiny. He said he is expecting approximately \$68,000 in state aid for this year's budget.



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Delbert Trew and Fada Bell Barton, manager of the McLean-Alanreed Museum, are shown displaying a copy of McLean POW Camp manuscript authored and published by Trew, and a current 1997 German calendar sent to Mrs. Barton by a former prisoner. Trew and Barton stand before an oil painting by a former German World War II soldier imprisoned in McLean's prisoner of war camp during the 1940s.

McLean man writes accounts of former McLean POW camp

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

In an historical account compiled by Delbert Trew of McLean, titled *McLean POW Camp*, he recaps stories retold to him about the life and times of his small town as a result of war prison camp being established.

The manuscript publication, copyrighted in January 1997, is now available to the public and is on sale at the McLean-Alanreed Historical Museum at 116 N. Main in downtown McLean.

He shares memories told to him by local families, former military staff and civilian employees of Texas, and from letters and information shared from former German prisoners or their families. The story recaps times of World War II and how it involved the Americans, both in war and here at home, when foreign prisoners of war were brought to McLean.

The McLean Permanent Alien Internment Camp 1871st Service Command Unit was established in the rural community of McLean, authorized by the Provost Marshal General's office as part of a \$50 million construction program in 1942.

The conversion of a cotton patch into a dusty, barbed-wire entombed stockade of concrete slabs and towers was unbelievable in a small quiet community of close-knit families.

The camp construction was completed approximately Dec. 15, 1942, and in January 1943 U.S. military officers began arriving in the town to supply

and staff the camp facilities, readying it for the first German POW inhabitants, who started arriving in March. By April 1945, repatriation of the prisoners was ordered, and by July 1, 1945, the camp emptied of all personnel, and it was closed permanently.

According to Trew's researched information, through the chains of command, the Provost Marshal General had submitted his program to remodel, revamp and reactivate all former CCC camps, abandoned military installations and other facilities suitable for occupancy by prisoners of war. There were 11 active military bases impounding prisoners, and 50,000 prisoners from England filled all to capacity. The lack of POW facilities continued to be a crisis situation, and, therefore, it was necessary to build more.

At the same time, Rommel's forces were defeated in North Africa. More than 100,000 prisoners were captured and were held in stockades near the battlefields, awaiting transfers to the American site camps. It was this situation that forced construction to be enacted immediately, and the Army Services and the Corps of Engineers canvassed the U.S. to find suitable sites to construct new POW camps.

Trew said a site two miles northeast of McLean met the needs in the Panhandle area of Texas, and Section 89, Block 23, H&GN Survey of Gray County, Texas was purchased from the Hinton family, and another 160 acres adjoining it was purchased from J.W. Smith.

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Regional Science Fair winners



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Pampa Middle School students made an outstanding showing at the High Plains Science Fair in Amarillo, with nine participants placing. In the back row, sixth-grader Eric Scroggins placed second in Earth Science; Josh Miller, 6th, placed third in Behavioral Sciences; Sarah Porter, 6th, placed third in Mathematics; and seventh-grader Ryan Bradley claimed third place in Environmental Sciences and most attractive display. In the front row, eighth-grader Holly Broadus placed second in Environmental Sciences; sixth-grader Amanda Dyson's Zoology project placed third; sixth-grader Mollie Baker placed third in Chemistry; and sixth-grader Tiffani Neef placed second in Chemistry and also won outstanding presentation. Seventh-grader Sarah Teague, unavailable for the photo, won second place with her Botany project.

Library Board members discuss Internet provider, use of filters

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

Members of the Lovett Memorial Library Board discussed the possibility of signing with a local Internet provider and the use of Internet filters at their meeting Monday afternoon.

The library has terminals that are capable of accessing the Internet, said Librarian Dan Snider, but the Amarillo service provider has not yet acquired the proper equipment to provide Internet to their clients.

Members of the board suggested the library use a local provider instead of the Amarillo provider to ensure library patrons would be able to access the Internet, as no clear answer could be given about when the Amarillo provider would be capable of going on line.

Snider told members of the board the library was scheduled to meet with the Amarillo service provider and he would have more information after that meeting. He also said he preferred not to contract with a local provider at this point because

the library would have to install another phone line (one is already installed for a direct line to Amarillo), and the Amarillo Internet service is free.

In addition, the amount of time it may take for the Amarillo provider to acquire the equipment needed would give the library time to research policy and procedures for Internet filters.

The use of Internet filters was questioned by board president Dr. Ray Hampton. The discussion centered around the recent complaints at the

Austin Public Library, where patrons were complaining that Internet filters were too restrictive.

The Austin Public Library announced last week that they were scaling back the restrictions on their filtering software.

Board members expressed a concern that patrons in Pampa would also not be able to access sites due to filtering software. Snider told board members that he has been speaking with other libraries that currently have a filtering program and does not foresee it to be a problem in Pampa.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

COFFEE, Tom Franklin — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Miami.
HUDSON, Oden Lester — Graveside services, 2:30 p.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.

Obituaries

ODEN LESTER HUDSON
WHEELER — Oden Lester Hudson, 80, of Briscoe, died Monday, March 10, 1997, at Parkview Hospital. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. Mike Dyer, pastor of Maranatha Church at Briscoe, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.
 Mr. Hudson was born Aug. 6, 1916, in Childress County. He moved to Wheeler in 1925 with his family. He married Lois Vaughn on Dec. 22, 1933, at Wheeler. He had been a Briscoe resident for many years and was self-employed as a trucking transporter. He was a Methodist and a member of the Moose Lodge in Pampa.
 He was preceded in death by his father, a brother, a sister; a daughter, Annette Hudson, in 1942; and a son, Phillip Jesse Hudson, in 1946.
 Survivors include his wife, Lois, of Briscoe; a daughter, Sharon Grandstaff of Amarillo; two sons, Melvin (Leeroy) Hudson of Arlington and Ray Hudson of Briscoe; his mother, Mary Hudson of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.
 The family requests memorials be to the Harrington Cancer Center or to a favorite charity.

LUCILE HARLAN KINCADE
 Lucile Harlan Kincade, 86, of Pampa, died Monday, March 10, 1997. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Kincade was born June 18, 1910. She was raised in McLean and lived in Oklahoma City for 43 years, moving to El Reno, Okla., in 1989. She had been a Pampa resident for the past two years, moving from El Reno. She retired from Veazey's Drug Store in Oklahoma City. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City.
 Survivors include her daughter, June D. Hall of Pampa; a son, Gary L. Kincade of El Reno; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Calendar of events

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

PAMPA BOOK CLUB
 The Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Lovett Memorial Library. Books by Anya Seton will be discussed. Visitors are welcome.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
MONDAY, March 10
 9:25 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 1325 Williston on a carbon monoxide alarm.
 9:32 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to I Medical Plaza on a false alarm.
 4:54 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to 10 miles south on Highway 749 on a grass fire.

Gray County Grand Jury returns 14 indictments

The Gray County Grand Jury returned indictments against 14 people on Monday. Among those indicted were:
 Lydia Ophelia Drew, 38, 1144 Terrace, was indicted for allegedly tampering with governmental records. The offense allegedly occurred April 18, 1995. Bond of \$1,500 was set.
 Dustin Jeffers, 17, 1301 Terrace, was indicted for alleged theft of services which took place on April 26, 1996. \$1,500 bond was set.
 Alfred Shane Bromlow, 32, was indicted for an alleged aggravated assault which occurred on June 11, 1996. A \$5,000 bond was set.
 Carolyn Joyce Lucas, 32, RR2 Pampa, was indicted for allegedly tampering with governmental record in an offense which occurred on July 19, 1996. A \$1,500 bond was set.
 Jacqueline Marshman, 27, 1152 Prairie Dr., was indicted for

alleged forgery by making. The offense occurred on Aug. 15, 1996. A \$2,500 bond was set.
 Jerred Travis Tibbets, 23, 1315 Russell, was indicted for an alleged theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. The offense occurred on Aug. 21, 1996. A \$2,500 bond was set.
 Brent Keith Crossman, 38, 1901 Lynn, was indicted for a subsequent offense of an alleged theft over \$50 but under \$500. The offense occurred on Sept. 26, 1996. A \$1,000 bond was set.
 Ivan Dell Brandt Jr., 32, Star Motel, was indicted for an alleged assault on a public servant. The offense occurred on Oct. 21, 1996. A \$5,000 bond was set.
 James Allan Schultz, II, 19, was indicted for an alleged burglary of building which took place on Dec. 17, 1996. A \$2,500 bond was set.
 Jose Andres Felix, 43, 1003 S. Sumner, was indicted for an

alleged driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, which occurred on Nov. 15, 1996. A \$1,500 bond was set.
 Teresa Ann Jernigan, 27, 1108 Prairie Dr., was indicted for an alleged forgery by passing on Dec. 9, 1996. A \$1,500 bond was set.
 Cesar Reyna Fernandez, 22, 718 McPherson, Borge, was indicted for an alleged aggravated assault which occurred on Dec. 31, 1996. A \$20,000 bond was set.
 Jason Dewey Kysar, 22, 1500 N. Sumner, was indicted for an alleged forgery by passing on Jan. 16, 1997. A \$1,500 bond was set.
 David William Reames, 17, was indicted for an alleged indecency with a child on Feb. 7, 1997. A \$20,000 bond was set.
 An indictment does not mean the accused has been found guilty, only that there is enough evidence to bring the party to trial.

Police report

The Pampa Police reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
MONDAY, March 10
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of South Russell. An apartment had \$400 damage done to the carpet and \$40 damage to the refrigerator.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of South Naida.
 Theft of \$1,000 in 20 dollar bills was reported from First American Bank at 2500 Perryton Parkway.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Sandlewood. Approximately \$150 damage was done to the paint job of a 1977 Chevy pickup.
 Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of West Foster. Approximately \$400 worth of various items were taken from a 1966 Ford Mustang.
 Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of West Foster. Approximately \$160 worth of various items were taken from a 1994 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
MONDAY, March 10
Arrests
 Tom Carpenter, 31, 427 1/2 N. Russell, began serving a 90-day sentence on a driving while intoxicated conviction.
 Gregg Jay Charron, 42, Missouri, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation. He remains in custody.
 Debra Victoria Breedlove, 37, Fritch, was arrested on a charge of theft by check. She remains in custody.
 Deamber Dawn Neal, 19, 1031 N. Sumner, was arrested on a charge of probation violation. She remains in custody.
 Patrick Hendrick, 36, Skellytown, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He remains in custody.
 Charles Everett Manley, 32, 109 N. Wynne, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. He remains in custody.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
MONDAY, March 10
 A 1982 Oldsmobile Eighty-Eight driven by Agnes Watson Hall, 84, 1900 Evergreen, and a 1983 Buick Park Avenue driven by Hazel Everson Robinson, 71, 321 N. Banks, collided at the intersection of Somerville and Browning. Hall was cited for failure to control speed.

Stocks

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

Wheat	4.22	Chevron	67 1/2	up 1/8
Milo	4.66	Coca-Cola	61 7/8	up 3/4
Corn	5.34	Columbia/HCA	43 1/2	NC
		Enron	40	dn 1/8
		Halliburton	69 1/4	dn 1/8
		Ingersoll Rand	47 5/8	dn 1/8
		KNE	41 3/8	dn 1/8
		Kerr McGee	64 7/8	up 1/8
		Limited	19 3/8	NC
		Mapco	31 1/2	NC
		McDonald's	44 3/4	dn 1/8
		SLB	107 3/4	dn 1/8
		Mobil	133 1/8	up 1/2
		New Atmos	24 3/8	dn 1/4
		Parker & Parsley	30 7/8	NC
		Penny's	50 1/2	up 1/2
		Phillips	41 3/4	dn 1/4
		SLB	107 3/4	dn 1/8
		SPS	36 5/8	NC
		Tenneco	40 3/4	up 7/8
		Texaco	103 5/8	dn 1 3/8
		Ultrapar	32 1/2	up 1/2
		Wal-Mart	27 1/4	dn 1/8
		New York Gold	353.80	5.23
		Silver	5.23	5.23
		West Texas Crude	20.63	

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

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

Magellan	85.56	up 1
Puritan	18.55	up 1/8

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

Amco	89	up 1/8
Arco	128 3/8	up 1
Cabot	25 1/4	up 1/2
Cabot O&G	16 3/4	up 1/4

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
MONDAY, March 10
 7:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1700 block of Duncan on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.
 10:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transfer one patient to Baptist St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.
 10:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Sandlewood on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

McLean City Council to discuss sales tax options

By LAURA HALEY
 Staff Writer

McLEAN — The McLean City Council will discuss whether to consider a 4A or 4B sales tax on the May 3 ballot at its council meeting Thursday night.
 Previously, the council members were considering the 4A sales tax, which would generate revenue for industrial development. However, the revenue could only be used for certain projects, such as business airports, port-related facilities, manufacturing and industrial facilities, recycling facilities, distribution centers, small warehouse facilities, enterprise zone projects and related facilities.
 It is the 4A sales tax the city of Pampa adopted, which now

funds the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. The city of McLean is hoping to adopt a similar program to promote economic growth in the city.
 Although a 4A sales tax would be useful, a 4B sales tax may be even more promising. The 4B sales tax would be generated the same way as a 4A sales tax, but would give the city more variety on the usage of the money.
 In addition for being used for industrial development, a 4B sales tax also allows projects such as athletic facilities, tourism and entertainment facilities, park and public space improvements, public facility improvements, commercial facilities (including some retail), transportation improvements, infrastructural improvements for business entities and

other business-related improvements.
 McLean City Council members will discuss the two sales tax options Thursday at 7 p.m. at the McLean City Hall. If council members decide on either the 4A or 4B sales tax, residents will vote for or against the option on the May 3 ballot. If the resolution is passed, the city could begin collecting the revenue in October.
 In addition to the sales tax discussion, the city council will also hold a public hearing concerning a grant from the Panhandle Regional Planning Committee for sewer repairs.
 Other items that will be discussed at the meeting include the landfill, the fire truck volunteer fee, new telephones, personnel and payment of bills.

Panel head questions Anthony Lake's integrity

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee today questioned Anthony Lake's integrity, saying the panel wants to make sure it doesn't confirm "the wrong man" to head the CIA.
 New revelations that China might be trying to influence U.S. elections and that President Clinton was not alerted also will be examined, said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala.
 "You need someone with integrity. Does Mr. Lake possess that? We'll see," said Shelby, the committee chairman, on the NBC Today show. "The real threat to the CIA is that we put the wrong person in there. If he's the wrong man, it would be a real mistake."
 Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., vice

chairman of the committee, appeared on the show along with Shelby and defended Lake. "His integrity is high," said Kerrey.
 The hearings starting today will cover foreign policy, Lake's personal finances and his role in the campaign fund-raising furor surrounding Clinton.
 On Monday, Lake was buoyed by new support from three former senators. But Republicans on the intelligence committee promised a detailed examination of his fitness for the job, including questions about whether he had any role in the contributions that flowed from Asian donors to the Democratic Party during the 1996 presidential campaign.
 Shelby said the panel also will want to know more about the latest

twist in the controversy over foreign political donations to the Democratic Party — a report that FBI agents told White House national security aides last June that China might be trying to influence U.S. elections but Clinton was not informed.
 "This news, if true, would be very explosive. It should have gone to the president," Shelby said. Lake was head of the White House national security staff at the time the aides were briefed.
 Kerrey said the reports that China may have tried to influence U.S. elections are being blown out of proportion and taken out of context.
 "I don't need the FBI to tell me that people all over the world are trying to influence our elections," Kerrey said.

Bill could provide equipment for volunteer firefighters

LUBBOCK (AP) — The state's 1,800 volunteer fire departments are eagerly anticipating legislation that would allow them to acquire tons of corporate firefighting equipment that currently is destroyed.
 "There is lots of equipment that we could use," said Halfway Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jimmy Goree. "Companies just throw away old equipment because of the liability."
 Proposed bills in the Texas House and Senate would reduce the liability to more than 900 companies with industrial fire brigades when they pass along outdated trucks and other materials to civil departments.
 The Texas Forest Service would redistribute the equipment to the firehouses, sparing the companies of liability.

"In many areas, volunteer firemen are true local heroes who risk their lives every time they respond to a call," said State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock. "The public owes these firemen our gratitude and appreciation. Assuming the liability concerns are adequately addressed, I believe this is a productive way in which private industry may assist in meeting the public's needs."
 The House was scheduled to consider the bill this week, said Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss, its author.
 "There are tons of companies like Enron and Dow Chemical that would have firefighting equipment that would make the Lubbock Fire Department drool," Turner said.
 What prevents companies from giving away the equipment is the

fear that they'd be held liable if something went wrong, he said.
 One company recently destroyed 800 breathing apparatus units, said Mark Stanford of the Forest Service.
 "Those units retail for about \$3,500 each," Stanford said.
 Goree said departments like his in Halfway, located between Amarillo and Lubbock, rely on donations, some government money and the small checks they sometimes receive from insurance companies.
 "We get a little bit from the county and we get a few donations," said Franklin Bain of the Edmonson VFD. "Every once in a while an insurance company will give us \$100 on a fire."
 Note: The bills are HB 680 and SB 675.

City briefs

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REBECCA ANN'S - Spring Fashions 25% off - 1 week only - robes and sleepwear 40% off, bras and girdles 50% off. 1521 N. Hobart, 669-3095. Adv.
ROLANDA'S JUST received new shipment of spray-on-pot-pourri oil. Adv.
COW PASTURE Batting Cages now open. East of Pampa, 665-0599. Adv.
KEVIN ROTH Trio will sing favorite songs and play popular instrumentals for Pampa Community Concert Assoc., 7:30 p.m. Thursday, MK Brown Auditorium. Attendance by membership. Adv.
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"ALWAYS PATSY Cline," Alt's Tour '97, will be presented Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Adults \$10, students \$5. Tickets available at St. Matthew's Day School, First Bank Southwest, Malcolm Hinkle, Inc., Banks in Miami, Panhandle, White Deer. Adv.
PARAFFIN WAX is Perfect for manicures and pedicures. Call Erica at Benton's P.H.D. 669-1934. Adv.
FREE INTERNET training every Thursday at High Plains NTS, 829 Price Rd. Pampa. 1st 20 to register, call 665-0706. Adv.
GREAT JOHN Deere 165 Hydrostatic drive riding mower. Used very little. \$1500. 2720 Beech after 5 p.m. 665-8169. Adv.

Area briefs

WHEELER — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has scheduled a public meeting in Wheeler to gather public input on proposed changes to hunting and fishing regulations for 1997-1998.
 The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, at the Commission Courtroom of the Wheeler County Courthouse, 400 Alan Bean.
 Following the public comment process, final approval of the regulations proclamation will be made by the TPWD at its April 17 public meeting in Austin.
CLARENDON — A National cheerleader's Association (NCA) camp will be held at Clarendon College on June 18-21.
 Headquartered in Dallas, NCA is the world's oldest organization devoted entirely to the sport of cheerleading. The Clarendon College NCA camp will allow junior high and high school cheerleaders to learn the latest cheers, dance routines and more.
 For additional information, contact C.C.'s Cheerleading Adviser Michelle Schmidt, at 1-800-687-9737.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the low 40s and southwesterly winds 5-10 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy and breezy, with highs in the mid 70s and southwesterly winds 15-25 mph and gusty. Monday's high was 75; the overnight low was 32.
REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Panhandle: Partly cloudy with lows from mid 30s to mid 40s. Wednesday, partly cloudy and breezy, with highs from around 70 to mid 70s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers south. Lows 45-50. Wednesday, chance of showers, mainly south. Highs mid 60s to low 70s. North Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy. Showers and thunder-

storms likely southern half, a chance of showers north. Lows 53 to 58. Wednesday, cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs 68 to 73. South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with rain and thunderstorms likely. Lows near 60, low 50s Hill Country. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of light rain or showers. Highs near 70. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with showers or thunderstorms likely. Lows in low 60s inland to mid 60s coast. Wednesday, cloudy with showers or thunderstorms. Highs in low 70s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, cloudy with occasional rain and scattered thunderstorms producing heavy rain. Lows in upper 60s coast to mid 60s inland. Wednesday, cloudy with occa-

sional rain and scattered thunderstorms producing heavy rain. Highs in low 70s.
BORDER STATES
 New Mexico — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms near the southern border, otherwise mostly clear. Lows 20s and 30s mountains with 30s to mid 40s lower elevations. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms southeast, otherwise mostly sunny and continued warm. Highs 50s to mid 60s mountains, upper 60s to near 80 lowlands.
 Oklahoma — Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. Lows from mid 40s to low 50s. Wednesday, becoming cloudy with a slight chance of showers south. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Highs mainly in the 70s.

Money, trips part of lobbying effort

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton touched off a public quarrel with the FBI by saying he should have been informed when agents told White House national security aides that China might be trying to influence U.S. elections.

This latest twist in the furor surrounding foreign political donations to the Democratic Party occurred Monday as a member of Congress said the FBI told her as early as 1991 that the Chinese government was interested in making campaign contributions to sway U.S. lawmakers.

And it came as Senate Republicans prepared to authorize an investigation into illegal fund-raising during the 1996 presidential and congressional campaigns. Before authorizing the probe, the Senate was expected to defeat a Democratic proposal to also look at millions of dollars in campaign "soft money" donations.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., apparently was among a small circle of lawmakers warned to look out for approaches from the Chinese, including campaign gifts that might be passed through intermediaries. The group also included California's two Democratic senators, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y.

Clinton on Monday ordered an investigation into why he wasn't told when the FBI passed similar warnings to two National Security Council aides last June. "The president should know," he said at a news conference.

The president and senior aides suggested they might have been more careful about accepting contributions from Asian sources had they known about the alleged Chinese scheme.

The White House said the two NSC officials clearly recalled being urged "not to disseminate the information outside the briefing room."

When the FBI responded later Monday that it had "placed no restriction whatsoever" about information going up the chain of command, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said, the FBI was "in error" — leaving the White House and FBI at an embarrassing impasse.

McCurry said the two NSC aides — whom government sources identified as Edward J. Appel, an FBI agent on loan to the White House, and Rand Beers — were "adamant" in their recollections of the June 3, 1996, briefing.

Appel declined to comment Monday night, and efforts to locate a telephone number for Beers were unsuccessful.

The Justice Department is investigating possible foreign influences on the 1996 campaign, as is Congress. And questions about the FBI-NSC briefing were sure to arise during Senate Intelligence Committee hearings, beginning today, on the nomination of Anthony Lake, Clinton's national security adviser at the time, to be CIA director.

Pelosi said FBI agents approached her in San Francisco in late 1991 and early 1992 with warnings that China "is going to attempt to get funds into campaigns in the United States."

Japan is falling in love with mutation

TOKYO (AP) — Imagine the scruffy face of Popeye combined with the lithe figure of Barbie, then mass-marketed as a doll that quickly becomes a big seller.

Using two icons from Japan's popular comic books, a Japanese company has combined the face of Bakabon, a mangy drunken gardener, and the body of demure housewife Sazae-san. The new image, called Sazaebon, is appearing on key chains, towels, pencils, T-shirts and piggy banks, and is tickling the funny-bones of children.

But it also has triggered a major fight over copyrights. The small Taisei Co. didn't get permission from the creators of the two comic book characters, both of whom are considering trying to block the sale of all Sazaebon products.

"If they can get away with this, what's the use of having copyright laws?" Fujio Akatsuka, the creator of the Bakabon series, told The Associated Press.

The Taisei Co. doesn't appear intimidated.

It claims it significantly altered the original characters — including the number of whiskers sticking out of Sazaebon's nose — making it unnecessary to get permission from the other companies.

Bakabon's stubby face and three protruding buck teeth are framed in the prim locks of Sazae-san's hair and attached to her body.

Taisei started selling the figures through its Osaka outlet a year ago, and the products quickly sold out in stores throughout the city.

Without spending anything on advertising, Sazaebon has ridden a wave of word-of-mouth endorsement and media hype. One Osaka store sells more than 1,000 Sazaebon-related goods a day.

POW camp

"During its occupation, the camp held 3,000 German prisoners, and there were from 500 to 1,000 U.S. military personnel assigned to the McLean Camp, which was built in less than four months," Trew said.

All together, he said, the United States housed 425,000 prisoners in 1945 when the War ended, and it was the first time the United States had ever held foreign prisoners in its interior.

He said, "... because of the Geneva Convention's Rules of War, we had to treat them (the prisoners) accordingly, resulting in building these prison camps all over the U.S., including our area in Texas. There were 33 prison camps in Texas, and three were located in our immediate surroundings, which were McLean and the Umberger-Hereford sites, and some were held in the Amarillo location near the military base."

The impact of World War II definitely took its toll on American families whose sons and daughters were in action, but it also took a lot out of these small farming communities, like McLean, Trew added.



GERMAN PRISONERS
courtesy- U.S. Army photo

An official photograph of a German soldier surrendering to the American Army is one of the photographs and documents of authenticity that will be exhibited in the McLean-Alanreed Museum in downtown McLean during the spring and summer of 1997.

Others of the area remember their own loved ones or friends who were killed during battle at the hands of the Germans. According to Trew's history report, Jake Bible was a WW II veteran whose best friend was captured during battle and was shot, and he feels less compassion for those prisoners who were kept in Texas.

Miro Pakan's family were of Czech descent, but could speak the German language, according to an account of a story in Trew's book — "... At Grandma Pakan's house in the Pakan Community ... she had hired a truck load of

friends.

Mrs. Leo Gipson of McLean remembers how some of the German men exhibited creative talents and how one man made a xylophone from pieces of filed down gas pipes. He played his instrument in a prison band.

Another recalled that most of the first group of prisoners to arrive in McLean were young and well behaved, and their concern was seeing the war end and returning home to their own families.

Trew says the impact of the McLean POW Camp cannot be told in one broad statement, and that is the reason he has compiled his information for publication. He said the McLean community can be proud of the way it adjusted to the extreme changes demanded of them during WW II and the implications effected by the existence of the POW camp.

McLean receives foreign visitors every year, throughout the 12 months period, who come to visit the two museums. During 1996 more than 1,000 names of foreigners were registered in the museum guest books, and many of them were German families — some whose husbands or brothers wanted to return the place where they were imprisoned, but with fond memories.

A permanent museum exhibit will be ready for the public's viewing in about two weeks, Trew said. The replica of the stockade prison is currently in construction at the McLean-Alanreed Museum, which will display a collection of articles and gifts left by the prisoners when they were in McLean.

Among the articles are pieces of artistic creations, paintings of the local scenes and handcarved children's furniture and a handmade doll house.

Two large scrap books and note books will be exhibited, full of newspaper clippings and legal documents for reference purposes, and also another notebook compiled by Trew from documents and materials provided him from some of the German prisoners, including separate official war photographs of German prisoners surrendering to the Americans.

State briefs

Lawsuit over control of charity foundation settled

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A lawsuit over control of the multi-million-dollar Kenedy Memorial Foundation has been settled with help from two Roman Catholic cardinals appointed by Pope John Paul II.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales filed a lawsuit in May 1996 against the foundation's directors and its president, the Most Rev. Rene H. Gracida, claiming they improperly channeled millions from the foundation to the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

The foundation was established in 1960 by ranching heir Sarita Kenedy East in the name of her parents, John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy. The battle over Mrs. East's estate continued for years and involved dozens of lawyers.

The East Ranch was headquartered at Sarita in Kenedy County, south of Corpus Christi, on the southern edge of the famed King Ranch.

The foundation is required to enlarge its board by increasing the number of bishops and lay South Texas directors under terms of the settlement.

The foundation will also be required to change its bylaws and charter so that no clergyman can serve as foundation president.

Bill could make life easier for volunteer firefighters

LUBBOCK (AP) — The state's 1,800 volunteer fire departments are eagerly anticipating legislation that would allow them to acquire tons of corporate firefighting equipment that currently is destroyed.

"There is lots of equipment that we could use," said Halfway Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jimmy Goree. "Companies just throw away old equipment because of the liability."

Proposed bills in the Texas

House and Senate would reduce the liability to more than 900 companies with industrial fire brigades when they pass along outdated trucks and other materials to civil departments.

The Texas Forest Service would redistribute the equipment to the firehouses, sparing the companies of liability.

DA wants Supreme Court appeal in Mowbray case

DALLAS (AP) — Cameron County prosecutors have asked Texas Attorney General Dan Morales to seek a U.S. Supreme Court hearing in the case of Susie Mowbray, whose 1988 murder conviction has been overturned by a state appellate court.

The Texas attorney general's office confirmed that the Cameron County district attorney had filed the request asking Morales' office to appeal the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals decision in the Mowbray case.

"We currently have the request under review," Ward Tisdale, a spokesman in Morales' office, told The Dallas Morning News in Tuesday editions.

Robert Ford, Mrs. Mowbray's Fort Worth attorney, said the move was "the strangest thing I've heard."

The highest court in Texas has already said Susie Mowbray needs a new trial, and now the Cameron County district attorney asks the state attorney general to file the appeal instead of doing it herself. It's highly unusual.

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Opinion

Will restrictions help matters?

Campaign-finance restrictions infringe the freedom of both giver and recipient to express themselves in the arenas of politics and debate. Moreover, on a more practical level, they often bring unintended consequences as donors discover cracks in the legal edifice and the flow of money continues with full force, if at different trajectories.

So this newspaper has argued over the years for the simple rule of full disclosure of who gives and who gets, followed by accountability before the electorate for any quid pro quos seen as violating the public interest.

We will argue so again, as "new and improved" versions of finance "reform" begin progressing through the legislative process later this year.

But to oppose legal restrictions on donations does not mean one should remain indifferent when politicians abuse a moral trust in their pursuit of the almighty campaign greenback.

For this reason, we must take notice of the strong signs that campaign contributions to President Clinton's re-election effort bought thank-yous in the form of policy changes or sweetheart regulatory rulings.

For instance, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that two Boston businessmen, Alan Leventhal and Fred Siegal, who attended coffee with the president in the White House — and raised \$3 million for his campaign — saw their company, Energy Capital Partners, named administrator of a new \$200 million Housing and Urban Development loan program.

The structure of the program guarantees Energy Capital millions of dollars in profit, while also insulating the company from risk," writes Michael Kelly, editor of *The New Republic*, in the March 3 issue of that magazine.

The *Republic* goes on to point out how major newspapers have established that Clinton officials have trampled the spirit and perhaps even the letter of the law barring political fundraising at the White House. In a program ostensibly run by the Democratic National Committee but actually supervised by Harold Ickes, deputy chief of staff at the White House, some donors were told flat-out that check writing would purchase a seat at a White House coffee table.

The *Boston Globe* has come up with information suggesting the late Ron Brown may have given seats on U.S. foreign trade missions in gratitude to Democratic donors. And *Time* and *Newsweek* have detailed the interaction between the president and a businessman who, at a Florida fundraiser, handed Clinton a note saying he could get \$5 million to the DNC; the president answered, "Let me have another one of those cards."

The *Globe* also reports that the businessman had gone to the fundraiser to try to get a ban lifted on aid flights to Cuba. The ban was soon suspended.

A coincidence, as the White House claims? Here is the kind of murky terrain where fuller disclosure is owed the public, if voters are to be able to judge the administration's behavior intelligently. Allowing the Justice Department to continue monopolizing the inquiry into the administration's fundraising allows the skeptics to harrumph, pointing out that Justice's top officials are political appointees of the president.

In a free society, the best campaign-finance watchdog is an informed citizenry. But that means they must genuinely be informed — privy to all relevant information. In the case of the Clinton controversy, that goal may require the detached and independent perspective of an independent counsel.

Thought for today

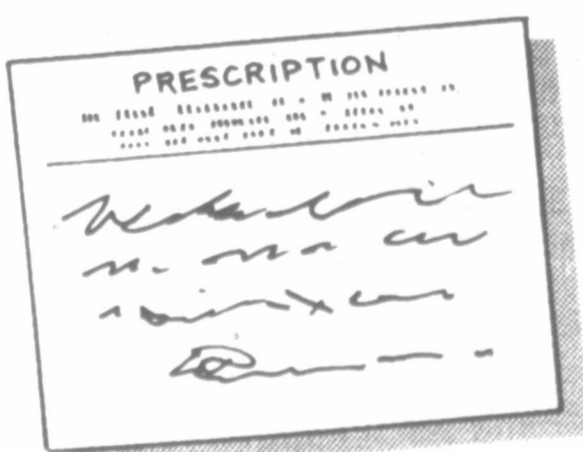
"Responsibility is like a string we can only see the middle of. Both ends are out of sight."

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Casuals of the Sea

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Postal computers are being taught to read handwritten mail.



OH YEH?

Setting the Shanker standard

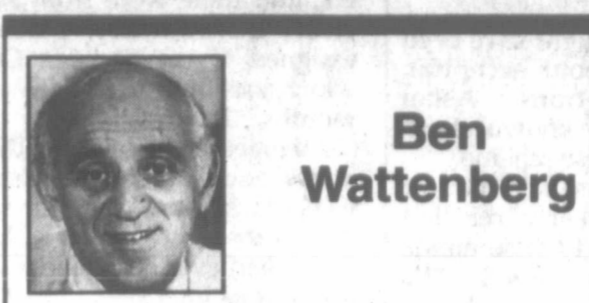
Al Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, died on Feb. 22. He was a most persuasive man. In the early 1980s, he and I sat down together on a government plane, flying to Madrid as U.S. delegates to a human rights conference. I (foolishly) brought up the topic of private-school vouchers for public-school students. I said it made some sense. By the time we crossed the ocean I had been spun around like a top. It took me a decade to reconstitute my thinking.

He was persuasive because he was knowledgeable. He knew a lot about a lot, and at least a little about most of the rest. He was a wine maven and a stereo audiophile. He was almost a Ph.D. in philosophy when he became a math teacher in New York City and the leader of a local teachers' union.

He was later a national union leader, admired by neo-conservative intellectuals. He was a vigorous member of the board of the AFL-CIO, and was not pleased with the current direction of the AFL-CIO.

He was the man who made the teachers' unions a power in American life, raising salaries for teachers, improving work conditions, and dramatically increasing the political influence of teachers. This sent battalions of scholars to their cubbyholes to figure out whether teacher unionization was such a good thing. It was good for teachers. And Al was the president of a national teachers' union.

Many labor leaders do what they think is best for their members. But Shanker became the preeminent spokesman about American education because he both transcended his union role and tried to link it to the national interest. He spoke common sense to foolishness. Going against the grain of the education establishment, he condemned the "self-esteem" movement, racial preferences, teaching machines, Afro-Centrism, bilingualism, whole-language read-



Ben Wattenberg

ing, the new math and whatever else turned up as the trend du jour of the ever changing pedagogical menu — just short of the ideas then endorsed by AFT rival, the National Education Association. Above all, Shanker hated the idea of "social promotion," which moves children up the ladder of grades even if they haven't learned anything.

Shanker thought schools should be disciplined places dedicated to learning with well qualified teachers. He wouldn't let teachers be the fall guys for a failing educational system. That failure, he believed, was mostly due to changing family structure and changing values, which were not properly addressed by gutless politicians and wimpy school boards. But he understood that if education didn't improve, it would be bad for America and bad for teachers.

He was the principal champion of the "standards movement," sometimes called the "excellence movement," which is based on an elemental triad of ideas. There should be a solid curriculum, laying out what was to be learned. There should be tests to see whether students had learned the material. And most controversially, there should be "consequences" if students couldn't pass the test; consequences such as not being promoted or graduated.

Shanker saw that standards wouldn't matter if they didn't matter to students.

Critics said Shanker had trouble delivering his members. But that is the nature of union democracy. State and local union officials have their own ideas and priorities. Shanker was the de facto creator of the charter school; some AFT state and local officials were not happy with the idea. Some scholars maintained that Al could say whatever he wanted, and the state and local unions would do whatever they wanted.

Perhaps so, but it takes a while to change the course of an ocean liner which is now happening. In any event, there are other players in the game who were influenced by Shankerism: business, the Congress, state and local politicians, public opinion and the president of the United States (who is influenced by all of the above).

President Clinton was a great admirer of Al Shanker and was in frequent contact. In early February, less than three weeks before Al's death, Clinton delivered his State of the Union message. The largest section of it dealt with education, a 10-point plan. Much of it was vintage Shanker.

Clinton's initial point, spelled out at far greater length than the others, was this: "First, a national crusade for education standards ... Every state should adopt high national standards, and by 1999 every state should test every fourth-grader in reading and every eighth-grader in math to make sure these standards are met ... The point is not to put our children down, but to lift them up. ... They can help us to end social promotion. For no child should move from grade school to junior high, or junior high to high school until he or she is ready."

As a memorial: Why don't we call them the Shanker standards?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 11, the 70th day of 1997. There are 295 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 11, 1942, as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for Australia, vowing: "I shall return."

On this date:
In 1861, the Confederate convention in Montgomery, Ala., adopted a constitution.

In 1888, the famous Blizzard of '88 struck the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.

In 1954, the U.S. Army charged Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and his subcommittee's chief counsel, Roy Cohn, had exerted pressure to obtain favored treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine, a former consultant to the subcommittee.

In 1959, the Lorraine Hansberry drama *A Raisin in the Sun* opened at New York's Ethel Barrymore Theater.



Campaign finance needs reform

Charley Reese

I attended a press conference at the White House once, but I've never slept in the Lincoln bedroom or had breakfast, lunch or tea with the president and the first lady.

As a Southerner, I wouldn't care to sleep in the Lincoln bedroom anyway. I probably wouldn't get along too well with his ghost. But even if there was a Jefferson Davis bedroom, I would not pay money to visit the White House.

As a matter of fact, I wouldn't care to have breakfast, lunch or tea with President Clinton, even if the Democratic National Committee paid me. No disrespect for the office, but the Clintons aren't my kind of people. I'm sure, if they knew me, which they don't, they'd feel the same way about me. Some folks are simpatico and some aren't.

Come to think of it, I've never paid money to meet anybody. I object in principle to paying money just to meet a public servant I am already forced to pay for with my taxes. I've spent too much time in too close proximity to too many politicians to hold any of them in awe. There are damned few I even respect.

Duping the majority of a small turnout of apathetic and uninformed voters into voting for you does not strike me as an accomplishment of any note. Lots of people in this country make good money duping folks.

I did meet Richard and Patricia Nixon once at a reception in Key Biscayne, Fla., but I didn't pay anybody for it. That was back in my political

mechanic days, and somebody who was going invited me to tag along.

The only interesting thing about it was that I was surprised that Nixon in person projected a much warmer and friendlier image than he did on television. Whoever said Nixon and cameras didn't get along too well had that right.

As a reporter, I had an opportunity to closely observe Lyndon Johnson on a campaign train, and the cameras didn't lie about him. He really was mean, ill-tempered and arrogant. How anybody ever managed to like that guy, much less vote for him, is a mystery, though I know people who were quite fond of him.

Different folks do indeed have different tastes.

Ronald Reagan was the nicest president I ever met. Regardless of what you think of his politics, Reagan is a warm, friendly, humorous and decent man. He's probably one of the few men ever elected president just because so many people liked him as a person, even if they didn't agree with his politics.

All of this just to get around to the obvious point: This megamillion fundraising and schmoozing with the rich, which is the current style of both Democrats and Republicans (yes, Virginia, there are

leftist millionaires and rightist millionaires), should tell even the least perceptive American that democracy is largely a sham today at the national level.

No money, no access. No money, no access, no voice, no attention. Politicians today tend to look at voters with the same compassion that sidewalk barkers look at tourists walking past a New Orleans topless joint.

We are very much in danger of being the victims of a government of the rich, by the rich and for the rich.

Unless you are rich (I define "rich" in this instance as being worth \$100 million to \$1 billion) it wouldn't be a bad idea to burn up the e-mail lines, burden the post office and ring the politicians' telephones with the message that you think campaign finance reform is no joking matter.

Today's politicians remind me of mules. If you've had no experience with mules, I can tell you that sweet reason or appeals to their compassion or sense of duty have zero effect. With a mule, you have to get its attention.

Now the only thing that will get most politicians' attention is the prospect of having to give up their seats at the public trough and face the dreadful prospect of earning an honest living.

That's the message that we need to send to Washington: Campaign finance reform now or term limits starting, in your case, with the very next election, even if the only alternative is a homeless lunatic.

Supreme Court vs. American people

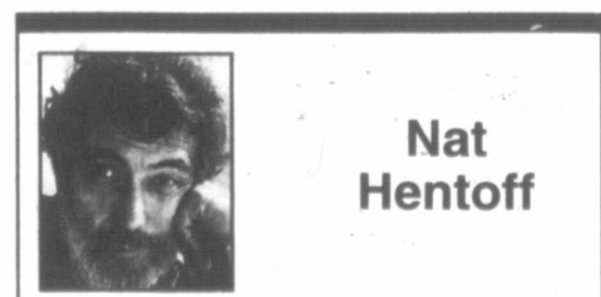
On Jan. 8, oral arguments took place at the Supreme Court on two cases concerning physician-assisted suicide. In the course of the session, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said: "This is an issue every one of us faces, young and old, male and female." And Justice David Souter pointed out that opponents of legalizing doctor-assisted suicide fear it would inexorably lead to lawful euthanasia.

Despite the profound consequences of this debate, television coverage of the oral arguments was forbidden by continuous order of the Supreme Court. Those Americans with access to one of the relatively few newspapers that carried extensive excerpts of the proceedings would get some idea of what went on, but the vast majority of the populace had little sense of this constitutional controversy that will directly affect them, as well as future generations.

The Supreme Court's stubborn refusal to allow cameras in its courtroom recalls what Thomas Jefferson said in 1823 about the secrecy of the Supreme Court. "There is no danger I apprehend so much as the consolidation of our government by the noiseless ... instrumentality of the Supreme Court." The quotation is from Tony Mauro's "The Court and the Cult of Secrecy" in the book *A Year in the Supreme Court*, edited by Rodney Smolla (Duke University Press).

This cult of secrecy cavalierly disregards the need of Americans to know how this nation's court of last resort reaches its decisions and who these supreme arbiters of our laws and lives are.

I was in Justice William Brennan's chambers one morning some years ago when a poll came in showing how many Americans could identify the various Supreme Court justices. Brennan, as I remember, was



Nat Hentoff

known by five percent of those polled. "But," he laughed, "Harry Blackmun only got 1 percent." (Brennan was in favor of television coverage of the oral arguments.)

Most justices delight in their privacy. Four years ago, in *USA Today*, Tony Mauro reported that at a conference in Colorado Springs, retired Justice Byron White said, "I suspect as time goes on ... the court will be made of justices who will ask, 'What was wrong with those old guys?' " who resisted television. But White added, "I am very pleased to be able to walk around, and very, very seldom am I recognized. It's very selfish, I know."

It is indeed. And it also greatly impedes the ability of huge numbers of Americans to understand their own rights and liberties, as well as those of others. For example, by contrast, a pretrial state court hearing in the O.J. Simpson criminal case was televised around the country. The Fourth Amendment rights of Simpson took up a great deal of that hearing.

For weeks, I was astonished — and pleased — to listen to arguments about the constitutional limits to search and seizure in bars, on stoops of buildings on

my street, and in my house. Many of those involved in the discussions knew nothing about the Fourth Amendment beforehand.

These intensely interested people were not lawyers, law professors or journalists. They were the people for whom the Constitution was written. They are the very people who are prevented from hearing and seeing the ultimate interpreters of our freedoms.

In addition to selfishness being a reason for keeping us from watching the court on television, there is the contention that only snippets of the has pledged to broadcast the entire session, but it is true that the commercial networks and local stations will run only the more "dramatic" excerpts.

But that has been happening in the 47 states that by now have televised hundreds of trials with no discernible negative effects, according to most of the judges involved.

And even snippets will provide some sense of how the Supreme Court operates. At least the populace will be able to recognize the nine most powerful people in the United States.

The insistence of the justices to keep hiding behind, as Jefferson put it, "the noiseless" Supreme Court is indefensible in a constitutional democracy.

It may be time — as Leon Friedman, a vigorous constitutional lawyer, suggests — to do what a cable network did when television cameras were banished from the O.J. Simpson civil trial. Take the transcripts of the oral arguments, which are public, and assign actors to impersonate the justices on television. Seeing actors take their places might, out of vanity and embarrassment, spur the justices to bring in the cameras. For example, Danny DeVito, with a beard, as Antonin Scalia.

Former gang member now says gangs can self-destruct youths

This column was written by Bennie R. Alexander, a former member of the California Bloods who is currently completing a sentence at the Rufe Jordan TDCJ Unit.

By BENNIE R. ALEXANDER

I read the newspapers, watch the nightly news and have also witnessed firsthand the mayhem which has gripped our society. There's a cancer which has manifested itself on Texas soil and is spreading malignantly throughout our cities.

Street violence was a way of life with me growing up on the lower west side of South Central Los Angeles and running a notorious street gang known as the Rolling 20's N.H. B. (Neighborhood Bloods), which earned me the street name "O/G Mr. Ace."

Fifteen years later, my old friends are mostly dead and my new friends consist of the walls which make up my 8-by-8 cell and the many books that line the walls of this prison's library. I am watching a generation of youth self-destruct before my eyes, and the sad truth is that my generation cultivated this fate.

Our youth have taken up a war that has no victor, only an invidious cycle of death. Bloods and Crips, a California seed, has grown nationwide and has spread, threatening to devour Texas. However, there is hope. Understanding the problem is the first step to healing our troubled lands.

I listen to the war stories told by the Fleas, O/Gs

Guest column

and Wannabes, and it amazes me that so much violence rages in the hearts of these young people. Yet when I ask them why, it never ceases to amaze me just how misled and misinformed these contemporary "gangsta/banger" are.

Recently I approached a young brotha, a true wannabe. Let's call him "Insane," because he is. Insane is currently serving a 15-year sentence on a number of drug and gang-related charges. And because he committed a number of violent crimes, he will serve the greater part of his sentence.

I asked Insane why he claims a set (gang). He looked at me with a confident stare and said, "For the same reasons you did." It didn't shock me for him to answer like that because I find that many of our young people are very much like Insane — they pledge loyalty to each other while turning their backs on themselves. I couldn't let him off that easy, so I asked him what he meant by that assumption.

Insane ran his autobiography down to me, and before he was done, I knew that this young man was seduced by the power of hype, and that my generation had pioneered what has turned out to be a nemesis in every state in this country.

Young men like Insane seem to think that because they claim a set it automatically makes them "straight-in" with the gang bangers on the West

Coast. Where in the hell did that come from?

Between 1978 and 1985, during holidays and summer vacation, Southern California parents, in an attempt to find a safe haven for their troubled youths who had found their way into street gangs, sent their children to visit relatives all over the country. Being sent to visit a relative, especially one living in small-town America, afforded these street-savvy gang members an opportunity to be superior when they encountered the kids living there.

When a kid living in small-town America encountered the gang member from California, he or she adopted the member's "gangster style" and street slang. It was an easy escape and quick change; all innocent, all good. When it was time for the member to return home, the thrill was gone and things returned to normal for the small-town kid.

Then came the movies — first *Colors*, then *Boyz n the Hood* followed by *New Jack City* and *Menace to Society* — and the whole script flipped. Now you have these small-town kids imitating the movies. They see neighborhood against neighborhood and realize that there's strength in numbers. They sanctioned their newly found "hoods" with colored rags (bandanas).

Where at first this neighborhood fist-fought against that neighborhood, it has now proliferated into a killing for a killing, and the only question asked is, "What set you from?"

Along comes the member from way back, the one who initially introduced the gang style. He sees the dedication of ignorance and also an opportunity for

capital gain. He furthers the seduction by introducing his flash and cash and promises to bring it all to small-town America. He throws up love and promises power. As he goes back home to prepare for his migration, he laughs to himself about the blind loyalty of the wannabes, who will make him rich in small-town America.

The scenario I just laid out is played out over and over in small towns all over the country. By the early '90s, there was no longer any need for gang members from California because by then the whole endeavor had become self-sustaining. Too much killing had taken place. A life for a life became the code, and malice fueled the heart with retaliation. Our today and tomorrow are caught up in a vortex of violence that has everybody dodging bullets and running for cover.

In Sportsman Park in Los Angeles, the Crips and Bloods recently ended two and a half decades of bloodshed. They tied their red and blue colors together and found a positive in a negative. They formed the United Movement, and it was just that. Nobody was throwing up gang signs. L.A. is in a state of truce and the majority would like to keep it like that, although there's still a small resistance.

The West Coast no longer holds the nation's highest homicide rate. The sad, cold fact is that the migratory spawns around America have taken up the torch and are reigniting the fire in an attempt to emulate and exceed two decades of high death tolls and "years of tears."

Hoechst Celanese donates to RC&D project



Noah Davis, right, of Hoechst Celanese Group's Pampa Plant, presents a check for \$500 to Joe Wheeley, center, director of the North Rolling Plains RC&D Council, as John Crowell, Resource, Conservation and Development coordinator, looks on. The donation will be used to help purchase a portable computer and grant research software to help local charitable organizations find possible sources of grants. The RC&D office in Pampa will provide help to organizations on grants and grant research as part of the project.

Army recruiter accused of rape, sodomy

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An Army sergeant raped, sodomized and fondled potential recruits at a local recruiting station, five women have told a court-martial panel at Fort Sam Houston.

The testimony came on Monday in the trial of Sgt. 1st Class Brett Wright, 37, who faces eight charges, including sodomy, rape and sexual misconduct. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison, dishonorable discharge, reduction in rank and loss of all pay and benefits.

Two of the women are still in the Army, two have been discharged and the fifth never enlisted.

One woman said Wright told her to undress at the recruiting station so he could take her body measurements and later raped her in a room at the Westlakes Recruiting Station in December 1995.

"He pushed me on the ground on my stomach. My face (was) on the carpet," said the 23-year-old former soldier as she retold how Wright raped her. "I kept

telling him to stop. I was yelling, but he just laughed and said (the other recruiters) had left for the day."

Wright, former commander for three recruiting stations in San Antonio, became the subject of a criminal investigation last June after two women filed sexual-harassment complaints with the Criminal Investigation Division at Fort Sam Houston.

Officials say the women had gone to Wright's recruiting station to look into Army careers. In addition to the charges of rape, sodomy and sexual misconduct, Wright faces charges of sexual intercourse, sodomy by force, use of illegal drugs, theft of government property, making false statements and violation of a lawful order.

The defense claims that the witnesses' testimony is inconsistent with earlier sworn statements and that they have motives to lie. The testimony painted a picture of a man who forced himself on the women when he was

unable to get them to have sex with him. One woman said she endured Wright touching her bare legs because she feared she would be unable to join the Army if she complained. Another said she engaged in unwelcome sex with Wright at her home.

A third victim, who said Wright fondled her breasts in the recruiting station, also said Wright called her at home to ask if she wanted to engage in sex with multiple partners.

The women admitted they never reported the sexual harassment until a criminal investigation was launched last year after the initial complaints.

"I was ashamed," one woman explained. The women said they were often forced to return to the recruiting station in order to complete paperwork.

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Nation briefs

Babbitt calls for preservation of Montana bison

DENVER (AP) — Saying he wants to save a "national symbol," Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is calling for the state of Montana to stop killing bison leaving Yellowstone National Park.

Babbitt was expected to outline a plan today to control the size and health of the park's herd. Many of the bison carry brucellosis, which causes cattle to abort their calves, and Montana livestock producers fear the buffalo will infect their herds.

The Montana Department of Livestock this winter sanctioned the shooting of buffalo that leave park boundaries. This season's bison death toll has risen to 1,049, officials said.

Heavy snow cover has forced the bison to range farther in search of forage this year.

Babbitt's alternatives could include capturing and testing the animals. The Denver Post reported today. Those that test positive might be destroyed, with the remainder distributed to Indian tribal governments.

Lack of footprints caused police to focus on family

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A lack of footprints in the snow outside JonBenet Ramsey's house helped turn investigators' attention to the slain girl's family, the Rocky Mountain News reported today.

Snow covered the ground on Dec. 26, the day the six-year-old beauty queen's body was found in the basement of her family's luxury home. Police sources told the News that the first investigators who responded to mother Patsy Ramsey's 911 call at 5:52 a.m. on Dec. 26 reported no fresh tracks leading to or from the house.

Although police handled the crime as a possible kidnapping for more than seven hours — until JonBenet's body was found — investigators considered the absence of footprints significant, the sources said.

Commission may look at internal candidates for chief

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Having given a unanimous thumbs down to the city's first police chief hired from outside the department, the Police Commission may look harder at the organization's current top brass for a new leader.

Police Chief Willie Williams, hired from Philadelphia in 1992 and Los Angeles' first black chief, was denied a second five-year term on Monday.

It was not immediately known if the civilian commission, which has authority to hire and fire the chief, would conduct a national search.

Mayor Richard Riordan suggested Deputy Chief Bernard Parks, a 32-year LAPD veteran, be named interim chief when Williams' term ends July 6. Commission president Ray Fisher said it was premature to name possible candidates.

Parks was among the finalists for chief in 1992 and before Williams arrived was the highest ranking black officer.

Denise Brown makes \$1 million deal for diaries

NEW YORK (AP) — Nicole Brown Simpson's sister, Denise Brown, has landed a \$1 million book deal that would unlock the slain woman's diaries, the New York Post reported today.

Ms. Brown, who raises money to help battle domestic violence, could make more than \$4 million if the book becomes a best seller, the newspaper said. The book is to be based on her sister's diaries and Ms. Brown's own 20-year relationship as the ex-football star's sister-in-law.

Reganbooks, linked to HarperCollins, hopes to publish the book by this fall, the paper said, adding that the company had won the deal after a pre-emptive bid of at least \$1 million early last week.

Ms. Brown had rejected previous offers to sell her sister's story because she feared it might influence the custody case for the children of O.J. Simpson and Nicole Brown Simpson. A ruling has now been made in Mr. Simpson's favor.

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Lonely Widow Cherishes Friend's Anniversary Letter

DEAR ABBY: After my father died unexpectedly, I didn't know what to do when my parents' next wedding anniversary came along. I was young — under 30 — and was not aware of the proper procedure. Should I buy my mother a gift, as I had always done for them in the past? Would it be better not to even mention the date to my mother? As I recall, I invited my mother for dinner, no gift, and only a mention of what day it was when we finished dinner. Now I feel I did the right thing. She knew I remembered, and she was not alone for dinner.

My husband died unexpectedly last summer. Today would have been our 54th wedding anniversary. In the past we had exchanged cards with certain friends and relatives on such an occasion. Yesterday I received a lovely letter from our best man's widow, recalling pleasant times we shared in the past. That is the only indication from anyone that the anniversary of our special day was today. I appreciated the letter I received so much, but I am sad that no other close friend or relative remembered.

I would suggest that when close friends or relatives are in a similar situation, sending a "thinking of you" card would be much appreciated. I feel so alone and forgotten — and ashamed that I have been guilty of the same neglect of others in the past. I didn't realize how much it would mean to know that others remembered, too. No name

Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

or city, please. Just sign me ...
SAD WIDOW IN ILLINOIS

DEAR SAD WIDOW: Please accept my sympathy on the loss of your beloved husband. There is much to be learned from your letter about the value of reaching out to others.

DEAR ABBY: One of my family members was recently married. She kept her last name and added her husband's name to it, so that she is now Mary Smith-Jones. Her husband is, of course, Harry Jones.

This past Christmas, my parents bought them a gift and addressed the card to "The Jones Family." My relative threw a fit, complaining that she was not included on the card. My mother countered that had she addressed the card to the "Smith-Jones Family," the husband would not have been included.

The way I see it, my mother is right. If the gift were only to my rel-

ative, it would be addressed to Mary Smith-Jones, but if it's to both, it should be "The Jones Family."

What is the proper way to address the whole family? Do we have to write out Mr. Jones and Mrs. Smith-Jones? To me, that's just a waste of time when we could simply write "The Jones Family."

Please settle this controversy and tell us how it's done.
FEUDING FAMILY

DEAR FEUDING FAMILY: According to the etiquette books, you will have to make the extra effort if you wish to properly address the entire family. As it says in "The Amy Vanderbilt Complete Book of Etiquette, Entirely Rewritten and Updated," by Nancy Tuckerman and Nancy Dunnan: "When addressing an envelope to a couple when the wife has kept her maiden name (or hyphenated it with her husband's), write 'Ms. Mary Smith-Jones and Mr. Harry Jones' on the same line. If a couple's combined names are too long to fit on one line, address the envelope on two lines with the woman's name on the first, and the man's on the second, preceded by 'and.' The 'and,' when slightly indented and written out, indicates that the two are married."

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, March 12, 1997

In the year ahead you might surprise yourself and others with your resourcefulness in managing commercial matters. When you get a bright idea, discuss it with expert counsel and move on it as rapidly as possible.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone you like might need your help today and your feelings may urge you to go overboard a bit. This could be unwise and hurt you both. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Confidential information you receive from an acquaintance today shouldn't be taken too seriously, especially if it could cost you money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You will offer sound advice to a friend today. Unfortunately, however, you might not take to heart the very wisdom you impart to others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Important judgments you make today must be based upon reality and not upon wishful expectations. Rose-colored glasses won't help.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you're not in a position to call the shots today, do not take risks on others whose judgment you're not thoroughly familiar with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Guard against the inclination today to do things contrary to your better judgment. When your common sense urges you to disengage from something, don't ignore it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might have rather grand expectations today and you could become disenchanted with

small things. Forget about size and focus on quality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even though your judgment will be relatively keen today, it might not be up to par where finances are concerned. Handle resources prudently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not rely too heavily upon Lady Luck or your charm and wit today. All of these are valuable assets, but it will take dedicated effort to achieve success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you build castles on sand today, they will probably be swept away by the tides. Distinguish between real optimism and false hope.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not let others dictate the way you handle your resources today; their good intentions might put you in a bind you won't fully understand.

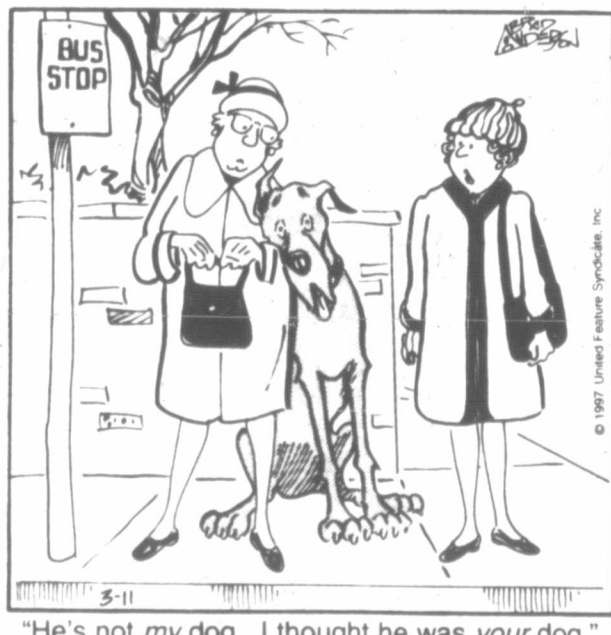
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your success today will be predicated on how well you personally direct events. Do not leave matters up chance.
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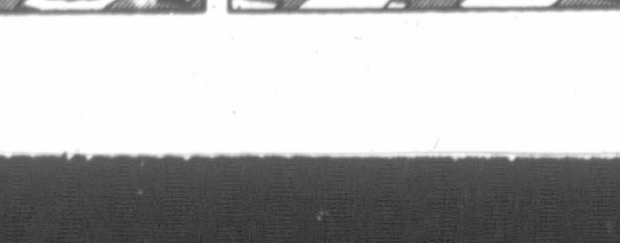
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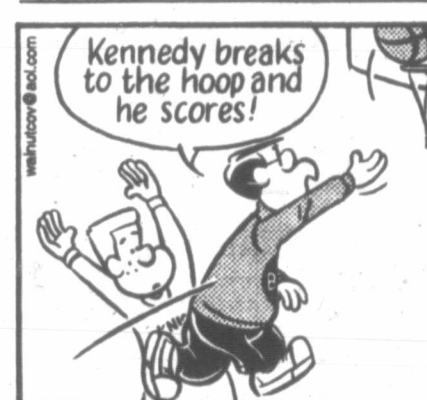
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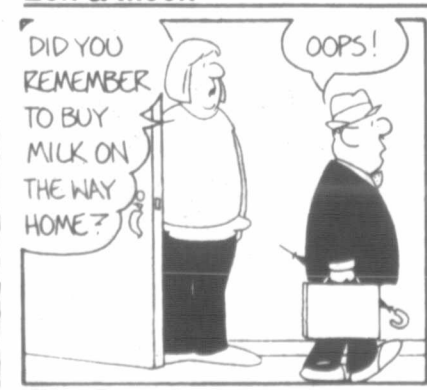
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Sports

Notebook Duncan repeats as first-team All-American

TRACK

PANHANDLE — Justin Ritter of Groom and Nick Knocke of White Deer brought home gold medals from the Panhandle Relays last weekend.

Ritter won the long jump with a 20-4 leap. Knocke came in first in the 300 hurdles with a time of 43.26. Knocke also placed third in the 110 hurdles with a 16.01.

Tim Sandlin of White Deer placed third in the triple jump at 40-3.

GOLF

ANDREWS — The Pampa High girls' golf team placed seventh with a 736 at the Andrews Golf Classic last weekend.

Shelbie Allison and Christina Gage each shot a two-round total of 178 to lead the Lady Harvesters. Melissa Gindorf followed with a 188, while Patti Montoya had a 198 and Alison Piersall 200.

HORSE RACING

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — The first horses hit the track Monday at Lone Star Park, with jockeys running some 2-year-old thoroughbreds around the new one-mile dirt racing surface.

About 20 2-year-olds are in the stables at the Class I race-track, which officially opens its 73-day inaugural thoroughbred season April 17. The fall quarterhorse and thoroughbred season runs 34 days from Oct. 3 to Nov. 30.

The price tag for the project — including a seven-story grandstand — is listed as \$96 million. But actual expenditures will be closer to \$110 million when horses leave the starting gate for the first race.

Simulcast bets on races at other tracks are already being made at the park's Post Time Pavilion. Simulcasts will continue during Lone Star's live season.

BASEBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Oklahoma State outfielder Rusty McNamara has been named the Big 12 player of the week and Baylor left-hander Kris Lambert picked up top pitching honors.

McNamara went 14-for-23 against New Mexico State and Kansas State for the 4-1 Cowboys. He had five doubles, a triple, two homers, three stolen bases and five RBIs.

Lambert had 12 strikeouts over 13 2/3 innings last week, giving him 225 for his career and tying him with Glenn Nevill for the school's all-time lead.

FOOTBALL

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Quarterback Erik Kramer has decided to resign with the Chicago Bears rather than accept an offer from the Atlanta Falcons.

Agent Tom Condon said Kramer decided late Monday night to accept the Bears' one-year offer, the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times reported in today's editions.

Kramer will be paid a base salary of \$600,000 but will have a chance to earn an additional \$1.4 million with incentive clauses.

In staying with the Bears, Kramer acknowledges he will start out as a backup to new acquisition Rick Mirer.

"Erik will get the second-team snaps in training camp. He understands that," coach Dave Wannstedt said. However, Wannstedt said Kramer will get a chance to play in the preseason.

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

Tim Duncan of Wake Forest was a unanimous selection Monday for the All-America team and became the first repeat choice since Shaquille O'Neal of LSU five years ago.

Duncan, the 6-foot-10 senior center from Wake Forest, was named on all 68 ballots by the national media panel and received 340 points, four more than Keith Van Horn of Utah, who missed being a unanimous choice by two votes.

The other first-team selections were Ron Mercer of Kentucky, Raef LaFrentz of Kansas and Danny Fortson of Cincinnati.

Van Horn and Fortson were both second-team selections last season.

Duncan was the only one of four underclassmen on last year's All-America team who opted to return to school. Marcus Camby of

Massachusetts, Allen Iverson of Georgetown and Ray Allen of Connecticut all declared for the NBA draft. The other first-team member was senior Kerry Kittles of Villanova.

Duncan led the Demon Deacons to a 23-6 record and a Top 10 ranking all season while averaging 20.9 points and 14.3 rebounds. He shot 61 percent from the field and blocked 94 shots in earning his second straight Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year selection. Duncan, a third-team choice as a sophomore, needs 10 rebounds for a career total of 1,538 — making him college basketball's most prolific rebounder over the last 25 years.

"I think we can all agree, without any kind of dissent, that he is certainly one of the best to ever play in this league, not only at his position, but at any position," Wake Forest coach Dave Odom said. "I think he

has done it with great style and great emotion and great compassion."

The last unanimous selection was Purdue's Glenn Robinson in 1994.

The 6-10 Van Horn turned from star player to TV star last week with his consecutive buzzer-beaters in the Western Athletic Conference tournament last week. He averaged 22.2 points and 9.4 rebounds for the Utes, who enter the NCAA tournament with a 26-3 record and a No. 2 ranking.

"I'm surely honored," the three-time WAC player of the year said Monday. "I think it really reflects the effort and success of the team as well as myself. If it wasn't for my teammates and the people who support me, I wouldn't be talking about this."

Mercer, a 6-7 sophomore who has already announced he will turn pro after the season, was the third-leading vote-getter with 289. The star of

last season's national title game victory averaged 18.4 points and 5.2 rebounds for the Wildcats (30-4). He was forced to assume a much larger role in the offense when Derek Anderson went down for the year with a knee injury midway through the season.

"He's as good a basketball player as there is," Kentucky coach Rick Pitino said Monday. "We've been lucky to have him."

Like Mercer, LaFrentz, a 6-11 junior, really stepped up when a teammate went down. He scored at least 20 points in each of the nine games center Scot Pollard missed with a stress fracture in his foot, tripling the longest string of a player to score at least that many points a game under coach Roy Williams.

LaFrentz, who received 266 points, averaged 18.7 points and 9.1 rebounds and shot 59 percent from the field as the Jayhawks (32-1) held

the No. 1 spot for 15 straight weeks.

"I'm fortunate because I am surrounded by an extremely talented, extremely unselfish group of guys who are genuinely excited for me to be named an All-America," LaFrentz said. "As thrilled as I am, I have to admit I would trade it in for an opportunity to cut down some nets later on."

The 6-7 Fortson is one of the strongest players in college basketball and he was the Conference USA player of the year the last two seasons. He averaged 21.4 points and 9.2 rebounds for the Bearcats (25-7), who were the preseason No. 1 choice.

"Danny has worked so hard to make himself one of the best players in the country," Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins said Monday. "Everyone notices his size and physical strength but I don't think there's a player who plays with as much heart."

Hereford is next stop for Lady Harvesters

PAMPA — Even when they're not at full strength, the Pampa Lady Harvesters' track team is still pulverizing their opponents.

The Lady Harvesters won their third meet in as many starts last weekend at the Bulldog Relays with sprinter Jennifer Ross and distance runner Beth Lee not in the lineup. Ross sustained a stress fracture to her right foot and is expected to be out of action two to three weeks. Lee had a death in the family.

"Ross is one of her top sprinters and Beth always scores points for us," said Pampa head coach Mike Lopez. "I'm real pleased with our progress. We beat some quality teams at Plainview. There's still some areas we need to work on, but we're going to get there."

Pampa scored 150 points at the

Plainview meet, winning by 36 points over second place Palo Duro. District 1-4A opponent Dumas was third with 53 points.

The Lady Harvesters scored some big points in all three relay races. The 400 and 1600-meter teams both captured gold medals while the 800 team came in second.

Shot putter Barbara Wine won her third meet with a toss of 40-11. Jenny Fatheree won the 800 with a time of 2:25.38 and Lacrease Ford captured both the 200 (26.38) and 100 (12.31).

"Fatheree continues to get better," Lopez said. "She's becoming more consistent with each meet. Ford, a freshman, has been a real surprise for us."

Next up for the Lady Harvesters is the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce meet March 21-22 in Hereford.

Pampa hosts AHS in bi-district soccer tilt

PAMPA — Pampa, the No. 2 seed out of District 5, and Amarillo High, the No. 3 seed out of District 6, will meet in a boys' bi-district soccer match at 2 p.m. Saturday in Harvester Stadium.

"I know the boys are excited about playing the Sandies and so am I," said PHS head coach Warren Cottle. "Amarillo High has a pretty good team, but I feel like we can take them. It will be a rough one, however."

Amarillo High defeated Tascosa, 3-2, in a playoff Monday to grab the No. 3 seed out of District 6. AHS' Shane Ferrell, who is headed for West Texas A&M on a soccer scholarship, scored his second hat trick of the season in the win over Tascosa.

The Sandies have a 10-5 record

compared to 11-6 for the Harvesters. Pampa finished second to Caprock in the District 5 race with a 6-2 record.

Caprock drew a first-round bye. Borger, the No. 3 seed out of District 5, goes against Lubbock Monterey in bi-district. The date and site for that match has not been determined.

Admission to the Pampa-AHS contest is two dollars for adults and one dollar for students.

The Pampa-Amarillo High winner meets Granbury in the area round.

In bi-district girls' pairings, Canyon goes against Tascosa on Friday and Caprock takes on Lubbock High on Wednesday. Randall, the District 5 champion, drew a bye.

Jeter, Yankees are all set

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

John Valentin is on the move, only he'd like to go a lot farther. Instead of just shifting from shortstop to second base, he'd rather leave Boston.

Derek Jeter, though, is all set. The shortstop and the New York Yankees reached agreement on a new contract Monday, and both sides like the deal.

The Yankees could have merely renewed Jeter's contract at \$150,000, but instead the AL rookie of the year wound up at \$525,000.

"I'm happy it was settled that way," Yankees manager Joe Torre said at Tampa, Fla. "That kid has done everything you could ever ask him to do. He's worked hard for this. He's a real special person."

Valentin said he would do what the Red Sox want and switch positions. But he's not happy about it and, while saying he would be back in camp today at Fort Myers,

Fla., repeated his request to be traded.

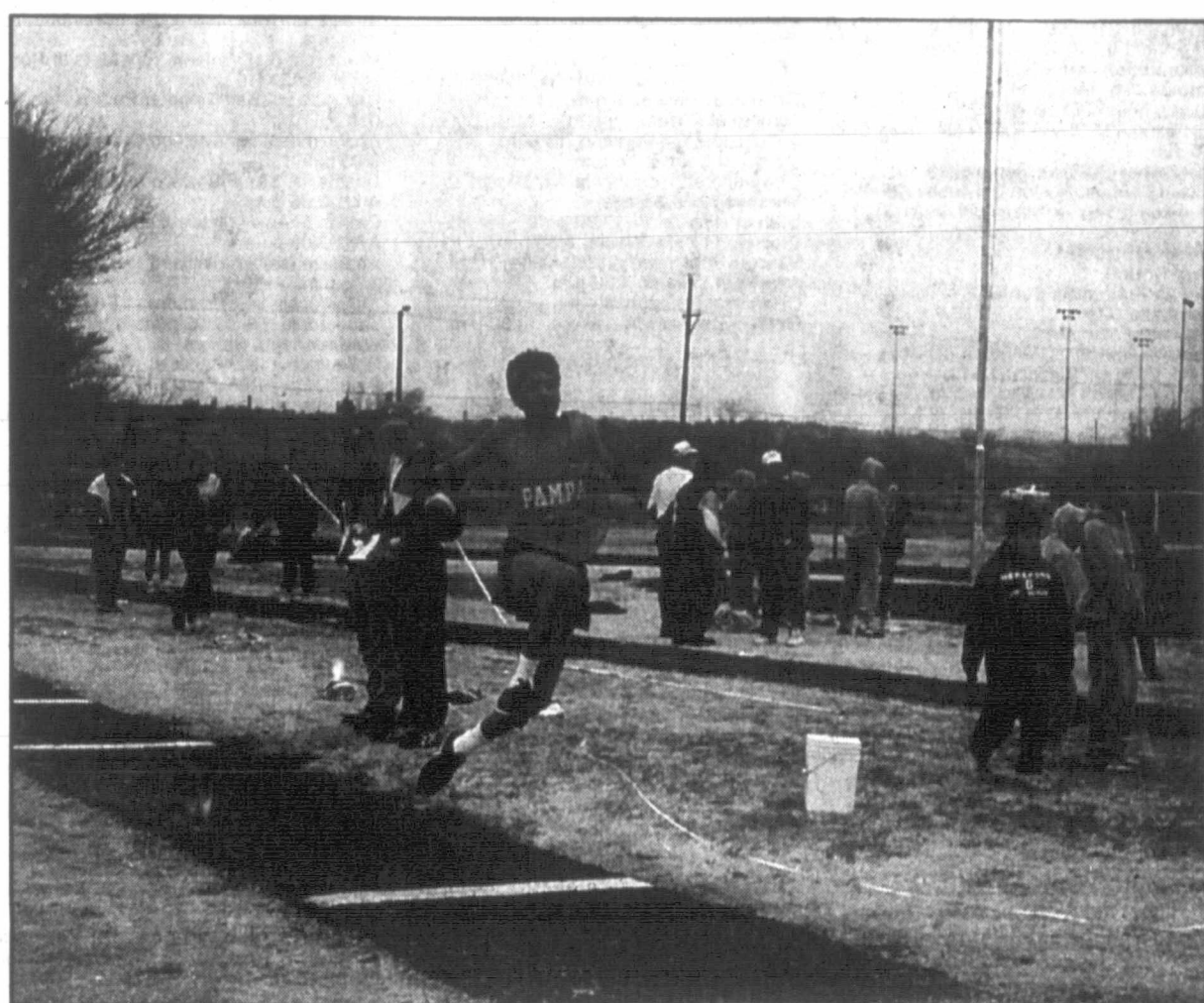
"I am a professional. I am not a baby. It's time to come in here and turn the page, and I'm ready to play," he said. "When I put on my uniform tomorrow, I will out there just to play baseball, and every other thought will be out of my mind."

Valentin, one of the best-hitting shortstops in the majors, was asked to move to second base to make room for prospect Nomar Garciaparra.

Valentin, a four-year starter, was given a 48-hour furlough on Saturday after new manager Jimmy Williams told him the plan. Valentin said he thought the move was ordered by general manager Dan Duquette, who would not answer questions on the subject.

"When you are ranked No. 1 or 2 in that position in the whole league, usually guys like that don't move," Valentin said.

Long jumper



(Pampa News photo)

Gonzalo Salazar of Pampa Middle School competes in the long jump at the Borger Relays last weekend. Dumas, Hereford, Canyon, Westover, Valley View, Borger and Pampa were among the schools competing in the 7th and 8th grade track meet.

Instant replay remains controversial issue

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — Most coaches want it. Some owners and general managers don't, while others aren't sure.

As usual, instant replay in the NFL remains a controversial, divisive issue.

A revised version of the system the league used for six years to help with officiating calls has been presented to the owners for a vote that could come today. Bill Cowher, Mike Holmgren and Dennis Green, the three members of the competition committee who are coaches, are for it. The four other members of the committee — Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, Bengals president Mike Brown, Giants GM George Young, and Buccaneers GM Rich McKay — are not.

"The coaches are overwhelmingly in favor of it, just as they were last year," said Holmgren, who claims 27 of the 30 coaches would vote yes. "If we can change a call and not slow down the game — and I'm not talking about ticky-

tacky plays, but plays that affect the final outcome — and we have the tools to do it, why not do it? I think it will be real close, but I think we have a chance."

His boss, Packers GM Ron Wolf, made it clear the team would vote for the return of replay on a limited basis. But he was pessimistic about it passing.

"As of now, I'd say it's going down," Wolf said. "It's a gut feeling, but what I'm hearing is, it is not going to pass."

"It adds to the game. We have such amazing technology available to us in the United States. This is one more step to enable a wrong to be corrected."

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said he has no feel for how a vote would turn out.

"Four clubs — Dallas, the New York Giants, Tampa Bay and Cincinnati — continue to be against. If you come in with four teams strongly opposed — and someone told me the Bears said publicly they are opposed — and

you need eight teams to block it, you should have some interesting discussions," Tagliabue said.

The proposed system would apply to all possession and out-of-bounds plays. It would require a challenge by a coach who believes a call was wrong, and the coach would have to spend a timeout, regardless of whether the call is overturned. Teams would get only two challenges a game.

The play would be reviewed on the field by the referee, rather than by a replay official in a booth.

A similar system was used as an experiment in 1996 preseason games.

"This is a replay concept true to the origins of replay," Tagliabue said. "It was never intended to make a lot of calls, but to provide a recall for that call that was obvious. I think this is a sound concept to deal with when you work 52 weeks a year, to have a check on that rare call that can take away all the fruits of all that you have worked for."

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EAST REGIONAL

First Round

At Lawrence Joel Coliseum

Wednesday, March 12

North Carolina (24-9) vs. Fairfield (11-18)

Indiana (22-10) vs. Colorado (21-9)

California (21-9) vs. Princeton (24-3)

Villanova (23-9) vs. Long Island University (21-8)

At Pittsburgh Civic Arena

Friday, March 14

South Carolina (24-7) vs. Coppin State (21-8)

Wisconsin (18-9) vs. Texas (16-11)

New Mexico (24-7) vs. Old Dominion (22-10)

Louisville (23-8) vs. Massachusetts (19-13)

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

First Round

At The Pyramid

Memphis, Tenn.

Thursday, March 13

Kansas (32-1) vs. Jackson State (14-15)

Purdue (17-11) vs. Rhode Island (20-9)

Maryland (21-10) vs. College of Charleston (28-2)

Arizona (19-9) vs. South Alabama (23-6)

At Charlotte Coliseum

Charlotte, N.C.

Friday, March 14

Duke (23-8) vs. Murray State (20-9)

Marquette (22-8) vs. Providence (21-11)

Georgia (24-8) vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga (22-10)

Illinois (21-9) vs. Southern California (17-10)

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round

At The Palace of Auburn Hills

Auburn Hills, Mich.

Thursday, March 13

UCLA (21-7) vs. Charleston Southern (17-12)

Xavier, Ohio (22-5) vs. Vanderbilt (19-11)

Cincinnati (25-7) vs. Butler (23-9)

Iowa State (20-8) vs. Illinois State (24-5)

At Kemper Arena

Kansas City, Mo.

Friday, March 14

Minnesota (27-3) vs. Southwest Texas State (18-12)

Mississippi (20-8) vs. Temple (19-10)

Tulsa (23-9) vs. Boston University (25-4)

Clemson (21-9) vs. Miami, Ohio (21-8)

WEST REGIONAL

First Round

At The Hummer Center

Salt Lake City

Thursday, March 13

Kentucky (30-4) vs. Montana (21-10)

Iowa (21-9) vs. Virginia (18-12)

Boston College (21-8) vs. Valparaiso (24-6)

St. Joseph's (24-8) vs. Pacific (24-5)

At The Hinkle Center

Tucson, Ariz.

Friday, March 14

Utah (26-3) vs. Navy (20-8)

North Carolina Charlotte (21-8) vs. Georgetown (20-9)

Wake Forest (23-6) vs. St. Mary's, Calif. (23-7)

Stanford (20-7) vs. Oklahoma (19-10)

PRO BASKETBALL

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W L Pct GB

New York 47 16 .746 —

Miami 45 17 .728 1 1/2

Orlando 32 28 .533 13 1/2

Washington 28 33 .458 .48

New Jersey 18 43 .292 .28

Philadelphia 16 44 .287 29 1/2

Boston 12 50 .194 34 1/2

Central Division

x-Chicago 53 8 .869 —

Detroit 45 16 .738 8

Atlanta 42 19 .688 11

Charlotte 40 22 .645 13 1/2

Cleveland 33 27 .550 19 1/2

Indiana 29 32 .475 24

Milwaukee 26 35 .426 27

Toronto 21 40 .344 32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W L Pct GB

Utah 45 16 .738 —

Houston 42 20 .673 1 1/2

Minnesota 30 30 .500 14 1/2

Dallas 19 41 .317 25 1/2

Denver 18 43 .292 27

San Antonio 15 48 .240 30

Vancouver 11 52 .175 35

Pacific Division

Seattle 42 18 .700 —

L.A. Lakers 41 20 .672 1 1/2

Portland 35 28 .558 8 1/2

Sacramento 28 34 .452 15

L.A. Clippers 26 33 .441 15 1/2

Phoenix 24 37 .393 18 1/2

Golden State 23 38 .377 19 1/2

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Sunday's Games

Atlanta 114, Boston 90

Charlotte 82, Miami 77

Toronto 81, Vancouver 77

Philadelphia 99, Washington 93

Houston 88, Dallas 83

Phoenix 121, Orlando 85

Portland 103, Seattle 93

Utah 115, Minnesota 106

New York 97, Chicago 93

L.A. Lakers 115, New Jersey 105

Golden State 102, Sacramento 98

Monday's Games

L.A. Clippers 112, Golden State 106

Tuesday's Games

Chicago at Boston, 7 p.m.

Vancouver at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Houston at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Miami at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

New York at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Orlando at Denver, 9 p.m.

Toronto at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10 p.m.

Detroit at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Cleveland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Utah at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

Orlando at Houston, 8 p.m.

Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

W L Pct.

Baltimore 9 2 .818

New York 8 5 .615

Boston 6 5 .545

Cleveland 7 6 .538

Toronto 7 6 .538

Chicago 6 6 .500

Oakland 6 6 .500

Detroit 5 7 .500

Texas 6 7 .462

Seattle 5 7 .417

Milwaukee 4 6 .400

Minnesota 4 10 .286

Kansas City 2 8 .200

Anaheim 2 9 .182

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W L Pct.

Florida 12 1 .923

Chicago 8 4 .667

San Francisco 8 4 .667

New York 8 5 .615

Philadelphia 7 4 .538

Colorado 7 5 .583

St. Louis 7 5 .583

Cincinnati 7 5 .545

San Diego 7 6 .558

Houston 5 6 .500

Pittsburgh 4 8 .333

Los Angeles 3 7 .300

Atlanta 3 8 .273

Montreal 2 8 .200

(NOTE: Split-squad games count in the

standings; games against non-major league

teams do not.)

Monday's Games

Cincinnati 6, New York Mets 5

Montreal 4, Los Angeles 3

Houston 3, St. Louis 1, 10 innings

Florida 6, Minnesota 5

Philadelphia 5, Boston 4

Chicago White Sox 7, Pittsburgh 4

Baltimore 5, Atlanta 5

Detroit 5, Kansas City 3, 11 innings

Chicago 5, St. Louis 1, 10 innings

Chicago Cubs (as) 13, Colorado (as) 4

San Francisco 5, Anaheim 2

San Diego 7, Milwaukee 4

Chicago Cubs (as) 11, Oakland 7

Colorado (as) 7, Seattle 6

Philadelphia 5, New York Yankees 1

Tuesday's Games

Florida vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Atlanta vs. Montreal at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Cleveland vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Detroit vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox vs. St. Louis (as) at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

St. Louis (as) vs. Kansas City at Haines City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Cincinnati vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

New York Yankees vs. Chicago White Sox (as) at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Texas (as) vs. Minnesota (as) at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Boston vs. Texas (as) at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Minnesota (as) vs. New York Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.

Oakland (as) vs. Milwaukee at Chandler, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Anaheim (as) vs. Oakland (as) at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.

Philadelphia vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

St. Louis vs. Cincinnati at Plant City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Toronto vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Montreal vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

New York Mets (as) vs. Kansas City (as) at Haines City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Kansas City (as) vs. Chicago White Sox at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Houston vs. New York Mets (as) at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.

San Francisco vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Milwaukee vs. Chicago Cubs, Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Oakland (as) vs. Milwaukee at Chandler, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Anaheim (as) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Detroit vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

Los Angeles vs. Florida at Viera, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

Minnesota vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

7:05 p.m.

Texas vs. New York Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W L T Pts GF GA

Philadelphia 38 19 10 88 224 170

New Jersey 35 19 12 82 182 154

Florida 29 23 15 73 177 158

N.Y. Rangers 31 28 9 71 219 191

Tampa Bay 27 32 7 81 194 205

Washington 25 33 7 59 186 187

N.Y. Islanders 23 33 10 56 181 195

Northwest Division

W L T Pts GF GA

Buffalo 34 21 11 79 192 185

Pittsburgh 32 28 6 70 228 216

Hartford 28 30 10 82 183 201

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Memos: Taxpayer database used for donor 'outreach'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House says a database it created with taxpayer funds was used only for official purposes. But the presidential aide who oversaw the project envisioned it as a key to rewarding donors with White House access, newly released documents show.

In portions of memos that were withheld from Congress for months, White House aide Marsha Scott wrote that the creation of the database was to be part of a broader effort to identify "key financial and political folks who will work with us in '96."

And Ms. Scott directly connected the project to the plan President Clinton had approved to give donors White House access in an effort to groom them for his re-election bid.

"This is the president's idea and it is a good one," Ms. Scott wrote in a Nov. 1, 1994, memo titled "Early Supporter Outreach Proposal." It recommended as the No. 2 goal that the names of donors be placed in the White House database.

"As these supporters are identified and located, the president has asked that they be included in White House social functions as well as policy briefings," Ms. Scott wrote.

Her memo suggested the White House needed to take on such an effort because the Democratic National Committee had failed to do so.

"There is very little outreach to early supporters coming from the DNC," her memo said. "Until they are better organized and can do more, the need is there and the job must be done."

Use of taxpayers resources to directly assist a campaign or fund-raising is illegal.

The uncensored versions of the memos were obtained by The Associated Press. They were among about 40 pages of previ-

ously censored material that was turned over to House investigators more than six months after the censored material first was released.

White House spokesman Barry Toiv said the passages do not contradict the White House's earlier assertions that the database was used legally. "The database was used entirely for official purposes. There is no information to suggest otherwise," he said.

He said the donors whose information was in the database were just a small portion of the overall data. But he added: "Clearly, in some of these memos the database is envisioned as a way of inviting people, in this case supporters, to events at the White House."

Rep. David McIntosh, R-Ind., chairman of the House subcommittee that has investigated the database, said the deletions from the memos were part of an "effort to cover up" a key intention for the database.

He called the new information the "clearest evidence we have that the White House, from the beginning, was intending to use the White House database to keep track of its donors and help the campaign."

Late last month, Clinton acknowledged that he authorized his aides to bring donors into the White House for coffee klatches and overnight stays as a way of encouraging them to support him in 1996.

But the White House continues to maintain that the database project — which cost at least \$600,000 in public funds — was not conceived for political purposes or used to assist the campaign.

The database, dubbed "WhoDB" by presidential aides, included information on more than 200,000 donors, supporters, friends, lawmakers, dignitaries and journalists.

Zedillo appoints little known attorney as new drug czar

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Ernesto Zedillo has appointed a little known civilian lawyer to replace the general ousted as Mexico's drug czar after being linked with drug lords.

Mariano Federico Herran Salvatti, who served for a year as Mexico City's chief prosecutor, was appointed Monday to head the Institute to Fight Drugs.

Also Monday, police searched a sprawling farm allegedly owned by Mexican drug lord Amado Carrillo Fuentes. They found peacocks and seven thoroughbred horses, the federal Attorney General's office said.

The 31-acre farm in Morelos state, about 50 miles south of Mexico City, features arched turn-of-the-century buildings, closed-circuit television and an electric fence, police said.

The search is one of several actions police have taken in their efforts to gather evidence against Carrillo Fuentes. It was not clear if they believed Carrillo Fuentes himself was at the farm.

Carrillo Fuentes, who has several outstanding murder and drug charges against him, has been on the run since a January raid on a separate family property in northern Sonora state.

Carrillo Fuentes and other cartel chieftains are believed to have given millions of dollars in bribes to government officials for protection, and for help

against their competitors. One of those officials, police say, is former drug czar Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, who was arrested Feb. 18 on bribery charges.

At his swearing-in, Herran, 48, admitted that "corruption related to drug trafficking has reached the highest levels of those institutions charged with combating drugs."

He said his biggest task would be "recovering the confidence lost and damaged by corruption, impunity and the irresponsible actions of many bad public servants over many years."

Herran faces an uphill battle in reforming a "systemically and institutionally corrupt" agency, said Peter Lupsha, a University of New Mexico professor who studies the illicit drug trade.

"Gutierrez was not just one rotten apple. He was part of a rotten barrel," Lupsha said. "One man alone can't do it."

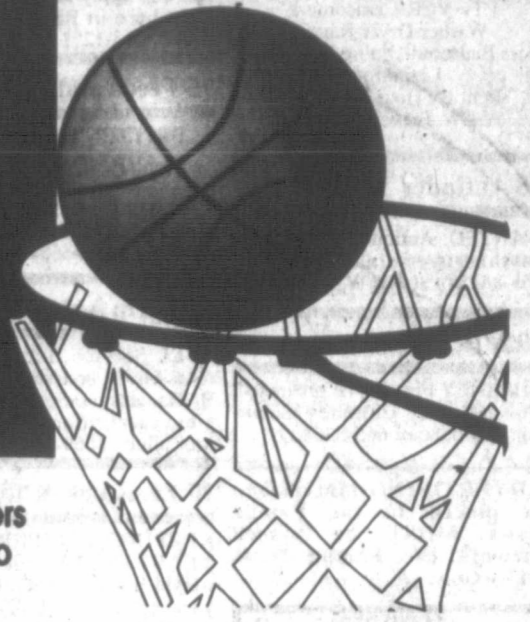
In Washington, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns called the appointment a step forward.

President Clinton recently certified Mexico as an ally in the drug war — allowing U.S. aid to continue flowing to Mexico. Some U.S. congressmen are trying to reverse the decision, citing the arrest of Herran's predecessor as evidence that Mexico isn't serious about fighting drugs.

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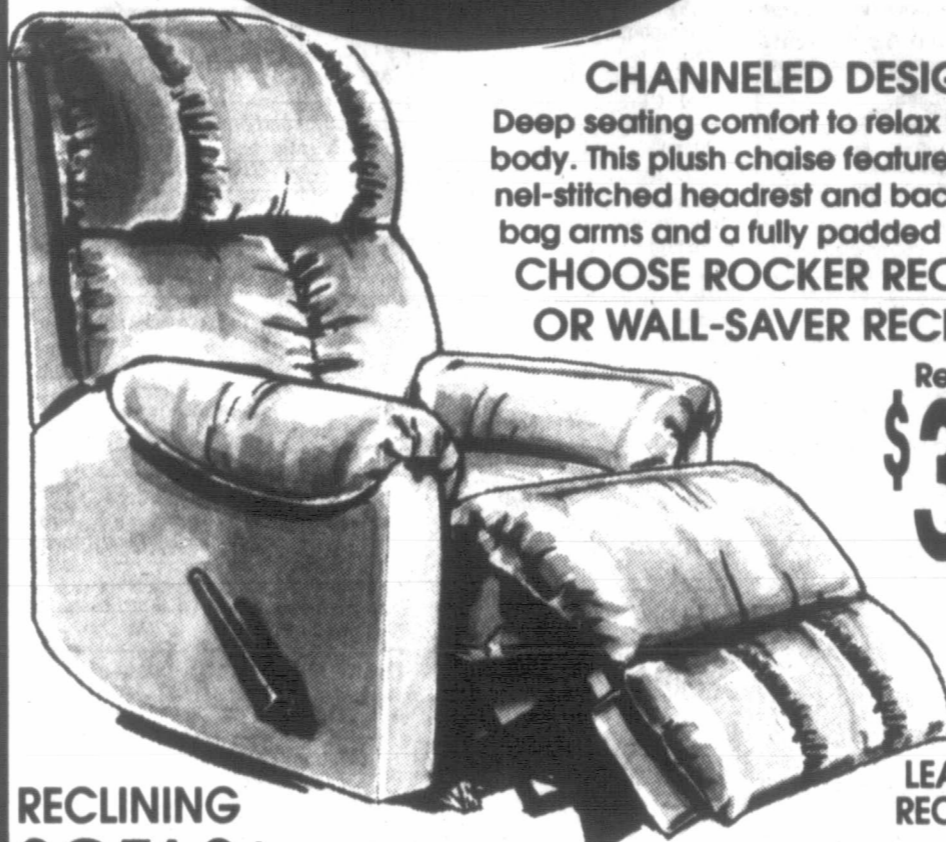
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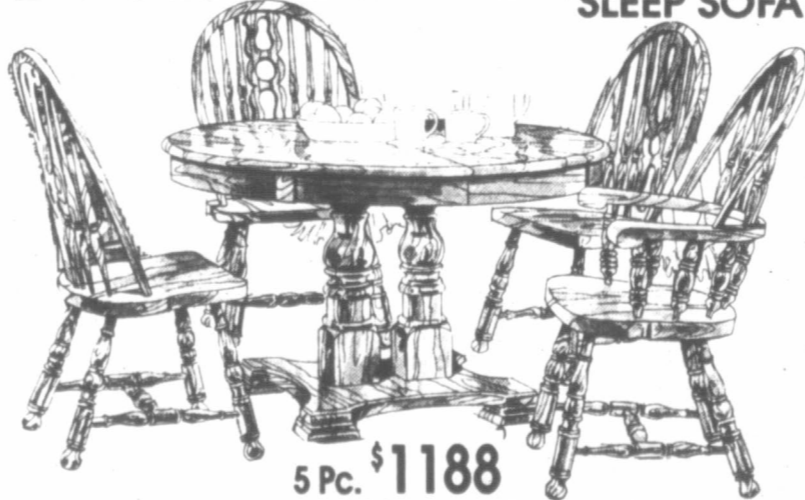
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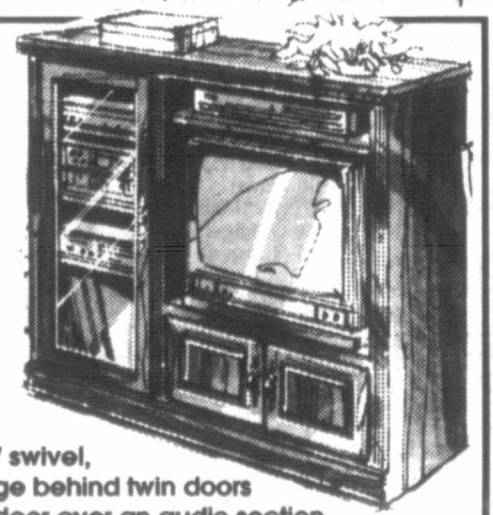
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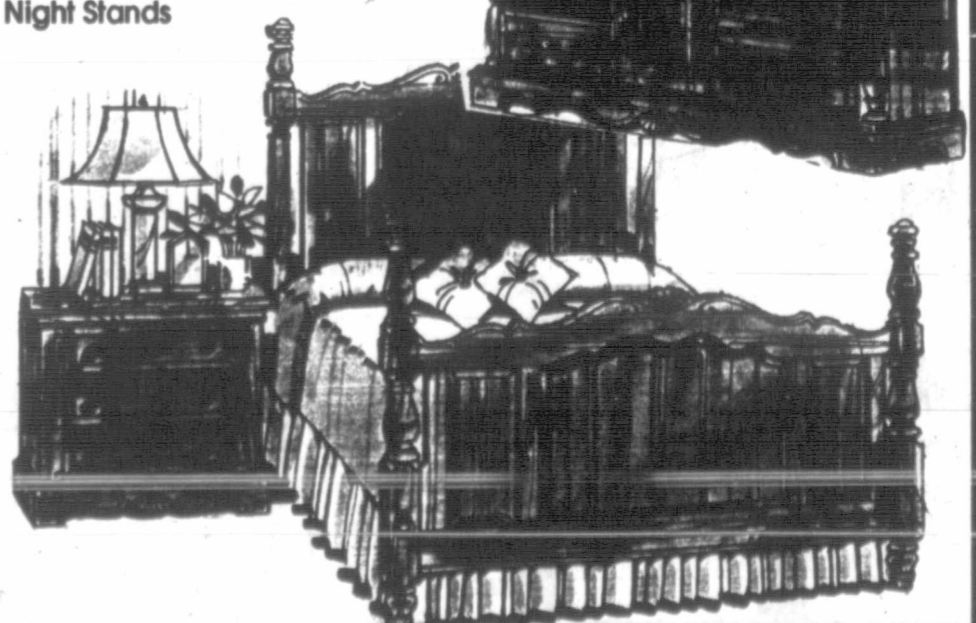
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