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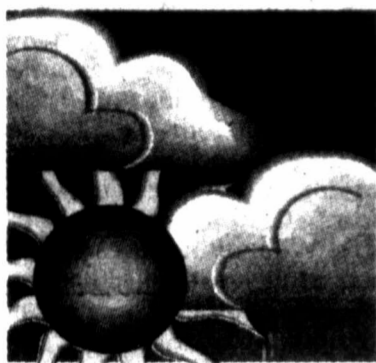
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PAMPA — Two candidates for the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees, Lee Porter and Sue Fatheree, have filed their intentions to run for Places 4 and 5, which are being vacated by C.L. Vanderpool and James Frugé.

Porter has lived in Pampa since 1993 with his wife Janice, a teacher at Pampa Middle School, and their three children. His sons, Chris and Gavin, graduated in 1988 and 1994 and his daughter Jai Jai will graduate in May.

Porter said he feels that it is every citizen's duty to contribute to the community and "this just seems like the right time; with all my kids leaving I feel that I could dedicate as much time as I needed to the school board."

Porter is active in the community as a member of the First United Methodist Church and Lions Club as well as his work in the oil and gas industry.

Fatheree and her husband Tim are lifetime residents of Pampa with two children, Jenny, a 15-year-old sophomore, and Rebecca, a 13-year-old seventh grader, in the school district. She has served on the St. Matthew's Day School board.

"I'm very interested in serving on the board. I have strong family ties in the community and this is the best way for me to give back to the community," Fatheree said.

Fatheree is a homemaker and spends time with civic organizations and school volunteer work.

Deadline for filing for school board positions is Wednesday, March 19, at 5 p.m.

DENVER (AP) — A federal judge says he doubts potential jurors in the Oklahoma City bombing case will be influenced by recent stories that suggest Timothy McVeigh confessed to one of the biggest mass murders in American history.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch said Monday jury selection will begin as planned March 31.

The stories about McVeigh appeared in recent weeks in *The Dallas Morning News*, *Playboy* and *Newsweek*.

McVeigh's lawyer, Stephen Jones, had asked Matsch to dismiss the charges or delay the trial, claiming his client could no longer get a fair trial. After the ruling he expressed disappointment, but said he was not surprised.

"Judge Matsch has addressed these issues, and we'll hope he's right," Jones said.

The trial was previously moved to Denver from Oklahoma City to make it easier to find an impartial jury.

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Hemphill, Wheeler battle grass fires

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Fire investigators were trying to determine today the cause of two blazes that fanned out over open range in the eastern Texas Panhandle and western Oklahoma Monday.

Tender dry conditions turned the eastern Panhandle and adjoining parts of Oklahoma into a blazing inferno Monday as two range fires swept across an estimated 30,000 acres of parched prairie grass.

The first of the fires was reported shortly after noon Monday about 10 to 12 miles south of Canadian in Hemphill County.

"It was a big one," said Leo Thompson, fire chief with the Canadian Volunteer Fire Department. "It started about a mile

north of Mendota. It went northeast from there."

Thompson said it burned off about 15,000 acres of rangeland. The Canadian fire chief said the blaze covered an area about 15 miles long and up to two and a half miles wide.

"No structures were destroyed," he said. "We had nine homes in the path of the fire, but we got equipment to them and saved all of them."

Thompson's fire department was joined by fire fighting units from Gem City, Miami, Hoover, Higgins, Wheeler, Mobeetie, Darrouzet and Follett.

Hampered by strong, gusty winds, firefighters battled the blaze for more than eight hours, bringing it under control about 8:20 p.m.

"Then we stayed and put out hot

spots," Thompson said.

There were reports through the night of flames across the burned landscape, he said, but they were generally smoldering trees and shrubs surrounded by blackened grass.

While hundreds of area firefighters battled the wind-driven fire south of Canadian, a second fire was reported near the Wheeler County community of Allison.

Wheeler County officials said they had just dispatched their fire units to Canadian when the report came in and the fire units were redirected to battle flames along the Texas-Oklahoma state-line.

Authorities said the second fire, first reported shortly before 2:30 p.m. Monday, appeared to have started about four or five

miles south of Allison on the Britt Ranch.

Wheeler County fire units were joined by firefighters from as far away as Carson County and Elk City. One unit from Pampa also assisted.

"We got called around 2:30 p.m. to come and assist," said Jimmy Beavin, county clerk and county fire chief for Roger Mills County in Cheyenne. "We sent one unit. Reydon sent three or four units. Sweetwater sent two or three units. There was a unit from Sayre, and a lot of units from Texas."

Whipped by 35 mph winds, the flames fanned out over an area about nine miles long and six miles wide. The fire burned about a mile and a half into Oklahoma between Reydon and Sweetwater.

Firefighters brought the second fire under control about 9:30 p.m. Monday.

County commissioners consider money matters

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

During Monday's session of the Gray County Commissioners' Court, money matters concerning the county's general funds were the morning's topics.

The discussion concerning the Sun West contract for food services provided for Gray County prisoners resulted in Sun West's agreeing to reimburse the county \$2,200 due to overcharges occurring over a two-year period.

After a recent in-house audit of each department on the county's income and expenses, it was discovered that the number of prisoners during each month of that period did not match up with the number of meals charged to the county.

Due to the audit, County Treasurer Scott Hahn said the computer system shows an outstanding overage of general funds which needs to be clarified by fees and receipts.

The court approved Hahn's request to transfer the unallocated balance of \$11,340.97

back into the county's general funds.

In other money matters, the commissioners approved Hahn's request to allow security investment changes and reinvestments handled by Boatmen's First Pampa Banking Center, including the exchange of one of the county's U.S. Security accounts for another.

Hahn said that with the permission of the court to allow him to authorize the bank to sell the present note and make new investments, the county would be permitting the release of the \$3 million treasurer's note to be replaced with another \$3 million security note.

"When this procedure is done, Gray County will still have its \$7 million collateral fund as it has maintained from last year," Hahn said.

In other matters, the court approved transfer of hangar space at Perry Lefors Airport from Walter L. Worley Jr., d/b/a White House Lumber, to John Hawley Jr.

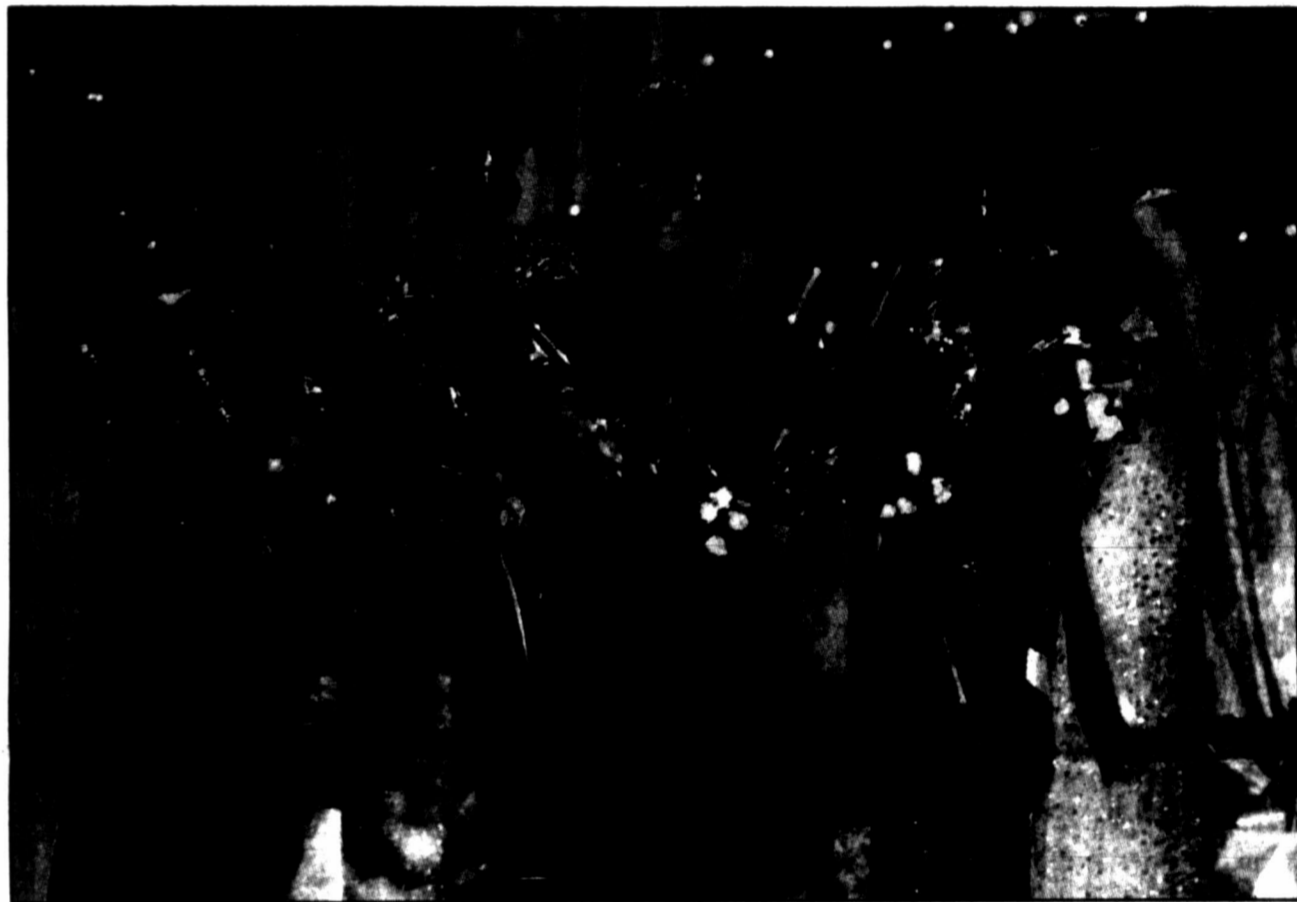
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Lord's Supper



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dendridge)

The youth of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church practice their roles for the production of *His Last Days*, done in silhouette. Richard Leger portrays Jesus at the Lord's Supper. The performance will be Palm Sunday, March 23, at 7 p.m. at St. Vincent's Church.



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Crowned the 1997 'Miss Irish Rose' is Christy Henard of Wellington, third from the left. Her Colleen attendants include, from left, Miss Congeniality, Brittainy Barber of Childress; first runnerup, Samantha Gonzales of Childress; second runnerup, Kelly Neeley of Wellington; and third runnerup, Kelly Kelp of White Deer.

Miss Irish Rose, attendants all busy with school activities, other interests

With 27 contestants, wearing so many beautiful dresses, judges are to be commended for their difficult assignment to just pick one.

After two day trials of answering questions, performing special talents and making their appearance at the annual banquet Friday night, the girls were still wound tight for the final stage walk Saturday afternoon. Each girl possessed pride and beauty of her own, making the judges' efforts even harder.

In the final minutes, Christy Leigh Henard of Wellington was named "Miss Irish Rose," receiving her crown from the 1996 winner, Amy Chauveaux, also of Wellington.

The City of Wellington has been lucky in the St. Patrick's Day celebration over the years, as their hometown girls have claimed the title seven times since the 1950s.

In the years since 1938, there have been 50 Miss Irish Rose winners selected, according to pageant director Topsy Wright of Shamrock.

Miss Henard is the 17-year-old daughter of Andy and Deltah Henard of Wellington. She is the 1997 Wellington Lion's Club Sweetheart and a senior of Wellington High School.

After being crowned Miss Irish Rose, her father said: "That's my daughter up there!" And he and her mother claim they have good reasons to be proud of Christy.

During her high school career, she has earned the title of Miss Wellington High School, 1996 Homecoming Queen, Most Athletic, Outstanding Offensive Basketball Player, Academic All District, All-A Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship

Award, National Honor Society officer, REACH Club president, Varsity Basketball All District, varsity track, varsity cheerleader, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes president, United Methodist Youth, youth delegate to church board, attended Chrysalis, mission trip to Australia through Global Outreach and Red River Summer Basketball League.

Her favorite hobbies, if she has time, are snow and water skiing, and her favorite sport is basketball.

After graduating from WHS, she plans to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock, majoring in speech therapy.

Amy Chauveaux provided the entertainment during the final contest show, tap-dancing to the snappy Irish music, in keeping with the mood of St. Patrick's Day.

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County reviews engineer firms for airport project

The Gray County Commissioners Court heard presentations from engineering firms Monday for proposals on repairs at Perry Lefors Air Field, but delayed any decision on selecting a firm until a later meeting.

The court called an executive session for discussion of the Perry Lefors Airport project prior to their adjournment at noon during its regular meeting Monday.

After reconvening at 1 p.m., the commissioners met for discussions and presentations from engineering firms concerning improvements to Perry Lefors Air Field and the project plans with Texas Department of Transportation.

The court met with TxDOT's project engineer Mark Read,

members of the Perry Lefors Air Field board Lawrence Paronto and Paul Loyd, and representatives from three engineering companies to discuss future work needed for pavement and runway rehabilitation.

Representatives from Merriman-Barber Engineers of Pampa, Brandt Engineers Inc. of Amarillo and Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Inc. of Amarillo made formal presentations on their firms and discussed proposed recommendations on the work to be done at the airport on airstrips 17-35 and 5-23 and aprons adjoining each.

Following the presentations, Read reviewed with the commissioners some of the criteria on repairs needed and materials

required, and what each proposal covered. In each presentation, as recognized by Read, it was pointed out that the runways are severely damaged with cracks and erosion, and although minor repairs are an on-going county responsibility, the damages are beyond a simple fix.

He agreed with the commissioners that they could have additional time before making their decision on which engineering firm will be given the partnership contract with the county and TxDOT.

County Judge Richard Peet recommended to the commissioners that they be prepared to announce their decision at the next regular session of the county court in April.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DYER, C.G. — Burial, 2 p.m., Miami Cemetery, Miami.
DYER, Elizabeth Dial — Burial 2 p.m., Miami Cemetery, Miami.
HUBBARD, Brooks — 10:30 a.m., Central Church of Christ, Hereford. Graveside services, 3:30 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

DONALD EUGENE BURNS

Donald Eugene Burns, 62, of Pampa, died Monday, March 17, 1997, at Wheeler. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Mike Sublett, pastor of Hi-Land Christian Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Burns was born April 10, 1934, at Pampa and had been a Pampa resident most all his life. He married Novella Stockton on Nov. 28, 1953. He was a former co-owner of Davis Electric. He attended Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Novella, of Pampa; four daughters, Barbara Porter, Brenda Amador and Belinda Everson, all of Pampa, and Beverly Mills of Frith; two sons, Bobby Burns of Pampa and David Wayne Burns of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sisters, Phyllis Wendt of Magnum, Okla., and Margaret Matson of College Station; 13 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Multiple Sclerosis Society or to Wheeler Care Center. The body will not be available for viewing.

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 at Miami with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Pampa, officiating. Local arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley 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 Alzafar 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. The body will be available for viewing from 9 a.m. Wednesday until noon at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home.

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 at Miami with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Pampa, officiating. Local arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley 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.

The body will be available for viewing from 9 a.m. until noon Wednesday at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home.

BROOKS HUBBARD

HEREFORD — Brooks Hubbard, 77, died Monday, March 17, 1997. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Central Church of Christ with Tom Bailey, minister, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with Glenn Walton, of the Bell Avenue Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating.

Mr. Hubbard was born Feb. 1, 1920, at Strawberry, Ark., to Haywood and Carrie Hubbard. He married Aileen June Russell on June 15, 1946, in Arkansas. He had been a Deaf Smith County resident since July 1996, moving from Amarillo. He retired as district supply supervisor from Southwestern Public Service Company in 1975 and from Corporate Systems in 1989. He was a member of Central Church of Christ and was a U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and oil painting.

Survivors include his wife, June, of Hereford; two daughters, Linda Lowe of Hereford and Kaye St. Peter of Plano; two sisters, Malderine Simpson of Hudson County and Pauline Wallace of Manchester, Tenn.; and three grandsons.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice.

TOMMIE LOWRANCE SILVEY

JACKSONVILLE — Tommie Lowrance Silvey, 68, sister of a Canadian resident, died Sunday, March 16, 1997, at a hospital in Tyler. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Thompson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ross Lowrance and the Rev. Willie H. Silvey officiating. Burial will be in Meador Cemetery under the direction of Thompson Funeral Home. Mrs. Silvey was born April 4, 1928, in Wilbarger County, Texas. She worked as a supervisor at a state school. She was a Nazarene.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Ann Cosner and Ellen Faye Silvey, both of Abilene; three sons, Ross Curtis Lowrance Sr. and John W. Silvey, both of Jacksonville, and Willie Howard Silvey of Abilene; two sisters, Betty Stracner of Boomfield, Ark., and Pat Pinner of Lubbock; two brothers, Bill Joe Morgan of Canadian and Billy Baker of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Police report

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

SUNDAY, March 16

A theft was reported in the 2100 block of North Christy. Taken was a Huffy bike worth \$100.

A theft was reported in the 1300 block of Terrace. Taken was 60 feet of wooden fence valued at \$1,200.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart. Damage is approximately \$50 for graffiti clean up.

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A kidnapping was reported in the 1200 block of South Finley. The mother reported that the children's father picked them up without her consent. The parents are separated and no custody rights have been determined.

A theft was reported in the 1500 block of Duncan. Two sets of flower sprays, valued at \$226, were taken.

A 28-year-old female reported a domestic violence in the 200 block of Miami. Minor injuries were reported.

A runaway was reported in the 400 block of North Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of West Brown. Approximately \$100 damage was done to a metal building.

Domestic violence was reported in the 500 block of Schneider. Minor injuries were reported.

Sheriff's Office

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

MONDAY, March 17

Arrests

John Martin Carroll, 28, 1120 S. Dwight, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear. He paid his fine and was released.

Carolyn Joyce Lucas, 32, Rt. 2 Box 108, was arrested on a charge of tampering with government documents. She was released on bond.

Juan Antonio Rosalez, 21, 216 E. Tuke, was arrested on charges of attempted burglary and aggravated assault, and is being held as a United States Marshal's detainee.

Dustin Jefferies, 18, 1301 Terrace, was arrested on a charge of theft of services. He remains in custody.

Calendar of events

TOTS-N-TRAINING

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

ORIENTATION MEETING FOR FIFTH GRADE PARENTS

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.

M*A*S*H BLOOD DRIVE

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.

Fires

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

MONDAY, March 17

12:51 p.m. — Four units and seven personnel responded to 810 S. Somerville on a grass fire.

3:16 p.m. — Three units and 5 personnel responded to 1121 Varnon Dr. on a grass fire.

3:36 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to Wheeler County on a grass fire.

4:31 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to 700 Doucette on a grass fire.

Accidents

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

MONDAY, March 17

A 1982 Honda driven by Michelle Lee White, 20, 1701 Grape, was damaged in a one-car accident in a private parking lot in the 800 block of North Hobart. No citations were issued.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa		
Wheat	4.05	
Milo	4.58	
Corn	5.26	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation		
Occidental	24.78	up 1/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation		
Magellan	83.92	
Puritan	18.02	
The following 90-day S&P Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa		
Ameri	88.78	up 1/8
Amco	126.38	dn 1/4
Cable	25	NC
Cable O&G	16.14	up 1/8
Chevron	67 1/4	up 1/8
Coca Cola	60 1/8	dn 1/8
Columbia/HCA	43	dn 1/4
Enron	40 1/2	up 1/8
Halliburton	69 7/8	up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	47 5/8	up 1/8
KNE	40 5/8	up 1/4
Kerr-McGee	64 1/2	NC
Limited	19 7/8	dn 1/4
Mapco	31 7/8	NC
McDonald's	46 3/4	up 1/2
Midco	132 3/8	up 3/8
New Atmos	25 1/4	NC
Parker & Parsley	31 1/8	up 3/8
Penney's	51 1/8	up 5/8
Phillips	41 1/4	up 1/8
SLB	110 1/2	dn 1/2
SPS	36 3/8	dn 1/8
Tenneco	40 3/8	up 1/8
Texasco	101 1/4	dn 1/2
Ultramar	32 3/8	NC
Wal Mart	28 3/4	dn 1/8
New York Gold	346.10	
Silver	4.14	
West Texas Crude	20.92	

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Irish Rose

She won the Miss Irish Rose title in 1996 to take home to Wellington. Chauveaux represented her home in other beauty pageants during her high school years, including Miss Wellington 1995; Miss Teen Lake Meredith, 1995; Miss Peanut Queen-Wellington, 1995; 1995-1996 Homecoming Queen, and numerous honor awards.

Her parents are Doug Chauveaux of Wellington and Becky McAtee of Corpus Christi. She is a 1996 graduate of Wellington High School and is attending Texas Tech University at Lubbock. Her goals are to become a teacher and a coach.

Samantha Gonzales, first runner-up, is the 16-year-old daughter of Lupe and Gloria Gonzales of Childress. She is a junior at Childress High School.

She is Most Beautiful and Best Dressed of her class. She plays basketball, runs track, plays golf on the varsity team, belongs to the Student Council, was chosen 1996-97 Football Queen, belongs to Fellowship of Christian Athletes, TAFE, FHA and National Honor Society, and is a C-Award Honor student. Her hobbies include cross-stitch and playing the piano, and her favorite activities include gymnastics and cheerleading. She plans to attend Texas Tech

University and enter a pre-med program.

Kelly Neeley, second runner-up, is the 17-year-old daughter of Billy and Linda Neeley of Wellington. She is a senior at Wellington High School.

Her facts of interest include the DAR Good Citizenship award 1996, Dinner Theatre, 1996 Miss Wellington, the REACH Club, UMY, FCA, Member of World Global Outreach, and youth ministering in Russia, Germany and Australia.

Her hobbies include collecting angels and traveling. Her favorite sports are water sports and snow skiing and golf.

Following graduation from high school, she plans to attend Amarillo College, and from there attend a larger school to work toward a degree in nursing-physical therapy.

Kelly Lauren Kelp, third runner-up, is the 18-year-old daughter of Kent and Vicki Kelp of White Deer. She represented the White Deer Lions Club in the St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Her facts of interest include Who's Who of American High School Students, National Leadership and Service Award, International Foreign Language Award, the Buck Pride, National Honor Society, Future Homemakers of America, Junior and Senior representative, football manager, golf team, basketball manager and All-American

Scholar Award.

She enjoys tap dancing, ballet and jazz, and her favorite sport is golf.

Following her high school graduation, she plans to attend Texas Tech University and work toward her degree in occupational therapy.

Miss Congeniality, Brittany Barber of Childress, is the 16-year-old daughter of Neil and Karlene Barber of Childress. She represented the Childress Lions Club in the St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Some of her interests include Speech/Drama Club president, Student Council, the "Smile and D.A.S.H. Committee,"

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 4-H Club, 4-H Texas Advocates for Youth, winner of Rural Electric Youth Tour 1997, theater arts, Texas Association of Future Educators, F.H.A. president, class officers, CHS Friendliest Girl, Who's Who of American High School Students, the CHS annual staff, Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, Most Spirited, and many other youth clubs and associations.

She runs varsity track and plays baseball. Her favorite hobbies are piano, singing, reading and the theater.

Following her high school graduation, she plans to attend Midwestern University at Wichita Falls and pursue a master's degree in English to become a teacher.

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County

According to County Judge Richard Peet, each time a change in use of hangar space is approved, the county provides a new leasing contract to the new user, to comply with the transfer and the county leasing terms. Peet said a new lease contract will be sent to Hawley.

Commissioners approved the official signature of Linda Paul, assistant in the county treasurer's office, to be added to all business

bank accounts held by Gray County, and approved payment of bills and salaries and transfers as recommended by the auditor's and treasurer's offices.

In general miscellaneous discussions, County Treasurer Todd Alvey addressed the court concerning a legal seminar he is required to attend in Austin April 30 through May 2. He asked commissioners about the manner in which he should handle prepayment of registration, fees and hotel costs.

The court advised Alvey to present his registration documents

and reservation credit form to the county judge's office before April 30. Expense items will be presented to the auditor's office after he attends the meetings.

The court recognized Judge Peet and each of the commissioners, including Joe Wheeley, Jim Greene, Gerald Wright and James Hefley, for their educational credits earned in 1996, and commended them for attending a recent commissioners and judges conference this month in Wichita Falls. Credits earned for the 1997 seminars will be announced at a later date.

Ambulance

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

MONDAY, March 17

12:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of South Somerville on a fire assist. No injuries were reported.

2 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of East Frederic on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

3:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Doucette on a fire assist. No

injuries were reported. 5:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of North Wells on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

9:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of South Russell on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

TUESDAY, March 18

12:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Albert on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, generally clear and colder, with a low in the low 30s. Wednesday, sunny and warmer with a high in the low 70s. Monday's high was 83; the overnight low was 45.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, generally clear and colder with lows from around 30 to mid 30s. Wednesday, sunny and warmer with highs in low to upper 70s. South Plains: Tonight, clear. Lows in low to mid 30s. Wednesday, sunny. Highs from upper 60s to low 70s.

North Texas — Tonight, clearing central and west. Mostly cloudy east with a chance of showers or thunderstorms

early, decreasing clouds by morning. Cooler with lows 39 northwest to 48 southeast. Wednesday, clearing east, sunny elsewhere. Highs 64 north to 71 southeast.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, widely scattered early evening showers or thunderstorms over the east, otherwise becoming partly cloudy and breezy. Lows in the 40s. Wednesday, becoming mostly sunny and breezy. Highs in upper 60s to low 70s. Upper Coast: Tonight, mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered evening showers and thunderstorms, some possibly severe. Lows in the 40s inland north to upper 50s coast. Wednesday, becoming mostly sunny and cooler. Highs in mid

and upper 60s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, cloudy and breezy. Scattered showers and thunderstorms east. Lows in mid 50s coast to upper 40s inland northeast. Wednesday, partly cloudy and breezy. Cooler with highs in upper 60s to near 70.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight and Wednesday, fair skies. Lows tonight mid teens to around 30 mountains and northwest with 30s east and south. Warmer and pleasant on Wednesday with highs mid 50s to around 70 mountains with 70s to 80 lower elevations.

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in mid 30s to low 40s. Wednesday, sunny. Highs in mid to upper 60s.

City briefs

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

ST. MATTHEW'S Day School's Annual Style Show, Tuesday March 18th, 7 p.m., MK Brown, Adults \$4, Children under 12 years \$1. For information call 665-0703. Adv.

KNIGHTS OF Columbus Catfish fry, Friday, March 21st, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. "All You Can Eat" Adults \$7, Children \$3. Knights of Columbus Hall. Adv.

LAKE HOUSE 14x80 trailer with deck at Sandspur Lake. Owner will carry part of note. 665-6214. Adv.

BABYSITTING in my home. References. 669-3475. Adv.

CALF FRIES - Moose Lodge, Thursday 20th, 7 p.m. Members and guests. Adv.

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State Senate passes legislation to make managed care plans more accountable

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas could become the first state to allow managed-care organizations to be sued for medical malpractice if they make decisions that injure a patient.

The Texas Senate on Monday approved a bill by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco.

"This bill is for Diane Caywood," Sibley said. "She went to the HMO and said, 'I've got these headaches. I've had these seizures.' They said, 'Anxiety attacks.'"

Two years later, a brain scan found a tumor, Sibley told his colleagues before they approved his bill and sent it to the House. Ms. Caywood died at age 49.

"The specialists that could have helped her at one time were too late two years down the road," he said. "This bill is for every Texan who has had to fight to get what ... they have paid for for years."

Managed-care groups say Sibley's bill would raise health-

care costs by creating a unique legal liability for their plans in Texas.

Health maintenance organizations and other such plans generally limit patients' choice of doctors, thus offering lower out-of-pocket costs than patients get under traditional insurance. They include a "gatekeeper" to coordinate treatment and determine its medical necessity.

Several senators contended Sibley's bill could raise costs. Some said it would be better to prevent lawsuits by establishing an independent arbiter to settle disputes. That approach, favored by the industry, is being looked at by Gov. George W. Bush.

"Maybe the patient would get the treatment and not have to wait 'til they're dead," said Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena.

Sibley challenged opposing senators to show why managed-care plans shouldn't be held to the same standard as other businesses.

"I can think of no reason why ... oil drillers, cattlemen, advertisers, everybody else is held accountable for what they do, but not HMOs," he said.

Current law prohibits the corporate practice of medicine, so managed care organizations cannot be held legally accountable when they make treatment decisions, Sibley's office said.

Tracy King of Texans for Quality Health Care, a business-led coalition that includes managed-care groups, said such organizations currently can be sued for breach of contract and deceptive trade practices.

But if this bill is enacted, Texas would be the first to create a specific civil liability for medical negligence, she said.

"We believe Sen. Sibley's bill will not result in any increase in quality of care provided, but will increase costs," she added. "Any time you increase the cost of insurance, you decrease the access to health care."

New drug stops dangerous clots in chest pain victims

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — A new kind of medicine could revolutionize the treatment of severe chest pain — one of the nation's most common medical emergencies — by blocking the formation of dangerous clots that lead to heart attacks.

Doctors found the drug cuts

the risk of heart attack and death almost in half when given to victims of ominously intense bouts of pain called unstable angina.

"These are landmark studies that represent a scientific breakthrough," said Dr. Harvey D. White of Green Lane

Hospital in Auckland, New Zealand.

He directed one of two new studies on the medicine that were made public Monday at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

The drug, called Aggrastat, is still considered experimental. But its maker, Merck & Co., plans to ask approval to sell it later this year.

The new approach "really opens up the treatment of unstable angina," said Dr. Eugene Braunwald of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, who was not involved in the studies. "It's a real advance. I'm encouraged."

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Administration, CIA reviewing contacts between DNC donor, security agency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Efforts by the Democratic Party chairman to help a fugitive businessman and Democratic donor get high-level meetings with Clinton administration officials are being reviewed by the White House and the CIA.

White House Counsel Charles F.C. Ruff will look into attempts by Donald Fowler to enlist the help of the National Security Council staff in arranging meetings between policy makers and businessman Roger Tamraz, an oil financier who is wanted in Lebanon on decade old embezzlement charges, a presidential spokesman said Monday.

The CIA's inspector general also opened an inquiry to determine whether Fowler or anyone else at the Democratic National Committee asked the intelligence agency to vouch for Tamraz in a CIA report that was sent to the NSC in December 1995.

Fowler, who now operates a communications business in South Carolina, did not immediately return a reporter's telephone call seeking comment Monday.

News of the Fowler-NSC contacts played a role in the decision by the former head of the NSC, Anthony Lake, to ask President Clinton on Monday to withdraw his already troubled nomination to head the CIA.

Lake said in a letter to Clinton that questions about Tamraz appeared to be the latest excuse for delaying his nomination.

Preliminary information indicates that the NSC — not Democratic Party officials — sought the report on Tamraz from the CIA, said an agency official who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

But the CIA said it had notified House and Senate intelligence committees of the possible contacts by the DNC. Acting Director George Tenet said in a statement that "any inappropriate intrusion into the intelligence process cannot and will not be tolerated."

Tamraz, an international oil financier who donated \$72,000 to the DNC in the past two years, is wanted in Lebanon on a decade old charge that he embezzled money from a collapsed bank that he headed.

Now a New York businessman, Tamraz visited the White House seven times in 1995 and 1996, mostly to

attend social events for Democratic donors.

But his June 2, 1995, meeting with NSC aide Sheila Heslin touched off a new round of inquiries in the controversy over whether the Clinton administration improperly mixed fund raising with policy making.

Tamraz, who is trying to put together financing for a multibillion-dollar oil pipeline from the Caspian Sea region, met with Heslin to discuss his project.

Fowler's effort to enlist Heslin's help getting more White House appointments was met with a stern rebuke from Nancy Soderberg, the No. 3 official at the NSC, White House spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters.

Soderberg told Fowler to stop contacting NSC aides, McCurry said.

The Wall Street Journal, which first reported the episode Monday, said Fowler contacted Heslin to persuade her to drop her recommendation that Tamraz be prevented from meeting with Clinton or other high-level officials about his pipeline plans. The contact came several months after Tamraz made a \$50,000 donation.

Ruff's office will gather facts about the contacts to help the White House "provide a definitive account of this event," he said.

Tamraz, who disputes the validity of charges in Lebanon that he embezzled \$200 million from the bank he once headed, is one of several people with controversial backgrounds who gained admission to the White House.

Clinton has said he regrets that tighter procedures were not in place. Congressional committees are investigating why a Chinese arms dealer, a convicted stock manipulator and a Florida businessman subsequently convicted of cocaine trafficking were allowed to attend White House events with Clinton.

Heslin first voiced concerns about meeting with Tamraz in May 1995 when she requested a CIA report on his background, the CIA official said. The CIA's report included information about allegations against Tamraz but not about arrest warrants, the official said.

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Opinion

Government is a poor salesman

Government efforts to expand overseas markets achieve little and mainly pad the bank accounts of well connected businesses and justify the existence of bureaucrats. That is the conclusion of *The Economist* in a recent story, "Why governments should not be salesmen."

The magazine's analysis comes at a good time for Americans. The U.S. Senate recently confirmed William Daley as secretary of the Commerce Department, the agency responsible for handing out lucrative favors to companies seeking to tap international markets.

Perhaps the scrutiny will encourage Daley to make good on the wide-ranging reforms he promised during his confirmation hearings. There is plenty of corruption to root out: It is widely suspected that the Commerce Department has used coveted trade missions to reward big Democratic donors. John Huang, the Clinton political appointee who collected illegal campaign contributions from wealthy Asian donors, had close Commerce ties.

But the problems Daley faces go beyond specific instances of corruption and waste. They are captured by President Clinton's words to *The Los Angeles Times*: "The culture out of which they (Huang and other fundraisers) come doesn't draw the same bright lines between politics, government and business that we do."

That culture that shades important legal and ethical distinctions is a direct outgrowth of an agency with a huge cache of funds to reward select businesses. The best way to eliminate such problems is to halt government trade missions and the agency that funds them. Budgets are tight, so why not close an agency that is a conduit for corporate welfare?

"The reason why government export promotion is wrong in principle begins with a simple observation: everything has a price," *The Economist* wrote. "Whenever a minister jets off to Indonesia, or China, or Saudi Arabia to secure a contract for a private firm, the question that should be asked, but almost never is, is what price the minister is paying."

The government always trumpets the great successes of these trade missions but never explains that the missions often subsidize overseas jobs creation at the expense of American jobs.

Officials also ignore this fact: Commerce Department junkets and largess sometimes undermine, rather than bolster, American foreign policy interests. Nations that regularly abuse human rights have learned how to play the foreign-investment game without making serious efforts to open up their system to democratic reforms.

Bureaucrats, politicians and businessmen have flocked to China, *The Economist* wrote, to wine and dine the communist dictators and develop "exciting" new export contracts. But China's leaders often do despicable things to their own people and to neighboring countries such as Taiwan.

"The export-salesmen insist that foreign-policy considerations such as these can be separated from the trade missions. The Chinese know better. This export zeal provides them with a perfect pressure point, as well as with a way to divide one western ally from another."

American politicians should simply reject these costly endeavors, then work to keep taxes low and markets free so that all companies - not just the favored few - can prosper.

Thought for today

"Speak without emphasizing your words. Leave other people to discover what it is that you have said; and as their minds are slow, you can make your escape in time."

Arthur Schopenhauer,
Counsels and Maxims

Berry's World



"We broke up. He is e-mail-centric, and I am voice-mail-centric."

Clinton's actions speak volumes

If his name were Fred Payne, Bill Clinton's nominee for secretary of energy would be ... well, anything but Bill Clinton's nominee for secretary of energy. Since his name is Federico Pena, he has been elevated well above any discernible abilities, and his nomination was approved by the Senate Energy Committee.

Defenders of affirmative action, including Bill Clinton, portray it as an effort to promote diversity and assure opportunity to minorities, not a quota-based scheme that rewards the unqualified. But anyone looking at the Clinton Cabinet has to reach exactly the opposite conclusion.

It would be charitable to say Pena was an undistinguished transportation secretary. He made his name by declaring Valujet safe shortly after one of its planes crashed - and just a month before his department grounded it for safety reasons.

But he has a knack for failing upward. As mayor of Denver, he pushed for a new airport whose construction ran late and ended up costing three times what it was supposed to. That achievement qualified him to be head of DOT - which is akin to putting Lance Ito on the Supreme Court.

Nor does he have any expertise in energy. Asked about that gap in his resume, Pena noted that he had once served on a panel on alternative fuels. Unlike the last energy secretary, Hazel O'Leary, who had been an executive in an electric utility, he was a complete novice. "America's oil and natural-gas producers are surprised by the choice of Federico Pena," said Lew Ward, chairman of the Independent Petroleum Producers of America, after the appointment was announced. "Topping our list of priorities in 1997 will be to meet Mr. Pena."

An energy consultant who helped prepare Pena



Stephen Chapman

for his confirmation hearings told *The New Republic* magazine, "Briefing Hazel was like going from college into a graduate course. Pena is like going from grade school into a graduate course, in one month."

After the Valujet fiasco, Pena's future in Washington looked non-existent. Seeing the obvious, he said he was leaving the administration and put his house on the market.

What got him the DOE job? It wasn't that the president discovered in Pena marvelous talents that had been overlooked in the past. It was that Clinton desperately needed a Latino and wasn't too particular about which one. He had promised in 1992 to select a Cabinet that "looks like America." This nomination, however, brings to mind the Republican senator who defended President Nixon's choice of a mediocre judge for the Supreme Court: There are lots of mediocre people in America, he said, and they deserve representation, too.

Clinton had decided to entrust DOE to Elizabeth Moler, head of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. But once all the Cabinet slots had been filled, outgoing Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros noticed none of them had gone to

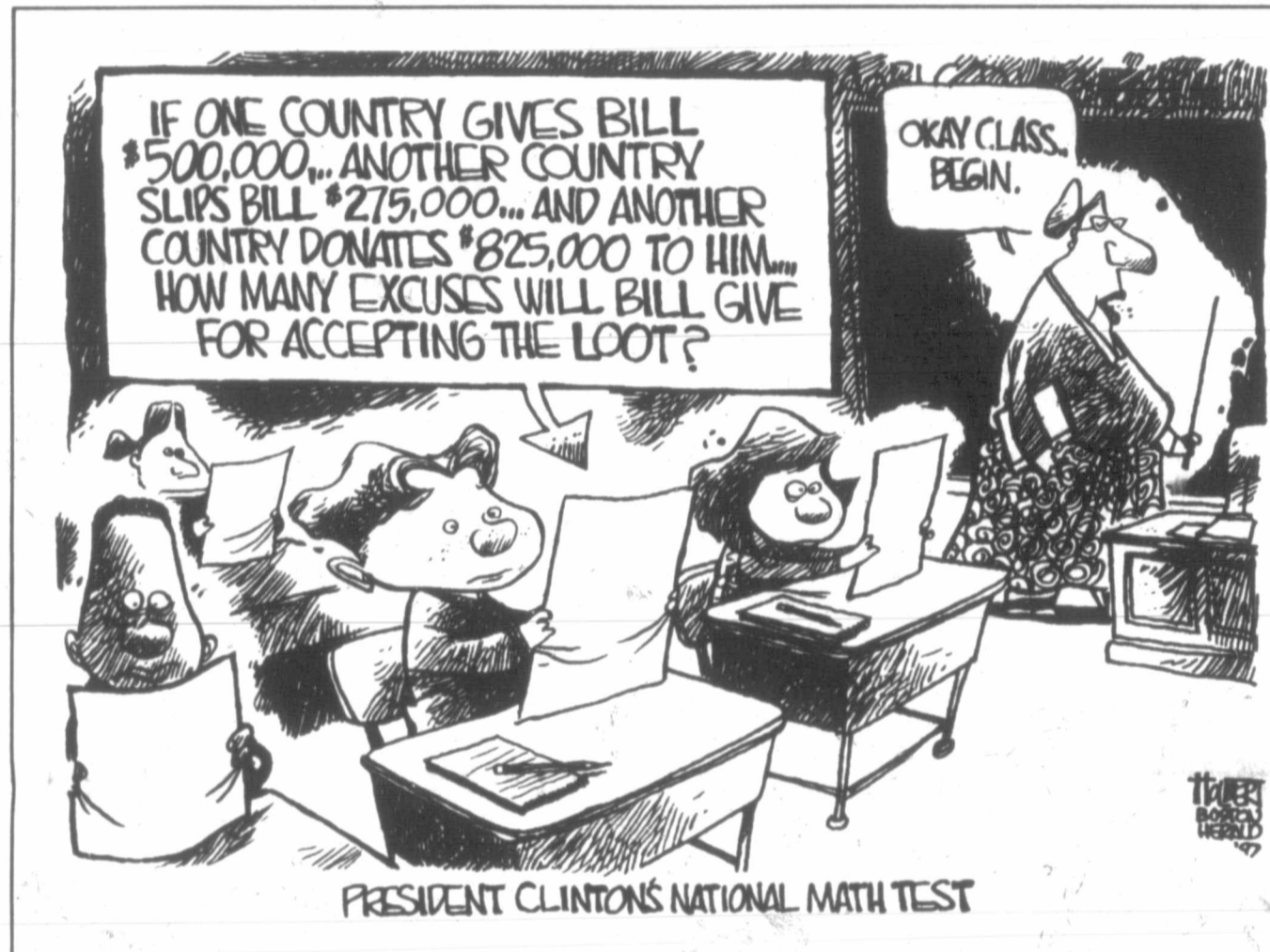
a Hispanic, and he warned of big trouble. So at the last minute, Clinton reversed course and drafted Pena, who, to his credit, tried to decline.

Latinos shouldn't be pleased by this fawning display. There are lots of able people with Spanish surnames who could have been picked to head various departments, and to select an unqualified one insults both Hispanics and the job. No eyebrows were raised when Clinton put Cisneros in charge of HUD or when he made Bill Richardson his new ambassador to the United Nations - both men were amply qualified. Forced to choose between normal standards and a self-imposed ethnic quota, though, Clinton went with the latter.

No one expects minimal sincerity from this president, for whom dissembling is almost a reflex. But the contrast between his selection of Pena and his famous 1995 "mend it, don't end it" speech on affirmative action is especially brazen.

"I know there are times when some employers don't use it in the right way," he said then. "They may cut corners and treat a flexible goal as a quota. They may give opportunities to people who are unqualified instead of those who deserve it. They may, in so doing, allow a different kind of discrimination. When this happens, it is also wrong. But it isn't affirmative action."

It's useful to have people of different backgrounds in the Cabinet, but that should be secondary to their ability to do the job. When ethnic "diversity" becomes the paramount factor, whites are confirmed in their suspicion that affirmative action is merely a cynical scheme of racial entitlement. Clinton insists he's against lowering standards just to get the racial and ethnic numbers right. But his actions speak louder.



Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, March 18, the 77th day of 1997. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 18, 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

On this date:
In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act.

In 1909, Einar Dossau of Denmark used a shortwave transmitter to converse with a government radio post about six miles away in what is believed to have been the first broadcast by a "ham" operator.

In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years' imprisonment for civil disobedience. He was released after serving two years.

In 1931, Schick Inc. marketed the first electric razor.

In 1937, more than 400 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini held a meeting at the Brenner Pass across the Alps during which the Italian dictator agreed to join in Germany's war against France and Britain.

Protecting the Constitution is vital

Charley Reese

I have a hunch that sometime in the near future a lot of Americans are going to get shocked out of their complacency. I have a hunch that more and more Americans are going to face a question none of us would like to face.

That question is, What do you do when you discover your own government no longer reflects or respects your values and deepest beliefs? It's not a fun question. One of the more unpleasant experiences a human can have is to find himself in opposition to something as powerful and as ruthless as a government.

Policy and partisan differences are just the give-and-take of living in a democratic society. Sometimes your ideas prevail, and sometimes they don't. Sometimes your favorite party wins, and sometimes the other guy's favorite party wins.

These kind of differences are not a cause for concern. They can be resolved by persistent work in the democratic process. Compromise on policies is always possible as long as all differences remain under the umbrella of the Constitution and all sides are loyal to the Constitution.

That's the key to our country. The Constitution sets the boundaries. As long as we all stay within those boundaries, then we can live with our differences.

But suppose one day we find ourselves face to

face with a government that has effectively discarded those constitutional bounds?

Suppose the day comes when the government no longer respects the Bill of Rights and begins to deny free speech, interfere in religion, confiscate private firearms, confiscate property without compensation or public purpose, deny people due process and pass ex post facto laws (making something retroactively illegal.)

Suppose the day comes when the government will search people and their homes without a warrant and convict them of crimes on the basis of hearsay testimony. Suppose the day comes when the government denies people the right to trial by a jury of their peers. Suppose the government criminalizes speech of which it doesn't approve.

Well, folks, that's when we as a people and the government have a serious disagreement. That's when we discover that all the easy choices and easy solutions have been squandered and are no longer options.

I am emphatically not saying that we are at that point now, but I am saying that there are several

dangerous trends in the direction of effectively cracking the Constitution.

Under the guise of protecting the environment, some people are having their land taken without compensation. Many serious charges, such as being accused of racial bias, are handled by governmental administrative processes. The jury process is being threatened by the practice of moving trials away from the scene of the crime and picking the dumbest, most ignorant jurors available.

The Constitution is being eroded by judges who assert that it means whatever they want it to mean without regard for either the text or the historical record. Under the guise of combating prejudice, some forms of speech are being criminalized.

Speech - even wrong, obnoxious speech - should never be criminalized. Slander and libel laws are more than sufficient to protect individuals. If you allow the government, however, to make it a felony to say something of which it doesn't approve, then you have effectively killed the First Amendment and fatally wounded a free society.

Whatever else we are, whatever other beliefs we may have, we must all be civil libertarians who fiercely defend the Constitution. That's the bond that holds us together as a nation. Once broken, the nation is broken.

Judicial ruling grants license to hate

You are privileged to be living at a moment of great import in American history, and you might want to make some notes so you can describe it to your children and grandchildren.

You can tell them you were here when the Tag Wars started.

Actually, no shots have been exchanged yet. Only words. But it wouldn't be surprising if it came to physical mayhem.

What happened is that a federal district judge in Baltimore ruled that vehicle license plates are a means of communication, just like newspapers and pamphlets and posters, and thus they are protected by the First Amendment. You can use them to publish symbols and messages, and no one can stop you.

This particular incident involved a group of people who want to inform America of their pride in their Confederate forebears, but you can surely see where this is all going. If the Sons of Confederate Veterans have the right to force the state to publish a message, so does every other group in the land. The highways may soon be humming with hate.

The Maryland fracas actually goes back to 1985, when the state began issuing organizational license plates, and to 1990, when the display of logos was permitted. The tags cost an extra \$15, and they fattened the state treasury by \$225,800 last year.

Along the way, well over 200 organizations were approved for logo tags and only two were rejected - the Royal Order of Jesters, who wanted to display a naked Buddha, and a firefighters

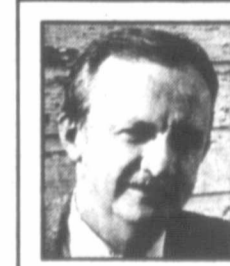
union that wanted to use the letters "FU."

Then came the Sons of Confederate Veterans. By most reports, it is one of the more enlightened groups that somehow find romance in the terrible horror of the conflict some refer to euphemistically as the Late Unpleasantness. The Sons were approved for a logo tag, and they chose the Confederate flag.

The bureaucrats in the Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles stupidly stamped the application "approved," and soon the state's black leaders were in an uproar. The Sons' tags were recalled, and the group sued. That's when the federal judge ruled that tags were speech: "If there is a bedrock principle underlying the First Amendment, it is that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea itself offensive or disagreeable."

I beg your indulgence for a momentary digression.

I cannot understand why we insist on picking at this scab so relentlessly, 132 years after the



Joseph Spear

issues of slavery and Southern sovereignty were settled at the cost of half a million lives on both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line.

I also cannot understand why decent white people cannot comprehend the pain that black people feel when confronted with a symbol that evokes nightmares of enslavement and lynch mobs.

More to the main point, I cannot understand how the individual right to free speech, which I consider inviolable, translates into a government obligation to endorse or promote messages of any kind, hate or otherwise. To me, license plates are the tools of administrators and law enforcement officials. They are not political broadsheets. Why can't the state pick and choose the colors, words and symbols on them?

The judge's logic, I presume, is just the opposite. He reasons that the state cannot discriminate. If one logo is accepted, all must be accepted. What this probably means is that the sale of all vanity and organizational vehicle license plates will have to stop. Otherwise, we will soon be seeing tags bearing the words "Ku Klux Klan" and logos of men in white sheets. Or plates representing Aryan Nations or Posse Comitatus.

A couple of years ago in Tennessee, two black teenagers pulled up behind a pickup truck flying a Confederate flag and shot to death a man who was riding in it.

What's going to happen some day when a pickup truck pulls up behind a car bearing plates that tout the Nation of Islam?

Blood on the highways, that's what.

Club news

Altrusa
Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met March 10 in the Crown and Shield Room of the Biarritz Club. President-elect Jeanne Mitchell called the meeting to order with the Altrusa Grace and the Pledge of Allegiance. Two guests, Kathy Phillips and Donna Crow were present.

Joann Shackelford gave the accent which reviewed the schedule of events planned for LTS/District Conference to be held May 2-4 in Richardson. Members were asked to make an extra effort to attend and show support to Brenda Tucker who is a candidate for district director.

Mitchell and Mayda King were elected as delegates to the District Conference. Becky Holmes and Dorla McAndrew will serve as alternate delegates.

The club's 1996-97 officers are: Mitchell, president; Judy Rutledge, president-elect; King, vice president; Traci Stackhouse, secretary; Kadda Schale, corresponding secretary; Carla Carter, treasurer; Becky Holmes, director.

The following announcements

were made: Borger Bi-City meeting, April 21; toothbrushing project at Wilson Elementary - 10 a.m., March 25, Horace Mann Elementary - 8:30 a.m., March 26, Lamar Elementary - 10:30 a.m., March 26.

King read the board accepted the recommendation of Phillips for membership, recommended that the proposed changes in the Standing Rules be accepted, voted to reinvest the Meals Fund CD and the Senior Citizens Quiet Room CD and voted to deposit the International Convention CD at maturity into the general fund.

The meeting was adjourned with the Altrusa Benediction. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. March 24 in the Starlight Room of Coronado Inn.

Twentieth Century Club

Twentieth Century Club met March 11 in the home of Maxine Freeman.

Linda Moore reported on the upcoming Friends of the Library book sale in the Pampa Mall April 4-6. Books may be donated in one of two ways: 1) by donating directly to the library; or 2) by contacting a Friend of the Library

member to pick up donated items.

The Meals on Wheels garage sale was also mentioned. The sale is from 2-5 p.m. on Mondays and the organization is still in the market for donations. Customers may buy or sale.

The accent on new spring fashions was presented by Shanon Cox, assistant manager of Galbots in Amarillo.

Cox recommended purchasing at least two bright pieces such as a blazer and T-shirt in the latest colors - lime, orange, yellow. Some "big" items for spring are short crop jackets, scarfs and the ever popular T-shirts. Denim, silk blends, linen and spandez blends are the "hot" materials for spring. Two lengths are popular, either very short or very long. Cox advised accessorizing with silver.

She concluded with a scarf tying session and the following wisdom: Keep it plain and simple with a dash of color for spring.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. March 25 in the home of Myrna Orr.

Pampa Garden Club

Pampa Garden Club met March 10 in the home of Clara Quary,

with Quary serving as hostess.

Plans were made to purchase six new trees for planting near the Pampa Municipal Swimming Pool.

The club distributed scholarship applications to Pampa High School.

Ruth Barrett presented the accent on modern gardening, detailing how dwarf and miniature vegetables and fruit trees can be planted in flower beds, planter boxes or strawberry planters. She also remarked that many herbs are quite attractive in planters situated around the patio or in window boxes. In addition, fresh herbs are great to use in cooking or to garnish specially prepared dishes, Barret concluded.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. April 14 in the home of Thelma Bray.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met March 4 in the home of Pat Kindle to work on continuing projects.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. March 18 in the home of Kathy Gist.

Mass dog poisoning still unsolved

FISHERMAN'S PARADISE, Texas (AP) - Among cedar- and oak-lined hills overlooking the Brazos River, dozens of crosses remind residents that there's trouble in Paradise.

By residents' count, 47 dogs are dead or missing. The poison, strychnine, is an increasingly popular weapon that also killed Texas rodeo horses and other animals this year.

Melissa Drinning recalled the horror of finding three dead dogs in her back yard Jan. 15. A cross in front of her house lists two of the victims, her six-month-old beagle, Domino, and her mother's year-old Rottweiler, Gypsy.

"I walked down the back stairs and the neighbors' dog - the little white dog Tuffy they had - was dead, lying by the trash can," the teenager said. "I saw him and I just started crying, because I loved that dog just like he was my own."

"Then I went around the back of the house and I saw Gypsy by a tree. She was dead," said Ms. Drinning, 18. "I was screaming, hollering and crying. I turned around and saw Domino dead, lying about 15 feet away."

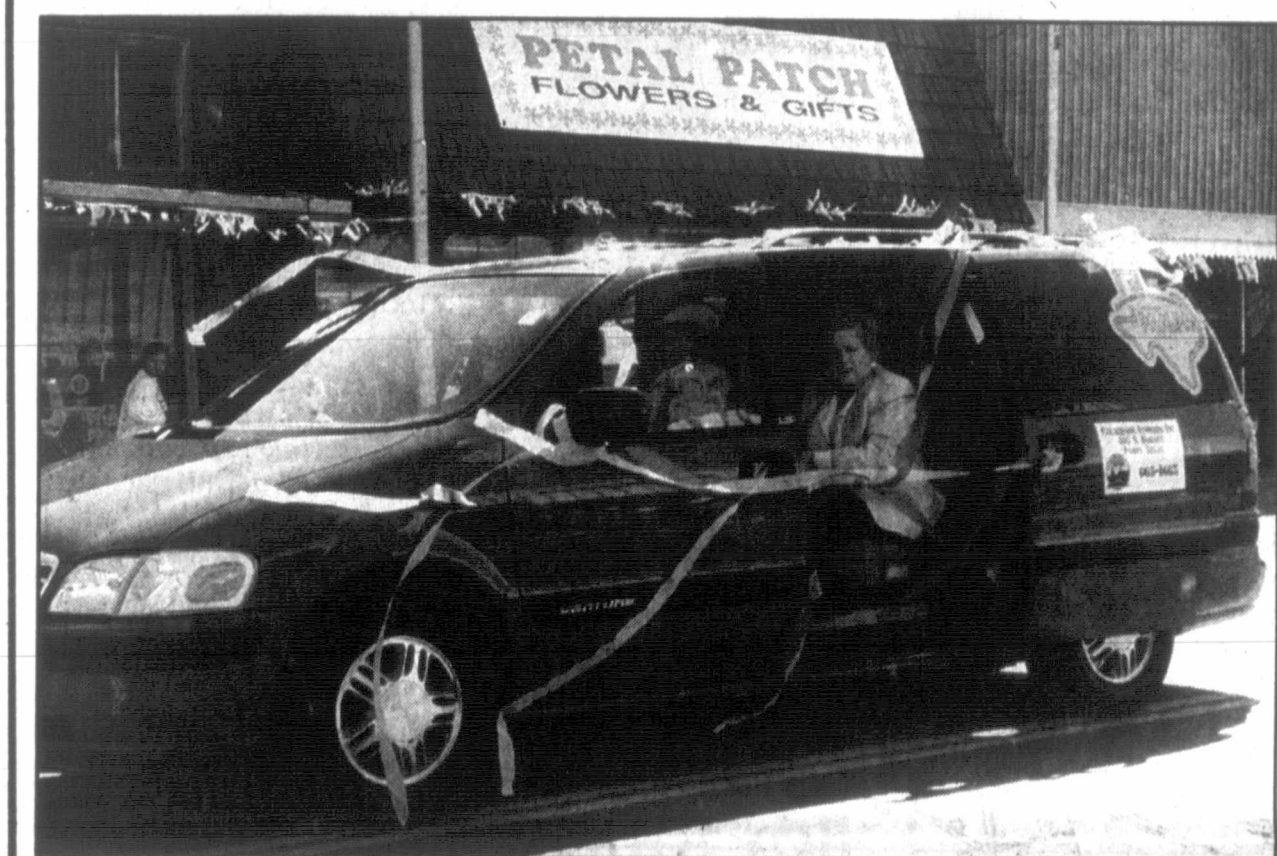
At least some of the dozens of animal poisonings around the state in 1997 are believed to be copycat crimes.

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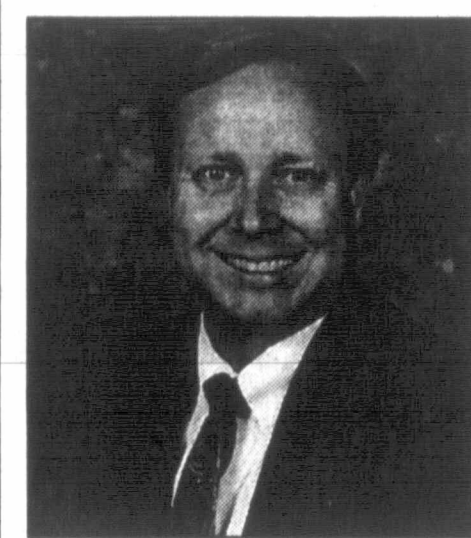
Pampa Gold Coats in Shamrock



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Gold Coats of Pampa Chamber of Commerce participated in Shamrock's St. Patrick's Day parade, Saturday. Chamber volunteer Scott Hahn is driving the Chevrolet Mini-Van provided by Culberson-Stowers of Pampa. Others in the van include Henry Urbanczyk, Charlene Morris, Mary McDaniel and Nancy Hahn.

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Israelis, Palestinians prepare for showdown as bulldozers make to break ground

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli bulldozers rolled onto a disputed east Jerusalem hilltop today to begin work on a Jewish neighborhood despite condemnation by the international community and intelligence warnings that the decision would unleash Palestinian riots.

Hundreds of troops, including snipers, took up positions on the hill slated for construction, known to Israelis as Har Homa and to Palestinians as Jabal Abu Ghneim.

Escorted by police, a convoy of flat-back trucks carrying bulldozers reached the site at about 2:45 p.m.

Palestinian protesters, huddling in rain-drenched tents on a nearby rocky slope, said they would resist soldiers' orders to leave. One soldier kept a mounted machine gun trained on the six tents. Other troops had tear

gas canisters loaded on their rifles. "Israel is escalating the situation," said Faisal Hussein, the senior Palestinian official in Jerusalem who was among 30 or so protesters at the site. "We feel we must confront their plans."

The building project has become a test of both sides' resolve regarding Jerusalem, the most explosive issue on their agenda.

The final decision to begin work on the 6,500-apartment project came after a morning meeting attended by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, senior Cabinet ministers and security chiefs.

Israel's deputy chief of staff was in command at the construction site, and army helicopters hovered above.

Israel argues it is the sovereign in Jerusalem and need not consult with anyone

on construction in the city. The Palestinians want to establish a capital in east Jerusalem, the sector Israel captured from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast War and annexed.

As tension grew, the chance of a meeting between Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat appeared increasingly slim, despite American and Jordanian efforts to bring the two leaders together and save the peace process.

Arafat does not want to meet with Netanyahu unless Israel suspends its decision to build in east Jerusalem, the sector the Palestinians claim as a future capital, Palestinian officials said.

"As long as they are building on Jabal Abu Ghneim, there can be no meeting," said the Palestinian Cabinet secretary, Ahmed Abdel Rahman.

Netanyahu has vowed not to back

down, despite last week's international condemnation of Israel by the U.N. General Assembly and warnings by his security chiefs that the construction might trigger violent Palestinian protests and perhaps also attacks in Israel.

"When it comes to Jerusalem, we are ready to confront anyone .. to assert our sovereignty," Netanyahu said Monday. "If we do not stand up to threats over Jerusalem, we will not stand up to threats over anything."

In today's Cabinet meeting, security officials told the ministers that Arafat had given green light for violence against Israel, radio reports said. Police reinforcements were deployed in Jerusalem and elsewhere in Israel to try and thwart possible terror attacks, the radio said.

Hanan Ashrawi, minister for higher

education in Arafat's Cabinet, said today that Israel would be held responsible for a collapse of peace making and an outbreak of violence.

"This is a provocative, irresponsible and illegal action," Ashrawi said of the government's decision to start construction.

"It is a deliberate Israeli step to destroy the peace process. I hope that there are no confrontations, but if there are, I blame Israel and I caution them against using violence," she said.

Preparing for possible riots, the army early today declared the site slated for construction a closed military area to prevent more Palestinian demonstrators from reaching the scene. Despite the closure, several dozen Israeli peace activists slipped through checkpoints and joined the Palestinians in their tents.

Grand jury refuses to indict school official in paddling case

HOUSTON (AP) - A Harris County grand jury refused to indict ex-New York Jet Alvin "Boom Boom" Jackson for the paddling of a student at a private school where Jackson is a superintendent.

Jackson, 42, a former Jets defensive player, admitted he paddled the 13-year-old on Nov. 12 at the Classical School for Brilliant Students. The school calls itself a last resort for students with academic and behavior problems.

The teen no longer attends the school. His

parents, who do not want to be identified, are angry and said they might file a lawsuit.

"Somebody bruised my son, and it wasn't done in my house," the boy's mother said.

The boy's parents had produced pictures showing large and dark bruises on their son's buttocks. Jackson saw the pictures and said the punishment he inflicted wasn't that severe.

"My God! If I did that, put me in jail! No way!" Jackson said last month.

Jackson has said he paddled the boy for

fighting with his son and for not working in class. Even if Jackson inflicted the bruises, it is not necessarily child abuse because Texas law permits corporal punishment.

Jackson's wife, school administrator Deborah Jackson, said the school won't change its corporal punishment policy.

The boy's parents thought law enforcement officials did a poor job with the investigation and said they don't understand why they weren't called to testify.

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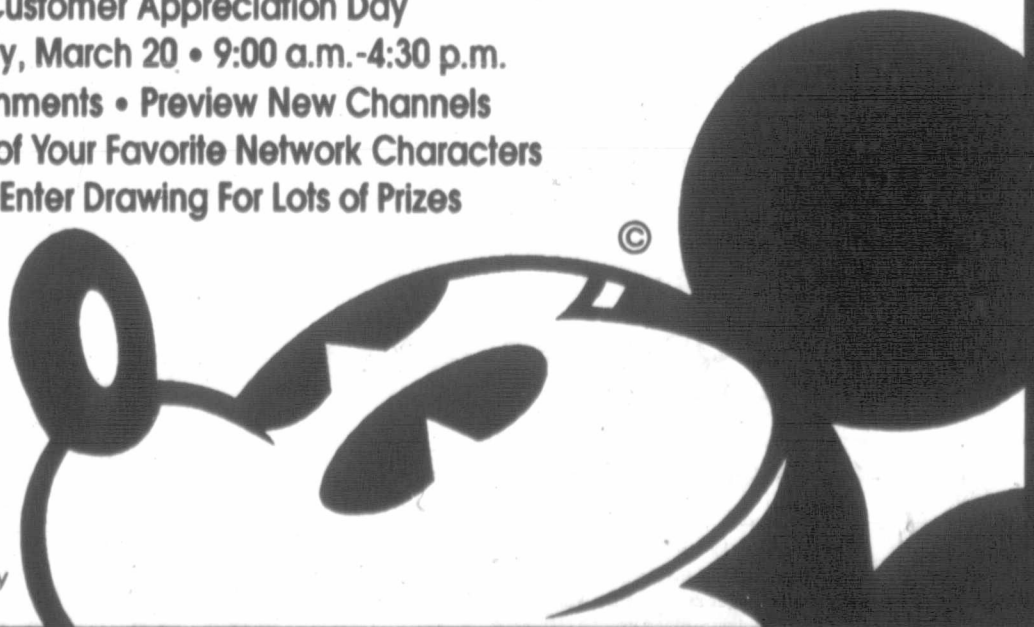
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Millionaire businesswoman retracing Amelia Earhart's flight 60 years after its disappearance

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — The re-creation of Amelia Earhart's last flight took an educational pit stop to show off the vintage silver Lockheed Electra airplane and the woman who plans to fly it around the world.

Millionaire businesswoman Linda Finch was at the controls of the shiny twin-engine aircraft when it landed Monday at Burbank Glendale Pasadena Airport.

The plane, which took off from Oakland a few hours earlier, is a fraternal twin to the one Earhart flew from the same Oakland airfield to Burbank 60 years ago on March 17.

Others have completed the Earhart flight, but not in an Electra.

Finch landed just before 3 p.m., taking a big bounce before setting down. She heads for Tucson, Ariz., on Wednesday.

"Well, I don't know if I should admit it in front of everybody, but the last two or three (landings) I made were really perfect and I think I got a little cocky and wasn't paying enough attention," she said of the bounce.

Finch, 46, of San Antonio, Texas, restored the plane and sheltered it in the same hangar from which Earhart's craft was rolled out on St. Patrick's Day in 1937.

"Amelia had a message that she wanted to deliver to people of her time and we want to do the same thing with our project," Finch said. "She believed that everyone should be able to have their dream, and be able to set limits that are higher than sometimes we set for ourselves."

The flight will take about 2 1/2 months, cover about 26,000 nautical miles and visit 20 countries. Finch plans to end her flight in Oakland in May.

Snuffy and Granny



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromarite)

Ron and Dianne Smith from Massillon, Ohio, are actually known as Snuffy and Granny, the country-western comedians who often appear with Bill Mack. They were in Shamrock for Saturday's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration, driving their Freightliner Classic named "Blue," after Mack's now-famous song, in the parade. They will appear on the Bill Mack Radio Show and perform for the Mid American Truck Show in Louisville, Ky., on Thursday. The Smiths cover 48 states and Canada in their travels. Traveling in the Freightliner Century Class Truck named "Blue," they are contract lease operators with Prime Inc. of Springfield Mo., and transport general merchandise loads for Prime, but they schedule shows along the way.

Horace Mann honor roll

Horace Mann Elementary School has announced its Honor Roll for the fourth six-weeks grading period of the 1996-1997 school year.

First Grade

Andy Akins, Carrie Angel, Megan Barnett, Chelsea Cain, Bethany Caviness, Jeremy Cooper, Jimmy Craig, Meagan Crawford, Stephnie Dinges, Aaron Dunham, Kristen Dunn, Johnny Ellen, Ally Garner, Erin Hall, Matt Hathcoat, Anna Hillman and K'Lyn Holmes.
Jessica Hook, Dane Howard, Nikki Jones, Kevin Kirkham, Chelsea Ma, Kaci Maddox, Ryne Malone, Ashley Owen, Morgan Reagan, Amy Silva, Samantha Sutterfield, JaCee Villarreal, Marketa Walker, Kelli Wilson, Keith Young and Jennifer Yount.

Second Grade

Erica Arreola, Jeremy Been, Andrea Burkhalter, Brandon Crook, Joshua Davis, Amber Fisher, Bobby Fowler, Carla Hefner, Jordan Miller, Brittany Reagan, David Richards, Traci Rodriguez, Jennifer Roe, Jake

Russell, John Ulloa, Geneva Wildcat and Amber Williams.

Third Grade

Daniel Clark, Wendy Clark, Spencer DeFever, Michael Grajeda, Kaylee Hill, Chadd Malone, Mistee Morelan, Royce McGrath, Cama Niccum, Ashley Orr, Jamie Rollins, Loria Simmons Shannon Smith, Felicia Urban, Alicia Whitehead and Whitney Wichert.

Fourth Grade

Larry Clark, Amy Freeman, Alma Gutierrez, Amber Jenkins, Brandon Kane, Judd Miller, Drew Morrison, Suzanne Parks, Zach Parr, Cameron Seger and Joel Shannon.

Fifth Grade

Heather Burkhalter, Alex Couch, Shelby Crook, Marcus DeLeon, Britny Downey, Jared Dunham, Kori Dunn, Michael Ellen, Sarah Ellis, Amber Freeman, Blake Howard, Andrew Jennings, Megan Poole, K'Lee Ratzlaff, Meredith Rollins, Carissa Seger, Aaron Silva, Nick Story and Joshua Urban.

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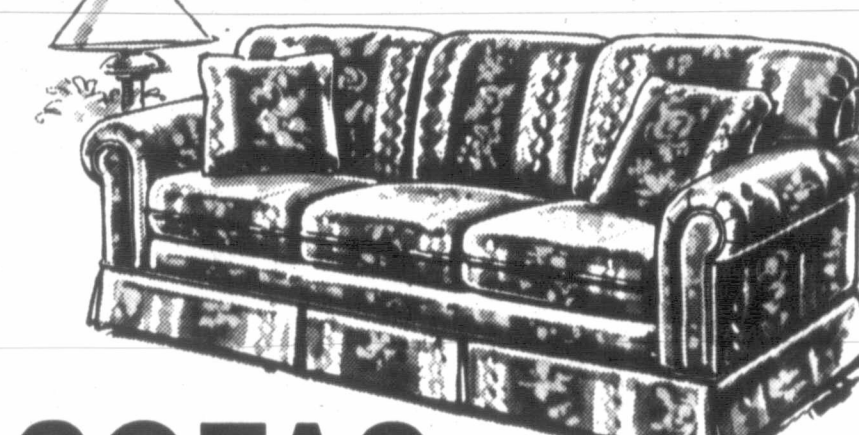
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Live-in Couple Can't Expect Parents To Pay For Wedding

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with your harsh condemnation of "Disapproving Mother," who refused to celebrate her daughter's engagement because the daughter is living with her fiancé.

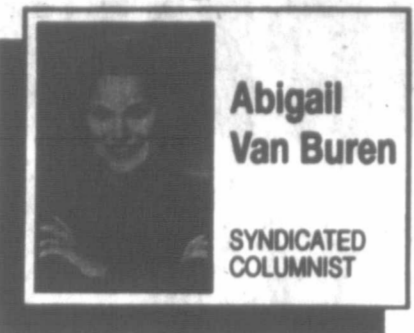
I realize that it is difficult to address all considerations in the space of your column, but I wonder if you feel, as it appears, that the mother owes the daughter an elaborate wedding? If this girl is able to live on her own with her fiancé, why should the mother be expected to pay for a wedding? The young couple is clearly able to attend to their needs, so why is it they can't take care of their own wedding?

I don't condemn this couple. If I knew them I would be happy to wish them well. However, I also wish the mother well, as she has been willing to stand up for her values in a world where there are few people willing to do so.

THERESE D. BARRY,
BEECH MOUNTAIN, N.C.

DEAR THERESE: Nowhere in her letter did the mother indicate that she had been asked to pay for the wedding or shower, nor did I tell her to do so. Paying the expenses of a wedding should be considered a gift, and not an obligation by the bride's parents.

I told the woman that her angry, punitive stance would isolate her from her daughter, her future son-in-law and grand-



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children — and she had everything to lose and nothing to gain.

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Disapproving Mother" was that she should apologize to her daughter and her fiancé. Baloney! The daughter, knowing how her parents would feel about her setup, should not expect them to pay for anything. The mother does not have to approve of their lifestyle. They have lived together for two years and plan to shack up for another year while calling this an engagement.

As for future grandchildren, I don't think "Disapproving Mother" has anything to worry about. They'll be dropping off their offspring for grandmother to baby-sit free of charge. "Disapproving Mother" should attend the wedding if invited, like any other guest.

ARLENE JOHNSON,
AVON LAKE, OHIO

DEAR ARLENE: I agree, the mother does not have to approve of their lifestyle. However, by refusing to give the young man permission to marry their daughter, they have reduced their chances of being asked to the wedding, and should the young man carry a grudge, they could well be cut off from any grandchildren.

DEAR ABBY: When I became engaged, my future mother-in-law gave me a lovely diamond ring that had been in her family for three generations. I was thrilled and have cherished it. I know that it is worth several thousand dollars.

I am now divorced, and she has asked me to please return the ring. I love her very much and couldn't refuse her or fight over it, but that ring means a lot to me. I would have had the stone reset or, perhaps, passed it down to my children.

What is the right thing to do?
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DEAR BROKENHEARTED: Since your former mother-in-law has asked you to return this family keepsake that has been in the family for three generations, the "right" thing to do would be to return it.

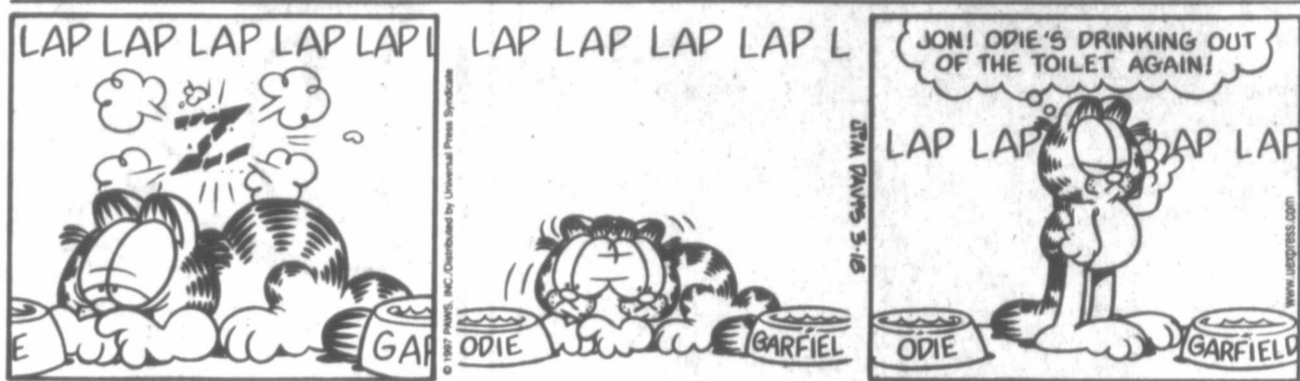
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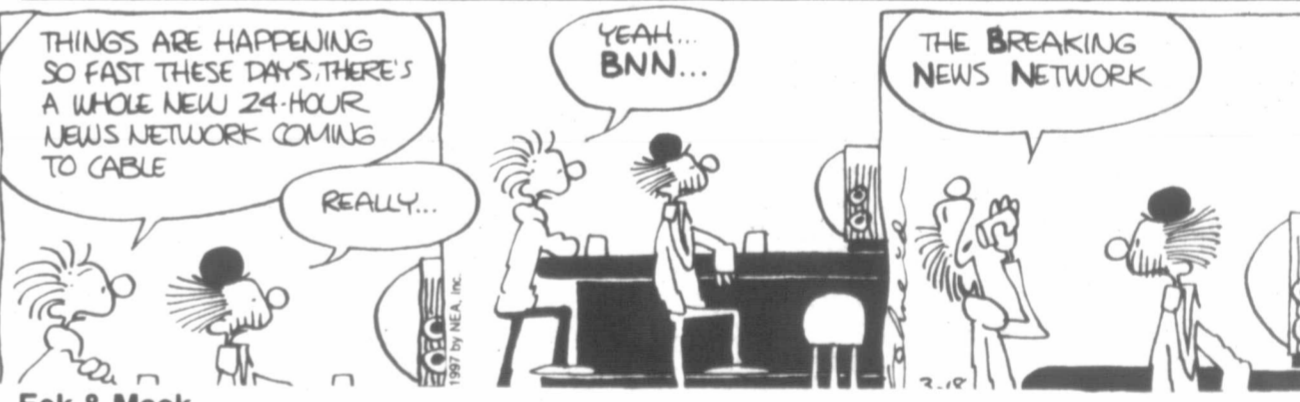
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Horoscope



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Your skills in competitive endeavors, be they at work or at play, will be accentuated in the year ahead. It looks like you'll have numerous occasions to put your talents to use.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not trip over your own shoestrings today by attempting to take on more than you can manage and thereby ending up being a hindrance to those you're trying to help. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The company you keep today will have a big influence on your attitude. Energetic hotshots will wear on you quicker than the less-pretentious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A competitive individual might try to draw you into a game of one-upmanship today. You will come out looking better if you accentuate your humility, not your pride.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It is best today not to sign or acknowledge legal arrangements without having proper counsel. What you put in writing could be misused.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Financial trends continue to look encouraging, provided you are not extravagant or indifferent today regarding your financial affairs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might be keener and wiser in judgement than persons you associate with today. Weigh their opinions, but don't yield yours up without a complete review.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Responsibilities must not be treated in a cavalier manner today. Persons you're involved

with will expect you to fulfill your obligations. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Socializing could be an excellent source of amusement, information and relaxation for you today, provided that the groups are not too large.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Timing and preparation are critical today where new endeavors are concerned. Do not wait too long to get into the action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not be reluctant to ask questions today if you fail to grasp something important that is explained to you. Seeking clarification is a smart move.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Treat persons with whom you're involved thoughtfully today, but don't go overboard for an individual who never reciprocates or says "thank you".

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not treat competitors with indifference today; you don't want to discover too late that they know as much, or more, than you do.

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Notebook BASKETBALL

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — A guard from Tyler (Texas) Junior College has committed to play at Indiana next season.

Rob Turner, 6 feet 4 inches tall and 200 pounds, shot better than 50 percent and averaged 23 points a game this season while leading Tyler to a 20-10 record and third-place finish in the Texas East Conference.

He was a first team All-Conference selection.

Turner picked the Hoosiers over Miami (Fla.), Minnesota, Texas Tech and California.

"I liked everybody (at IU)," Turner said. "I felt they were being real with me. I talked to the players and they said it would be a good place for me to go."

In his first year at Tyler, Turner helped lead the team to a conference championship, 27-8 record and eighth-place finish in the national junior college tournament. He averaged 10 points a game, but did not start early in the year because of a knee problem.

DENVER (AP) — Nick Van Exel scored 30 points and Byron Scott reached 15,000 career points with 15 as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Denver Nuggets 113-94 Monday night.

Elden Campbell added 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Lakers, who have swept the team's two games in Denver for the eighth time. Los Angeles has won seven of the last 11 meetings in Denver and three straight this year.

Antonio McDyess passed the 2,000-point plateau with 26 points and had 10 rebounds. LaPhonso Ellis added 24 points for the Nuggets, losers of eight of their last 10 games.

Los Angeles had struggled with its shooting, putting back-to-back sub-40 percent shooting nights and were sub-40 percent for four of their past nine games. The Lakers shot 54 percent, 42 of 78.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Pitcher Kevin Gross agreed Monday to a minor league contract with the Texas Rangers contingent on his passing a physical examination.

Gross became a free agent after the season, but was not offered arbitration by the Rangers and can't sign a major league contract with them before May 1.

Gross, 35, was 11-8 with a 5.27 ERA with the Rangers last year. He'll work out with the major league team but pitch in spring games with Oklahoma City, the Rangers' AAA team which also trains in Port Charlotte.

Gross underwent surgery Oct. 17 to repair a disc in his lower back.

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Brad Ausmus uttered one word when he learned that the Detroit Tigers had traded him to the Houston Astros.

"Again?" Despite his considerable qualities as a defensive catcher, Ausmus has bounced to three big league teams in five years. He's in his fifth organization since 1987.

"Actually, I was pretty excited about this trade, going to a team that had a chance to win the Central Division," Ausmus said. "Detroit will be a good team in a couple of years but I'd like to be in the thick of it right now."

Free agency has changed the way players view trades, Ausmus said.

"I think a lot of players like to stay with one team but the way the game is now with free agency, that's almost impossible," Ausmus said. "So the second thing they hope for is winning. It was harder going from San Diego ... which was a winning team and Detroit wasn't."

The Astros obtained Ausmus for his defensive skills but with the hope that his hitting will improve. Ausmus knows he can hit, based on his 1995 performance.

Basketball season comes to an end for Lady Raiders

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Trapped along the baseline by two Stanford defenders, Rene Hanebutt dribbled the ball out of bounds off her foot and clasped her hands to her head in despair.

That play epitomized Texas Tech's frustration Monday night during a 67-45 loss to the Lady Cardinal in the second round of the West Regionals.

And it was a feeling common to all visitors at Maples Pavilion this season.

Even with All-American Kate Starbird struggling through her worst game of the season, Stanford had little trouble reaching the round of 16 for the 10th consecutive year.

Olympia Scott scored 19 points and volleyball defector Kristin Folkl added 11 as Stanford overcame unusually bad outside shooting by dominating inside to defeat Texas Tech.

Stanford (32-1), which opened with a 27-9 run and led by at least nine points the rest of the way, tied a school record with its 23rd straight win and extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 47 games.

"This is a very good game for us, because we had to do things we normally don't do," said Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer. "Our strong defense is what did it tonight."

The top-seeded Lady Cardinal, seeking their third national title of the 1990s, will face Virginia in the West Regional semifinals Saturday at Missoula, Mont. Vanderbilt and Georgia will meet in the other semifinal.

Alicia Thompson had 24 points for the Lady Raiders (20-9), who had reached the round of 16 each of the past five seasons. Hanebutt, who averaged 15 points a game this season and had hit a 3-pointer in 18 straight games, was held scoreless for Texas Tech.

The Lady Raiders had their lowest score of the season, and their 18 points in the first half also was a season low.

"We aimed to stop their transition and we did early on, but we didn't get our shots down and dug ourselves a hole," said Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp.

Stanford, which went 15-0 this season at Maples Pavilion, got 11 points from Folkl — a volleyball star who came back to the basketball team in mid-February because of a rash of injuries.

Starbird, who sprained her left ankle in the Lady Cardinal's first-round win Saturday over Howard, was held to six points — her lowest output of the season, and the first time since Dec. 21 she failed to score in double figures.

Starbird said the ankle was

close to 100 percent and did not affect her play.

"The ankle felt pretty good, it wasn't bothering me that much," she said. "I just was not shooting well. I've had a couple of other games like that this year."

Texas Tech went scoreless for the opening 4:12 and trailed 15-2 with 9:08 gone in the first half. Stanford led by as many as 19 points in the first half, in which Scott had 10 points and Thompson had 13.

Trailing 35-18 at halftime, the Lady Raiders scored the first eight points of the second half and stayed close until Stanford went on a 16-2 run midway through the half to rebuild its comfortable margin.

STANFORD 67, TEXAS TECH 45
TEXAS TECH (20-9)

Cockerell 1-1 0-0 2, Thompson 10-26 4-6 24, Lake 3-7 1-1 7, Parker 1-1 0-0 2, Hanebutt 0-4 0-0 0, Schmucker 2-5 1-2 6, Gibbs 2-3 0-0 4, Dickerson 0-3 0-2 0. Totals 19-50 6-11 45.

STANFORD (32-1)
Nygaard 4-9 0-0 10, Smith 1-5 2-2 4, Scott 8-14 3-3 19, Wideman 2-7 2-2 6, Starbird 3-10 0-0 6, Multaauopele 3-7 0-0 6, Folk 4-5 3-6 11, Owen 0-3 0-0 0, Flores 1-2 0-0 3, Batastini 0-0 0-0 0, Harrington 0-1 0-0 0, Benton 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 27-64 10-13 67.

Halftime—Stanford 35, Texas Tech 18. 3-Point Goals—Texas Tech 1-8 (Schmucker 1-2, Lake 0-1, Thompson 0-1, Hanebutt 0-4), Stanford 3-17 (Nygaard 2-7, Flores 1-1, Wideman 0-1, Harrington 0-1, Smith 0-3, Starbird 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Texas Tech 31 (Thompson 9), Stanford 42 (Scott 9). Assists—Texas Tech 10 (Lake and Parker 3), Stanford 18 (Nygaard and Starbird 4). Total fouls—Texas Tech 10, Stanford 12. A—7,391.

Fort Elliott bombards Hedley, 13-2

BRISCOE — Bryan Moran knocked in eight runs as Fort Elliott downed Hedley, 13-2, in a high school baseball game Monday.

Moran was 3 for 4 at the plate with two home runs and a double.

"Bryan had one of those days," said Fort Elliott coach Curtis Smith. "I bet the ball must have looked as big as a watermelon."

Clay Zybach was 2 for 3 with a double and three stolen bases; Matt McCurley walked four times, scored three runs and had two stolen bases; Donnie Barr was 2 for 4 with a home run, double and 2 RBI.

Barr was the winning pitcher. He started the game and held Hedley hitless for three innings while striking out six. Zybach came on in relief and gave up two unearned runs while strik-

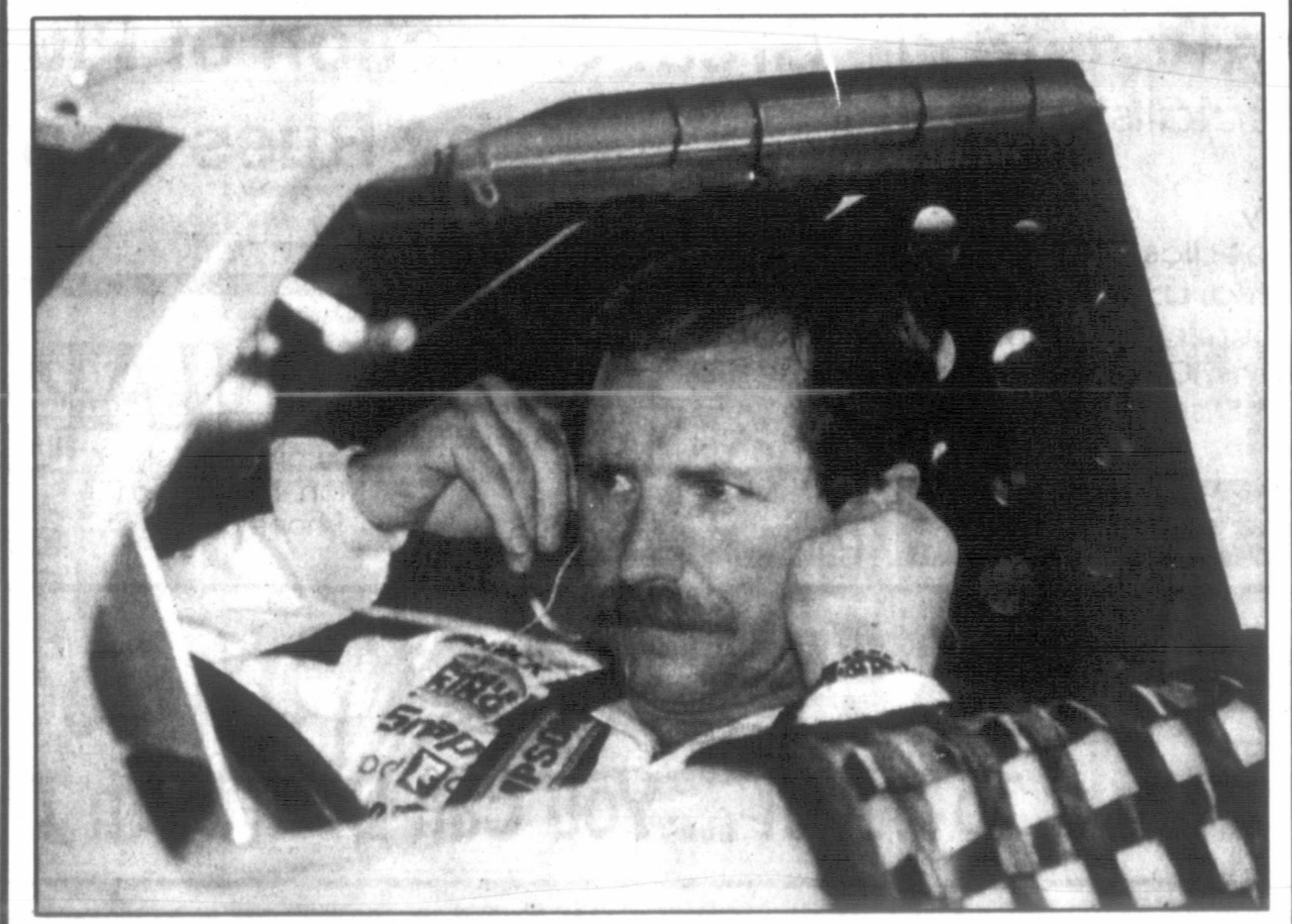
ing out five and allowing two hits.

The Cougars have a 2-2 record while Hedley is 1-1.

Fort Elliott hosts a six-team tournament Thursday and Friday. Pampa junior varsity and Samnorwood open the tournament at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Other teams entered include Hedley, Shamrock, Hartley and Fort Elliott.

Test run



Winston Cup driver Dale Earnhardt gets set to run test laps at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth. Winston Cup drivers had their first look last week at the track in preparation for the inaugural weekend on April 5-6. The 1.5 mile oval is the first super-speedway constructed in more than two decades.

Bullets deal Spurs lopsided loss

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Eight in a row was too much for the San Antonio Spurs.

The Washington Bullets hit their first eight shots of the third quarter to break open a close game and defeat the Spurs 109-85 Monday night.

Chris Webber scored 24 points and Rod Strickland 16 for the

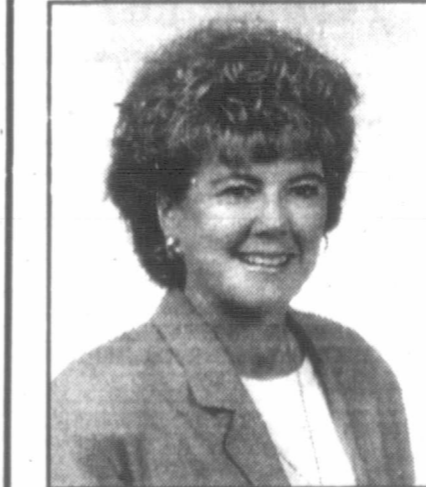
Bullets, who outscored the Spurs 20-4 in the first 5 1/2 minutes of the third period to open up a 75-54 lead.

Webber, Calbert Cheaney, Juwan Howard and Gheorge Muresan hit two baskets each in Washington's second-half start.

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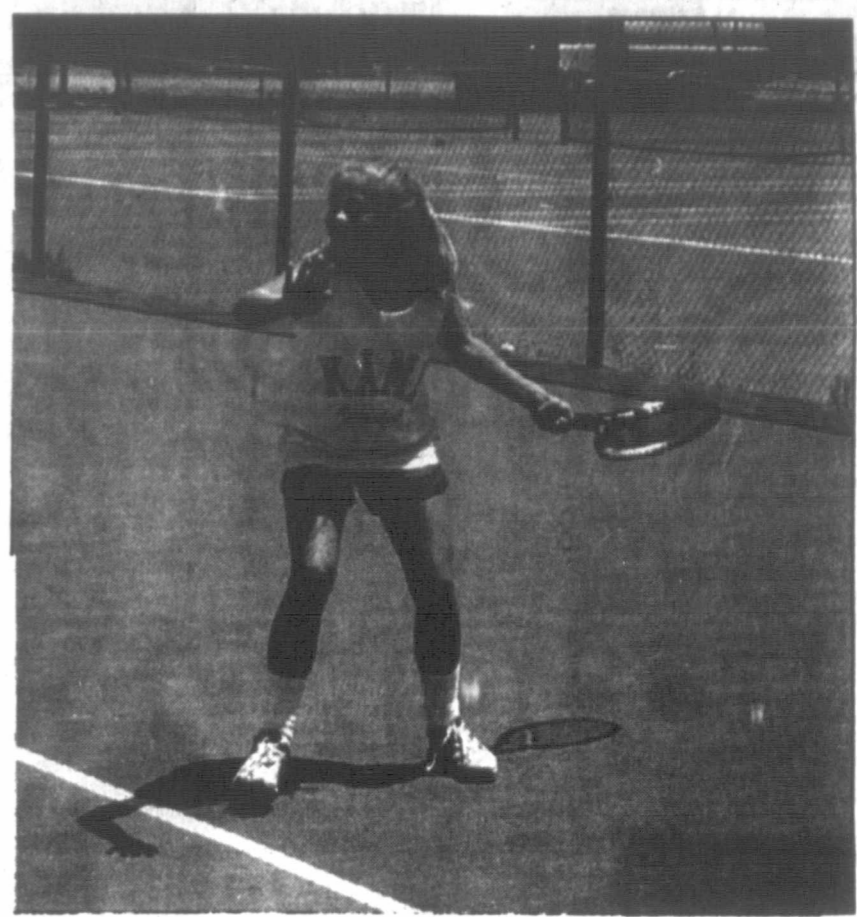
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Pampa freshman Emily Curtis (above) helped lead the girls' team to victory at the Carlsbad, N.M. Tennis Tournament last weekend. The Pampa Tournament is set for Friday and Saturday at the high school courts.

Harvesters host tennis journey this weekend

PAMPA — The Pampa High tennis team hosts a tournament Friday and Saturday at the PHS courts.

Teams entered include Berger, Dumas, Wichita Falls Hirsch, Mineral Wells, Perryton and Canadian.

Further Pampa results on the Carlsbad, N.M. Tournament are listed below.

The Pampa girls won their third consecutive tournament championship, scoring 69 points compared to 50 for second-place Las Vegas Robertson. Pampa won three singles matches and two doubles matches.

The Pampa boys placed seventh at Carlsbad.

Girls
Singles
Valerie Lee — First round: def. Adelaida Alonso (Lubbock Estacado), 6-0, 6-0; semis: def. Michaela Morgan (Carlsbad), 6-0, 6-0; final: def. Leslie Fitzcellahan (Santa Fe), 6-0, 6-3.
Emily Curtis — First round: def. Alicia Gallegos (CL), 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; semis: def. Dru Libby (Santa Fe), 6-4, 6-2; Final: def. Candace Dawson (Carlsbad), 6-1, 6-0.
April Lopez — First round: def. Anne Kruse (Carlsbad), 6-3, 6-2; semis: lost to Valerie Rodarte (El Paso Burges), 6-4, 6-2; Third place: def. Madeline Palla (Clovis), 6-0, 7-5.
Girls Doubles
Waters-Quarles — First round: def. Prieto-Prieto (Lubbock Estacado), 6-0, 6-1; semis: def. Luff-Melendres (Santa Fe), 6-3, 6-1; final: lost to Romero-Turner (Robertson), 6-0, 6-4.
Lee-Curtis — First round: def. Hammer-Johnson (Artesia), 6-3, 6-3; semis: def. Briceno-Diaz (El Paso Burges), 6-2, 5-7, 7-5; final: def. Valdez-Ewing (Robertson), 6-0, 6-3.
Boys
Russell DuBoise — First round: lost to Keith Cunningham (Santa Fe), 6-3, 6-1; second round: def. Emilio Hernandez (Lubbock Estacado), 6-2, 6-1; Consolation final: lost to Carlos Martinez (El Paso Burges), 6-0, 6-2.
Justin Laycock — First round: lost to Lee Hernandez (Lubbock Estacado), 6-4, 6-2; second round: def. Josh Boswell (El Paso Burges), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; consolation final: lost to Josh Stevens (Clovis), 6-2, 7-5.
Kyle Easley — First round: def. Justin Olgun (Artesia), 6-1, 6-4; semis: def. Matt Hunt (Santa Fe), 6-1, 7-5; final: lost to Chad Bendixen (Carlsbad), 6-1, 6-1.
Jason Vickery — First round: def. Robert Mason (Santa Fe), 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; semis: lost to Bryan Walker (Carlsbad), 6-0, 6-0; Third place: lost to Clayton Albright (Clovis), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Bryce Hudson — First round: lost to Nathan Lockwood (Las Vegas Robertson), 6-0, 6-3; second round: lost to Tony Samples (El Paso Burges), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Brandon Coffee — First round: lost to James Knapp (Clovis), 3-6, 6-3, 6-0; second round: def. Nick Hines (Artesia), 6-1, 7-5; Consolation final: def. Jason Rangel (Lubbock Estacado), 7-5, 6-1.
Doubles
DuBoise-Easley — First round: lost to Stevens-Stoneback (Clovis), 6-3, 6-4; second round: def. E. Hernandez-Guzman (Lubbock Estacado), 6-2, 6-3; Consolation final: lost to Boswell-Martinez (El Paso Burges), 6-3, 7-6 (7-2).
Laycock-Vickery — First round: lost to L. Hernandez-Olivares (Lubbock Estacado), 6-4, 7-5; second round: def. Hill-J. Olgun (Artesia), 6-4, 6-3; Consolation final: lost to Tarrin-Pratt (El Paso Burges), 6-1, 6-1.
Hudson-Coffee — First round: lost to Gallegos-Garcia (Las Vegas Robertson), 6-1, 6-0; second round: lost to Samples-Valenzuela (El Paso Burges), 6-2, 6-4.

Eagles lure Boniol away from Dallas

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In front of television crews, newspaper reporters, even an ESPN sportscaster, the Philadelphia Eagles rolled out the pomp on Monday to introduce their brand-new, \$2.45 million ... kicker?

The Eagles expect Chris Boniol, a 25-year-old that they lured away from conference rival

Dallas last week, to be an impact player.

"Three years ago, coming out of Louisiana Tech, I was just begging people to look at my high light tape," said Boniol, who made 27 straight field goals at the end of last season, went 7-for-7 against Green Bay and accounted for the Cowboys' entire offense in four games in 1996.

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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 18

North Carolina 73, Colorado 58
California 75, Villanova 58

At Pittsburgh Civic Arena

Pittsburgh
Sunday, March 16

Louisville 64, New Mexico 63
Texas 82, Coppin State 81

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)

Regional Championship

At The Carrier Dome
Syracuse, N.Y.

Sunday, March 23

North Carolina-California winner vs. Texas-Louisville winner

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)

Regional Championship

At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center
Birmingham, Ala.

Sunday, March 23

Kansas-Arizona winner vs. Providence-Tennessee-Chattanooga winner

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 65, Tulsa 59
Minnesota 76, Temple 57

Regional Semifinals

At The Alamodome
San Antonio

Thursday, March 20

UCLA (23-7) vs. Iowa State (22-8)
Minnesota (29-3) vs. Clemson (22-9)

Regional Championship

At The Alamodome
San Antonio

Saturday, March 22

UCLA-Iowa State winner vs. Minnesota-Clemson winner

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.

Utah, 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)

Regional Championship

At San Jose Arena

San Jose, Calif.
Saturday, March 22

Kentucky-St. Joseph's winner vs. Utah-Stanford winner

National Invitation Tournament At A Glance

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All Times EST

Wednesday, March 12

Connecticut 71, Iowa 66
Florida State 82, Syracuse 67

Michigan State 65, George Washington 50
West Virginia 96, Bowling Green 95

Pittsburgh 82, New Orleans 63
Notre Dame 74, Oral Roberts 58

Bradley 66, Drexel 53
Arkansas 101, Northern Arizona 75

Nebraska 67, Washington 63
Texas Christian 85, Alabama-Birmingham 62

North Carolina State 77, Southwest Missouri State 66

Nevada 97, Fresno State 86
UNLV 66, Memphis 62

Hawaii 71, Oregon 61
Tennessee 73, Michigan 63

Michigan 76, Miami 63
Oklahoma State 79, Tulane 72

Second Round

Monday, March 17

Florida St. 68, Michigan St. 63
West Virginia 76, North Carolina State 73

Arkansas 76, Pittsburgh 71
UNLV 89, Hawaii 80, OT

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 19, 20, or 21

Sites and Times TBD

Connecticut-Bradley winner vs. Nevada-Nebraska winner

Florida St. (18-11) vs. West Virginia (21-9)
Notre Dame-Texas Christian winner vs. Miami-Michigan-Tulane-Oklahoma St. winner

Arkansas (17-12) vs. UNLV (22-9)

Semifinals

At Madison Square Garden
New York

Tuesday, March 25

Times TBA

Connecticut-Bradley-Nevada-Nebraska winner vs. Florida St.-West Virginia winner

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

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PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association At A Glance

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All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W L Pct GB

Miami 48 17 .738 —

New York 47 18 .723 1

Orlando 38 29 .564 12

Washington 31 34 .477 17

New Jersey 20 44 .313 27 1/2

Philadelphia 17 47 .266 30 1/2

Boston 13 54 .194 36

Central Division

x-Chicago 56 9 .862 —

Detroit 47 18 .723 9

Atlanta 44 22 .667 12 1/2

Charlotte 42 24 .636 14 1/2

Cleveland 35 29 .547 20 1/2

Indiana 30 34 .469 25 1/2

Milwaukee 27 38 .415 29

Toronto 23 42 .354 33

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W L Pct GB

x-Utah 49 17 .742 —

Houston 43 22 .662 1/2

Minnesota 32 32 .500 16

Dallas 22 42 .344 26

Denver 19 46 .292 29

San Antonio 16 49 .246 32

Vancouver 11 56 .164 38

Pacific Division

x-Seattle 45 19 .703 —

L.A. Lakers 44 21 .671 1/2

Portland 38 28 .576 8

Sacramento 28 37 .431 17 1/2

L.A. Clippers 27 36 .429 17 1/2

Phoenix 27 38 .415 18 1/2

Golden State 25 40 .385 20 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Games

New Jersey 89, New York 74

Miami 101, Houston 80

Milwaukee 102, Indiana 98

Orlando 100, Vancouver 89

Minnesota 119, Boston 101

Detroit 86, Seattle 83

Portland 106, L.A. Clippers 94

Dallas 99, Sacramento 88

L.A. Lakers 98, Toronto 90, OT

Monday's Games

Boston 126, Milwaukee 117

Utah 114, Charlotte 93

Atlanta 112, Orlando 107, OT

Cleveland 85, Detroit 82

Washington 109, San Antonio 85

L.A. Lakers 113, Denver 94

Phoenix 116, Golden State 95

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.

Wednesday's Games

Utah at Boston, 7 p.m.

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

Cleveland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Indiana at Atlanta, 8 p.m.

Golden State at Miami, 8 p.m.

Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Atlantic Division

W L T Pts GF GA

x-Philadelphia 39 21 10 88 236 184

x-New Jersey 38 20 12 88 196 181

Florida 32 23 16 80 192 168

N.Y. Rangers 33 26 9 75 229 200

Washington 28 35 7 75 197

Tampa Bay 27 35 7 81 187 217

N.Y. Islanders 24 36 10 58 192 208

Northeast Division

W L T Pts GF GA

Buffalo 37 21 11 85 207 173

Pittsburgh 32 30 7 71 238 233

Hartford 27 33 10 64 193 219

Montreal 25 32 14 64 215 245

Ottawa 23 33 14 60 193 206

Boston 24 38 9 57 208 254

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W L T Pts GF GA

x-Dallas 41 23 6 88 215 171

Detroit 21 15 81 221 185

Phoenix 33 33 5 71 204 213

St. Louis 30 32 9 69 208 218

Chicago 28 31 12 68 186 180

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 68 191 202

Vancouver 29 37 4 62 188 240

Los Angeles 25 37 9 59 188 233

San Jose 23 39 7 53 177 231

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Games

Washington 5, Hartford 3

Chicago 5, N.Y. Islanders 4

Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 1

Dallas 6, Pittsburgh 2

Colorado 4, Detroit 2

Calgary 2, Anaheim 2, tie

Monday's Games

Buffalo 5, Boston 1

Ottawa 4, N.Y. Rangers 3

Florida 4, New Jersey 1

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Clinton accepts Lake's request to step down as CIA nominee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Having firmly decided to abandon the fight to head the CIA, a gloomy Anthony Lake walked into President Clinton's private study and said, "I'm sorry. You know why I'm here."

The president, casually dressed, his injured leg elevated, already had gotten word that his closest foreign policy adviser over the past four years wanted out of an increasingly nasty confirmation battle.

"I want you to stay and fight," an angry, almost despondent Clinton told Lake, as recounted by White House press secretary

Mike McCurry. "You'd be a great CIA director." Then, however, the president added, "I'll respect your personal judgment."

The 20-minute White House meeting Monday closed a bitter, four month confirmation battle that has left the nation's vast intelligence apparatus without a director, split the customarily bipartisan Senate Intelligence Committee and infuriated White House aides loyal to Lake, who for four years was Clinton's national security adviser.

There were no immediate indication that new and damaging

revelations about Lake were to emerge, but Lake's management of the NSC staff had caused a senior Democrat on the Intelligence Committee to question whether he could be confirmed.

Nonetheless, the withdrawal was surprising because Lake had weathered several GOP attacks on his finances and on his role in allowing Iranian arms into Bosnia to emerge relatively unscathed from last week's confirmation hearings. The hearings were to have concluded this week, and Republicans on the intelligence committee had said

privately he probably would be confirmed.

Lake and Clinton briefly discussed options for a new nominee to head the CIA but McCurry declined to provide any details. One obvious candidate would be Acting CIA Director George Tenet, an intelligence community veteran. Last week Lake had said he planned to ask Tenet to stay on as his top deputy.

McCurry quoted the president as saying Lake's treatment at the hands of the Senate committee was "inexcusable" and said Clinton was "angry and close to

being despondent" in his meeting with Lake.

In a letter to Clinton dated Monday and signed simply, "Tony," Lake said his reasons for withdrawing stemmed not from fear of any new revelations but from weariness with the "political circus" his nomination had become. Lake said he was convinced that under Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., the Intelligence Committee chairman, the confirmation process faced "endless delay."

"After more than three months, I have finally lost patience and the endless delays are hurting the CIA and NSC

staff in ways I can no longer tolerate," Lake said. He said his nomination had become "a political football in a game with constantly moving goalposts," and he said the intensely political climate surrounding the confirmation process showed that "Washington has gone haywire."

The withdrawal caught senators by surprise less than a week after Lake put in a steady performance in three days of testimony before the Senate panel. With support from moderate Republicans, Lake appeared to have the votes both in committee and the full Senate.

State briefs

Bank officials, FBI agents discuss rise in robberies

DALLAS (AP) — It's time to initiate a high-tech war against the brazen robbers and sophisticated con artists who are preying on Texas banks, federal authorities and bank officials say.

Bank representatives, FBI agents and federal prosecutors met Monday to discuss plans to upgrade equipment, create a computer database and re-evaluate security procedures.

Since the beginning of this year, the FBI reports there's been 52 bank robberies in North Texas — one every day and a half. That pace is almost three times ahead of last year at this time.

The regions surrounding Houston and San Antonio also have reported big jumps in robberies since the year began.

In addition to robberies, bank representatives and FBI officials said they were concerned about a 53 percent jump in check fraud losses in Dallas since 1995.

Inmates say Bailey County Jail is haunted

MULESHOE (AP) — Talk about spooky, the Bailey County Jail may have one inmate who would be able to come and go as he pleases.

That inmate is a ghost, residents of the lockup in this West Texas town say.

"Last week a deputy mentioned it to me," Sheriff Jerry Hicks said Monday. "I figured he was kidding, but (the inmates) are really convinced something's back there."

The inmates describe the ghost as a "shadowy being," Hicks said. "At first they thought it was one of the jailers they'd nicknamed 'The Creeper' because she makes no noise on her rounds," Hicks said. "They called out, but there was no answer."

The shadow seems to disappear into a dead end, prisoners have told the sheriff.

Records show improper use of electroshock therapy

FORT WORTH (AP) — Electroshock therapy to ease depression has been improperly used by hospitals in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, according to a published report.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today that hospitals gave individual patients too many treatments, administered the therapy despite patient refusals and performed inadequate medical screenings.

The newspaper said it based its report on state records.

The violations, which occurred in late 1995 and last year, were uncovered by a random audit of hospital records by the state Health Department and have been corrected, officials said.

Doctor's Hospital in Dallas gave two elderly, terminally ill patients electroconvulsive therapy even though they were medically unstable or would not benefit from the treatment, according to Health Department records. Both died of medical complications within two weeks of their last ECT.

Parole officer receives prison term

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former state parole officer has been sentenced to six years in prison for accepting cash and sex from the drug dealer she was supposed to supervise.

U.S. District Judge Terry Means Monday sentenced Cynthia Bennett Evans to six years in prison, about twice the term called for under federal sentencing guidelines.

The judge said Ms. Evans deserved harsher-than-usual punishment because she abused a position of trust and allowed John "Cold-Blooded" Clay to "peddle his poison."

"Respect for the law will be completely ruined because of people in our community who look at law enforcement officers and see not an upstanding enforcer of the law, but a despicable subverter of the law," Means told Ms. Evans before announcing her sentence.

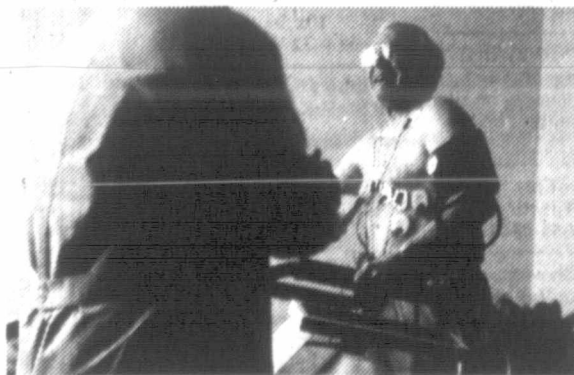


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