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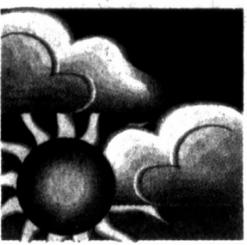
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Low tonight in upper 40s. High tomorrow near 80. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — A Pampa Middle School Teacher, Jeanna Miller, has been re-elected to the post of director for the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, District 16. Her new term begins June 1.

Miller has served on the TCTA Board of Directors since 1995. She was re-elected to a two-year term on Feb. 8 at the annual convention in Austin.

TCTA is a nonprofit, nonunion professional education association representing more than 36,000 Texas teachers and related non-administrative personnel.

Miller was re-elected by convention delegates from District 16. Her district covers 26 counties in the Texas Panhandle, bordered by Dallam and Lipscomb on the north and Parmer and Childress to the south. District 16 is represented by two directors, Miller and Becky Furlow of Borger.

As a board member, Miller represents her district, helps set policy for the statewide association and assists members and leaders of TCTA in the district.

PAMPA — With only a week left, it seems the May 3 city election for the positions of mayor, Ward One and Three commissioners may go uncontested.

So far, said City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers, only incumbents Mayor Bob Neslage, Ward One Commissioner Jeff McCormick and Ward Three Commissioner Robert Dixon are the only individuals to file for the election.

Residents still have one week to file with the city secretary for one of the above positions. However, considering the previous weeks, it does not appear this year's elections will be a contest.

In the past 10 years, only three city elections - 1990, 1991 and 1992 - have been uncontested. The deadline to file for the May 3 city election is March 19.

Early voting for the election will be held April 14-29. Residents unable to make it to the polls for early voting or on May 3 can request an application for a ballot by mail. The request must be mailed to Phyllis Jeffers, City Secretary, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79065 and has to be received before closing time on April 25.

PAMPA — The Pampa Citizens Police Academy will be taking applications until 12 noon on Monday, March 17, for the Ninth Citizens Police Academy.

Applications may be picked up at the Pampa Police Department from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

The academy's first class will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

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Law officers raid pot ranch east of Pampa

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

The Pampa Police Department, Gray County Sheriff's Office, 223rd District Attorney's Office, Panhandle Regional Narcotics, Trafficking Task Force and Wheeler County Sheriff's Office participated in a drug bust Tuesday evening that netted approximately 70 marijuana plants.

The law officials estimated the plants have a value of \$84,000. Also seized was \$30,000 worth of equipment, including grow lights, hydroponic equipment, a drip watering system and electronic timers. Arrested was 46-year-old Steven Norwood Hall.

Officers executed a search warrant on a ranch east of Pampa at about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and found the marijuana growing operation in a boarded-up building next to the residence on the ranch.

Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said, "This was a prime bust from start to finish. Everything went just right, from the initial investigation to the final seizure. All the officers did an excellent job during the course of this investigation."

The arrest and seizure is the end result of more than two weeks of investigation which included aircraft surveillance by

Texas Air National Guard, from Houston's Ellington Field, equipped with sophisticated thermal imaging equipment.

According to narcotics officers, each marijuana plant can produce approximately one pound of marijuana each year. Many of the plants confiscated were four and a half feet to five feet tall.

Along with the plants and growing equipment, officers seized dried marijuana, seeds, two shotguns, growing manuals and other paraphernalia used with marijuana.

Narcotics officers said the possession of the grow lights and manuals is perfectly legal, just not the dope.

"Any second year botany student knows how to grow this stuff. So do a lot of people a lot younger than that," said a narcotics officer, who was in on the bust.

The same officer said that anyone can purchase the manuals at any bookstore, any day of the week.

Hall has been arrested and charged with possession of marijuana over five pounds and under 50 pounds with an intent to distribute, a second degree felony. Hall is being held in Gray County jail until bond can be set.

Officers have said that the investigation will continue and additional arrests are possible.



Law officers from several agencies participated in one of the biggest drug busts ever in Gray County. Plants, growing equipment and drug-related paraphernalia were seized from a ranch east of Pampa.

Clinton proposes highway and mass transit expansion

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today proposed a blueprint for the next investment in America's highways, bridges and mass transit, a six-year \$175 billion program that increases highway spending by 30 percent.

"This bill will literally be our bridge to the 21st century," the president said in a ceremony at the Old Executive Office Building.

"It will create tens of millions of jobs for our people and help move people from welfare to work," he said. "This bill strengthens our infrastructure while protecting and enhancing our natural environment. Make no mistake about it, this is one of the most important environmental bills to be considered by this Congress."

Dubbed the National Economic Crossroads Transportation Efficiency Act or NEXTEA, the bill would increase transportation spending by \$17 billion. That's 11 percent more than the \$157 billion authorized in 1991 by the previous measure, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act or ISTEA.

The new bill emphasizes high-

way and truck safety with more spending to combat drunk and drugged driving and to increase the use of safety belts and child restraints.

Clinton said it will make a special effort to improve transportation for welfare recipients in inner cities to get them to the jobs they need.

"This bill provides \$600 million to help to provide and pay for transportation so that those who have been told by Congress that they have to go to work are able to reach the jobs that are out there," he said.

The bill would:

- Provide \$600 million to deploy intelligent transportation technology to cut travel time and improve safety.
- Increase spending for the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration by 25 percent to \$395 million.
- Increase spending on highway and truck safety by \$2 billion.
- Increase spending on drunk driving prevention by 60 percent.
- Increase spending for programs to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality by 30 percent to \$1.3 billion a year.



Bill Howe, co-editor of *The Shamrock Texan*, works at his Old Faithful Royal typewriter he has used since the 1940s. "As long as the ribbon keeps rolling, I'll just keep using this mill ...," he said. Howe was editor and publisher of *The Texan* from 1948 until 1989, when he sold the paper.

Shamrock Texan co-editor still keeps busy publishing special green edition

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Wearin' of the Green carries a lot of meaning to Bill Howe of Shamrock. When he coins that phrase for himself, he is wearing it, he is tasting it, he is seeing it - GREEN, that is.

This week, he is diligently working on the annual Saint Patrick's Day green edition of *The Shamrock Texan* for Thursday, March 13. Traditionally, the annual paper of three separate sections is printed on green newsprint, but in earlier years, it was printed in green ink.

"Boy, what a mess that was," said Howe, talking about the first time he helped publish a green edition, using green ink.

"We had a small press then and the ink would stick to the rollers. It took long hours - lots of overtime for the entire staff - to get that issue printed and out on the street," he said.

The first St. Pat's issue published by *The Shamrock Texan* was printed March 17, 1905, with the front page in green ink, and an editorial by its then publisher T. C. Richardson, titled "St. Patrick's Day in the Morning."

The green edition has been published every year since that first issue in 1905, except for about three years during World

War II and one year during the Korean Conflict, in the 1950s. The newspaper has been published since 1903.

Between 1948 until 1989, Howe was a partner and co-publisher, and then sole owner of *The Shamrock Texan*. Howe and Margaret, his wife of 50 years, raised and educated five children who developed careers of their own. Among the three daughters and two sons, they have produced 13 grandchildren.

"Once we arrived here from Missouri, it just seemed inevitable this would be home forever, ... the people are so nice," he said.

Prior to his journalism career, he was a private secretary to the chief engineer of the Kansas City Southern Railway Company. He also served five years in the military on campaigns in Africa and Italy.

After his discharge from the Army, his mind was set on getting an advertising and journalism degree, and he decided to attend the University of Missouri, which was completed in July 1948. He became part of the working staff with co-publishers and editors Albert Cooper and Orville Montgomery in late 1947 after running his own job-search ad in the Publishers' Auxiliary, stating he was also interested in purchasing a paper.

"That is how I learned about Shamrock, Texas," he said.

Howe took the position of advertising manager and Mrs. George Stanley was the society editor at the time, working with Cooper and Montgomery.

With the luck of the Irish, the special green edition is still being published. The green edition is always a fine collector's newspaper, the official souvenir for most visitors celebrating St. Patrick's Day in Shamrock. People from all over the United States, and other countries, show up in Shamrock in March, including other newspaper people, radio and television personnel, looking for new and special stories, according to Howe.

"We've had thousands of people from all over merge into Shamrock for St. Pat's ... it's unbelievable how much interest our small town celebration creates from year to year," he said.

Howe tells about the day he helped find a true Irishman for a radio interview by telephone to be broadcast in a northern state, and "... By the time he was set up with the broadcast system, the nervous little Irishman had been sipping his courage, just long enough, that when he started talking with that heavy Irish brogue and a definite slur of the tongue, no one could understand a word he said."

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Bivins files bill to create school voucher pilot

AUSTIN (AP) — Students at low-performing campuses who have been unable to transfer to another public school could use public money to attend private school under a bill filed today.

The bill was introduced by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo.

"There are many arguments both for and against a voucher program for education. My goal in filing this legislation is to create a pilot project where we can compare apples to apples in

testing these arguments," Bivins said.

The bill is similar to one filed in the House by Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo. Both are based on the existing public education grant program, which allows students to leave low-performing campuses and transfer to another school district.

Relatively few children have taken advantage of the 1995 grant program, which includes hurdles, such as allowing the school district a child wants to

attend to reject the transfer.

The program applies to students at campuses at which 50 percent or more of the students didn't perform satisfactorily on the statewide Texas Assessment of Academic Skills in any of the preceding three years.

Bivins' bill would allow students from low-performing campuses who have been turned down by another public school to use about 80 percent of the public education grant for a voucher redeemable by a private school.

Lefors amends its delinquent bill policy

LEFORS — Lefors City Council amended the delinquent bill policy Monday night to allow gas service to residents despite non-payment of utility bills.

In the past, the city has always sent notices of intent to discontinue services to residents who are delinquent in paying for their utilities. However, because of the harsh winter months in the Panhandle, council members determined that gas services should not be shut off. Residents

should have the ability to heat their homes during these months, the city council decided.

There will still be penalties for residents who are not paying their utility bills, though. Instead of turning off gas services, a resident's water service will be discontinued if he/she does not pay his/her utility bills.

In addition to the amended delinquent bill policy, council members also appointed Phondia Sierman as the May 3

city election judge and decided to update their insurance to include coverage of the sewer plant, the city marshal's office, the city square and the fire department building.

A discussion to consider a set rate for sanitation service in the city was tabled until the next regular meeting because two council members - Ken Purvis and Beth Miller - were not able to attend the Monday night meeting.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

KINCADE, Lucile Harlan — Graveside services, 2:30 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

Obituaries

ORA O. ALLEN

ULYSSESS, Kan. — Nora O. Allen, 75, died Monday, March 10, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Southern Baptist Church with the Rev. Dave Carraway and the Rev. Ron Klingsick officiating. Burial will be in Ulysses Cemetery under the direction of Haskell County Funeral Home of Sublette, Kan.

Mrs. Allen was born July 10, 1921, at Lakeview, Texas, to Sidney and Laura Williams. She had been a resident of Ulysses since January 1962, moving from Amarillo, Texas. She married Brooks Allen on Dec. 29, 1979, at Ulysses. She was president and owner of Kansas Irrigation Engine Inc., in Ulysses, retiring in 1985. She was a member of First Southern Baptist Church and taught Sunday School. She was also a training school teacher and was very involved in the children's ministry at the church. She was a member of D.A.R. Kansas Society, Daughters of the American Revolution and B.P.W. She enjoyed oil and china painting and sewing.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Brooks, of Ulysses; a daughter and son-in-law, Donna G. and Randy Slavick of Ulysses; four sisters, Ruby Lee Patrick, Edie Ballew, Faye Sanders and Billy Clark, all of Texas; a brother, Henry Williams of Morton; two grandchildren, Debra Douglas and Mark Lamar; seven great-grandchildren, Kaysi Douglas, Karli Douglas, Cody Douglas, Jennifer Lamar, Mark Lamar II, Melanie Lamar and Dustin Lamar; and a great-great-grandson, Dillon Lamar.

Visitors may call until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home in Sublette; from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday at the church; and from 10 a.m. until service time Friday at the church.

The family requests memorials be to First Southern Baptist Church in c/o Haskell County Funeral Home, Box 607, Sublette, Kan., 67877.

Ambulance

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

TUESDAY, March 11

9:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of North Gray for a medical assist.

10:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Grape on an injury. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transfer one patient to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

2:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Charles on a standby at a baseball game.

3:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of South Finley on a medical emergency. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

4:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Lefors on a medical emergency. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

5:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Cuyler and Highway 60 on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

7:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital.

7:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital.

Accidents

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

TUESDAY, March 11

A 1988 Dodge Colt driven by Patrick J. Doyle, 56, 915 Twiford, and a 1994 Ford F250 pickup driven by Kenneth R. Nunn, 41, 1501 N. Christy, collided in the intersection of Brown and Cuyler. No citations were issued.

Police report

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

TUESDAY, March 11

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Cuyler. Approximate damage to a front store window is \$350.

A theft was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

A 26-year-old woman reported assault and domestic violence in the 100 block of South Faulkner.

A police officer reported a fugitive from justice and a failure to identify in the 100 block of North Wynne.

A police officer reported a fugitive from justice and a failure to identify in the 400 block of Short.

Arrests

Charles Everett Mahley, 32, 115 N. Wynne, was arrested on one capias pro fine warrant.

Sheriff's Office

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

TUESDAY, March 11

Arrests

Zenania Trejo, 23, 617 N. Yeager, was arrested on two warrants for issuance of bad checks and probation violation. She remains in custody.

Lesley Lawton Montgomery, 22, 416 Carr, was arrested on a Randall County warrant for theft by check. He remains in custody.

Steven Norwood Hall, 45, Pampa, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under 50 pounds, with intent to distribute. He remains in custody.

Howard Ray Vance, 25, 520 N. Yeager, was arrested on two simple assault warrants, failure to identify and probation violation charges. He remains in custody.

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING

Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler, is offering group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Klempeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Narcotics Anonymous, a non-profit group to aid people having problems with the use of narcotics, will have meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1121 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-6260 or 669-2665.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by **Attebery Grain of Pampa**.

Wheat	4.22	Chevron	67 1/4	NC
Milo	4.56	Coca Cola	61 1/2	dn 1/4
Corn	5.24	Columbus/HCA	44 1/8	up 3/8
		Enron	40 1/2	up 3/8
		Halliburton	68 3/8	dn 1/2
		Ingersoll Rand	48 1/8	up 5/8
		KSI	41	up 3/8
		Kerr McGee	64	dn 1/8
		Limited	19 1/2	dn 1/4
		Mapco	31 5/8	NC
		McDonald's	44 1/2	up 1/8
		Mobil	131 5/8	NC
		New Atmos	24 1/8	dn 1/4
		Parker & Parsley	30 1/4	dn 1/2
		Penney's	51 3/8	up 5/8
		Phillips	40 7/8	dn 3/8
		SLB	106 1/4	dn 1 1/4
		SPX	36 5/8	up 1/8
		Tenneco	39 3/4	up 7/8
		Texas	103 5/8	dn 3/8
		Ultramar	32 5/8	up 1/8
		Wal-Mart	27 7/8	up 1/8
		New York Gold	351.60	
		Silver	5.20	
		West Texas Crude	20.18	

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

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

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

Amoco	88 1/4	NC
Arco	126 1/4	dn 1/4
Cabot	24 3/4	NC
Cabot O&G	16 1/4	dn 1/4

Fires

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

TUESDAY, March 11

9:22 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a good intent call at 530 N. Gray.

2 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to a grass fire a half mile north on Gray Road 4.

3:33 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the alley behind 930 Finley on a medical assist.

5:13 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at Cuyler and Highway 60.

Plainview hosts tractor show for this weekend

PLAINVIEW — The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will be having its fifth annual tractor show, the Fred Howard Memorial Show, on Saturday and Sunday, March 15-16, at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview.

The show will feature antique tractors, stationary engines, antique equipment and windmills. There also will be a concession stand benefiting the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum Association.

Daily parades will be held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., with field events starting at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. All makes of tractors will be welcome at this event.

There is still room for arts and crafts booths or a toy tractor booth. For more information, call Debi Smith of Littlefield, association secretary, at (806) 385-3555.

There will also be a Swap Meet. Homemade ice cream will be made using a stationary engine. There will also be corn grinding.

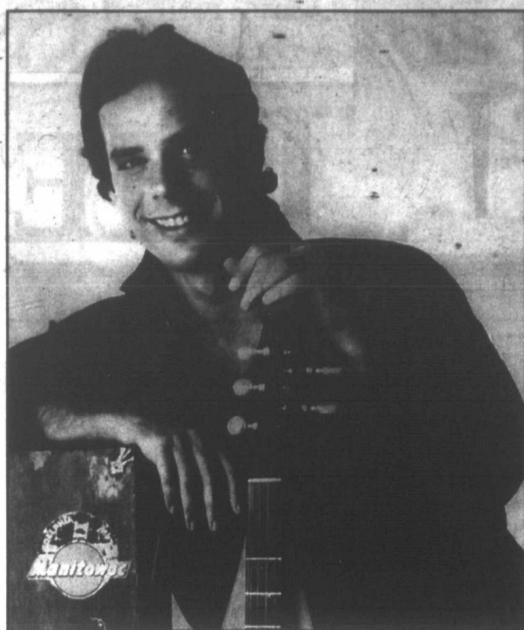
The show starts on Saturday at 8 a.m. and continues through 6 p.m. Then on Sunday, the show will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants can set up on Friday from 1-6 p.m. The center is locked up all night. This is an indoor show.

Admission is free. To get to the center, exit off I-27 and Business 87.

For more information, call Cody Gruhlkey of Kress, association president, at (806) 684-2282.

Kevin Roth Trio in concert



(Special photo)

The Kevin Roth Trio will sing Broadway hits, blues, jazz and new songs, as well as playing instrumental favorites, for the Pampa Community Concert Association at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Roth has been praised by national magazines and has won over 11 awards, including Parent's Award for Excellence in Children's Music. Trio member Roth plays piano and dulcimer; Jill Haley, oboe and English horn; and Chris Knowles, bass and guitar. Attendance is by member in the Pampa association and by reciprocal agreement with membership in Borger, Plainview and Hereford groups.

Carson sheriff explains protection services

By **SHERRY CROMARTIE** Staff Writer

Carson County Sheriff Loren Brand explained the county's situation in providing citizen protection in response to Pauletta Paul, Mary Hart, Grady Milton and Mayor R.T. Laurie of White Deer who appeared before the commissioners' court, Monday to discuss the need for extra law enforcement in their community.

According to Sheriff Brand, the county's law enforcement consists of himself and only four deputies, one chief jailer/deputy and four jailer/dispatchers. These staff personnel employed by Carson County serve four small towns, including White Deer, Skellytown, Groom and Panhandle, plus nearby subdivisions in the Webb-Bragg and Fritch areas.

According to County Judge Jay Roselius, it is to the discretion of Sheriff Brand to give the proper assignments to his deputies. He said the county budget for law enforcement is \$459,806 for the current budget year.

Brand explained that the deputies are assigned to the

areas where it is considered the highest crime rate, including the patrol of the area towns. All calls are answered, and response time to those calls must be considered as well as the numbers of individuals needed to respond to the call. He said assignments were made to provide the best service, and was done within county budget guidelines.

He also reminded the court and visitors of the heavy activity generated along Interstate 40 and on Highway 60 touched in Panhandle and White Deer communities.

Carson County Tax Collector Roslyn Watson informed the court that she was sending out letters of proposal to all local taxing entities for her office to be the collection agent for taxes in the future, including the City of Panhandle and the school district.

She is suggesting this service provision through her office only as a matter of convenience to the taxpayers and to other taxing offices. No action was required by the court but commissioners acknowledged her request to proceed.

Commissioners approved the rights-of-way easements to

GTE Company for road crossings in Precinct 2 and Precinct 4, and discussed labor and machinery provided for work on another road in Precinct 4 used by Texaco Inc.

Mid-America Pipeline Co., near Skellytown, also has requested the county's cooperation in forming a coalition with others to provide repairs needed to an asphalt road, crossing private land, which is also used by the pipeline company and the public. Commissioner Kevin Howell committed to look into the matter and report back to the court at its next meeting.

Commissioners reviewed the annual Tier Two Reports, concerning storage of hazardous materials in the county's precincts. Reports will be filed with emergency response agencies for reference in case of emergencies involving any of the locations.

Roselius announced Jackie West, of Panhandle, is the new county auditor, recently appointed by 100th Judicial District Judge David McCoy. She is currently employed by a local abstracting company, but will report to her auditor's office on March 17.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the upper 40s and southerly winds 5-15 mph. Thursday, generally sunny and breezy with a high near 80 and southwesterly winds 15-25 mph and gusty. Tuesday's high was 78; the overnight low was 42.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy with lows from near 40 to upper 40s. Thursday, partly to mostly sunny and breezy with highs from low to upper 70s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Morning fog possible late over the low rolling plains. Lows from low 40s to near 50. Thursday, early morning fog possible over the low rolling

plains, otherwise mostly sunny. Highs 75-85.

North Texas — Tonight, chance of showers west, rain and scattered thunderstorms continuing central and east. Locally heavy rain possible east. Lows 54 to 57. Thursday, chance of rain and showers central, rain and thunderstorms likely east. Precipitation ending from west to east during the morning. Highs 78 west to 68 east.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with light rain or drizzle. Chance of rain less than 20 percent. Lows in upper 50s, near 50. Hill Country. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs in upper 70s. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with numerous showers or thunderstorms. Lows in low 60s inland to mid 60s coast. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a

chance of showers. Highs in mid 70s inland to near 70 coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with fog developing. Lows in mid 60s coast to low 60s inland. Thursday, partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in upper 70s coast to low 80s inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, mostly fair skies. Lows 20s and 30s mountains with 30s to mid 40s lowlands. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs 50s and 60s mountains with upper 60s to low 80s lowlands.

Oklahoma — Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy. A chance of showers southeast. Lows in upper 40s and low 50s. Thursday, partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs from mid 60s to low 70s.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement.

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.

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.

SHOE SALE Continues. 30-50% off on Brighton, Cole Haan, Pappalago. 1 rack of fall-winter 50-70% off. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, Downtown. 669-1097. 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.

TAX SERVICE: Glenda Brownlee, 625 Whittenburg, Borger - 274-2142 or 800-600-2670. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Meat loaf, fried chicken, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken fried steak. Wednesday 5-8 p.m. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

STOP BY and check out our St. Patrick's Day Specials - Bottle Shop, 714 E. Frederic, 669-6410. Adv.

ESTEE LAUDER Free Gift with purchase of \$17.50. Complete line of all Estee Lauder products, fragrance, skin care, nails, thighzone, and sun-tan products. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, Downtown, 669-1097. Adv.

INCOME TAX Preparation - Wm. L. Arthur, 1103 E. Kingsmill, 669-3928. Adv.

LOST LONG hair orange striped male cat. Northcrest addition. Call 665-7524. Adv.

Shamrock

Other slip-ups usually happened because of tricks of the weatherman, causing parades to be canceled or halting a street dance, caused by ice and snow or rain. One year the rains came down during the entire week, preventing the beautifully decorated floats from being used in the parade. But all the people came to the community barn to see the floats, and it was the biggest draw for crowds than any other activity of the day, Howe remembered.

He said the paper has had several writers and sales people over the many years, and for awhile *The Texan* was a daily paper, then it was published bi-weekly. Later, due to the fact that there just was not enough advertising to support a multiple printing, *The Texan* became a weekly community newspaper. Today it is published by a three-person staff, including Howe, who does not have time to

target his retirement date.

"In 1987 a young man joined us who showed quite an interest in the paper. With the belief that I might want to retire some day, I sold out to him (Kip Pease) in 1989 ... but, as yet, I'm not retired."

Howe said Pease is doing well as the editor and publisher of the paper and has learned a lot since he started. He has had to be responsible for pictures, selling ads, setting type and doing all the layout for several years now.

"I didn't think there was any way it could all be done, at times, but it always turns out smoothly," Pease said.

Howe said it has been only in recent years that the computer has become the main publisher's tool in his world. In fact, he refuses to learn how to use a computer keyboard, and is still typing (every day) on an old, old Royal typewriter that uses a fabric red and black roller-type ribbon.

"As long as the ribbon keeps rolling, I'll just keep using this

mill ..." Howe said about his Royal typewriter, demonstrating his typing skills to prove that the machine is in good use.

Pease said he didn't think it was necessary to teach Howe the computer, because he is doing his job very well the way he wants to.

Howe told of a few exciting newspaper stories he covered as reporting editor, including the murder of one of the local policemen many years ago. He said it was so upsetting to him it caused him to develop high blood pressure, and he's not sure it has ever been under control since that day.

He said he always thought of himself as a good writer of unusual headlines, which is a challenge for every editor. His favorite is the headline for a story about the law enforcement closing in on a drug ring in a nearby county, and finding several acres of healthy marijuana growing, which was destroyed by cutting and burning the fields.

His headline read: "Pot Plot Plucked."

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Taking Darth Vader home



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Darth Vader has gone home — home with Ryan Olson, a second grader from Travis Elementary School. Olson won the life-size cutout of the Star Wars villain which had greeted visitors at the Pampa Pizza Hut for the last few months and was put up for grabs by the restaurant in a drawing.

Democratic chief takes swipe at tax relief plan

AUSTIN (AP) — In some of the harshest criticism yet of Gov. George W. Bush's property tax plan, the Texas Democratic Party chairman says it is too little, too late.

"There was a lot in the Bush proposal that was spin and hype and politics as usual," party chief Bill White said Tuesday.

White described as "voodoo economics" Bush's \$2.8 billion plan to lower school property taxes by raising sales taxes, creating a new business tax and spending a \$1 billion state budget surplus.

He criticized Bush for raising the issue in mid-1995, but not spelling out details until Jan. 28.

Calling it "tax redistribution," White said Bush's plan wouldn't help many middle class Texans but would help the wealthy and large, capital-intensive corporations.

"There is absolutely no justification ... why we would raise the sales taxes on someone who was struggling to get by in order to give somebody (property) tax relief on an expensive second home, or to dramatically lower both the franchise and property taxes of a big, multinational corporation selling for export," White said.

"That is bad public policy, it has no public support, there's no justification for it and yet, that's what Bush's plan did."

A number of lawmakers have described the Republican governor's proposal as dead, lacking the votes to pass the House and Senate. Two special legislative committees, both headed by Democrats, are looking at alternatives.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes accused the Democratic Party chairman of trying to inject partisan politics into the debate. Bush's plan also has drawn fire from state GOP Chairman Tom Pauken, who objected to new sales and business taxes.

"Most Texans know that the governor's plan is a net tax cut of \$1 billion," Ms. Hughes said. She said opinion polls have backed Bush.

"This is something that benefits virtually every Texan, whether they are senior citizens struggling to keep their homes, working families struggling to make their house payments or renters struggling because property taxes keep their rents going up," she said.

Bush said he remains confident lawmakers will act.

"I picked the plan that I thought would be best to long-term fund our schools and substantially reduce school property taxes. I have laid out my plan and it has been fully debated," the governor said.

"I stand by what I said on Day One: If someone has a better idea about how to achieve our

objectives, I look forward to hearing about it. This is a healthy process."

White said bipartisan doubts stalled the governor's proposal.

"What the governor did was submit a proposal that did not give middle class tax relief, was tax redistribution and hit many Texans harder. He did not develop a public consensus beforehand. And then he put it in the hopper at the last minute. So the people in the Legislature, on a bipartisan basis, stopped that," White said. In other tax developments:

— The House property tax committee continues to look at exemptions to state taxes, including the sales tax and business franchise tax. The committee is moving toward drafting a bill to eliminate many of the exemptions, while leaving food and medical services untaxed.

The committee also is considering expanding other taxes, including the cigarette tax and the gasoline tax. The current cigarette tax would go from 41 cents a pack to 61 cents a pack, making it one of the highest in the nation. The gas tax would go from 20 cents a gallon to 30 cents a gallon.

— Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, said he was preparing an approximately \$3.1 billion bill to raise the cigarette tax, repeal numerous sales tax exemptions and expand the business franchise tax.

Nation briefs Clinton knew pals hired Webster Hubbell

Playboy reports on McVeigh in Internet story

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh told his lawyers the force of a bomb he set off in Oklahoma City in 1995 pushed him against the wall of a nearby building as he made his escape, *Playboy* magazine reported.

McVeigh also said he encountered a mail carrier who looked at him and said, "Man, for a second, I thought that was us who blew up," the magazine reported in a story posted on its Internet site Tuesday.

McVeigh replied, "Yeah, so did I," the magazine said.

Playboy said the story was based on "lawfully obtained documents" prepared for the defense and obtained by the magazine last spring. *Playboy* did not explain the delay in reporting on the documents.

The story is the second in the last two weeks that says McVeigh confessed to his lawyers. The *Dallas Morning News* reported on its Web site Feb. 28 that McVeigh told his defense team he attacked during the day to ensure a "body count."

Prosecutors declined comment.

Minke whale grounds self, dies after being shot

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Wildlife officials believe a four-ton Minke whale grounded itself in the Florida Keys because someone shot it at least five times.

The whale died last week and a necropsy revealed five bullet wounds.

"You'd like to think it never happens, it's just fantastical stories people tell," Becky Barron, director of Wildlife Rescue of Miami Herald for today's editions. "But unfortunately here's very graphic evidence that it does happen."

National Marine Fisheries Service special agent Logan Gregory said this is the first time he has investigated the shooting of a marine mammal. He wouldn't tell the newspaper what kind of ammunition was used.

The whale was discovered last Wednesday, stranded in the shallows off Big Pine Key. The 30-foot creature was too big to take to an enclosure for treatment.

WASHINGTON (AP) — During the time his old friend Webster Hubbell was under criminal investigation by Whitewater prosecutors, President Clinton knew that two longtime political supporters had hired the former associate attorney general, the White House acknowledges.

Whitewater prosecutors are investigating whether Hubbell's hiring by Clinton allies in 1994 was part of an effort to keep Hubbell from cooperating with prosecutors in the Whitewater investigation of the president and the first lady.

The White House said Tuesday "the president never asked or

suggested that anyone hire Webb Hubbell."

But Clinton "thinks that at some point he may have heard from Bernard Rapoport or Truman Arnold, or both, who are old friends of the president, that they had hired or intended to hire Hubbell," said White House spokesman Lanny Davis.

Rapoport, an insurance mag-

nate from Waco, Texas, told reporters last week that he had told people at the White House — possibly including Clinton — that he was hiring Hubbell in 1994. Rapoport made payments to Hubbell, he said, at the behest of Truman Arnold, a Texarkana, Texas, oilman. Rapoport said he understood that Arnold was hiring Hubbell, too.

Gov. Bush supports faith-based aid to help fight welfare problem

AUSTIN (AP) — A package of bills that would allow faith-based organizations, such as churches and synagogues, to help deliver welfare services to needy Texans is being touted by Gov. George W. Bush.

Under the bills, faith-based organizations — on a voluntary basis — would become part of a voucher system in which needy Texans could redeem state certificates for welfare services such as day care.

"These bills will empower private charities and churches and synagogues to take a more active role in solving some of our society's toughest problems," Bush said Tuesday.

To maintain their religious autonomy, the faith-based organizations would be accredited, not by the state, but by private organizations with standards equal to or exceeding those of the state, according to the legislation.

Critics said they feared the bills were playing on the social conscience of churches while failing to realize that churches don't have the ability to provide major welfare assistance.

Other concerns included a lack of oversight in such programs as day care.

"There is a kind of implication in much of the welfare reform debate that if the churches were doing a better job, we wouldn't have this problem or that if the churches step up to the plate, it will take care of the problem," said Dianne Stewart, director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities.

"But we cannot rely on those organizations to solve this problem."

Bush said the state is not trying to shirk responsibility.

"I take strong exception with defenders of the status quo who say that this is just a government attempt to dump welfare case-loads on churches and synagogues," Bush said.

"This is a government attempt to change someone's life in an active way. If faith-based organizations are not anxious to participate, no problem. That's their choice. Government funding is not going to go away. The idea is to provide a voucher that is redeemable at a church," Bush said.

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Opinion

Movie portrays cruelty, heroism

History sometimes can be better understood through the visual and dramatic presentation of real people, true experiences. That certainly is the case with *Schindler's List*, the 1993 Oscar-winning movie by director Steven Spielberg that was recently shown on NBC.

We see the story of the Holocaust primarily through the eyes of businessman Oskar Schindler, who discovers early in the conflict that war can be very profitable, at least to suppliers of goods for armies. His character is appealing in part because he is an everyman, with essential virtues — and flaws.

In occupied Poland, he sets up a factory that makes cooking supplies for the Nazi armies. Labor costs are almost nonexistent because he bribes Nazi SS officials to use enslaved Jews as forced labor. Schindler spends his profits on a lavish lifestyle, one that seems miles removed from hardship and danger.

Then we see Schindler observe, ponder and, ultimately, change. He sees how the SS, led by the vicious Amon Goeth, played by Ralph Fiennes, beats, tortures and murders helpless Jews.

Schindler befriends Itzhak Stern (Ben Kingsley), a Jewish accountant who runs the factory. Their shared realization: Every worker hired means one more life saved. Schindler bends his business talents to better use as he finagles, bribes and coaxes the Nazis into accepting the new Jewish workers and their families. The shrewd profiteer becomes protector.

"The beauty of *Schindler's List* is that it's a story of the Holocaust," Joyce Greenspan said. She is regional director of the Orange County-Long Beach Anti-Defamation League. "But what it celebrates is someone who found his humanity in a situation when the greatest cruelties were perpetrated, one human being on another. Through that some incredible, courageous stories are told. Schindler took immense risks to save lives. Even in the most horrible times, come heroes."

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The United States of Europe?

In the latter part of the 18th century, Americans stitched together 13 colonies as a common market with common currency, and formed a country. It was not an easy deal. Many historians think that a majority of colonists would have preferred to remain loyal to the English crown. (Why didn't Richard Morris do a poll?)

When the Constitution was written, a huge argument erupted between the small states and the large states: Was it fair that tiny Delaware and huge Pennsylvania would each have two senators? The issue of slavery was unresolvable. It took quite a while until it was said that the United States IS rather than the United States ARE. In the latter part of the 20th century, the Europeans are trying to establish their own version of a more perfect union. Once again, it is no easy deal.

If one had to put a single word to Western Europe, which is where the principal quest for European union is going on, it would be "glum." Writing about France, Nicholas Farrell says in the latest edition of the English monthly *The Spectator*: "La Joie de vivre is no more," he says. "La tristesse (sinister dizziness) and la morosité (sinister gloom) are the phrases now in vogue."

At the top of the Gloom Gauge is high unemployment. Germany, allegedly the stabilizing rudder for a united Europe, has a 12.2 percent unemployment rate. It is noted that the rate is "the highest since Hitler," which reminds you of more than you want to remember about Europe. Italy and France also have about twelve percent unemployment, and Spain is over 20 percent. Only England, at seven percent, is headed in the right direction, although voter surveys show that incumbent prime minister John Major is about to be canned. (It's not the economy, Stupid! Anyway, don't count on it.)

The unemployment situation leaves many Euros conflicted. They know they are so wise, civ-



Ben Wattenberg

ilized and humanitarian. They care and bleed for the common people. Their welfare states ooze empathy. They believe that American's market-oriented system represents Darwinian jungle law. England's Thatcherite tendency is hardly better. Zut alors, so much pain!

The Euro-pols also know (in theory) that a vast net of the worker benefits and high unemployment benefits creates high unemployment. (Why hire new workers at those costs? Why work when unemployment benefits almost match wages?) They know (in theory) that copious welfare state regulation reduces competitiveness and drives jobs overseas. They know (beyond theory) that if they cut welfare-state goodies, they will antagonize voters. So they mostly tinker with small changes, which satisfy no one, and have not accomplished much — yet. That done, or not done, Euro-intellectuals bleat that there is no "leadership" to confront the special interests. It is generally recognized that Germany's Helmut Kohl is no George Washington. Alexander Hamilton has yet to make an appearance.

One way young adults respond is by not having babies. Western European fertility has fallen to 1.4 children per woman, about a third less than the rate necessary just to keep a population stable

over time. At that rate, there may not be many Europeans to unite.

It is hard to foster a vigorous supranational sentiment in such sour surroundings. Which barricades are to be stormed? What's the grand cause? The forthcoming creation of a common currency — the "Euro" — is an eye-glazer, not a pulse-pounder.

Dominique Moisi, of the Paris-based think tank Institute Francais des Relations Internationales, says that the grand cause should be "enlargement," that is, the extension of the prospective European Union to the recently liberated states of Eastern Europe.

That is indeed a big cause: to solidify democracy in the continent where democracy failed and caused global tragedy.

It builds upon what has been achieved. For all their statism, the Europeans have wrought a miracle to be proud of. When World War II ended 50 years ago, Europe was the global cockpit of despair and barbarism. They built pretty cathedrals and slaughtered each other.

That's over. There is a common market, open borders and European license plates on the cars. Young Germans visit France sans invasion. With all its current economic problems Western Europe is, next to America, the most prosperous place in the world.

Will there be a "United States of Europe?" After all, how much do the Swedes and the Greeks have in common besides soccer, American movies and North African immigrants? Will Luxembourg have the same voting power as Germany?

Still, Euros, cheer up! The preamble to the American Constitution wisely talks only prospectively about creating "a more perfect union." Our founders understood, as wise Europeans do, that building a continental nation is a process, not an event. In Europe, that process proceeds.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 12, the 71st day of 1997. There are 294 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 12, 1947, President Truman established what became known as the Truman Doctrine to help Greece and Turkey resist Communism.

On this date:

In 1664, New Jersey became a British colony as King Charles II granted land in the New World to his brother James, the Duke of York.

In 1912, in Savannah, Ga., Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Guides, which later became the Girl Scouts of America.

In 1925, Chinese revolutionary leader Sun Yat-sen died.

In 1933, President Roosevelt delivered the first of his radio "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.



What power has ultimate control?

Clearly life is no bowl of cherries. What it is, among other things, is a biological and spiritual wonder perpetually full of challenges — never more so than at present. Witness the furor over cloning and partial-birth abortion.

Dr. Ian Wilmut is untroubled by his discovery that, lo, he now knows how, through genetic manipulation, to replicate a given sheep: and if a sheep, why not also a human? As little disturbance as this new knowledge causes Wilmut when the lights go out, others bite their fingernails, pondering what it all means. Is this what we really want — power to make life itself? And make it the way we want it, as though following a Jeff Smith recipe?

That may be what many want. Power over life and death is the unspoken issue in the partial-birth controversy, which an abortion lobbyist, Ron Fitzsimmons, reignited the other day with his confession that he lied about these gruesome procedures. They aren't at all rare, Fitzsimmons said, contradicting the abortion industry's, and Bill Clinton's, rationale for defending the half-delivery of unborn children, capped by the suctioning out of their brains.

Congress will take another crack at banning the practice, which is presently legal only because Clinton last year vetoed a bill that would have ended it.

I would throw in some news on the euthanasia front, only, at just this moment, there isn't any. Dr. Kevorkian must have gone skiing.

Life being the rock-bottom, untranscendable human commodity, you might suppose recent



William Murchison

events would catapult us into a prolonged discussion titled, roughly, "Who's in Charge Here?" Not quite. Such a discussion, if it ever got going, would confront the participants with unwelcome news: that in the matter of life — breathing, feeling, seeing, digesting, thinking life — having charge is no lark.

The power to create, the power to destroy: Here are the ultimate powers. Neither is unfamiliar. For a considerable period of time, humans have been having babies. Creation! For virtually as long, they have strained to define the conditions under which life may be taken away. Destruction!

Abortion is 20th century individualism raised to the nth power. If you can work where you want to, and vote how you want to, and travel at will, and say almost anything to anybody — why can't you extend the permission a fraction farther? Why can't you decide whether to carry through a pregnancy or not?

Aren't these privileges all of a piece? The traditional answer is no, they aren't. Life —

the underlying condition of existence — is qualitatively different from speech and travel and the franchise and such like. Different rules apply. Except that, by common consent, we rarely talk about these rules. To do so makes people uncomfortable; it hampers their freedom of choice. The horror of partial-birth abortion exists because of conversational squeamishness about the whole topic of who's-in-charge.

Now comes cloning, this time not as a comedian's throwaway line (as in the '80s) but as a reality we must face. Who's in charge? Can humans create human life? Yes. Should they? Er, interesting question. However, it can't be ducked.

The real squeamishness in these matters has to do with G-o-d (a Being supposedly resident somewhere in outer space) and such conversation as a discussion of life's origins might generate. Who's really in charge here? Not Dr. Ian Wilmut, who resolutely sticks to his sheep. Not Ron Fitzsimmons, who by his own admission hasn't figured out whether brain-suctioning (as distinguished from lies about it) is a bad thing.

Are humans really in charge? What if the partial-birth furor and the cloning controversy and, yes, the "assisted suicide" mess (once Dr. Jack resumes his labors) lead us eventually to ask the fateful question: If humans DON'T make the rules of life and death, who does?

Only one answer is available. Secular minds won't like it. On the other hand, look where secularism got us: boxed in by perplexities we can't resolve without resort to — gosh, even today! — our kneecaps.

IWF counters junk science with logic

The Independent Women's Forum, custodian of sanity on all matters affecting women — that is, on life — held a conference recently to examine a hot topic: "Women's Health, Law and the Junking of Science."

The orthodox view on the medical establishment's treatment of women is that they are victimized. Women, it is often charged, are denied their rightful representation in clinical trials of new drugs. Women are gulled into accepting unsafe products, like silicone gel breast implants. Women are denied safe and effective birth control.

The IWF's panel of experts demonstrated all of those assumptions to be myths — but myths advanced and strengthened by feminist scholarship. "Logic has been made a dirty word," explains Barbara Ledeon, executive director of the IWF. Several academics at the conference noted that feminist theorists, in their hatred of male dominated science, have attacked logic itself as a weapon in the sex wars. A feminist astronomer objects to the term "Big Bang." Professor Christina Hoff Sommers informed the gathering, if elite colleges are purveying superstition in the name of feminism, is it really such a surprise that disrespect for scientific reasoning has seeped into the majority culture?

Dr. Sally Satel, formerly a professor of psychiatry at Yale, said the myth of women's exclusion from clinical trials can be traced to the famous Framingham heart study. But the reason males dominated that study is that women tend not to get heart disease until they are over the age of 65, and for a variety of reasons, it is more difficult to study older subjects. Overall, however, women represent about 50 percent of study participants.



Mona Charen

Dr. Marcia Angell, the first woman editor of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, offered a case history of the way hysteria, greed, a flawed legal system and junk science combined to create the debacle on breast implants.

About two million American women have silicone gel breast implants. After a series of news stories — using, it need hardly be said, only anecdotal evidence — raised the possibility that implants might cause disease, the FDA, under Dr. David Kessler, decided to ban them. Within two years, more than 1,000 lawyers filed 16,000 lawsuits against implant manufacturers. Hundreds of thousands of women were terrified. Plastic surgeons were flooded with worried calls. One patient even attempted to remove her own implants with razor blades.

Juries began to award enormous judgments to women who claimed that implants caused their diseases. The only thing missing was good, scientific evidence. At the time the FDA banned the implants, there were no epidemiologic studies showing any relationship between connective tissue disease and breast implants. The jury awards, and indeed the

FDA's action itself, were based on "junk" science.

In April 1994, implant manufacturers, faced with thousands of liability claims, agreed to a \$4.25 billion settlement (\$1 billion explicitly set aside for the lawyers.) Two months later, the first study was published on the breast implant/connective tissue disease question. It's conclusion: There's no connection. Since then, ten more studies have found the same thing.

So, hundreds of thousands of women were terrified, many had unnecessary surgery, and billions of dollars changed hands — for what?

Reading between the lines of what these careful scientists and medical professionals at the IWF conference were saying, it became clear that the breast implant case represents discrimination against women all right, but not the kind feminists worry about. If Kessler and Co., had seriously supposed silicone to be dangerous, why didn't they ban it from hair spray, deodorant and other common products? And why, if silicone is harmful, is it still permitted for cancer patients requesting breast reconstruction? The answer is that Kessler is a liberal totalitarian who disdains cosmetic breast augmentation and has issued a diktat in the guise of science.

As breast implants went, so went Norplant, an easy, reliable, safe contraceptive that unfortunately uses silicone. Sales of Norplant dropped from 800 per day to 60 after the implant scare. Fear of lawsuits (unrelated to silicone) also banished the Today Sponge contraceptive and Bendectin (an anti-nausea drug for pregnant women.)

The IWF brings intelligence, reason and zest to debates that for too long have been dominated by zealots and charlatans.

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Nitric oxide may help relieve infant lung problems

DALLAS - A compound usually associated with air pollution may help newborn infants survive a sometimes fatal lung condition.

In a study published in the Feb. 27 *New England Journal of Medicine*, researchers from UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and several other medical institutions describe their success in using small doses of nitric oxide gas to treat newborns with severe pulmonary hypertension.

Pulmonary hypertension is a condition in which blood vessels in the lungs are constricted so tightly that blood cannot flow through them to pick up oxygen and circulate it through the body. It occurs in about one in 500 live births.

Dr. Philip Saul, professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern and an author of the study, said pulmonary hypertension may occur because the gene responsible for making nitric oxide in the body is not sufficiently "turned on" before the baby is born. Nitric oxide is a naturally occurring gas that also is a byproduct of the combustion process in automobiles. It has many functions in the body, including helping to dilate blood vessels.

The current treatment for babies with pulmonary hypertension is to put them on a ventilator. Those who do not respond to the extra oxygen and are in danger of dying are

placed on a heart-lung machine as a last resort. This machine removes blood from the body, oxygenates it and returns it to the body. The process, known as extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, has several possible complications, including lung damage, bleeding in the brain and strokes.

While there has been anecdotal evidence that administering nitric oxide to newborns could reduce pulmonary hypertension, this was the first controlled study using nitric oxide gas. It took three years to complete and involved 58 patients of the most seriously ill patients from seven medical centers across the country.

UT Southwestern was the only center in Texas participating in the study. The UT Southwestern study involved babies treated in the neonatal intensive care units at Parkland Memorial Hospital and Arlington Memorial Hospital and the pediatric intensive care unit at Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

The study found that after breathing a nitric oxide mixture for only 20 minutes, 53 percent of infants improved. Seventy-five percent of these babies maintained this response with continued nitric oxide and the use of heart-lung bypass machines was nearly cut in half. Babies in the study received nitric oxide through a ventilator for periods ranging from

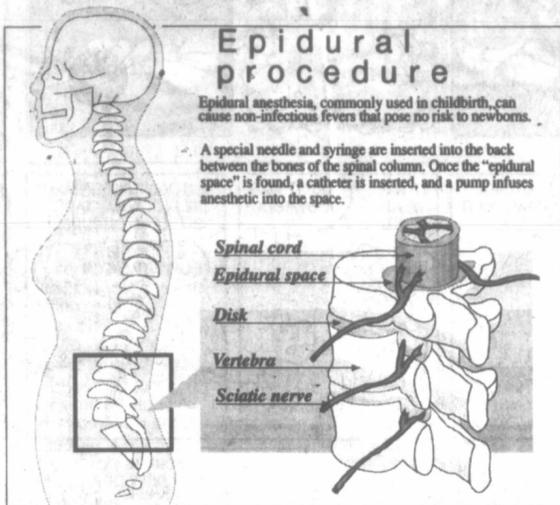
24 hours to eight and a half days.

"You could literally see the change in an infant's color from blue to pink within one to two minutes," Saul said. "It is not often that you get to see a patient literally change in front of your eyes."

In addition to being a much less invasive treatment than placing infants on a heart-lung machine, Saul noted that administration of nitric oxide also is considerably less expensive — a few hundred dollars compared with \$40,000 in hospital cost alone for keeping an infant on a heart-lung machine.

Saul said further studies are under way that may lead to Food and Drug Administration approval of nitric oxide for treating pulmonary hypertension in newborns. The current studies focus on extending nitric oxide treatment to newborns with less severe pulmonary hypertension.

Other UT Southwestern researchers involved in the study included Dr. Thomas Zellers, associate professor of pediatrics. Zellers currently is conducting another study of nitric oxide in infants who have heart surgery. Many infants who have congenital heart disease are at risk for developing pulmonary hypertension after they have open heart surgery and are placed on a heart-lung machine.



Source: AP research APIC, Sanders

Epidurals become associated with more tests in newborns

CHICAGO (AP) — Epidural anesthesia, commonly used during childbirth, is strongly linked to fevers in mothers that may lead to unnecessary tests and treatment for their newborns, a study suggests.

Fevers in women undergoing labor can signal an infection that may be passed on to their babies, in whom it can be life-threatening. Newborns whose mothers had a fever of 100.4 or higher are routinely given blood tests and antibiotics as a precaution.

A new study bolsters previous research suggesting that epidural anesthesia can cause non-infectious fevers that pose no risk to newborns.

The study, published in the March issue of the journal *Pediatrics*, found that babies whose mothers had epidurals were no more likely than other newborns to have infections.

Newborns who are thought to have sepsis, or a bacterial infection, typically have their blood drawn and are given antibiotics intravenously for two days, or until the tests results are available, said Dr. Ellice Lieberman, a Boston epidemiologist who conducted the study with colleagues at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

This may prolong their stay in the hospital, unduly upset their parents and expose the child to pain and other risks, the researchers wrote.

Antibiotics themselves, in rare cases, can cause side effects such as kidney damage or hearing loss in newborns, Lieberman said.

Overuse of antibiotics also can lead to drug-resistant forms of bacteria. Such concerns led the Elk Grove Village, Ill.-based American Academy of Pediatrics, which publishes the journal, to issue new guidelines for preventing sepsis. The guidelines were published in the March issue.

Lieberman and colleagues studied 1,047 women who received an epidural — a spinal injection to numb the lower body — and 610 who did not. Fourteen percent of the women in the epidural group developed fevers during labor, compared with just 1 percent of the others.

Newborns in the epidural group were four times more likely to be tested and treated with antibiotics than those in the second group, although they were not more likely to develop bacterial infections.

The authors said doctors should consider using a higher maternal fever threshold before treating newborns. They also said more study is needed on ways to limit epidural-related fevers in pregnant women.

Her findings present a dilemma for doctors trying to balance the risk of infection with the risks and costs of treatment, said Dr. William Oh, chairman of the academy's committee on fetus and newborn.

Oh noted that the academy's new guidelines include a recommendation not to treat newborns of mothers with fevers if the babies appear healthy and the mothers receive at least two doses of penicillin during childbirth.

Institute offers sleep disorders booklet

Research has shown that nearly 40 million Americans suffer from sleep disorders. Most are unaware, costing them an estimated 16 billion dollars in health care costs annually. In 1996 the average American got 241 hours less sleep per year than the average American in 1969.

The Sleep Research Institute in Washington, D.C., has just published a new booklet, "Getting The Sleep You Need." The booklet gives information and suggestions on

what to do when you can't sleep. "Many people have trouble sleeping and don't know where to turn for help," says Allen Nichols, researcher at The Institute. "We've published a booklet that can help them with their situation."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$3 to cover the cost of postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Sleep Booklet # SL-180, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462.

Powder use may increase risk for ovarian cancer

SEATTLE (AP) — Women may increase their risk of ovarian cancer by using powder in their genital area, particularly in sprays, a study suggests.

The researchers cautioned that the study did not look at how much powder the women used or exactly what was in it in some cases.

They said that because the use of powder in the genital area is so prevalent that even a modest increase in risk could have a real effect on the incidence of ovarian cancer.

The study, from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and the University of Washington, was reported in the March 1 issue of the *American Journal of Epidemiology*.

The study involved 313 white women in three western Washington counties, 20 to 79 years old, who were diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 1986

through 1988. They were compared with 422 women with no history of ovarian cancer.

The researchers looked at cornstarch, talcum powder, baby powder, deodorant powder and scented bath powder, and four ways of using it: in genital sprays, by direct application after bathing, by storing diaphragms in powder and by applying powder to sanitary napkins.

Women who used sprays were found to have a 90 percent increased risk of ovarian cancer, though the study noted that some sprays did not contain powder. The researchers raised the possibility that some unidentified chemical substances may be at fault.

Women who routinely powdered after bathing had a 60 percent increased risk of ovarian cancer. No increase in risk was noted among those who applied powder to sanitary napkins or

who stored their diaphragms in powder.

The study found a 50 percent increase in risk for women who used one of the four methods, epidemiologist Linda Cook said. But she cautioned that the study considered a woman a powder user regardless of how often she used it or how she applied it.

At least six other studies have found a similar elevation in risk, Cook noted. She said it would be premature to make any kind of health recommendation.

"I certainly find the results of this study suggestive, but they're not conclusive," Cook said.

Dr. Jonathan Berek, of the University of California at Los Angeles Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, agreed.

The subject "needs to be dealt with in a much larger type of study whose methodology is better and that doesn't just rely on recollection of whether you used

(powder) or not," said Berek, who was not involved with the study.

"People who have gotten cancer are much more likely to remember things than those who have not," he said. "That's one of the flaws with using recall to document something."

He noted that some of the participants used oral contraceptives, which may have a protective effect and are considered "the single most important variable other than having your ovaries taken out" in ovarian cancer risk.

Ovarian cancer has a high death rate, mainly because there is no way to test for it and cases are often advanced by the time they are detected.

The survival rate for women five years after they are diagnosed with ovarian cancer is between 30 percent and 35 percent, Cook said.

Washing hands good for health

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — "Don't forget to wash your hands."

It's more than just a mother's mantra: Each year, an estimated 40 million Americans get sick from bacteria transmitted by dirty hands.

Now doctors in Massachusetts have taken off the gloves in their fight to get people to follow that advice by launching a two-year campaign featuring "Soapy" the cartoon soap bar.

Colds, flus, hepatitis A, eye infections and dysentery are just some of the diseases easily transmitted with a handshake, or a touch.

"It probably sounds incredibly boring to have someone say that by washing your hands you can prevent infection. But it's true," said Dr. Bela Matyas of the state Department of Public Health.

But washing your hands

doesn't mean passing them under running water.

"If you did it in 15 or 20 seconds, then you clearly didn't spend enough time doing it," said Matyas, suggesting 30 seconds to a minute is better.

Before announcing the program, Massachusetts Medical Society officials sprinkled white powder — synthetic "germs" — on the hands of several observers.

About half an hour later, ultraviolet lights highlighted traces of the powder everywhere — on clothes, pens, hair, chairs and faces.

"People don't realize where their hands are going," said Dr. Joseph Heyman, medical society president.

"It's frightening to recognize how many people don't wash their hands even for something as obvious as going to the bathroom," Matyas said.

Hold the fries, turn off TV for kids

CHICAGO (AP) — Hold the french fries and turn off the television. A new study confirms the need for more young people to do just that.

The study, published in the March issue of the journal *Pediatrics*, tracked 11,654 people in a Louisiana town. The researchers found the rate of those overweight from ages 5 through 24 doubled over 20 years.

Among the youngest group — from ages 5 to 14 — 15 percent were overweight in 1973, compared with 32 percent at the end of the study in 1994. Those examined in 1994 were an average 7.48 pounds heavier than their earlier counterparts.

The largest average weight increase — 12.3 pounds — was in the middle group, those from ages 15 to 17. Fifteen percent were overweight in 1973, compared with 30 percent in 1994.

In the oldest age group — 19 to 24 — 15 percent were overweight at the start of the study and 26 percent at

the finish, with the latter 8.3 pounds heavier than the earlier subjects.

The findings by researchers at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and at Tulane University echo a CDC report in October 1995 that found the number of overweight children had more than doubled in 30 years.

Numerous other studies have documented an increase in overweight U.S. schoolchildren and adults, the authors note. All point to diet, lack of activity and increased television-viewing as probable culprits.

Overweight children have an increased risk of being overweight adults and developing heart disease and respiratory ailments, among other conditions.

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Boyfriend's Angry Reaction Offers Clue To Painful Truth

DEAR ABBY: I would really appreciate your help in understanding the real issue in this situation.

My boyfriend, with whom I have been living for the past seven years, keeps a post office box in another town. I have been curious as to why, so I asked him last night because the subject of mail came up. (I had asked before, but got no reasonable answer.) He immediately became agitated and defensive and said it was none of my business. I told him that he was not reacting rationally and the reason he offered — that he didn't want to do the paperwork to switch over to our hometown post office or home delivery — didn't make any sense to me.

At that point he stomped away from the dinner table and claimed the real reason I asked that question had to do with lack of trust.

It's true, Abby. When our relationship was rocky a year ago, I learned that other women used that P.O. box to write to him. (He never confessed his affairs; I discovered them myself and confronted him.)

What is the real reason he is keeping this P.O. box?

He says he wants to marry me, but given his verbally abusive and physically threatening behavior last night, I have grave doubts that he can be trusted to build an honest relationship. He wouldn't even speak to me this morning.

What is really going on here?

SEALED WITH A TEAR
IN OREGON



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR SEALED: The truth is obvious — but it's too painful for you to accept. He can't be trusted. Sorry.

DEAR ABBY: I am a Catholic priest who left the church 38 years ago to marry a widow with seven children. That wonderful woman died last June. Before she died, she made me promise that I would remarry.

At the time, I couldn't imagine marrying again, but while attending a grief session at the hospice center, I met an ex-nun who was also grieving, and we have been together ever since. Someday we may marry. I am 72 now and considering it. Why should I be lonely? Life is too short.

My stepchildren fear that I will be out of their lives and will forget about them if I remarry. I say "rubbish" to that. What I will be doing is giving them another mother.

What do you think, Abby? If you

print this letter, I'm sure they will see it and maybe they'll feel less resentful about me and my grieving friend. Sign me ...

SAD GRANDPA

DEAR SAD GRANDPA: Give your stepchildren time to get to know the woman you want to marry. I can't imagine why, after you've been in their lives for 38 years, they fear that you will "forget" about them.

Remember your promise to your dying wife. (It seems she judged her children's reaction with accurate foresight.) I believe you've earned the right to some happiness in your remaining years. Follow your heart, and God bless you.

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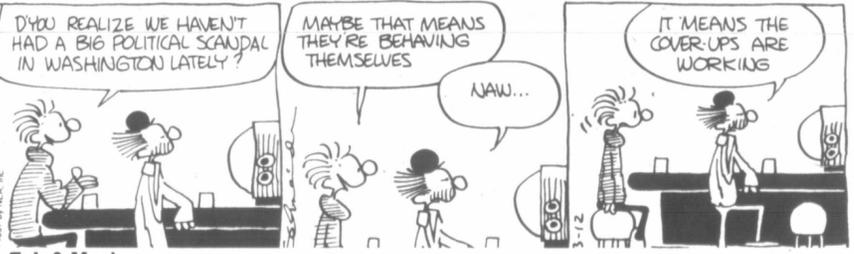
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Thursday, March 13, 1997

In the year ahead Lady Luck will smile on your involvement with social organizations or special clubs. You should be able to establish benign relationships with individuals who can help you commercially.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Something you've been hoping for is almost a reality, but you mustn't leave all the details up to Lady Luck alone. If you fail to do your part, delay is likely. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Conditions

are conducive today for achieving two significant objectives. Aim for the most complicated one first. Success is indicated through parity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be positive and self-assured today if you are drawn into competition. Your edge comes from having the opposition perceive you as strong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Extended favorable conditions could make it possible today for you to acquire what you want through unusual channels. Check all your sources.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is a good day to iron out arrangements in situations where you are in immediate need of cooperation and assistance from others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be doubly alert for career opportunities at this time. Vigilance is essential if you hope to tap into something bigger than you have previously experienced.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Nurture every new social contact you make at this time; one or more could prove lucky for you in

the near future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A significant change is about to transpire which could favorably affect three areas of your life. You will recognize its worth when it begins to move things about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The same individuals who were not recently supporting your endeavors might now show a willingness to cooperate. Welcome them onto your bandwagon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today's developments might open unexplored avenues for personal acquisition. Properly exploited, you could have several good things going on at once.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Endeavors you personally conceive or directly manage have an impressive chance of success today. They might even turn out bigger than you expect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It would be wise at this time to keep larger plans to yourself; reveal only minor portions to persons who are essential to your interests.

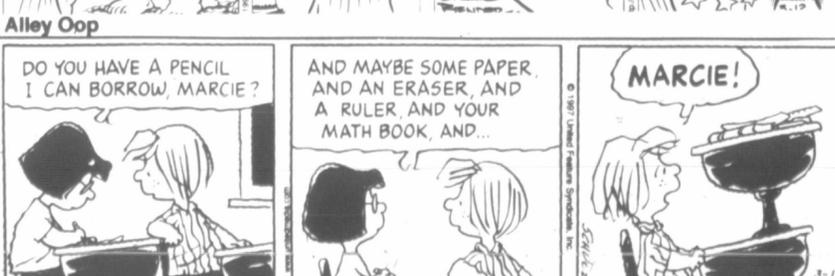
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"How did we get our jars open before we got Daddy?"



"This is my collection of basketballs Marmaduke has bitten holes in."



Peanuts

Sports

Notebook Minor League MVP puts Rangers on the spot

OUTDOOR

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.

BASKETBALL

SALINA, Kan. — Clarendon College's Lady Bulldogs went into the National Small College Athletic Association national tournament as the number one seed, but left last weekend with the runnerup title instead.

In the championship game, the Lady Bulldogs met up with Kansas Wesleyan University and was defeated, 81-57.

Brandy Thomas finished with a game-high 21 points for Clarendon while Jessica Wheeler and Jana Weidenhaft had 14 points each.

Led by coach Joel Zehr, the 12 members of the Lady Bulldog squad started the tournament off well with a 52-44 victory over Mount Scenario. This win pushed the team into the tournament semifinals.

In the semifinal match, the Lady Bulldogs played Michigan Christian University and defeated their opponent, 70-52.

Other highlights of the national tournament was the naming of sophomore Brandy Thomas as a first team All-American. Teammate and fellow sophomore Charmaine Alfred was named as an honorable mention All-American.

RODEO

BAY CITY — Team roper Speedy Williams of Sanderson, Fla., and his partner, seventh-time world champion Clay O'Brien Cooper of Bandera, Texas, roped their steer in 4.4 seconds to claim the team roping event title at the \$50,883 Matagorda County Fair, Livestock Show and Rodeo, March 6-8 in Bay City, Texas. Each earned \$1,484.

Williams and Cooper are ranked first in the unofficial Crown Royal world team roping heading and heeling standings, respectively, with \$21,404 each.

Other winners in Bay City were Pete Hawkins (Weatherford, Texas), bareback riding, 85 points on Bad Company Rodeo's YMCA, \$1,360; Scott Miller (Lone Tree, Iowa), saddle bronc riding, 79 points on Bad Company Rodeo's Brown Sugar, \$1,472; Lane Bosley (Kilgore, Texas), bull riding, 84 points on Bad Company Rodeo's La Grange, \$2,863; Tony Reina (Wharton, Texas), calf roping, 8.8 seconds, \$1,955; Derek Daye (Natchez, Miss.), steer wrestling, 3.4 seconds, \$1,835; and Fallon Taylor (Ponder, Texas), barrel racing, 15.28 seconds, \$1,012.

Chuck Kite of Montfort, Wis., won his third all-around title of the year at the \$18,673 Dodge Truck World's Toughest Rodeo March 7-9, in Mankato, Minn. Kite, 27, split third place in bareback riding and took second place in the saddle bronc riding event to earn \$1,248. He also served as pickup man at the rodeo.

GOLF

AMARILLO — The Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association will be having its annual golf tournament on Thursday, April 24, at the Tascosa Country Club in Amarillo.

Members and sponsors are given priority to golf positions.

All others are on a first come, first serve basis. Tournament play is limited to the first 120 players. Cost is \$60 per person.

For registration information, call (806) 352-5637 or 1-800-658-6169.

By JOHNNY PAUL
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Baseball discriminates. First baseman Lee Stevens serves as an example.

The Rangers would likely create a place to play for the American Association's 1996 most valuable player if only he did not celebrate his 30th birthday July 10.

"I'm not a prospect," Stevens said, "or it might be a different story."

The story line instead reveals Stevens as the most logical choice to become the final position player selected to the

Rangers' Opening Day 25-man roster. The left-handed hitter entered Tuesday's split-squad games hitting .429 (9-for-21) with three doubles, one home run and three runs batted in.

Tom O'Malley and Mike Simms, the two remaining candidates for the bench job, entered Tuesday's games hitting .200 and .214, respectively.

"You like him because he's left-handed and can hit the ball out of the park," Rangers hitting instructor Rudy Jaramillo said of Stevens. "He plays first, and he played the outfield some for us last year. He gives you a lot of versatility."

The Rangers signed Stevens on

April 4 after his release from the Cincinnati Reds. Rangers general manager Doug Melvin viewed the acquisition then as supplying an experienced hitter for the organization's Triple-A affiliate in Oklahoma City.

"I knew he had some power," Melvin said. "We didn't expect him to put up those type of numbers, though."

Stevens, who played in only 117 of the 89ers' 144 games, led the American Association in total bases (277), doubles (37), extra-base hits (71), home runs (32), on-base percentage (.404) and slugging (.643). He also ranked second in batting average (.325) and runs batted in (94).

"I think they got a lot more from me than what they bargained for," Stevens said. "I don't think they had any idea that I would hit 32 home runs. They signed me at the last second, and I think I've put them in a spot where they have to make a decision on me."

Stevens must remain on the roster this season or be exposed to outright waivers before the Rangers could return him to Oklahoma City. The possibility exists that another organization would claim him.

"Honestly, I'd be really shocked if I didn't make the team this year," said Stevens, who hit .231 with three home runs and

drove in 12 runs during 27 games with the Rangers in 1996. "I think they know that I can be of value to this team, and I'm not just trying to fool myself, either."

Stevens reported to camp early with pitchers and catchers because he wanted an early start on his competition. Now, he avoids thinking about the competition.

"That takes away from your focus," he said. "The only thing you can think about is doing your job. Nobody else can do it for you. If you are competing with some other guys, you can only take care of your job. The team will have to make a decision from there."

Wolters leads All-Americans

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer

Winning and recognition have gone hand in hand for Kara Wolters, who attaches far more significance to one than the other.

Wolters, Connecticut's dominating center, became a repeat selection Tuesday on The Associated Press women's All-America basketball team, which also has Kate Starbird of Stanford, Chamique Holdsclaw of Tennessee, Ticha Penicheiro of Old Dominion and DeLisha Milton of Florida.

A 6-foot-7 senior, Wolters was the No. 2 vote getter behind Starbird and is the only player who has received All-America recognition in each of the three years The AP has chosen those teams. Wolters was a third-team pick two years ago before moving up to the first team last season.

But becoming an All-American was never her goal.

"The All-America teams are people's opinion," Wolters said. "What I enjoy much more is what we do on the court as a team because that's a fact. I concentrate my efforts more so on winning than on what other people think."

Those efforts have been rewarded. Top-ranked Connecticut is 30-0 this season and 129-7 in the four years Wolters has been playing. And this season, coach Geno Auriemma said, the winning is directly related to Wolters.

"She changes everything," Auriemma said. "When she's not in the game, we're not the same team."

Canadian pair double the gold

CANADIAN — Canadian seniors Denise Lee and Amber Rupprecht were double winners at last weekend's Canadian Invitational.

Lee won both the 3200 and 1600 while Rupprecht came in first in both the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles.

Both girls were state Class 2A qualifiers a year ago.

In the boys' division, Wheeler's Travis Stevens easily claimed first place in the pole vault, clearing 14 feet.

Booker's Woodward was a distant second at 10-6.

Sean Pate of Canadian won the shot put and Aaron Dunnam of Wheeler won the 300 hurdles for the Mustangs.

Area placings from the Canadian Invitational are as follows:

Boys Division

Shot: Sean Pate, Canadian, first place, 44-1.
High jump: Dickenson, Canadian, second place, 6-0.
6-0: Riley Wheeler, third place, 5-10.
Long jump: Dickenson, Canadian, second place, 19-6 1/2.
Pole vault: Travis Stevens, Wheeler, first place, 14-0.
100: Jones, Wheeler, third place, 2:16.02.
110 hurdles: Justin Billenwils, Canadian, second place, 16.53.
200: Dickenson, Canadian, second place, 11:2.
300 hurdles: Aaron Dunnam, Wheeler, first place, 43:44.
1600: Matt Kirkman, Canadian, second place, 5:04.67.

Girls Division

High jump: Betsy Reed, Canadian, second place, 5-4.
3200: Denise Lee, Canadian, first place, 12:23.69.
1600: Jolly Wheeler, third place, 2:49.27.
100 hurdles: Amber Rupprecht, Canadian, first place, 5:46.45.
300 hurdles: Amber Rupprecht, Canadian, first place, 5:46.45.
100: Leigh Farrar, third place, Canadian, 13.15.
400: Francis, Canadian, second place, 6:08.
300 hurdles: Amber Rupprecht, Canadian, first place, 50:35; Denise Lee, third place, Canadian, 51:37.
1600: Denise Lee, Canadian, first place, 5:46.45.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa's Duane King slides home with the final run in the Harvesters 15-5 win over Elk City, Okla.

Harvesters sweep Elk City in baseball doubleheader

By MATT HUTCHISON
Sports Writer

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvester baseball squad hosted the Elk City, Okla. Elks Tuesday afternoon in a doubleheader and won both games, defeating the Elks, 15-5, in the first game and 13-5 in the second game.

In the first game, the Harvesters jumped on Elk City early with leadoff man Jeremy Knutson hitting a double to kick off a long first inning for Pampa. Jamisen Hancock hit a double to score Knutson before Ryan Schumacher singled to drive in Hancock. Duane King hit a single, but was forced out at second after a hit by third baseman August Larson. Seth Haynes followed Larson with a single before designated hitter Josh Blackmon smashed one toward left field, driving in both Larson and Haynes. But the inning wasn't over yet, and catcher Ryan Davis continued Pampa's strong hitting with a single before bringing up the top of the order. Knutson followed his first hit of the game with another hit, this time a single, before Jerren Miller nailed a line drive double that drove in both Davis and Knutson. The inning produced 8 of the 15 Pampa runs.

On the field, Pampa did a good

job of keeping the Elks off the bases due to good pitching by Harvester starter Ryan Schumacher. The Elks scored their five runs in the third and fourth innings.

Pampa added most of its remaining runs in the second inning after three straight base hits by Schumacher, King and Larson. Blackmon, who hit one out his first time at bat, continued his strong hitting, sending a shot toward left center that ended up leaving the park and giving Blackmon his second home run of the game, a grand slam that drove in all three runners. The shot put the Harvesters on top, 14-0, early and effectively ended the Elks' hopes of coming out on top in a game that earned Schumacher the win.

Pitching for the Harvesters in the second game of the doubleheader was Blane Northcutt, who got off to a shaky start before settling down and leading Pampa to the win. Northcutt is dividing his time between baseball and the soccer team, which is headed into the playoffs.

"Northcutt was a real surprise for us," said Pampa head coach Dennis Doughty. "He's been playing soccer and just came out for the team, but he pitched four good innings. That's one more

pitching arm I can count on."

After the Elks scored three runs in the first, Pampa was able to put up one run in the bottom of the inning, but wasn't able to score again until the third when a two-run homer by Jerren Miller tied up the game and Ryan Schumacher scored late in the inning to give Pampa a slight edge, 4-3, after three innings.

Elk City scored two runs in the fifth before Pampa capitalized on a long fifth inning to take control of the game. A single by Duane King led off the the six-run inning, which featured hits by Miller, who nailed a three-bagger, August Larson and Shawn Harris, who both got singles, and Blane Northcutt with a double.

The long inning, combined with good defensive play, led the Harvesters to the 13-5 win over the Elks.

"Our offense has been good all season long. Blackmon, Miller and Schumacher have really been hitting the ball well," Doughty said. "Our defense has had some letdowns, but hopefully we'll get those problems ironed out."

Pampa plays Weatherford, Okla. at 1 p.m. Friday in Elk City. Pampa's next home outing is the District 1-4A opener March 22 against Randall, starting at 1 p.m.

The Harvesters lost to Amarillo Tascosa, 20-11, on Monday.

Changes made in Texas Tech athletic program

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech has fired or reassigned at least three people, including two executives, involved in the academic certification of athletes, Chancellor John Montford announced this morning.

Citing "university procedure," Montford would not reveal the names of employees involved. However, he also would not comment on the employment status of Assistant Athletic Director Taylor McNeel and Michele Matticks, assistant director of academic services.

Both have been responsible for a certification program that resulted in the disqualification of

two men's basketball players last weekend. Because the NCAA deemed Gracen Averil and Deuce Jones ineligible, the school forfeited its 10 Big 12 victories and removed itself from NCAA Tournament consideration.

McNeel and Matticks were not available at their offices this morning.

"Sadly, these changes are coming too late to ease the pain and broken hearts of our men's basketball team," President Donald Haragan said at a morning news conference. "This should never have happened. Words are not going to erase the memories these young men will retain throughout their careers."

Haragan announced a full-blown restructuring of the academic certification process at Texas Tech, which will move from the athletic department to the president's purview.

Associate General Counsel Victor Mellinger is now the acting compliance officer, assuming the duties included in the job description of McNeel, a former assistant football coach and 22-year veteran of the athletic department.

In coordination with the NCAA, the school is searching nationally for candidates with experience in academic compliance and certification, Haragan said.

NIT tips off tonight

By JOHN KEKIS
AP Sports Writer

If the disappointment of not making the NCAA tournament lingers for Syracuse, it doesn't show much. Donovan McNabb helped make sure of that.

"I just let them know that we had another opportunity to play together," said McNabb, who spoke to his teammates after Syracuse was eliminated by Villanova in the second round of the Big East tournament.

"For the seniors, this just won't end on a bad note. We have an opportunity to continue on and go back to the (Madison Square) Garden and have the possibility of maybe winning this thing."

This thing is the National Invitation Tournament, and the Orangemen's first foe is Florida State in tonight's first round.

"We're looking forward to the challenge," Syracuse coach Jim Boheim said Tuesday as he began final preparations for tonight's game. "It's a lot better than sitting at home being upset that you're not in the NCAA tournament. I'm glad the NIT is still around. It gives you a chance to play, and I think players and coaches would much rather be playing."

In other games tonight, it's New Orleans (22-6) at Pitt (17-14), Iowa (22-7) at Connecticut (14-14), George Washington (15-13) at Michigan State (16-11), Bowling Green (22-9) at West Virginia (19-9), Oral Roberts (21-6) at Notre Dame (14-13), Drexel (22-8) at Bradley (16-12), Northern Arizona (21-6) at Arkansas (15-12), Washington (17-10) at Nebraska (16-14), Alabama-Birmingham (18-13) at Texas Christian (21-12), Southwest Missouri (24-8) at North Carolina State (16-14), Nevada (20-9) at Fresno State (20-11), Memphis (16-14) at UNLV (20-9), and Oregon (17-10) at Hawaii (20-7).

Mavs surprise Knicks, 91-83

DALLAS (AP) — The New York Knicks are the NBA's most difficult team to decipher.

One night, they can upset the NBA champion Chicago Bulls. Then two nights later they can lose 91-83 to the bottom-feeding Dallas Mavericks, who hadn't defeated them since 1991.

It's enough to cause Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy to lose what's left of his hair.

"This is the type of loss that separates us from the team ahead of us and the teams that we are grouped with," Van Gundy said. "We fluctuate a lot more than other teams do and that's disappointing. The guys that have been with us have seen the same movie over and over and over as long as they've been here."

If there ever was a game that proved anything can happen on any given NBA night, it was on display at Reunion Arena.

The Mavericks found the Knicks apparently still celebrating their upset of the Bulls and ended New York's NBA-best seven-game winning streak.

"I think they thought they could just toy with us in the first half and turn it on the second half," said Dallas coach Jim Clemons. "It didn't happen."

Michael Finley scored 23 points and Erick Strickland added 22, including 12-for-12 shooting from the free-throw line.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association At A Glance

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	47	17	.734	—
Miami	46	17	.730	1/2
Orlando	38	28	.541	1 1/2
Washington	28	33	.459	1 1/2
New Jersey	18	43	.295	2 1/2
Philadelphia	16	45	.262	2 1/2
Boston	12	51	.190	3 1/2
Central Division				
x-Chicago	54	8	.871	—
Detroit	45	17	.726	9
Atlanta	43	19	.694	11
Charlotte	41	22	.651	13 1/2
Cleveland	34	27	.557	19
Indiana	29	32	.476	24 1/2
Milwaukee	28	36	.438	26
Toronto	22	40	.355	32
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Utah	45	17	.726	—
Houston	43	20	.683	1/2
Minnesota	31	30	.508	1 1/2
Dallas	20	41	.328	2 1/2
Denver	18	44	.290	27
San Antonio	15	47	.242	30
Vancouver	11	53	.172	35
Pacific Division				
Seattle	43	18	.705	—
L.A. Lakers	41	20	.672	2
Portland	36	26	.563	8 1/2
Sacramento	28	35	.444	16
L.A. Clippers	26	34	.433	18 1/2
Phoenix	24	38	.387	19 1/2
Golden State	23	38	.377	20

x-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Game
L.A. Clippers 112, Golden State 106

Tuesday's Games
Chicago 117, Boston 106
Charlotte 98, Vancouver 92
Atlanta 106, Utah 99
Houston 103, San Antonio 79
Minnesota 104, Philadelphia 100
Miami 108, Milwaukee 93
Dallas 91, New York 83
Orlando 96, Denver 91
Toronto 105, Phoenix 101
Portland 100, L.A. Clippers 105

Wednesday's Games
Seattle 93, Detroit 80
Cleveland 88, Sacramento 85

Thursday'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.

Friday's Games
Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Denver, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Toronto at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

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Tiche Percheiro, Old Dominion, 5-11, senior, 11.0 ppg, 7.8 rpg, 139 steals (155)
Darlisa Miller, Florida, 5-1, senior, 18.4 ppg, 8.8 rpg, 56.6 fg pct, 75 steals (145)

SECOND TEAM
Tamecka Dixon, Kansas, 5-8, senior, 20.8 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 74.0 fg pct (106)
Tracy Raitt, North Carolina, 5-11, junior, 20.7 ppg, 10.0 rpg, 53.7 fg pct, 83 steals (87)
Tina Thompson, Southern California, 6-3, senior, 22.7 ppg, 10.6 rpg, 50.5 fg pct, 77.3 fg pct (86)
Nykesha Sales, Connecticut, 6-0, junior, 16.3 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 50.3 fg pct, 126 steals (81)
Clarissa Machungana, Old Dominion, 6-5, senior, 20.1 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 64.8 fg pct (73)

THIRD TEAM
Kim Williams, DePaul, 5-6, senior, 25.2 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 61.3-pointers, 127 steals (56)
La'Keisha Frett, Georgia, 6-3, senior, 16.8 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 60.3 fg pct, 46.5 fg pct (45)
Marion Jones, North Carolina, 5-10, junior, 18.8 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 53.7 fg pct, 92 steals (42)
Shalonda Enis, Alabama, 6-1, senior, 16.8 ppg, 8.8 rpg, (40)
Kedra Holland-Corn, Georgia, 5-8, senior, 17.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 63.3-pointers, 104 steals (38)

HONORABLE MENTION
Tajana Abraham, George Washington; Keisha Anderson, Wisconsin; Adia Barnes, Arizona; Ashley Berggren, Illinois; Cindy Bioggett, Maine; Annette Boyer, Oregon; Alisa Burras, Louisiana Tech; Dominique Caray, Alabama; Anna DeForge, Nebraska; Kisha Ford, Georgia Tech; Katrina Gailher, Notre Dame; Pietra Gay, LSU; Becky Hammon, Colorado State; Tracy Henderson, Georgia; Korie Hiede, Duquesne; Andria Jones, Kansas State; Nadine Malcolm, Providence; Chastity Melvin, North Carolina State; Leah Monteith, Alabama; Beth Morgan, Notre Dame.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League At A Glance

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	T	Pts	
Philadelphia	38	20	10	85
New Jersey	36	19	12	84
Florida	30	23	15	75
N.Y. Rangers	31	28	9	71
Tampa Bay	27	32	7	61
Washington	27	33	7	61
N.Y. Islanders	23	34	10	56
Northeast Division				
W	L	T	Pts	
Buffalo	35	21	11	81
Pittsburgh	32	28	6	70
Hartford	28	30	10	62
Montreal	24	32	13	61
Ottawa	22	32	13	57
Boston	23	35	9	55
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Central Division				
W	L	T	Pts	
Dallas	40	23	5	85
Detroit	32	19	15	79
Phoenix	31	33	4	66
St. Louis	29	31	8	66
Chicago	26	31	11	63
Toronto	25	37	5	55
Pacific Division				
W	L	T	Pts	
x-Colorado	41	17	9	91
Edmonton	31	31	7	69
Anaheim	28	30	9	65
Calgary	28	34	7	63
Vancouver	28	36	4	60
Los Angeles	25	35	9	59
San Jose	23	37	7	53

x-clinched playoff berth
Monday's Games
Montreal 2, Pittsburgh 2, tie
Dallas 3, Toronto 3, tie
Vancouver 2, Chicago 2, tie
Ottawa 4, Phoenix 1
Detroit 3, Los Angeles 3, tie
Tuesday's Games
Buffalo 3, Philadelphia 2, OT
New Jersey 6, Edmonton 1
Washington 4, Vancouver 1
Florida 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
St. Louis 4, San Jose 3
Wednesday's Games
Boston at Hartford, 7 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Montreal at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Hartford at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Sports Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned OF Darryl Cuyburn to Rochester of the International League and OF Wady Almonte, OF Eugene Kingsley and RHP Julio Morano to Bowie of the Eastern League and RHP Francisco Sanchez to Frederick of the Carolina League. Sent 3B Ryan Minor, C Melvin Rosebro and INF Aaron Ledesma to their minor league camp.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Optioned RHP Nelson Cruz and OF Jimmy Hurst to Nashville of the American Association and LHP Scott Eyre and RHP Brian Woods to Birmingham of the Southern League. Sent P Ramser Correa, P Stacy Jones, C Josh Paul, INF Frank Menchino, and OF McKay Christensen to their minor league camp.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with LHP Alan Embree, RHP Paul Shuey and OF Brian Giles on one-year contracts.

TEXAS RANGERS—Reassigned RHP Eric Moody, C Johnny Cardenas, INF Mike Ball, INF Hank Fries, INF Fernando Tatis, OF Mark Little and OF Andrew Vessel to their minor-league camp.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Optioned RHP Mark Sievert to Syracuse of the International League and RHP Joe Young and RHP Kelvin Escobar to Knoxville of the Southern League.

National League
HOUSTON ASTROS—Released RHP Duane Ward, Sent RHP Manuel Barrios, RHP Ryan Creek, RHP Jose DeJesus, RHP Mike Gardner, RHP Mike Grzanich, RHP Doug Miki, RHP Bronswell Patrick and RHP Mike Walter to their minor league camp.

NEW YORK METS—Reassigned C Yohanny Valera and C Vance Wilson to their minor league camp.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Signed OF William Ortega and 2B Jesus Ametller to minor-league contracts.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Signed F-C Stacey King.

Rockets are back in the race

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Houston Rockets are back in the race for first place in the Western Conference.

After teetering in late January and mid-February when they lost 11 of 17, the Rockets appear to be ready to make a run at the conference title.

Houston completed the sweep of a five-game Western road trip with a 103-79 rout of the injury-plagued San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday night.

It was the Rockets' sixth win in a row and gives them a 43-20 record with 19 games left in the season. Houston trails conference-leading Utah by 2 1/2 games after the Jazz lost at Atlanta on Tuesday night.

Despite getting three players back from injuries and coming home with a rare two-game win streak, San Antonio looked road weary.

"Tonight felt like the seventh game of a road trip," San Antonio guard Avery Johnson said after the Spurs slipped to 15-47. "We were a bit out of sync and couldn't sustain much."

Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich, whose team won NBA titles in 1994 and 1995, credited improved defense and a healthier team with the turnaround that has Houston within range of having the best record in the West.

"The number one factor is defense," Tomjanovich said. "We've held people to under 90 points a game (on the trip). That's what it's all about."

In wins over both Los Angeles teams, Dallas twice, Golden State and San Antonio, the Rockets allowed more than 90 points once and 87.5 points a game overall.

"We knew that we did not have much margin for error on this trip," Tomjanovich said. "We had to play a little more careful and

play some good, hard defense. Now that we're going home, things are looking great for us."

Houston could also get back injured All-Stars Charles Barkley (pelvis) and Clyde Drexler (hamstring) as soon as Sunday's game at Miami. Neither played on the road trip and is expected to play tonight at home against Orlando.



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United Nations General Assembly takes up issue of Israeli settlements

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Palestinians took their case to the U.N. General Assembly today, asking it to speak out against a planned Jewish neighborhood in historically Arab east Jerusalem.

The move came despite Israeli warnings that any attempt to bring international pressure would only harm Middle East peacemaking.

Arab ambassadors to the United Nations asked for the General Assembly debate, scheduled for this morning, after the United States vetoed a European-sponsored resolution in the Security Council criticizing Israel for the planned 6,500-unit Har Homa project.

U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson cast Friday's veto — only America's third in

the council since the end of the Cold War — because Washington prefers to keep Arab-Israeli issues out of the United Nations.

The United States contends that involving the 185-member United Nations, whose majority comes from the Third World, only encourages strident rhetoric that hardens positions at a time when compromise is needed.

But the United States and Israel find themselves isolated on the issue.

Virtually all other major U.N. member states, including the Europeans, Japanese, Latin Americans and Africans, believe the United Nations should take a stand against Har Homa as a threat to Middle East peace.

Palestinians see Jewish construction in east Jerusalem as a threat to their hope to make the district the capital of a Palestinian state — a hope which Israel insists will never be realized.

Captured from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East War, east Jerusalem now has a slight Jewish majority following Jewish building and settlement in that part of the city.

The United States' was the only negative vote Friday in the Security Council. Even countries that often defer to the United States on the Middle East — Britain, Poland and Costa Rica — supported the resolution.

Representatives of at least 20 countries have asked to address the General

Assembly, and most are expected to demand that Israel reverse its decision. The Israeli mission to the United Nations said that acting Ambassador David Peleg will speak.

General Assembly resolutions are non-binding, and the Israelis routinely ignore U.N. declarations on relations with the Arabs.

Nevertheless, Arab diplomats said they thought the General Assembly session was important to demonstrate the breadth of international opposition to the policies of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has suspended most contacts with the Israeli leader and King Hussein of Jordan — one

of Israel's closest friends in the Arab world — declared that his trust in Netanyahu had vanished.

Hussein said Netanyahu was "bent on destroying all I believe in."

As part of his campaign for international support, Arafat invited foreign diplomats to Gaza for a weekend conference on the housing project.

The Palestinian invitation went out to diplomats from the United States, Europe, the Arab world and Japan.

The move infuriated Israel. In Jerusalem, Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy said "any attempt for international intervention ... will lead to a freeze in the peace process."

State briefs

Man arrested in razor attack, rape of nurse

ARLINGTON (AP) — A tip from a curious relative has led police to arrest a 20-year-old man in connection with last week's rape and slaying of a nurse.

The man was taken into custody Tuesday night after a relative saw a television newscast about a bloody University of North Carolina jersey found near the rape site.

Officers said someone attacked the nurse with a straight razor and then raped her in a parking garage after she left her job at Arlington Memorial Hospital early Friday.

The woman, who was listed in fair condition Tuesday, underwent several hours of reconstructive surgery Friday for cuts on her face, arms, wrists and hands.

Police spokesman Dee Anderson said the relative, who lives about a half-mile from the hospital, told police of a man who owned a jersey similar to the one found near the crime scene.

Anderson said officers have obtained physical evidence connecting the man to the crime, "plus lots of circumstantial evidence as well."

'Selena' movie to premiere in theaters this week

HARLINGEN (AP) — Two years after Tejano singing sensation Selena was gunned down by her former fan club president, a movie about her life and death is headed to theaters.

Selena debuts this week with screenings in selected markets around the country, including a gala event Friday in Corpus Christi, where the singer grew up. The movie opens nationwide on March 21.

While Selena's fans and relatives are eagerly awaiting the movie's release, they said it would be a bittersweet reminder of the tragedy that cut short the life of a rising star and role model.

"I think it's going to be sad because it's going to remind us so much of her," Emily Colchado, 26, of Harlingen said Tuesday. "Even my aunt told me she cried when she saw the preview."

The movie traces the life of Selena Quintanilla-Perez, from her childhood days spent singing with the family's band to her ascent as a Grammy-winning Tejano star and her preparations to cross over to the American pop charts.

Governor has knee to undergo knee operation

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush has announced that he won't be running.

In the Capitol 10K race on April 6, that is.

Bush was scheduled to undergo arthroscopic surgery today on loosened cartilage in his left knee, an injury brought on by age and years of jogging.

"I turned 50 years old and that's what happens," said Bush, who hit the half-century mark last July.

Bush said the surgery will sideline him from running for four weeks, causing him to miss the Capitol 10K, a race in which he is the only governor to have run.

"I'm disappointed because I was intending to break the governor's record," Bush joked. "Last year, I set the fastest record and the year before I set the slowest record."

"I was hoping to break one of the two. But I will be back. I intend to run it a year from now," he said.

Bush, who in the past has used lunch breaks to jog in relative privacy at the University of Texas track, said he had been keeping a steady running schedule.

"I did run every day, and I'm confident I will be back running again," Bush said. "I can do Stairmaster now and I can ride a bike, but I just can't run. The pounding evidently would affect the cartilage. I'm going to have it trimmed up."



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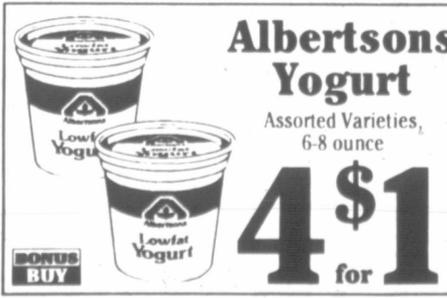
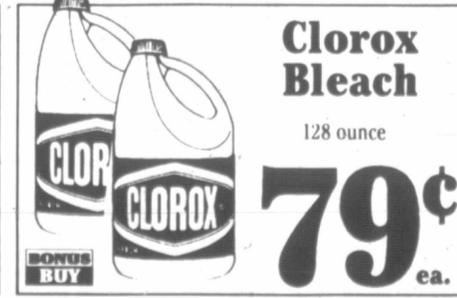
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