

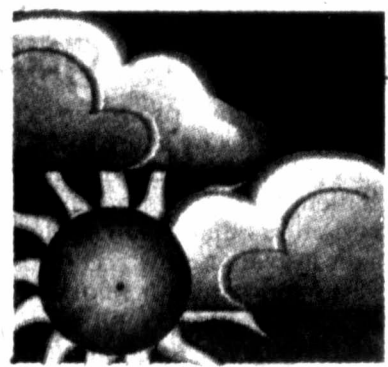
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PAMPA — A meeting of the parents of all fifth grade students is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in the Pampa Middle School auditorium.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform parents of the scheduling process for enrolling in the middle school.

All parents of fifth grade students are encouraged to attend. Students do not need to attend the meeting.

PAMPA — The First American Bank, Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors and the Texas National Guard Army Family Group is sponsoring the Pampa M*A*S*H blood drive on Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the National Guard Armory.

All donors will receive a free M*A*S*H T-shirt.

Staff members of Coffee Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo will be on hand to accept the blood donations.

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket would have been worth an estimated \$9 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 11, 12, 26, 39, 44 and 46.

There were 86 tickets purchased matching five of the six numbers, winning \$2,159 each. Matching four of the six numbers were 6,090 tickets, with a prize each of \$109.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$15 million.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)

Gov. Frank Keating says his mouth is watering for the border barbecue that will settle his wager with Texas Gov. George Bush on last year's Oklahoma-Texas football game.

"I am really looking forward to this event," Keating said Monday. "When Gov. Bush and I made the wager we intended for the barbecue to be an opportunity to bring Oklahomans and Texans together in one of our border communities."

The feast on 1,500 pounds of beef will commence Saturday at the Altus High School football stadium.

The event is free to the public, but tickets are required to attend.

Call the Altus Chamber of Commerce at (405) 482-0005 or the governor's office at (405) 523-4271.

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Court agrees to rule on TV debate dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today agreed to decide whether a state-owned Arkansas network violated a political candidate's rights when it excluded him from a 1992 televised debate.

The court's ruling, expected sometime in 1998, could carry great importance for public broadcasting stations nationwide.

A federal appeals court ruled against the Arkansas network, a decision the justices were told casts a "chill on state-related public broadcasters' editorial freedoms."

The Clinton administration had urged the court to hear the network's appeal.

In other cases, the court:

— Rejected a challenge to a Florida law that makes it easier for the state to sue tobacco companies for Medicaid money spent to treat smoking-related illnesses. The court, without comment, turned down industry arguments that the law unfairly seeks to "stack the deck" against tobacco companies.

— Agreed to decide whether Louisiana may retain its open-primary system for electing members of Congress. The court said it will decide whether the system complies with federal law even though winners often are chosen before the national election day in November.

— Granted a hearing to three corporate giants seeking to scut-

tle the personal-injury lawsuit of a Georgia electrician who says his exposure to PCBs helped cause his lung cancer.

— Denied an appeal by anti-abortion demonstrators who say they wrongly are prohibited from getting too close to a Vallejo, Calif., abortion clinic.

— Refused to revive a lawsuit by television evangelist Robert Tilton's church that accused ABC News and a nonprofit group of conspiring to drive the church out of business.

— Let California virtually ban the sale of non-obscene, erotic publications from newsracks on public streets.

— Denied an appeal by San Francisco aimed at letting the city keep a 103-foot-tall Christian cross in a public park.

The public TV dispute arose when editors for the Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN) decided that independent congressional candidate Ralph P. Forbes' participation in a televised debate the network was sponsoring "would detract from the debate's usefulness to its intended audience."

The network, comprised of public TV stations, chose to invite only the Democratic and Republican candidates for the district in which Forbes was running.

Forbes sued, and a federal jury ruled in 1995 that his exclusion had not violated his free-speech rights.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed that ruling last year. The appeals court treated the televised debate as a limited public forum that presumably was open to all qualified candidates.

AETN's editors could exclude such a candidate only for a compelling reason that was the least intrusive on that candidate's free-speech rights, the appeals court ruled. It sent Forbes' case back so the trial court to decide what monetary damages he was owed.

Government-owned TV stations cannot defend themselves against such lawsuits by claiming the debates they sponsor are for "viable" candidates only, the appeals court said. "To uphold such a defense would, in our view, place too much faith in the government."

The 8th Circuit court added: "We have no doubt that the decision as to political viability is exactly the kind of journalistic judgment routinely made by newsmen. But a crucial fact here is that the people making this judgment were not ordinary journalists — they were employees of the government."

The ruling would not affect broadcast debates sponsored by privately owned TV stations or other non-government entities. The reason: only the government or a government agent, not private citizens, can violate someone's constitutional rights.



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie) Grammy Award songwriter for 'Blue,' Bill Mack stands on the street named for him in Shamrock. Mack was honored by the City of Shamrock Saturday in its annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration, dedicating the Bill Mack Street in his honor. With Mack is his first cousin, Joyce Smith Howell of Amarillo.

Shamrock honors DJ Bill Mack by naming city street in his honor

By SHERRY CROMARTIE Staff Writer

Bill Mack (Smith) said he took about 15 minutes one day to write the words to his song, "Blue," to complete the other side of a recording he had just finished, titled "Faded Rose."

"I wrote the song 'Blue' for one particular person in mind — Patsy Cline. But she died before she could record the song. Since then, I saved the words all through these years, until the right voice came along. LeAnn Rimes has that voice," said Mack, who won a Grammy Award this year for the best country song of the year.

Mack was in Shamrock for the annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration and for a special dedication to him. The City of Shamrock honored Mack by naming a street for him. Chamber of Commerce representative Sonny Hilburn presented him with a street sign of his own.

Mack told the crowd that he was proud of all of his awards he had received in the past, and especially his recently awarded Grammy, but that the dedication of the street marker to him, given by his own hometown, meant a lot more because it was "given from the hearts of those who love me," he said.

In his earlier years, Mack was the voice heard over KEVA Radio of Shamrock. He and his first cousin, Joyce Smith Howell of Amarillo, and his uncle, Orville Smith of Shamrock, had a brief reunion together in Shamrock Saturday during the St. Patrick's Celebration. Mack's family, including his wife and daughter, son-in-law and baby grandson Cody attended the dedication.

"He has been a performer since he was first walking," Howell said.

She and Mack recalled a few of their years growing up in Shamrock. Their fathers were brothers and the two families lived in the same block. Mack's parents, Irene and Earnest Smith, owned a real estate busi-

Mack says he always gives a little story about Shamrock, whose citizens he claims as his 'relatives,' when he is talking over the air.

ness in the cities of Shamrock and Pampa for several years, he said.

"We lived on Madden Street, and that was our street. Bill was just a little guy, about seven years old, when we would put on a singing and dancing show on the sidewalk. He would really fuss at me if I didn't charge at least a nickel to each kid that showed up to watch us," Howell said.

Known as the Midnight Cowboy of WBAP-820 Radio, Dallas/Fort Worth, Mack hosted his overnight trucking show. He is now heard on WJR (760/AM) in Detroit, Mich., and also KTWO (1030/AM) in Casper, Wyo., which gives his program coverage across the United States and in Canada and Mexico. According to his fans and admirers, no one in broadcasting has a more recognizable voice than Bill Mack, "the dean of country music disk jockeys," as he has been called.

He is noted for his song compositions recorded by Dean Martin, Conway Twitty, Jerry Lee Lewis, Ray Price and now, LeAnn Rimes, the Garland teenager who recorded "Blue." She has received recognition, including best female country performance and overall best new artist this year.

Mack says he always gives a little story about Shamrock, whose citizens he claims as his "relatives," when he is talking over the air. Before stepping away from the microphone at his street dedication, he told the crowd, "God bless you all, and thank you for being who you are."

Pantex guards strike over benefits

AMARILLO (AP) — The guards that protect the nation's primary nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly complex went on strike today, angered by a perceived reduction in benefits.

The approximately 340 union guards at the Pantex Plant were replaced by supplemental guards at 12:01 a.m. after guards voted 227-74 against ratifying the company's contract, union president Mike Stumbo said.

"At 12:01, the supplemental force was ready to go, and they went into action," said Vanessa Hamilton, spokeswoman for Mason & Hanger, the Energy Department's primary contractor here.

The force was made up of Pantex security supervisors and security management from other DOE facilities would

remain on the job "for as long as it takes," Ms. Hamilton said.

The last time the guards struck, in 1981, they stayed out for 89 days before an agreement was reached.

Stumbo said the main points of contention included:

— Proposed reductions in sick-leave benefits.

— A change in insurance premiums from fixed dollar amounts to 10 percent of the premiums, which Stumbo criticized because they can escalate from year to year.

— No provision to prevent Pantex guards from being replaced by subcontracted workers.

— The rejection of a clause that would bind the corporation to follow all federal, Department of Energy, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations.

A Mason & Hanger release listed other provisions from the company's five-year offer, including a 16 percent raise over the contract life, and increase in corporate contributions to employee 401k accounts and a buy-back provision for up to 48 hours of unused sick leave annually.

Hamilton said the 1996 average annual gross income for IGUA guards was around \$50,000, excluding fringe benefits valued at over \$15,000.

Pickets at the plant's east and west gates would be maintained until an agreement is reached, Stumbo said. No plans for renewed negotiations had been made as of this morning, Ms. Hamilton added.

Federal mediators had participated in the contract talks to no avail.

CNN opens Cuba bureau

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN opened a bureau in Havana today, becoming the first U.S. news organization to permanently station a correspondent in Cuba in 27 years.

Lucia Newman, whose previous CNN assignments were in Mexico, Chile, Nicaragua and Panama, was to deliver her first report as Havana bureau chief this afternoon.

The Clinton administration last month approved a license request from CNN to operate in Havana. Cuba previously gave its permission to CNN in August.

The network is the first American news organization to operate a bureau in the country since The Associated Press was expelled in 1969.

Newman said she was looking forward to giving CNN viewers a better sense of what it is like to live in the country than reporters on temporary visas can provide.

"It's not just a country with a president with a long beard," Newman said in a telephone interview.

Greeting the Irish



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie) Gene and Alice Gates from Pampa are shown in their 1924 Model T while participating in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Shamrock Saturday. Gates said if a husband wants to test his marriage, buy a 1927 American LeFrance Fire Truck and drive it into the wife's garage ... and see how long it takes to get a response from her. He said he owned the classic truck long enough to get it in good shape and then gave it to the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Dallas to sell for donation proceeds.

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Services tomorrow

ELLIS, Myrtle K. Renegar — Graveside services, 1:30 p.m., Llano Cemetery, Amarillo.
EREMAN, Eddie G. — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Amarillo.
KAUL, Leta A. 10 a.m., Community Church, Hereford.
WRIGHT, John Talmadge — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

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MYRTLE K. RENEGAR ELLIS
AMARILLO — Myrtle K. Renegar Ellis, 83, of Amarillo, mother of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, March 15, 1997. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Llano Cemetery with Dr. Howard Batson, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by Dr. Chester O'Brien, retired associate pastor of First Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.
 Mrs. Ellis was born at Douglasville, Texas. She married A.C. Renegar in 1929; they were married for 31 years. She later married Ward J. Ellis in 1962. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1925. She retired as PBX operator from Fedway Department stores after many years of service. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church. In addition, Olsen Park Baptist Church was organized in her home and the first services were radio broadcast from her living room. She enjoyed gardening and was an animal lover.
 She was preceded in death by both husbands; a son, Charles Edward Renegar; and a daughter, Arleta Renegar.
 Survivors include two daughters, Eunice Freeman of Pampa and Jo Ann Staats of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a son, Don Renegar of Amarillo; four sisters, Ophelia Robertson, Ethel Best, Swan Ward and Judy Baxter, all of South Texas; a brother, J.L. Kellum of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Music Department, 1300 S. Tyler in Amarillo; or to Llano Cemetery Living Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 563, Amarillo, TX 79105.

EDDIE G. EREMAN
AMARILLO — Eddie G. Eremán, 80, a former Canadian resident, died Sunday, March 16, 1997. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Dr. Wylie E. "Buff" Heam, of St. Paul United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.
 Mr. Eremán married Bonnie B. Bailey in 1940 at Shattuck, Okla. He moved to Amarillo from Canadian and retired from the Texas Department of Transportation after 40 years of service. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church and the Odd Fellows Lodge and was a former member of Veterans of Foreign Wars.
 He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Stacey Ann Vandergriff.
 Survivors include his wife, Bonnie; a daughter, Judy E. Gibson of Round Rock; a sister, Opal Shelton of Arnett, Okla.; two brothers, Marvin Eremán of Little Rock, Ark., and Don Eremán of Tyler, a grandchild, and a great-grandchild.
 The family will be at 4707 Bell St., Apt. #127.

VICKI LYNN HAMPTON
AMARILLO — Vicki Lynn Hampton, 41, died Friday, March 14, 1997. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Lawndale Church of Christ with John H. Rowland officiating. Burial was to be at 4 p.m. today in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.
 Ms. Hampton was born at Borger. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1958, graduating from Amarillo High School in 1973. She was a price changer for Target and was a member of Lawndale Church of Christ.
 Survivors include her father and stepmother, Eric and Louise Hampton of Amarillo; a sister, Patricia McClish of Canyon, a brother, Joe Allen Hampton of Amarillo; and her grandmother, Veda Borger of Amarillo.

LETA A. KAUL
HEREFORD — Leta A. Kaul, 92, mother of a Miami resident, died Saturday, March 15, 1997. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Community Church with the Rev. Dorman Duggan, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Morris Means officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Kaul was born at Fairfax, Mo. She had been a resident of Deaf Smith County since 1934, moving from Kansas. She attended Emporia State University, the University of California and West Texas State Teachers College. She married Merlin C. Kaul in 1934 at Sabetha, Kan.; he died in 1974. She was a school teacher and a member of Hereford Community Church.
 Survivors include two sons, Walter Kaul of Hereford and Larry Kaul of Miami, two brothers, Harold Stoner of Sabetha, Kan., and Oren Stoner of Coffeyville, Kan.; three grandsons; and four great-grandsons.
 The family requests memorials be to Harrington Cancer Center or Hereford Senior Citizens.

Fires

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

SATURDAY, March 15
 6:14 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to 509 N. Christy on a grass fire.

SUNDAY, March 16
 6:41 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at 18th and Faulkner.
 7:48 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to 1121 Varnon Dr. on an auto fire investigation.

JOHN TALMADGE WRIGHT
PAMPA — John Talmadge Wright, 64, of Pampa, died Saturday, March 15, 1997. The body was cremated. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jim Hodson, associate pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Wright was born July 3, 1932, at Houston. He had been a Pampa resident most all his life. He graduated from Texas Tech University and was a U.S. Marine veteran, serving during the Korean War.
 Survivors include three sons, Mark Allen Wright of Greenville, Mike Steven Wright of Amarillo and John T. Wright Jr. of New York City, N.Y.; and three grandchildren, Adam Tucker Wright, Ashley Megan Wright and Allen Christopher Wright.
 The family will be at 1334 Willison St. in Pampa.

Sheriff's Office

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

SUNDAY, March 16
 Gray County deputies responded to Alcock and Doyle for an agency assist for Randall County Sheriff's Office.
 Gray County deputies responded to a robbery call at the Gas Man on Highway 60.
 Gray County deputies responded to the 200 block of North West on reports of simple assault.
Arrests
 James Raymond Brewer, 32, 827 N. Nelson, was arrested on a Randall County warrant for theft by check. He was released on bond.
 David Dewayne Irvin, 25, 1830 N. Faulkner, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear for an expired vehicle inspection sticker.
 Debra Howard, 1313 E. Francis, was arrested on 16 Police Department warrants and one forgery warrant.

Ambulance

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

SATURDAY, March 15
 9:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of East Tyng on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.
 9:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.
 2:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of South Dwight on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.
SUNDAY, March 16
 6:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.
 2:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Prairie Drive on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.
 5:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.
 6:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of West 18th on a motor vehicle accident. Two patients were transported to Columbia Medical Center.
 11:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Garland on a medical assist. One patient was treated and transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Accidents

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

SATURDAY, March 15
 A 1997 Chevy C-3500 pickup driven by Glenn Douglass Lentz, 48, 1625 N. Christy, and a 1995 Ford Mustang driven by Michael Scott Rabel, 26, 1113 S. Banks, collided in the 900 block of West Alcock. Rabel was cited for failure to provide financial responsibility, and Leta was cited for failure to yield right of way at private drive.
 A 1990 Ford Lariat pickup, driven by an unknown male, hit a telephone/electrical pole in the 500 block of Kingsmill while trying to evade a police arrest. The driver ran from the vehicle. No charges have been filed.
 A 1989 Pontiac T-6000 driven by Tabitha Danielle Jones, 18, 1534 N. Faulkner, and a 1992 Toyota Camry driven by Wanetta Bayless Hill, 46, 1936 Lea, collided at the intersection of Faulkner and 18th Street. Jones was cited for failure to yield right of way at a left turn.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	4.15	
Milo	4.55	
Corn	5.23	

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

Occidental	24 3/4	dn 1/8
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Magellan	83.89	
Puritan	17.96	

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

Amex	87.78	up 3/8
Arco	126.3/8	dn 3/8
Cabot	25 1/4	up 1/8
Cabot (30/2)	16 1/4	up 1/4
Chevron	67	dn 3/8
Coca Cola	59 1/4	dn 1/4
Columbia/HCA	43 1/8	dn 1/4
Enron	40 3/8	dn 3/8
Halliburton	69	dn 3/8
Ingersoll Rand	47 3/4	dn 1/4
KNE	40 5/8	dn 3/8
Kerr-McGee	64 1/2	up 1/8
Limited	19 3/4	dn 1/4
Mapco	31 7/8	up 1/8
McDonald's	45 5/8	up 1/2
Mobil	131	up 1/2
New Atmos	25	NC
Parker & Parsley	30 1/4	up 1/8
Penney's	49 3/4	dn 1/8
Phillips	41	up 5/8
SLB	109 1/2	dn 3/4
SPS	36 3/8	dn 1/4
Tenneco	39 3/8	up 1/8
Texaco	101	dn 1/4
Wal-Mart	32 5/8	dn 1/4
Wells Fargo	41	up 1/8
New York Gold	150.80	
Silver	5.20	
West Texas Crude	21 1/2	

SPS announces payment centers in Pampa

Homeland, Pack & Mail, and both Frank's Thriftways in Pampa are now accepting payments for Southwestern Public Service Company.
 "In a customer survey last summer, SPS customers listed 'more and closer places to pay' as the number-one change we could make to improve customer service," said SPS President David Wilks.
 "These are the first payment centers in Pampa," Wilks said. "We are offering our customers greater convenience while controlling costs. We now have 95 payment centers in operation

across our service area, with more to come. Of course, customers can continue to pay by mail or automatic bank draft, which may be the most convenient option of all."
 In many cases, the payment centers are open longer hours than SPS offices, and are open weekends as well, Wilks noted.
 Customers must bring their bills with them when making a payment. The payment centers can even accept payments to restore disconnected service. After payment, the customer will receive a verification code, and then call SPS to restore service.

The new payment centers are managed by Integrated Payment Systems, a subsidiary of First Data Corp., which is also the parent company of Western Union. First Data is the nation's leading provider of such services through a network of 40,000 locations across the country.
 Addresses of the new SPS payment centers in Pampa are:
 • Homeland at 2545 Perryton Pkwy.
 • Pack & Mail at 1506 N. Hobart
 • Frank's Thriftways at 300 E. Brown Ave. and at 1420 N. Hobart.

Court upholds Indians' tax on oil and gas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today let the Cheyenne-Arapaho Indian Tribes of Oklahoma continue taxing oil and gas produced from land held in trust for tribe members by the federal government.
 The court, without comment, turned down a challenge to the tax by oil and gas producers that say the tribe gave up jurisdiction over the land in 1890 when the reservation was broken up.
 The tribe decided in 1988 to tax

petroleum produced from any land within their jurisdiction. The tribe said such land included the reservation itself and land held in trust by the federal government for individual tribe members.
 Land was allotted to individual tribal members under an 1890 agreement with the government that opened most of the old Cheyenne-Arapaho reservation to settlement by non-Indians.

Oil and gas producers challenged the tax by suing tribal officials in federal court. During the challenge, the companies have paid more than \$4.8 million in taxes into an escrow account.
 The companies acknowledged the tribe could tax oil and gas produced from reservation land. But they said the tribe could not tax petroleum from land held for individual tribal members because the land is not within tribal jurisdiction.

Obituaries

C.G. DYER
SAN ANTONIO — C.G. Dyer, 88, died Sunday, March 16, 1997. Memorial services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, 1997, in Porter Loring Chapel with the Rev. Frank Seaman officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Miami Cemetery with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Pampa, officiating. Local arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Dyer was a San Antonio resident for 60 years. He formerly worked at Magnolia Airco Gas Company and at a hardware store. He was a member of Northwood Presbyterian Church. He was a Mason and an active Shriner, having been a member of the Director's Staff of Alzarfa Shrine Temple.
 He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Dial Dyer, on March 14, 1997.
 Survivors include the David J. Dial family and

numerous distant cousins.
ELIZABETH DIAL DYER
SAN ANTONIO — Elizabeth Dial Dyer, 87, died Friday, March 14, 1997. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, 1997, at Porter Loring Chapel with the Rev. Frank Seaman officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Miami Cemetery with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Pampa, officiating. Local arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Dyer was a San Antonio resident for 60 years. She graduated from Baylor University and was a retired school teacher. She was a member of Northwood Presbyterian Church.
 Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, David J. and Margery H. Dial of Palestine; and two nephews, David H. Dial of Raleigh, N.C., and Richard A. Dial of Longview.

Calendar of events

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

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

RED CROSS DISASTER CLASSES
 The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be holding disaster classes every Tuesday evening from Jan. 28 through March. The classes, held at the Red Cross office at 108 N.

Russell, begin at 7 p.m. and are free to the public. For more information, call 669-7121.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
 The Texas Department of Health will be having an immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases, including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) in Groom at the Groom Community Center from 2-4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19. The TDH is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Police report

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

SUNDAY, March 16
 Criminal mischief and criminal trespass were reported in the 900 block of Brunow. A color TV and a window were damaged. Damage is valued at \$236.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block

of Carr. Approximately \$30 damage was done to a storage room door.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of East Francis. Approximately \$200 damage was done to a building.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of East 17th. Damage to a garage door and a window is estimated at \$75.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, clear and cooler, with a low near 40. Tuesday, generally sunny with a high near 70. Sunday's high was 68; the overnight low was 45.
REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy and cooler with lows from around 30 to around 40. Tuesday, becoming sunny with highs from mid 60s to around 70. South Plains: Tonight, clear. Lows from 40-45 extreme southwest Panhandle to 45-50 rolling plains. Tuesday, sunny and breezy. Highs 65-70.
 North Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy west. Mostly cloudy central with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Showers and thunderstorms likely east. Lows 52 northwest to 65 southeast. Tuesday, mostly sunny west. Mostly cloudy central and east with showers and thunder-

storms likely, then decreasing clouds by afternoon. Highs 68 northwest to 78 southeast.
 South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with a slight chance of late night showers or thunderstorms. Lows in low 50s Hill Country to low 60s southeast. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and windy. A chance of mainly morning showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s to near 80. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with widely scattered to scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in low 60s inland to upper 60s coast. Tuesday, cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in upper 70s inland to mid 70s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in upper 60s coast to near 60 Rio Grande plains. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of showers or

thunderstorms. Highs in upper 70s coast to upper 80s inland.
BORDER STATES
 New Mexico — Tonight, mostly cloudy southeast, a few light showers south central mountains and decreasing cloudiness central and northwest. Lows 20s to mid 30s mountains and north with mid 30s to mid 40s lower elevations south. Tuesday, mostly cloudy southeast during the morning, otherwise mostly sunny. Highs 50s and 60s mountains and north with 70s lower elevations south.
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Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor

Keep writing simple

I'm often asked how I learned to be a professional writer. Actually, I'm not a professional writer. I am a professional speaker who happens to get paid a little for what I write.

However, to answer the question, I learned to write simple sentences in the first or second grade. I still write simple sentences. I find it the best way to get ideas from my pen to others' minds. No pompous phrases or polysyllabic prolixity will help you transmit ideas as easily as clear, simple sentences. Yes, I know, I just broke one of my rules for clear, concise writing.

Each of you can improve your writing skills. However, there are some prerequisites. First, you must want to write clearly. Second, you must be willing to put forth some effort. Third, you must learn the basic rules of grammar, punctuation and spelling. Finally, you must learn to edit and rewrite. You see the writing really is easy, the editing is hard.

Tips for better writing

I believe you can apply the following pointers to writing books, articles, letters, reports and speeches. Give them a try, and watch the quality of your writing improve.

- Before you begin, ask two questions: Who am I writing to? and, What do I want to tell them? This will help you focus on the critical issues.

- Next, outline your major points. This may seem too basic for some of you who have writing experience, but it works. Outlining saves writing and editing time and adds flexibility for changing, adding or deleting points. List the important points you want to cover and then organize them for smooth, logical flow.

- Use simple, familiar combinations of words. We often use big words to impress rather than express. Use short nouns and action verbs whenever possible. For example, don't use *countenance* if you can use *face*. Don't write *terminus* if you can use *end*. Don't say *squalid rodent* if you mean *dirty rat*.

- Construct short sentences and paragraphs. One of the more common mistakes writers make is using long, run-on sentences. This often leads to long, confusing paragraphs. By contrast, the longest sentence in this column contains 25 words. The longest paragraph has only seven short sentences.

- Learn to use basic writing tools. When I'm writing for money I'm never far away from a dictionary to check my spelling. I use a thesaurus to find better words. I turn to a style manual for grammar and punctuation, and I use a book of quotations to see if anyone already said it better. I still write each column and article in long hand, but we use a computer for editing.

And now the hard part

The key to good writing is rewriting, so edit until your hand cramps. I don't know anyone who produces letter perfect copy on the first draft. The best writers shorten, clarify, improve the flow, correct misspelled words and grammatical errors and add style and impact with every edit.

Here are five mini-tips for editing. First, allow some time to pass before you edit your work. Try to allow at least 24 hours to slip by between writing and editing.

Second, be ruthless in cleaning up poor writing. You may need to rearrange paragraphs, eliminate complete sentences and chop out unnecessary words.

Third, read what you've written aloud. This is a good way to catch missing or incorrect words.

Fourth, ask yourself if the intended message is clear. Are your points arranged in logical order? Does point A make B easier to understand? Does point B then explain C, and so on.

Finally, know when you're done. When you've finished writing and editing, stop.

House poised to vote on abortion legislation

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Competing sides in the emotionally charged abortion debate rarely agree on anything. But as the House gets ready to vote this week on banning what sponsors call a "partial birth" procedure, they are in accord that the real battleground is the Senate.

That is where abortion rights advocates scored a victory last year when senators sustained President Clinton's veto of a similar bill. Opponents of abortion fell eight votes short of the required two-thirds majority.

The battle involves a procedure in which a fetus is delivered feet first through the birth canal until only the head remains inside. A doctor then kills it by suctioning out its brains.

Advocates of abortion rights use the medical terms "dilation and evacuation" or "dilation and extraction" to describe the procedure.

The House voted to override Clinton's veto of the ban last year, and it is expected to again pass the bill by a substantial margin. That vote could come as early as Wednesday.

"It's a closer margin now (in the Senate) and if we lose any of our pro-choice friends it will be tough," conceded Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League. "It certainly looks like we can sustain the president's veto, but it is closer."

On the anti-abortion side, Helen Alvare,

spokeswoman for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, also expressed some uncertainty about prospects in the Senate.

"We do anticipate that we will have a veto-proof majority in the House, but we don't know in the Senate," she said. "The Senate is always harder."

A reason for some doubt is that this is a new Congress.

The House gained a few abortion rights supporters in the November election, while the Senate registered a small increase in its anti-abortion ranks, both sides say. This is not an issue in the House, though, where there are anti-abortion votes to spare in any new test vote.

"Some of this will turn on the newly elected members, some of whom didn't take real clear positions" during the election, said Douglas Johnson, legislative director of the National Right to Life Committee.

Another factor: The Republican controlled Congress has had trouble overriding Clinton. He has vetoed 14 bills since the GOP takeover in January 1995, but Congress has prevailed just once in seven override attempts.

Republicans had planned to push the bill again. But a new sense of urgency arose last month after abortion rights advocate Ron Fitzsimmons said he had lied about the timing and the reasons women have partial birth abortions.

Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers in Alexandria, Va., now says the procedure is done mostly in the middle of pregnancy and

only occasionally to spare a woman's life or her health. He had said earlier that the procedure was rarely used and most often to save the life of the mother.

The House bill by Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., would ban the procedure, and threaten doctors with fines and prison terms of up to two years for performing it.

Abortion rights advocates contend the measure is unconstitutional because it targets a specific procedure, makes no exception for health reasons and undermines the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

The bill includes a life-of-the-mother exception. But Clinton, who supports abortion rights, insists on a health provision, too. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., is trying to craft a ban with a health exception that would be acceptable to Republicans.

But the bill's supporters say there is no health reason for performing the procedure. They also say any health exception is "bogus" because the Supreme Court's broad definition permits abortions for almost any reason.

Ms. Alvare and other opponents say the nature of the partial birth procedure could sway even some hard core abortion rights advocates. They are hopeful the Senate will pass the bill with enough votes to carry an expected override vote.

"That the child is mostly born makes it different from abortion in the first place," Ms. Alvare said. "To many, this makes it seem more like infanticide than abortion and they bring a different judgment to it."

Maine's campaign finance reform in national spotlight

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Across the country, reformers are praising a pioneering campaign finance plan approved last November by Maine voters. In Maine, the battle is far from over.

The so-called Clean Elections initiative, which awards public financing to state candidates who limit campaign spending, is under attack in court and may be challenged in the Legislature before it takes effect at the turn of the millennium.

Critics attack its curbs on contributions and reliance on tax dollars, and even defenders concede there are questions about whether the pool of money to be made available for legislative candidates in the year 2000 will be adequate.

"It's not clear how much this is going to cost and we have no good estimate or way to estimate until we have some experience," said Colby College political scientist Anthony Corrado, a nationally recognized campaign finance expert.

Nonetheless, reformers nationwide are buoyed by the public financing measures, which won 56 percent backing at the polls in November.

"It offers to candidates the most clean sweeping option for financ-

ing election campaigns anywhere in the country," said Ellen Miller, the executive director of the Washington-based Public Campaign organization. "It's clean, it's simple, it's direct."

Beginning in 1999, maximum allowable contributions from corporations or political action committees will be reduced from \$5,000 to \$500 for a gubernatorial candidate and \$250 for a state Senate or House candidate. Similarly, limits on contributions by individuals will be lowered from \$1,000 per election to \$500 or \$250.

Candidates volunteering to forgo private funding and abide by spending caps in the 2000 election cycle may draw from a Maine Clean Election Fund, receiving 25 percent less than the average expenditure in 1996 and 1998 for the office being sought.

Money for the fund will come from annual appropriations of \$2 million, plus collections from a voluntary \$3 income-tax checkoff,

donations, fines and initial fund-raising by participating candidates.

To demonstrate preliminary public support, candidates must obtain qualifying contributions of \$5 from a certain number of voters in their districts, depending on the office.

The National Right to Life Political Action Committee State Fund is suing Maine in federal court over the new law, arguing it imposes unconstitutional restrictions on free speech. The Maine Civil Liberties Union is poised to bring a legal challenge of its own.

Even so, similar proposals have surfaced in numerous states, including Washington, Idaho, Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, Massachusetts, Vermont,

Connecticut, New York and North Carolina, Ms. Miller said.

"This is the first one to offer a full public financing mechanism," Ms. Miller said. "That's what makes it unique."

In many ways, Maine was an odd place for such a far-reaching experiment.

In the 1994 state elections, the last before the referendum drive, five out of the top ten spenders in both House of Representatives and Senate campaigns were defeated.

And in that same year, the average cost of winning election to the 151-seat House was only \$4,135 — low by nearly any standard — and to the 35-seat Senate, just \$24,015, a still relatively paltry sum in comparison to elsewhere.

Rodriguez, Solis fired up for runoff

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — With the field of candidates pared down to two, campaigning has started anew in the race to fill the congressional seat of the late Frank Tejeda.

State Rep. Ciro Rodriguez and former San Antonio City Councilman Juan Solis, both Democrats, advanced to an April runoff after defeating 13 other candidates in a special election Saturday.

Rodriguez almost pulled out a victory, winning 46 percent, or 14,018 votes. Solis garnered 26 percent, or 8,056.

Both candidates planned to immediately begin campaigning for the second round of the race.

Rodriguez, 50, said he would focus on issues such as education and protecting Social Security for the elderly, as well as his experience in government.

"The main difference between my opponent and myself is education as well as the commitment," he said. "I've been a legislator for 10 years and a school board member for 12 years prior to that."

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Opinion

Welfare reform already begun

Searching for the "root causes" of our nation's intractable problems may be a worthwhile academic pursuit. But it too often leads politicians to believe that no solutions can be found short of a dramatic restructuring of American society.

In recent years, violent crime has dropped precipitously in New York and most other big cities. Yet few would argue that crime's so-called root causes — drug abuse, poverty, poor education, family breakdown — have been in any significant way ameliorated.

Recent statistics from the U.S. Health and Human Services Administration show a similar steep drop in welfare dependency since 1994. Liberals claim that welfare dependency cannot be changed until America becomes a paragon of equality and social justice. Statistics indicate otherwise.

Welfare caseloads have dropped nationwide by 18% in only two years. Every state has seen a drop except for Hawaii. In Ohio, welfare caseloads from March 1994 to October 1996 dropped 158,466 — 22.7%. The numbers are striking in big cities, also. The number of welfare recipients has dropped 19% in Milwaukee and eleven percent in Detroit.

This encouraging trend, however, must be tempered by reality. Reductions in the welfare rolls have come after a sharp increase in recipients in the late 1980s and early 1990s. America now has about 2.5 million fewer families than in 1994 who received Aid to Families with Dependent Children. But there are one million more AFDC recipients now than in the late 1980s.

It is overly optimistic to expect welfare or crime numbers to reach the low levels obtained before our 1960s-era social experiments. Yet these problems are not completely beyond our control, either.

While some of the crime drop may be due to demographics, much of it is caused by tougher sentencing policies and reintroduction of tried-and-true crime-fighting methods, such as community policing.

Regarding welfare, much of the improvement is attributed to two factors that conservatives have long advocated: A growing economy and local efforts to wean welfare dependents off the dole.

"Much of the decline seems driven by the country's economic expansion, which has kept the unemployment rate below 6 percent for 28 consecutive months," *The New York Times* reported. "But some of it also seems to stem from the aggressive efforts of many states in the last few years to place welfare recipients in jobs."

States where welfare rolls have dropped the most — an astounding 40% — are the states that have experimented with welfare reform the most: Indiana, Oregon and Wisconsin.

In Wisconsin, Republican Gov. Tommy Thompson's innovative reform proposals were in the spotlight during last year's federal welfare reform debate. Wisconsin residents must spend 60 hours looking for a job before qualifying for aid. The state's residents can now only receive aid for a limited time.

Gains made by Wisconsin and other states occurred before passage of the federal welfare reform law — which President Clinton signed, but now promises to "fix." Any backpedaling would reduce states' welfare reform latitude, and could slow these reductions in welfare rolls.

Talk about root causes of poverty and welfare dependency will undoubtedly continue. But state governments are proving that wise public policy can make a dent in America's most serious problems.

Vice President Al Gore is the anti-Quayle. From the day he was added to the Clinton ticket, reporters have presented Gore as the cerebral antithesis of his predecessor as well as half of the "gold dust twins" (*Time* magazine). So, Bob Woodward's March 2 *Washington Post* story exposing Gore as the Democrats' "solicitor-in-chief," an aggressive shakedown artist of business donors, must have come as a shock.

Weird, isn't it, that Gore seems to be getting his first vetting more than four years into his vice presidency? Within hours of Dan Quayle's announcement, the same reporters had pored over his draft record, his report cards, his resume, his golf trips and his financial statements — and they got much of it wrong. Yet, nobody's investigated Al Gore's military record — the strangely shortened six month tour as a reporter in Vietnam. Special privileges invoked? Nobody cares. Lying to a nationwide convention audience about your sister's death spurring you to fight the tobacco menace? Nobody cares.

Gore the environmentalist making \$20,000 a year in zinc mining royalties? Nobody cares. Even worse, getting it from Occidental Petroleum, part of the cozy slimy relationship between the Gore family and the Soviet stooge Armand Hammer. In his book, *Dossier*, Edward Jay Epstein noted a Whitewater-style deal between Al Gore Sr. and Hammer: "In 1950, Hammer had made Congressman Gore a partner in a cattlebreeding business, and Gore made a substantial profit. (Gore the Elder later worked directly for Hammer for \$500,000 a year.) This might explain why young Al wrote to Dad that anti-communism was a "psychological ailment," a "national madness." Hammer's business interests in communist countries were a family cash cow!

Al Gore had to be feeling invincible the past few years. Reporters ignored his cronies leaning on the



L. Brent Bozell

Immigration and Naturalization Service to help left-wing Latino groups cram aliens through the machinery to vote Democratic. The networks and news magazines ignored Gore's bizarre Buddhist temple fundraiser — until after the election. Even as Gore's initial story crumbled into obvious lying, these outlets ignored or downplayed it.

For years, the regular pattern for the Democratic Party press was to pile on the puff pieces for the heir apparent, with his mammoth brain, his bottomless compassion, his self-deprecating Macarena. Last September, *Time* and *Newsweek* competed to see who could slobber over Gore the best. Note to airplane passengers reading these words: reach for the air sickness bag.

First, *Time's* J.F.O. McAllister: "The young Dan Quayle never convinced the country he had the gravitas to be Veep, let alone top man. But the cerebral, private, intensely competitive Al Gore has managed the contortionist's feat of projecting an almost perfect loyalty to his boss's re-election without diminishing himself... Gore and Clinton, both brainy, moderate Southerners with an abiding interest in the plumbing of government, speak an easy shorthand and razz each other like competitive brothers." *Time* didn't wonder where intense competitiveness might lead — say, to fundraising improprieties?

In the other corner, *Newsweek's* Bill Turque: "Though Al Gore relishes politics almost as much as his boss does, tonight, he's next door in the Old Executive Office Building, doing what he really loves: thinking about complexity theory, open systems, Goethe and the absence of scientific metaphors in modern society... Clinton may lead the country into the next millennium, but it is Gore who truly embodies the new century's possibilities and anxieties." *Newsweek* missed Telemarketer Al's cold calls shaking down corporate titans in between Goethe readings.

U.S. News soon joined the circus. Timothy Noah exclaimed: "Gore's commitment to the world of big ideas is no pose. Unlike John F. Kennedy and Adlai Stevenson, who became darlings of the highbrow set without really earning the honor, Gore is truly engaged in the life of the mind... Had the younger Gore not become a congressman at 28, a senator at 36 and a Vice President at 44, he might have become the sort of essayist who aspires to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Letters." Earth to *U.S. News*: If Gore's so damned cerebral, how come he can't figure out it's illegal to twist donors' arms on government property?

Newsweek's Evan Thomas came back for more. "Because Gore is a reserved politician, his sometimes messianic zeal has been overlooked. The vice president has written that his call to save the environment began with the shock of a near-fatal car accident to his son, Albert III. Characteristically, Gore felt it wasn't enough to save one child; he wanted to save all the world's children."

Now that scandals are surrounding Al Gore, will the puff pieces end? Will Gore's shifty, stammering, wholly unconvincing press conference taint the Gold Dust Twin image? Or will the press rush to the rescue instead? The media's credibility — as much as Gore's — is at stake.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 17, the 76th day of 1997. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

Today's Highlight in History: According to tradition, St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, died March 17, in the year 461.

On this date: In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.

In 1870, the Massachusetts Legislature authorized the incorporation of Wellesley Female Seminary. It later became Wellesley College.

In 1905, Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin D. Roosevelt in New York.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt used the term "muckraker"

in a speech to the Gridiron Club in Washington, D.C.

In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. It was formally presented to the public exactly two years later.

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.

In 1942, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Australia to become supreme commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater during World War II.

In 1950, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, which they named "californium."

In 1966, a U.S. midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb which had fallen from an American

bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.

In 1969, Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel.

Ten years ago: A federal appeals court cleared the way for the perjury indictment of former White House aide Michael Deaver. He was later convicted of three of five perjury counts.

Five years ago: Democrat Bill Clinton scored big primary victories in Illinois and Michigan. In Illinois, Sen. Alan Dixon was defeated in his primary re-election bid by Carol Moseley-Braun, who went on to become the first black woman in the U.S. Senate. Twenty-eight people were killed in the truck bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

One year ago: In Dunblane, Scotland, Queen Elizabeth II came with flowers and sympathy as residents paused in silence to mourn 16 murdered children and their teacher.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Mercedes McCambridge is 79. The chairwoman of the board of the NAACP, Myrlie Evers-Williams, is 64. Rock musician Paul Kantner is 56. Singer-songwriter Jim Weatherly is 54. Singer-songwriter John Sebastian (The Lovin' Spoonful) is 53. Actor Patrick Duffy is 48. Actor Kurt Russell is 46. Country singer Susie Allanson is 45. Actress Lesley-Anne Down is 43. Actor Gary Sinise is 42. Actor Rob Lowe is 33. Rock singer Billy Corgan (Smashing Pumpkins) is 30. Rock musician Van Connor (Screaming Trees) is 30.

High time ABA gets a pink slip

Whenever conservatives gather to chew the fat, talk turns to the stubborn hold liberals maintain over the institutions of American society. Their grip on the universities, the media, the arts, journalism, the foundations, the judiciary and many of the churches is firm.

This may seem an odd lament at a time when it is generally agreed that the nation is moving in a conservative direction. President Clinton could not have been re-elected had he not successfully impersonated a conservative in 1996. And Republicans have taken control of Congress and two-thirds of the state houses.

While conservatives can win political races, they are not wrong to focus on the continuing power of liberal institutions. Those institutions, particularly the press, are opinion shapers. And they have a demonstrated ability to take solid conservative office holders — especially justices of the Supreme Court — melt them down and remold them into agreeable liberals.

Newt Gingrich's invitation to Jesse Jackson to join him at the State of the Union address was a case in point. If Gingrich wants to reach out to black voters (as indeed he and all Republicans should), why in the world did he not invite Ward Connerly, the man who almost single-handedly passed the California Civil Rights Initiative?

There isn't much hope of loosening the grip of liberals over the law schools, the universities and other redoubts of sloppy thinking, but where political power intersects with elite privileges, conservatives can have impact.

Just recently, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, announced that the American Bar Association will no longer have an official role in vetting can-



Mona Charen

didates for the federal bench.

Since the Eisenhower administration, the ABA has evaluated all judicial nominees, rating them Well Qualified, Qualified or Not Qualified. A poor rating from the ABA was sufficient to sink a nominee.

Far from a dispassionate voice of the American bar (only about half of the nation's lawyers are members), the ABA in recent years has become a liberal advocacy group. It has honored Anita Hill, opposed laws protecting unborn children (the group lost 40,000 members over this stand alone), opposed the "family cap" on welfare payments, supported (until 1994) a state run health care plan, favored ratification of the SALT II treaty with the USSR, opposed a constitutional amendment on school prayer, and resisted a whole series of strict criminal laws.

Daniel E. Troy, a Washington lawyer who itemized the ABA's sins in testimony before the Judiciary Committee, was particularly struck by a 1994 ABA recommendation that "victim-offender mediation dialogue" programs be adopted by states. The ABA urged, "Mediation dialogue sessions... bring a human face to the

person who is otherwise abstractly and impersonally known as the 'criminal.' During such sessions, victims may gain a better understanding of who the offenders are and of the circumstances that may have contributed to their criminal behavior."

The ABA has long protested that its Standing Committee on the Judiciary, which rated judges, was totally insulated from political considerations. But a review of ABA ratings in recent cases belies this claim. Judge Robert Bork, a professor at Yale Law School, appeals court judge, solicitor general of the United States and prolific legal scholar, was rated "Not Qualified" by five of the 15 members of the committee. Judge Lawrence Silberman — a conservative who had been deputy attorney general, under secretary of labor, an attorney in the appellate division of the National Labor Relations board, in private practice for 15 years and more — was rated Qualified/Not Qualified (meaning a minority voted Not Qualified).

Judge Patricia Wald, a liberal, had clerked on the second circuit, worked at the Neighborhood Legal Services Program, co-directed the Drug Abuse Research Center for one year and worked at several other left-leaning legal jobs. She was rated Well Qualified.

The pattern has been repeated. Kenneth Starr was rated Qualified/Not Qualified when he was nominated — as was, unbelievably, Richard Posner, chief judge of the seventh circuit, author of 35 books and the most prolific, intellectually respected jurist in the country. The ABA voted him Qualified/Not Qualified.

Thanks to Hatch, the ABA's prejudices will henceforth be a more private matter.

So-called drug war ally betrays U.S.

"He has a public reputation of absolute integrity. He is a strong leader. This is clearly a focused, high-energy man. But the most important thing is that the Mexicans are confident in him."

So said Gen. Barry McCaffrey, America's drug czar, about Gen. Jose Gutierrez Rebollo, Mexico's drug czar. That was, of course, before Gutierrez was arrested on charges of accepting bribes from the head of a major Mexican drug cartel, protecting drug shipments, and racketeering.

Gutierrez's complicity with Mexico's drug traffickers proves that our neighbors to the south are unreliable allies in the war on drugs. It is because Gutierrez and other high ranking law enforcement officials corrupted themselves to Mexico's drug cartels that 400 tons of cocaine, 150 tons of methamphetamine and 15 tons of heroin flowed across the Mexican border last year into the United States.

And this staggering flow of drugs is likely to continue for some time. Indeed, it is almost certain that Gutierrez not only apprised the Mexican drug traffickers about the Mexican government's top secret anti-drug operations, but also about secret U.S. operations south of the border (which Gen. McCaffrey's office and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration unwittingly provided Gutierrez in a classified briefing.)

In testimony before the House Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, D.E.A. chief Thomas Constantine acknowledged, "There is not one single law-enforcement institution in Mexico with whom DEA has an entirely trusting relationship." He was echoed by Robert Gelbard, assistant secretary of state for narcotics affairs, who con-



Joseph Perkins

firmed, "There clearly is a major corruption problem at all levels" of the Mexican government.

Yet, the Clinton administration is searching — desperately — for a politically acceptable way of recertifying Mexico as a nation that is fully cooperating with the United States in the war on drugs.

But if Mexico is "cooperating," when the very officials charged with leading its anti-drug campaign have provided aid and comfort to enemy drug lords, when the government has utterly failed to curb the shipments of hundreds of tons of deadly drugs into the United States, what does a nation have to do to be deemed "noncooperative"?

President Clinton is worried that decertifying Mexico will cause irreparable harm to that nation's economy and undermine NAFTA (even though the free-trade agreement has resulted in a \$15 billion a year trade surplus in Mexico's favor.) That's because, under an eleven-year-old U.S. law, decertified countries — like Columbia, Nigeria and Afghanistan — are subject to economic and trade sanctions.

That includes a moratorium on U.S. foreign aid (except for purposes of drug interdiction) and U.S. opposition to loans by the World Bank and other international financial institutions.

Mexican Foreign Minister Angel Gurría warned the Clinton administration that if his country is decertified, it would "make us doubt whether cooperating with the United States will bring anything other than a lot of grief." In other words, decertify us, and we'll do even less to stop the drug cartels from shipping cocaine and methamphetamine and heroin across your Yankee border.

Well, if that's the way Mexico will respond to decertification, so be it. Let the United States wage a unilateral war on drugs. And let's begin by tightening up the southern border. If that means erecting a 2,000 mile fence, policed by the National Guard, let's break ground now.

Not only will we stop the truckloads of illegal narcotics that Mexican drug cartels are spitting across the border day by day, but we'll also deter the thousands of illegal aliens who steal across the U.S. border night after night.

Of course, Gurría and other Mexican officials will regard such a suggestion as jingoistic and xenophobic. But the United States government has a right, a duty, to take whatever steps necessary to protect its citizenry from foreign threats, whether they be Syrian terrorists, Chinese spys, Russian or Mexican drug lords.

Yes, Mexico is this country's third largest trading partner. But America's national security interests — which include stemming the flow of drugs into this country — should never be compromised for the sake of foreign commerce.

Thought for today

"Great blunders are often made like large ropes, of a multitude of fibres."

Victor Hugo,
Les Misérables

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Hatch: White House privy to China's intent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch contends the White House, under scrutiny for accepting questionable foreign donations, knew of China's intention to buy political influence.

"They knew that the Chinese government was going to come into this country and attempt to purchase influence," said Hatch, R-Utah. His committee is demanding that Attorney General Janet Reno seek appointment of an independent counsel to investigate Democratic fund-raising activities.

"Since 1995, the FBI has told the State Department, the CIA, the Justice Department, both intelligence committees of the House and the Senate ... that the Chinese were trying to buy influence in this country ...," Hatch said Sunday on CBS' *Face the Nation*.

He added that he believes the two National Security Council staffers under fire for not passing on to superiors information from a 1996 FBI briefing would both admit under oath to the Senate Intelligence Committee "that they weren't told not to send this up; they just didn't send it up. And I think the reason they didn't is because (senior officials) already knew. ... The administration knew that these attempts were being made and that's what makes it mind-boggling."

Hatch did not say exactly who in the administration knew or exactly what they might have known — President Clinton has denied knowledge of the Chinese plan — but said: "There are just too many things going

on here that indicate this may reach the highest levels of the White House and the Democratic National Committee."

"I suspect that this is another case of a senator hyperventilating on a Sunday talk show," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said of Hatch's comments. "If he is certain of that, his information is contrary to what has been communicated to me and contrary to what I've briefed you."

Meanwhile, Hatch's counterpart in the House, Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said he was having staffers look into impeachment laws. Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., wrote Hyde last week asking him to consider an inquiry into impeachment charges against Clinton because of "an alarming abuse of the political process."

"That is a drastic, draconian remedy" that shouldn't be undertaken without clear evidence of wrongdoing, Hyde said on *Fox News Sunday*, but "we'll be ready when the time comes."

Republican lawmakers are pressing Reno to invoke the independent counsel statute that kicks in when high level executive branch officials are suspected of illegal activities. Four special prosecutors already are looking into Whitewater and other matters, but the attorney general has resisted seeking one to investigate fund-raising.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said Reno, as the ultimate head of the FBI which is investigating possible China connections to illegal fund-raising, may know more than she is telling the public and as such may have a

conflict of interest. "I think at some point there is a dereliction of duty," he said on ABC's *This Week*.

The FBI last week denied White House assertions that agents who briefed two National Security Council staffers on China's apparent attempt to buy influence with American politicians told the staffers not to give the information to others.

Clinton has said he was told nothing of China's alleged plan last year to funnel some \$2 million in campaign contributions through intermediaries to key members of Congress.

Asked whether White House officials knew the Chinese were going to try to use front groups to forward the money, Hatch replied, "You bet they knew." The Democratic National Committee is under fire for accepting or soliciting millions of dollars in contributions from foreign nationals, mainly Asians.

Besides demanding an independent counsel, Republicans have launched investigations in both the House and Senate.

Democrats, saying the Republicans are off on a political witch hunt, contend the emphasis should instead be on passing campaign finance legislation to rein in out-of-control fund raising by both parties.

Democratic National Chairman Roy Romer, on *Fox News Sunday*, challenged his Republican counterpart Jim Nicholson to agree to stop all "soft money" contributions, the largely unregulated funds that go to the political parties rather than candidates.

Registries protect dads during adoption cases

By HELEN O'NEILL
Associated Press Writer

Bob Olivieri has snatched occasional glimpses of his son in the nine years since his wife, Carol, surrendered their baby for adoption. But he's given up any hope of raising the boy himself.

"I'm just waiting for the proper time," the New York City police officer says with bitter certainty his son will eventually come searching for him.

"I wonder how he'll feel when he learns the truth, that his parents are married and live a short distance away, that they fought all the way in the courts for him, that he has a younger sister who didn't get a childhood with her brother."

Olivieri's crime was failing to sign up with New York state's registry of putative fathers. When she changed her mind and told her ex-boyfriend, Dan Schmidt, he was the father, Schmidt immediately sought custody. Court battles in Michigan and Iowa raged more than two years.

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the only homes they know and handed to strangers — their biological parents.

Illinois created its registry after the traumatic return of four-year-old "Baby Richard" to his birth parents, Otakar and Daniela Kirchner, in 1995. The birth mother gave the boy up for adoption when he was four days old, believing Kirchner had abandoned her. He was told the baby had died but learned the truth two months later and began a four year court battle to regain his son.

Two years before, an Iowa Supreme Court ruling forced Jan and Roberta DeBoer to surrender their 3 1/2-year-old daughter, Jessica, to her biological parents. Clara Clausen had put the infant up for adoption and deliberately named the wrong man as father on documents. When she changed her mind and told her ex-boyfriend, Dan Schmidt, he was the father, Schmidt immediately sought custody. Court battles in Michigan and Iowa raged more than two years.

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World briefs

Madame Chiang celebrates 100th birthday

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — The most formidable Chinese woman of the century marks her 100th birthday this week, and Taiwanese still are divided over how to judge her.

The widow of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, known to the World War II generation as Madame Chiang, is adored by older Taiwanese, while younger ones tend to see her in the colder light of the virtual dictatorship her husband imposed on Taiwan.

Her birthdate by the Chinese calendar is Feb. 12, 1898, but falls on March 20 on the Western calendar, and Chinese add a year to the total, making her 100 as far as Taiwan is concerned. Either way, she has outlived even Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese patriarch who died last month at 92.

While Madame Chiang marks the event quietly in New York, where she has secluded herself for most of the 22 years since her husband's death, her legacy remains a matter of debate.

Detained Saudi says he's no terrorist

TORONTO (AP) — Canada has detained a Saudi man for alleged links to a bomb blast in Saudi Arabia last year that killed 19 U.S. soldiers.

But Fahad Shehri told The Toronto Star he wasn't even in Saudi Arabia when the bomb went off in June at a military complex in eastern Saudi Arabia near Dhahran, injuring about 400 people.

"They're saying I'm a terrorist when I have nothing to do with all of this," said Shehri, 21, who is being held in Ottawa.

Shehri, who applied for refugee status when he arrived at the Ottawa airport on Dec. 6, said he doesn't believe in violence and fears for his life if he is sent back.

He was detained by immigration officials three days after he arrived.

Canadian officials claim Shehri told them he belonged to a Saudi opposition group linked to the bombing. They say he denied involvement in the bombing but admitted selling guns for the group.

Thousands gather for burial of Jamaican leader

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Thousands gathered Sunday to bury Michael Manley, the revolutionary turned capitalist who defied his class to uplift black Jamaicans but failed to bridge the gap between rich and poor.

Manley, who served three terms as prime minister before retiring in 1992, died March 6 after a battle with prostate cancer. He was 72.

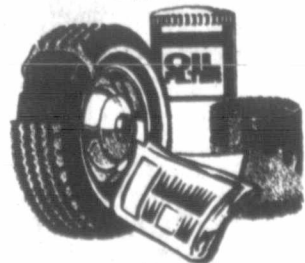
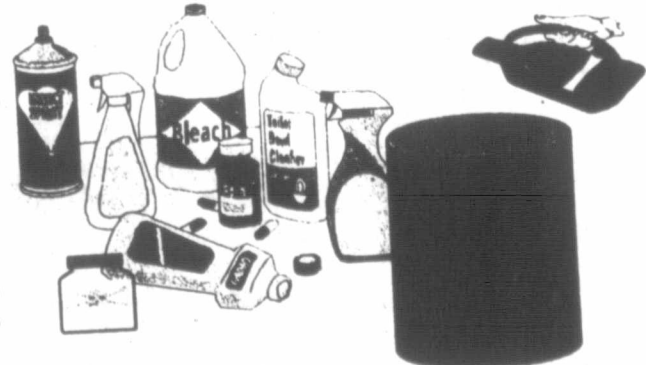
Thousands of people, shaded under billowing Jamaican flags, lined the street outside Kingston's Cathedral of the Holy Trinity for the afternoon service.

To the tolling of the cathedral bells, Caribbean leaders including Cuban President Fidel Castro and Haitian President Rene Preval followed Manley's flag-draped coffin into the church for the 2 1/2-hour memorial service.

People in the crowd chanted "Fidel" as Castro arrived, and punched the air with raised black power fists when Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan arrived. The fist is also the symbol of Manley's People's National Party.

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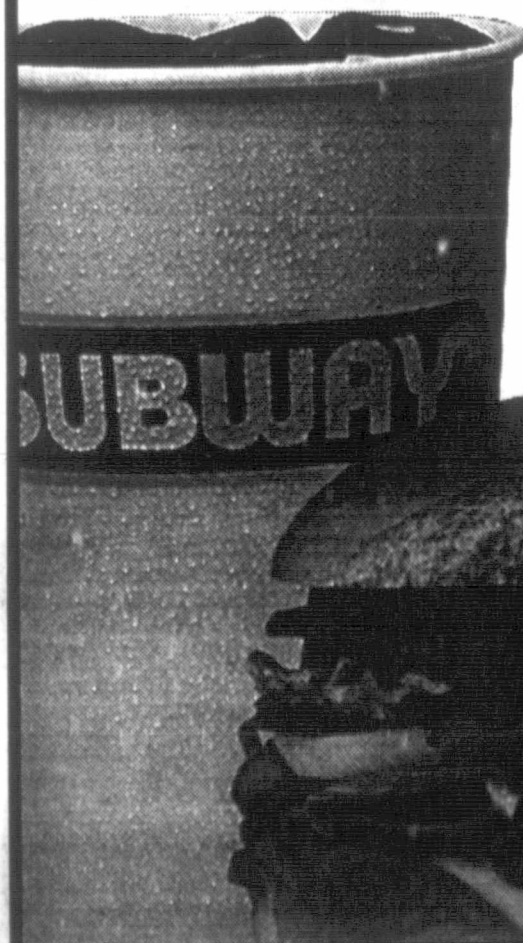


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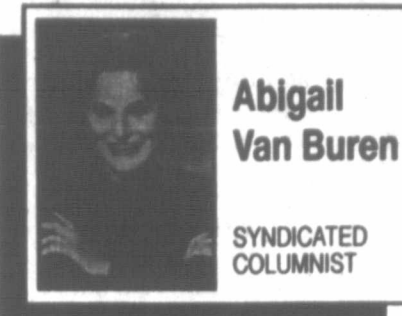
Grassroots Literary Project Sprouts Many New Chapters

DEAR ABBY: I am the father you mentioned who loved reading aloud to my children so much that I started Rolling Readers. It is now California's largest nonprofit children's literacy organization. We are proud to see the letter from Miss Mary Ann detailing her joy as a volunteer reading to her "story children" each week, and the satisfaction she receives when she gives them new books three times a year during our "book giveaways."

The response from Dear Abby readers across the United States and Canada has been unbelievable. We have received more than 10,000 calls and letters from people who wish to volunteer, and individuals and groups who are eager to start a local chapter of Rolling Readers in their communities. Already chapters are forming in St. Louis, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Tampa, New York, Chicago, and dozens of smaller communities.

Reading aloud to youngsters is such a simple yet profound way to share our love of books and reading. Over the years we have been inspired by the quality of volunteers willing to spend an hour each week helping to create "reading and caring communities." They include socially conscious high school students, police detectives, judges, retirees and homemakers. They share our alarm that there is a crisis in our country.

For 30 years our society has grown increasingly less literate,



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with the biggest decline occurring in those needy children already struggling near the bottom. These Rolling Readers understand that this crisis needs to be solved in a typically American fashion — individually, by thousands of concerned citizens willing to give of their time to make a difference in the lives of these children.

Abby, thank you for spreading this important message. We would also like to thank the thousands of your readers who have sent letters or called to volunteer. Together we are creating "reading and caring communities" across the country. After all, a love of children and a love of books go hand in hand.

ROBERT CONDON, ROLLING READERS USA

DEAR MR. CONDON: I'm delighted that your worthwhile organization struck such a responsive chord with my readers. America's most precious resource is our children, and literacy is the first step in prepar-

ing them to lead productive lives. I wish you and your dedicated volunteers continued success in this important effort.

DEAR ABBY: Often, when my husband and I are in a conversation with another couple, something happens that really "bugs" me. The other couple both start talking at once, the woman to me and the man to my husband. It's impossible to listen to both and I have to choose.

Obviously, if I listen to the man I'll be rude to the woman. Sometimes I'm more interested in the conversation the man and my husband are having. What can I do? I feel like throwing up my hands and leaving the room. What could I say?

FRUSTRATED IN CANADA
DEAR FRUSTRATED: The next time it happens, smile at the woman and say, "Just a moment, if you don't mind; I'd like to hear this..."

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY IRISH FRIENDS: On this St. Patrick's Day, may I extend this Irish blessing to you:

May you never forget
What is worth remembering
Or remember what is best forgotten.

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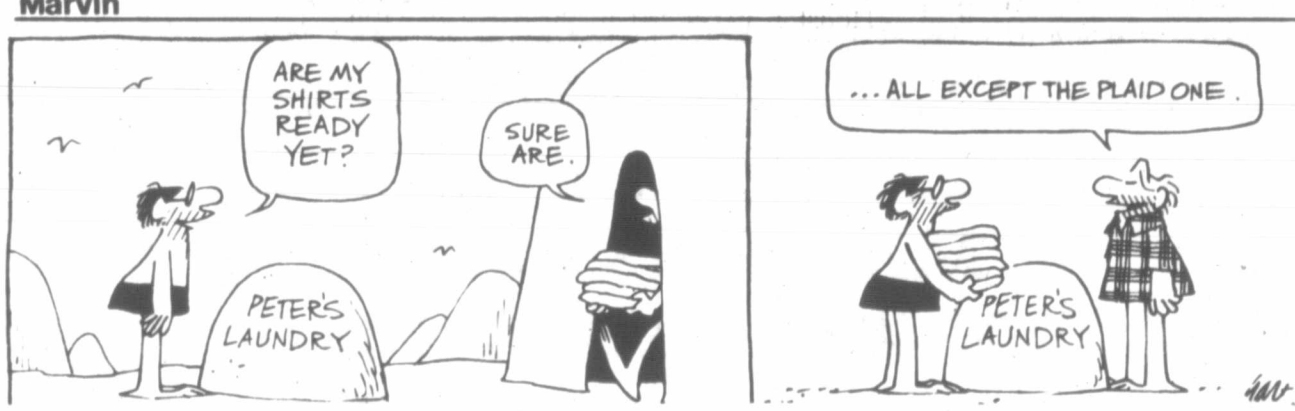
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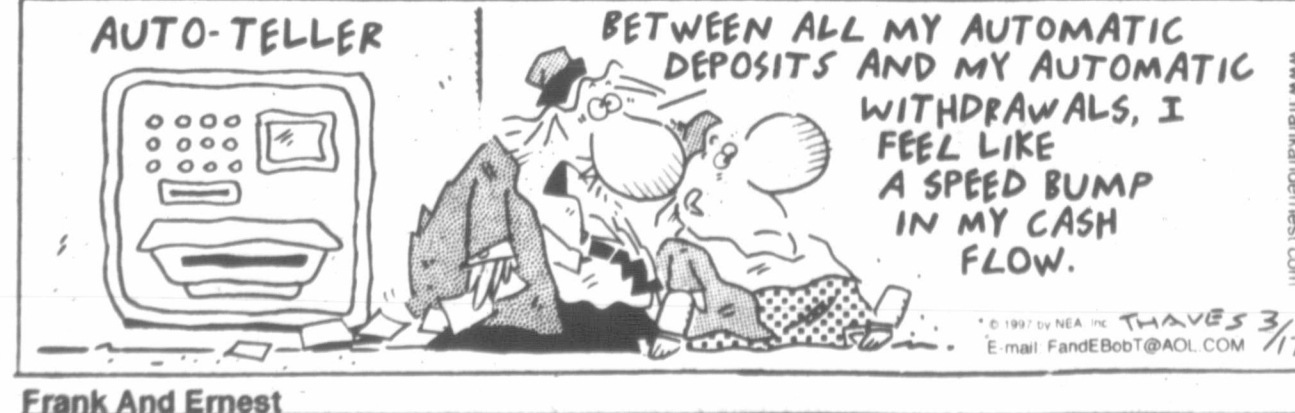
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Horoscope



Tuesday, March 18, 1997

Several critical changes you've been unable to execute in the past might be accomplished in the year ahead. These new factors could bring benefits to both you and your loved ones.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It looks like a matter that has caused you anxiety recently can be rectified. Begin building your bridge today. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

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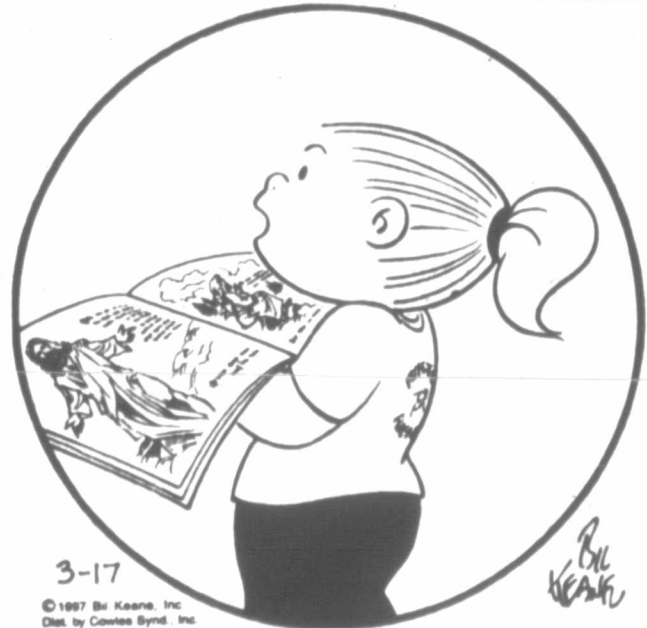
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"We were having a pillow fight and Marmaduke got carried away."

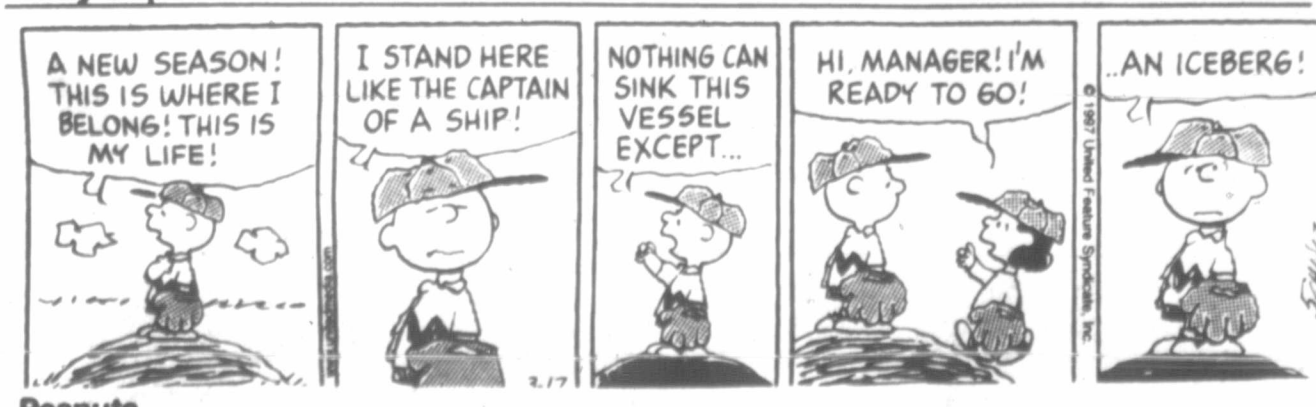
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BASEBALL

CANYON — West Texas A&M downed Southwestern Oklahoma State, 5-2, in a college baseball game Saturday.

Second sacker Jason Cunningham led the Buffs in hitting with a double and single. He drove in two runs.

Chris Carson (2-1) picked up the pitching win for the Buffs. He gave up four hits while striking out five and walking four in five and one-third innings pitched.

The win evened WT's record at 8-8. Southwestern is 10-5.

GOLF

AMARILLO — The Pampa High boys' golf team placed third in the Amarillo Relays last weekend.

The Harvesters shot a 316 the first round and 333 the second round for a 36-hole total of 649. Amarillo High was first with a 632 and Lubbock Coronado was second with a 639.

Pampa's Mike Smith finished fifth in the medalist standings with a 158. He shot a 79 both rounds.

Other Pampa scores were Grady Locknane and Nathan Banner 163, Brian Brauchi 166, and Barry Brauchi 167.

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Donna Andrews jokes that she hurt her back picking up all the poker chips she won at Las Vegas casinos after three victories on the LPGA Tour in 1994.

It was no laughing matter when she earned just \$25,346 the following year and had \$155,231 and one unofficial victory last season.

Despite battling a week-long cold, Andrews showed she's healthy by shooting a 4-under-par 68 Sunday to win the Welch's-Circle K Championship by one stroke over Tina Barrett.

"It's taken a year to get my putting and short game back," said Andrews. "I spent all winter working real hard on my game and it's paying off. I think I'm hitting the ball more solid now than in '94" when she was the tour's fifth-leading money winner at \$429,015.

Andrews, also the 1994 winner, finished with a 15-under-273 total — one shot shy of tying Chris Johnson's 1984 tournament record.

GENERAL

KINGSTON, R.I. — World Scholar-Athlete Games officials announced last week that they are more than halfway to their goal of attracting delegations from as many as 125 countries to the June 22-July 2 event to be held at the University of Rhode Island and Newport, R.I.

Teenagers from large, powerful nations such as Russia, China, Canada, and the United States will interact with participants from smaller, third-world countries like Haiti and the Dominican Republic in this celebration of scholarship, athletics, and the fine arts. There will be no national teams for the 2,000-plus participants at the World Scholar-Athlete Games. A basketball team, for example, may be comprised of players from Afghanistan, China, Ireland, Kenya, and the United States.

"Our goal with the World Scholar-Athlete Games is to bring together the best and brightest from each nation to promote peace and understanding among the youth of the world," said Wally Halas, commissioner of the Games. "Through the mediums of sport, culture and education, we hope to establish open and long-lasting relationships for these youth, who will be our future world leaders."

The games include competition in basketball, sailing, soccer, swimming, doubles tennis, track, and volleyball. In addition to the athletes, a second group of young scholars will take part in a variety of cultural activities including art, choir, dance, symphony, theater and writing/poetry.

Heat melts Rockets

MIAMI (AP) — Isaac Austin is no Alonzo Mourning, but he's proven he can play with some of the NBA's best big men.

Austin had 18 points, nine rebounds and outplayed All-Star Hakeem Olajuwon Sunday as the Miami Heat defeated the Houston Rockets 101-80 Sunday to move into first place in the Atlantic Division.

Tim Hardaway scored 31 points to lead Miami, which had been tied with New York atop the division. The Knicks lost at home to the New Jersey Nets on Sunday.

"There's no doubt in my mind that since Zo went out, that was the best game we've played together as a team," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "We needed it today, we had to have it."

Austin, who has tied or bested his career game-high four times in the last two weeks, had never been able to hold down an NBA roster spot before this because of weight trouble.

Riley has said he feels that Austin is the best backup in the league, and the former Arizona State has done nothing to change his coach's mind.

Olajuwon led Houston with 20 points — only one in the fourth quarter — but fouled out with 1:52 to play.

Miami has won three straight games and is 7-4 since Mourning tore a tendon in his right foot against Portland on Feb. 21.

Against the league's top defensive rebounding team, Miami controlled the glass, outrebounding the Rockets 52-34. Jamal Mashburn led the Heat with a season-high 12 rebounds, and P.J. Brown added nine to go along with 15 points.

Olajuwon, who had been averaging 9.4 rebounds per game, only had five against the Heat.

Kevin Willis had 18 points and 11 rebounds for Houston.

Miami, which beat Houston for the fourth straight time, led 73-65 after three quarters and extended its lead to as many as 21 in the fourth.

Houston never led in the second half as the Heat (48-17) turned a competitive game into a rout.

"They put you on national TV because you're one of the elite teams in the league," said Hardaway, who was 12-for-25 from the field and made 6-of-13 3-

Collision course



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strale)

Pampa's Justin Molitor (12) and an Amarillo High player were on a collision course with the ball, which ends up between them during the bi-district soccer match Saturday at Harvester Stadium. AHS won, 4-1, to advance to the area round.

Astros looking at Bell to fill centerfield void

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Bill Virdon doesn't need to teach Derek Bell how to catch a baseball. But the Houston Astros coach and former center fielder does have some ideas on what Bell should do after the ball reaches his glove.

"I could take my daughter out and teach her to catch a fly ball," Virdon said. "What's difficult is knowing what to do with the ball on the move. It takes someone willing to practice that and someone willing to put you through the drills."

"I'm willing." That means it's up to Bell to put in the extra work needed to relearn the mental and physical requirements of center field. He's played the position before but he's been a comfortable fixture in right field for the Astros the past two seasons.

"You don't win close games unless your outfield does the job," Virdon said. "You mess up in the outfield and you put runners in scoring position or runs are scoring and you are losing."

The move is a key spring experiment for manager Larry Dierker, who hopes Bell can make the transition to replace Brian Hunter, who was traded to Detroit in the off-season.

If Bell can play center, that opens up right field for promising young Bob Abreu, who was disappointed by being sent to the minors last year and anticipates making the Astros this season.

"Potentially, that's our strongest lineup because we'd like to find a way to get Bob into the game," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said.

Pampa girls win 3rd tennis crown

CARLSBAD, N.M. — The Pampa High School varsity tennis team competed in the Carlsbad, New Mexico Tournament this past weekend with the girls' squad claiming their third consecutive tournament title.

After winning in Wichita Falls and Borger, the girls took first place by winning five of the nine flights. Sophomore Mandy Wells improved her singles record to 25-3 by winning No. 2 singles. Sophomore Valerie Lee won No. 4 singles and freshman Emily Curtis won No. 5 singles. Lee and Curtis combined to win the No. 2 doubles flight while Wells teamed with junior April Lopez to claim No. 3 doubles.

Senior Kyle Easley led the boys' team, which placed seventh, by finishing second at No. 3 singles.

Players of the week are Easley, Lee and Curtis.

The team next plays this Friday and Saturday when they host the Pampa Tournament. Teams entered include Borger, Dumas, Wichita Falls Hirschi, Mineral

Wells, Perryton and Canadian. Results from the Carlsbad Tournament are as follows:

Girls

Team totals: 1. Pampa 69; 2. Las Vegas, N.M. and Robertson 50; 3. Santa Fe, N.M. 41; 4. Carlsbad, N.M. 24; 5. El Paso Burges 20; 6. Clovis, N.M. 9; 7. Artesa, N.M. 3; 8. Lubbock Estacado 0.

Singles

Emily Waters — First round: def. Christin Gwynne (A), 6-2, 6-0; semis: lost to Lauren McLendres (S), 6-3, 7-6 (7-2); third place: def. Lisa Sanchez (CA), 7-5, 6-4.

Mandy Wells — First round: def. Angie Valdez (R), 6-2, 6-3; semis: def. Judy Briceno (B), 6-2, 6-0; final: def. Vicki Herrera (CA), 6-0, 6-1.

McKinley Quarles — First round: def. Bertha Diaz (B), 6-2, 6-4; semis: lost to Kim Romero (R), 6-3, 6-0; third place: def. Loralee Hammer (A), 6-0, 6-1.

More results will be published in Tuesday's Pampa News.

Harvesters travel to River Road for next baseball tilt

PAMPA — Pampa travels to River Road for a 4 p.m. game Tuesday in the final action before the District 1-4A season starts.

Pampa has an 8-3 record while River Road is 5-7.

The Harvesters split a double-header with Weatherford, Okla. last Friday.

Ryan Schumacher was the winning pitcher in the opener as Pampa posted a 5-3 win.

Jerren Miller, Jamisen Hancock and Seth Haynes were all 3 for 4 at the plate for the Harvesters. One of Haynes' hit went for a

double. Duane King had 2 hits in 4 times at bat.

Pampa lost the second game, 10-3.

The Harvesters open district play Saturday against Randall with the contest starting at 1 p.m. at Harvester Field.

Randall, which competed in the Crown of Texas Tournament last week in Amarillo, reached the loser's semifinals. The Raiders (5-13) lost to Caprock, 11-6.

Plainview won the tournament title, defeating Tascosa, 3-2, in the finals.

Texas Tech tops Iowa State

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — An RBI single by Josh Bard in the bottom of the fifth inning proved to be the margin Texas Tech needed to seal a 6-4 victory Sunday over Iowa State and a three-game sweep of the Cyclones.

A leadoff double by Jess Oliveras and a Joe Dillon single

put Tech runners at first and third before Jason Landreth's sacrifice fly forged a 4-4 tie.

Bard then stepped to the plate and singled with two outs on the scoreboard.

The Red Raiders (18-2, 5-1) added an insurance run in the eighth on an RBI single by Keith Ginter, who extended his hitting streak to 14.

Grbac signs with Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Elvis Grbac signed with the Kansas City Chiefs today and will succeed Steve Bono as the team's quarterback.

Grbac, a backup for the San Francisco 49ers the last four years, signed a five-year contract and said becoming a starter was his top priority.

"The commitment from the Chiefs is great for the organization and great for my family," Grbac said in a news conference at Arrowhead Stadium. "The No. 1 pressure we put on ourselves now is to go to the Super Bowl."

Grbac is the fourth 49ers quarterback the Chiefs have tried, following Steve Deberg, Joe Montana and Bono.

The Chiefs also looked at Heath Shuler, Chris Chandler and Jeff George. Grbac, 26, emerged the top choice, above even George, who signed with Oakland.

Coach Marty Schottenheimer said he was surprised by the mobility of Grbac, who is 6-foot-5 and 232 pounds, and his ability to throw on the run.

"We feel we've addressed the quarterback situation not only for now but for the future," Schottenheimer said.

Grbac was an eighth-round draft choice of the 49ers in 1993 and has backed up Steve Young since. He is 6-3 in nine starts over four years.

"It came down to the fact Elvis was ready to be a starting quarterback," Grbac's agent, Jim Steiner, said when the tentative deal was announced Saturday. "The thought of having to be a backup for a year or two or three, or maybe even four, was not appealing. This is what he has trained for, this is what he's been working toward."

During Grbac's first visit to Kansas City, he said the team was a tight end and a wide receiver away from being a championship team.

Texas, Louisville advance on sore wing and prayer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Louisville is advancing on DeJuan Wheat's sore wing and a prayer, Texas on just the prayer.

Two big names survived the NCAA East Regional in Pittsburgh and will play Friday in Syracuse, but many will remember the little team that almost could.

Coppin State, the tiny Baltimore school that can barely get a game against non-conference Division I opponents, almost beat Texas at its own game Sunday in the NCAA second round.

Texas likes to blitz opponents with 3-pointers, a relentless press and superior quickness. But Coppin State not only would not go away, it almost went where no 15th seed had gone before — to the field of 16.

"They never quit. They kept coming at us and coming at us," Dennis Jordan after Texas' 82-81 victory before a wildly pro-Coppin crowd. "The more we came at them, the more they came at us."

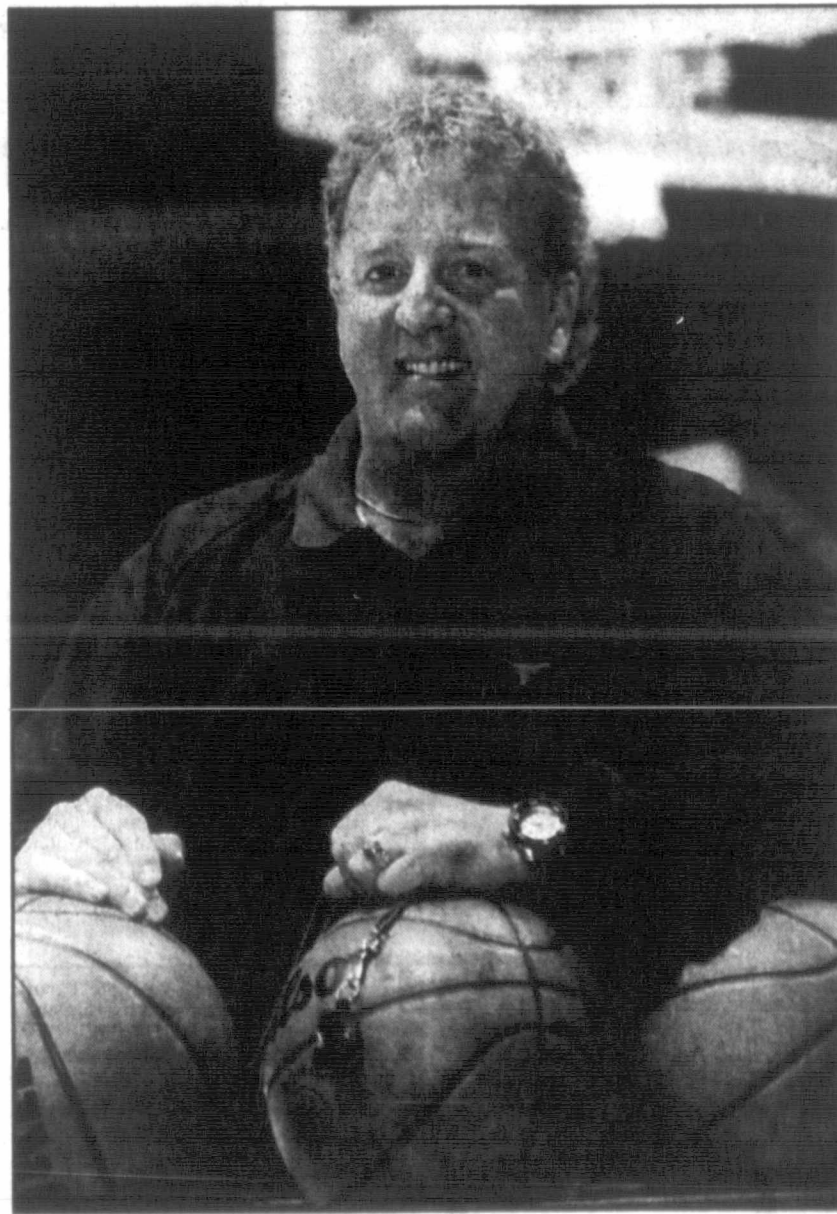
The Eagles (22-9), dispelling any doubts that Friday's upset of South Carolina was a once-in-a-generation anomaly, rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit for a 3-point second-half lead.

The capacity crowd of 17,509, cheering as if Mario Lemieux had just finished a hat trick, gave the Eagles a home-court advantage they don't even have back home.

"What a thrill," said Coppin coach Ron "Fang" Mitchell, who, like many, never sat down during the furious second half. "Where I come from, I'm happy if I can get 20 people cheering for us."

Even the Longhorns (18-11), accustomed to what coach Tom Penders called, "Being everybody's holy war," couldn't believe the ruckus.

"We've played in front of big crowds before, but when Coppin



(AP photo)

Texas coach Tom Penders (above) and his Longhorns meet Louisville Friday in the East Regional semifinals.

State did something great, it was crazy," Texas' Al Coleman said.

Coppin set the stage for a memorable finish, stealing the ball to set up a potential game-winning shot. But DeJuan Vasquez — it was a big day for Dejuans — stole reserve forward

Fred Warrick's inbounds pass with four seconds left, leaving the Eagles so close, yet still so far away.

"Until that final second ticked off, we thought we would win the game," the Eagles' Reggie Welch said. "If it's not for the

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA Basketball Tournament

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

All Times TBA

EAST REGIONAL

Second Round

At Lawrence Joel Coliseum

Winston-Salem, N.C.

Saturday, March 15

North Carolina 73, Colorado 56

California 75, Villanova 66

At Pittsburgh Civic Arena

Pittsburgh

Sunday, March 16

Louisville 64, New Mexico 63

Friday, March 21

North Carolina (26-6) vs. California (23-8)

Regional Semifinals -

At The Carrier Dome

Syracuse, N.Y.

Friday, March 21

North Carolina (26-6) vs. California (23-8)

Texas (18-11) vs. Louisville (25-8)

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

Second Round

At The Pyramid

Memphis, Tenn.

Saturday, March 15

Kansas 75, Purdue 61

Arizona 73, College of Charleston 69

At Charlotte Coliseum

Charlotte, N.C.

Sunday, March 16

Providence 98, Duke 87

Tennessee-Chattanooga 75, Illinois 63

Regional Semifinals

At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center

Birmingham, Ala.

Friday, March 21

Kansas (34-1) vs. Arizona (21-9)

Providence (23-11) vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga (24-10)

MIDWEST REGIONAL

Second Round

At The Palace of Auburn Hills

Auburn Hills, Mich.

Saturday, March 15

Iowa State 67, Cincinnati 66

UCLA 96, Xavier, Ohio 83

At Kemper Arena

Kansas City, Mo.

Sunday, March 16

Clemson 66, Tulsa 59

Minnesota 76, Temple 57

Regional Semifinals

At The Alamodome

San Antonio

Thursday, March 20

UCLA (23-7) vs. Iowa State (22-8)

UCLA (29-3) vs. Clemson (22-9)

WEST REGIONAL

Second Round

At The Huntsman Center

Salt Lake City

Saturday, March 15

St. Joseph's 81, Boston College 77, OT

Kentucky 75, Iowa 69

At The McKale Center

Tucson, Ariz.

Sunday, March 16

Utah 77, North Carolina Charlotte 58

Stanford 72, Wake Forest 66

Regional Semifinals

At San Jose Arena

San Jose, Calif.

Thursday, March 20

Kentucky (32-4) vs. St. Joseph's (26-6)

Utah (28-3) vs. Stanford (22-7)

National Invitation Tournament

At A Glance

All Times EST

First Round

Wednesday, March 12

Connecticut 71, Iowa 66

Florida State 82, Syracuse 67

Michigan State 66, George Washington 50

West Virginia 98, Bowling Green 95

Pittsburgh 82, New Orleans 63

Notre Dame 74, Oral Roberts 58

Bradley 66, Drexel 53

Arkansas 101, Northern Arizona 75

Oklahoma State 70, Tulane 72

Second Round

Monday, March 17

Michigan St. (17-11) at Florida St. (17-11), 7:30 p.m.

West Virginia (20-9) at North Carolina State (17-14), 7:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh (18-14) at Arkansas (16-12), 8 p.m.

Hawaii (21-7) at UNLV (21-9), 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18

Texas Christian (22-12) at Notre Dame (15-13), 7:30 p.m.

Bradley (17-12) at Connecticut (15-14), 7:30 p.m.

Oklahoma State (17-14) at Michigan (19-11), 9:30 p.m.

Nebraska (17-14) at Nevada (21-9), 10:30 p.m.

Third Round

March 18, 20, or 21

Sites and Times TBD

Connecticut-Bradley winner vs. Nevada-Nebraska winner

Florida St.-Michigan St. winner vs. N. Carolina St.-West Virginia winner

Notre Dame-Texas Christian winner vs. Miami-Michigan-Tulane-Oklahoma St. winner

Arkansas-Pittsburgh winner vs. UNLV-Hawaii winner

Semifinals

At Madison Square Garden

New York

Tuesday, March 25

Times TBA

Connecticut-Bradley-Nevada-Nebraska winner vs. Florida St.-Michigan St.-N. Carolina St.-W.Va. winner

Notre Dame-Texas Christian-Michigan-Oklahoma St. winner vs. Arkansas-Pittsburgh-UNLV-Hawaii winner

Third Place

At Madison Square Garden

New York

Thursday, March 27

Semifinal losers, 5 p.m.

Championship

At Madison Square Garden

New York

Thursday, March 27

Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

BOWLING

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Celinese

Team	Won	Lost
Right 2 Left	24	8
2 B's & Not 2 B's	24	8
Handicapped	21	11
The D.J.'s	16	16
Party Balls	16	16
Pinbusters	14	18
The Splitters	12	20
Strike Force	11	21
Hits & Misses	11	21
Lucky Strike	11	21

Week's High Scores

Women

High game: Jacki Lamberson 210; High series: Jacki Lamberson 577; High handicap game: Joann Crafton 253; High handicap series: Jacki Lamberson 697.

Men

High game: Larry Etchison 225; High series: Drew Watson 602; High handicap game: Trent Watson 253; High handicap series: Drew Watson 698.

PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	48	17	.738	—
New York	47	18	.723	1
Orlando	36	28	.563	11 1/2
Washington	30	34	.469	17 1/2
New Jersey	20	44	.313	27 1/2
Philadelphia	17	47	.266	30 1/2
Boston	12	54	.182	36 1/2

Central Division

x-Chicago	56	9	.862	—
Detroit	47	17	.734	1/2
Atlanta	43	22	.662	1 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Dallas	41	23	8	88	215	171
Detroit	33	21	15	81	221	165
Phoenix	32	33	5	89	201	211
St. Louis	30	31	9	89	207	215
Chicago	28	31	12	88	186	180
Toronto	26	38	6	58	204	238

Pacific Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
x-Colorado	43	18	9	95	240	171
Edmonton	32	32	7	71	221	215
Anaheim	29	30	11	69	203	201
Calgary	30	34	8	88	191	202
Vancouver	29	37	4	82	218	240
Los Angeles	25	37	9	59	188	233
San Jose	23	39	7	53	177	231

x-clinched playoff spot

Charlotte 42, 23, 646 14

Cleveland 34, 29, 540 21

Houston 43, 22, 662 5

Indiana 30, 34, 489 25 1/2

Hawaii 27, 37, 422 28 1/2

Toronto 23, 42, 364 33

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Utah	48	17	.738	—
Houston	43	22	.662	5
Minnesota	32	32	.500	15 1/2
Dallas	22	42	.344	25 1/2
Denver	19	45	.297	28 1/2
San Antonio	16	48	.250	31 1/2
Vancouver	11	56	.164	36

Pacific Division

x-Seattle	45	19	.703	—
L.A. Lakers	43	21	.672	2
Portland	38	28	.576	6
Sacramento	28	37	.431	17 1/2
L.A. Clippers	27	38	.420	17 1/2
Phoenix	25	40	.385	19
Golden State	25	39	.391	20

x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games

Golden State 106, Toronto 102

Charlotte 107, Philadelphia 99

Utah 100, Washington 93

Chicago 99, Atlanta 79

Denver 121, San Antonio 105

Phoenix 101, Dallas 78

Sunday's Games

New Jersey 89, New York 74

Miami 101, Houston 80

Milwaukee 102, Indiana 96

Orlando 100, Vancouver 89

Minnesota 119, Boston 101

Detroit 85, Seattle 83

Portland 106, L.A. Clippers 94

Dallas 89, Sacramento 88

L.A. Lakers 98, Toronto 90, OT

Monday's Games

Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.

Utah at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9 p.m.

Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens, 7 p.m.

Vancouver at New York, 7:30 p.m.

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

Minnesota at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

Seattle at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Sacramento at Portland, 10 p.m.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	39				

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ACROSS

1 Future plant
5 Eisenhower's predecessor
11 Actor
13 Work on a cartoon
14 Got up
15 Horse homes
16 Bargain-hunter's words (2 wds.)
18 Relax
19 Actor
20 Important time period
22 Remote
24 -out (uses fruitfully)
26 Toddler
29 Days of walking
31 Attack verbally
33 Blimp, e.g.
35 Singer
36 Thickness
37 Approximately (2 wds.)

39 Female sandpiper
40 Furry wrap
41 Mai - (cocktail)
43 Clairvoyant
46 Jump
49 Wasting away
52 Sobbing
54 Windier
55 Type of orange
56 One or the other (2 wds.)

DOWN

1 Healthy places
2 Architect
3 Saariinen
4 Cakes and puddings
5 Explosive (abbr.)
6 Narrow inlet
7 Shindler
8 Man or boy
9 Custard
10 Robin's residence
12 Genuine
13 Enzyme
17 Soap ingredient
20 Poetic contraction
21 Invitation
22 Get an F
23 Well ventilated
25 Bundles of hides
26 Car part
27 Fairy-tale giant
28 - will be done
29 Aperture
30 Frighten away
32 Strange-ness
34 A Gershwin (comb. form)
40 Thin soup
42 Car
43 Wise one
44 Needle case
45 Formerly, formerly
46 Unit of light
47 Actor James
48 Therefore
50 Apple
51 Feminine pronoun
53 Evergreen tree

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SMALL TUBSEN
PLEURAL
JOB ENTE AONE
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State briefs

Some return for reunion of school explosion survivors

NEW LONDON (AP) — Survivors of the New London School explosion, the worst disaster involving school children in U.S. history, gathered during the weekend to remember victims and recount stories about how they survived.

A teacher turned on a light switch at 3:05 p.m. on March 18, 1937, setting off an explosion of natural gas that had leaked into the school building and was held beneath the structure.

At least 275 students, 15 teachers, a school secretary and two visitors died in the explosion. Some say the death toll may have been higher. Because of the extent of destruction and the impact of the blast, it will likely never be possible to determine the exact death toll.

Parents and oilfield workers braved the rain to dig through the school building in a frantic search for survivors and to recover the bodies of the victims.

Alma Stroud, 40, died of a heart attack after finding the body of her 16-year-old daughter

in the rubble. She had spent the entire night searching.

Blockbuster: Florida's loss is Texas' gain

DALLAS (AP) — With most Blockbuster Entertainment Corp. employees opting against following their company from Florida to Texas, up to 600 jobs are up for grabs in the city where the \$3 billion chain started about eleven years ago.

About two-thirds of the 900 headquarters workers for the world's largest video rental company have turned down various relocation packages.

About 40 percent of Blockbuster's available jobs in Dallas pay hourly wages while the remainder are salaried, said Rosanna Durruthy, Blockbuster's vice president of staffing and relocation.

"It's a broad range" of jobs, she said. "From information systems to finance and accounting, retail merchandising and store planning, online technologies, corporate relations, human resources, the office of the general counsel — a bit of everything."

Competency hearing scheduled for teen suspect

DALLAS (AP) — The mental capacity of an 18-year-old charged in two black church fires in Greenville remains at issue, months after he was arrested on arson charges.

Mark Anthony Young of Greenville confessed last summer to setting fire to the New Light House of Prayer and the Church of the Living God in the Northeast Texas city, investigators have said.

But the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and relatives of Young, who is black, contend he has a learning disability and lacks the mental capacity to understand the charges against him.

The fires were the first of more than 40 suspicious blazes that plagued Greenville last summer. Authorities have said the church fires were not racially motivated and that Young was angry at his mother.

Sources told *The Dallas Morning News* that possible plea bargain negotiations have stalled and a

judge was moving toward a March 24 trial.

Baylor wants to benefit from any sale

WACO (AP) — Baylor University will give the Baylor Health Care System its freedom only if it is guaranteed a share of the proceeds from any future sale, the *Waco Tribune-Herald* has reported.

Sources told the newspaper in Sunday's editions that different ways of sharing the proceeds are being considered.

"One of the possible scenarios being explored would be payments to Baylor University for a certain number of years," said a source knowledgeable about the ongoing discussions. "But Baylor would have to get some sort of additional participation if the system is ever sold. For that, regents would forgo ongoing governance of the health care system."

A second source confirmed the stipulation, but would not comment on it.

Branch Davidian member speaks out

WARREN, Mich. (AP) — The skeptics are his favorites.

David Thibodeau says he likes to see their reactions when he tells them that the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, was a peaceful, law-abiding community, and not a religious cult that was stockpiling weapons.

Thibodeau — who spoke Sunday to a crowd of about 1,000 — was among the members of the religious cult inside the Davidian compound that went up in flames nearly four years ago after a 51-day standoff with government agents.

Thibodeau said he disputes

almost all of what the government has said occurred about the raid and siege.

"I'm not here to convert you, I'm here to give you my experience. I'm here to tell the truth," he said.

The standoff started Feb. 28, 1993, after agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms tried to arrest cult leader, David Koresh on weapons charges.

It started with a gun battle that left four federal agents and six cultists dead and climaxed April 19, 1993, in a blaze that killed nearly 80 cult members, including Koresh and 18 children.

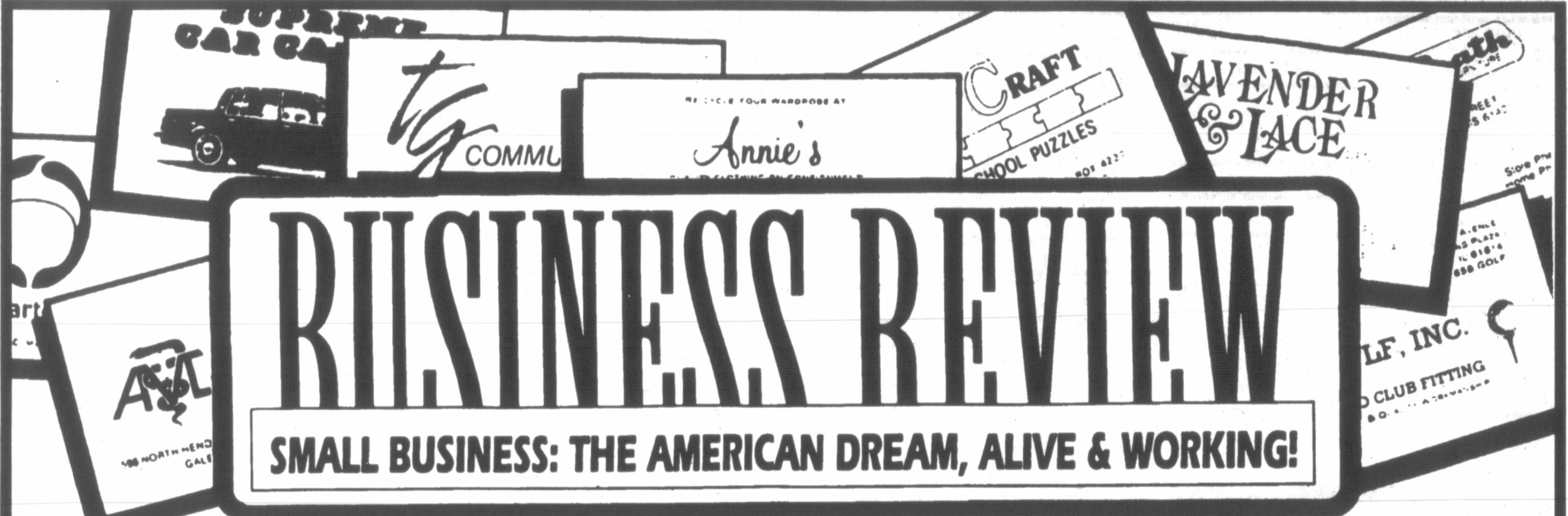
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