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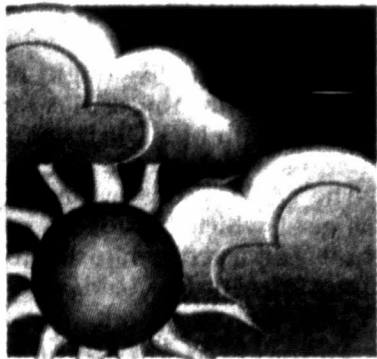
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PAMPA — The summer hours of operation for the city landfill will begin on April 1. The landfill will be open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., including the noon hour.

Even though the landfill is open till 6 p.m., it will stop accepting waste at 5:30 to allow the workers time to cover the day's trash as mandated by state regulation.

These hours will be in effect through Sept. 30.

In observance of Good Friday, there will be no trash pickup and the landfill will be closed on Friday, March 28.

Normal operations will resume on Saturday, March 29.

The recycling center, located behind Hobart Street Park, will be unaffected by the holiday hours.

PAMPA — The Youth Group of Hiland Pentecostal Church will be spending Friday night just sitting around.

Actually, they will be rocking — in rocking chairs — as a fund raiser to help send the youth to Youth Quest '97 in Kansas City, Mo., in August.

The youth will be conducting their "Rock-A-Thon" for 16 hours beginning at 5 p.m. Friday in the church's Fellowship Hall at 18th and Banks until 9 a.m. Saturday.

Sponsors are asked to pledge at least 50 cents an hour. For more information, call the church at 669-6915.

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — Two little girls missing since they walked off their school bus last week and got into a car were found today in Florida, apparently unharmed.

The three men with them were arrested without a struggle on kidnapping charges, the FBI said.

Jessica Hainer, 6, and Teresa Hainer, 9, were found about midmorning in Daytona Beach, Fla., the FBI said. They were sent for medical examinations as a precaution and would probably return home to Galesburg on Wednesday, authorities said.

"It's the happiest news we ever had," the girls' grandmother, Olivia Hainer, said at a news conference attended by FBI and sheriff's officials.

Daytona Beach police said a tourist called late Monday and reported seeing the girls, and today the suspects' station wagon was found in the downtown area.

Police then spotted all five walking into a nearby gift shop and the men were arrested without a struggle, said Joe Martinovich, the FBI's chief agent in Michigan.

The girls had been spotted in Florida as early as Sunday.

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Economists await word on interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers will face higher borrowing costs for everything from auto loans to credit cards if the Federal Reserve raises short-term interest rates as most economists expect.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan's recent public remarks have been interpreted by economists as a clear signal that the central bank is ready to boost rates for the first time in two years as a hedge against inflation.

"Greenspan can't keep talking about irrational exuberance and the dangers of excessive economic activity and do nothing," said Norman Robertson, economic adviser to Smithfield Trust Co. in Pittsburgh. "To put it in the vernacular, the Fed has to put its money where its mouth is."

It began in December when Greenspan mused aloud about "irrational exuberance" in the stock market. And in congressional testimony last week, he stressed the "importance of acting promptly — ideally pre-emptively — to keep inflation low."

Those reflections were widely interpreted as a signal the Federal Open Market Committee, the central bank's monetary policy arm, would intervene to ratchet up short-term rates at its meeting, which began this morning.

The stock market, which had fretted for two weeks about the prospect of Fed tightening, seemed to be taking it in stride as the announcement approached. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, which shot up 100 points on Monday, was up another 4 points by early afternoon today.

If all goes as anticipated, the

Fed will drain reserves from the banking system, pushing the rate charged among banks on overnight loans from 5.25 percent to 5.5 percent. It will be the first increase since Feb. 1, 1995.

Lenders are expected to judge the prime rate they charge their best business customers from 8.25 percent to 8.5 percent. Because many consumer loans including credit cards and equity lend lines are tied to the prime rate, millions of consumers will have to pay more, too.

The Fed hopes the higher borrowing costs will slacken economic growth and reduce pressures that exacerbate inflation.

The nation's inflation rate is actually lower so far this year: 2.3 percent for January and February compared with 3.3 percent for all of last year. Greenspan seems bent on a pre-emptive strike.

It's a tactic applauded by many economists, although panned by some.

The Fed first tried the pre-emptive approach three years ago. Starting in February of 1994, it doubled the overnight interbank rate from 3 percent to 6 percent, in seven steps over a 12-month period.

"It was very revolutionary and absolutely correct," said economist Allen Sinai of Primark Decision Economics in New York. "In the old days, interest rates weren't raised until the whites of the eyes were there, until inflation was rising, and it was always too late."

The result of the new policy: contained inflation and sustained economic expansion. Growth slowed from 3.5 percent in 1994 to 2 percent in 1995, before increasing to 2.4 percent in 1996.



Carolyn and David White can attest to the strength of the winds last night, as a strong gust blew the roof off of their mobile home, pictured above. The family was working this morning to remove their belongings from the damaged home.

(Special photo)

Winds blast across Texas, Oklahoma

By LAURA HALEY

A bout of severe weather roared across the states of Texas and Oklahoma last night, causing flash flooding in parts of Texas and producing several tornadoes and strong winds throughout the two states.

The high winds damaged a mobile home in Pampa.

There were no reports that any of the tornadoes caused any damage, as most were reported by the National Weather Service based on radar reports from rural areas. However, the wind damage across the state of Texas and Oklahoma was severe.

Gusting winds knocked out power to hundreds of people in Oklahoma early today, toppling power poles across highways and damaging homes.

Thunderstorms packing hail and winds up to 55 mph ripped shingles from roofs

and knocked over several trailer homes in Morrison, Okla. A tornado watch was out in 11 Oklahoma counties, and winds fanned more than 20 wildfires that have charred hundreds of acres in eastern Oklahoma.

Although the most severe portion of the front missed the Texas Panhandle, the winds were still caused some damage for Pampa residents Carolyn and David White.

The Whites were struggling today to get their items out of their mobile home after last night's winds roared through their residence right off Gwendolen Street, tearing the roof off of their home.

"I heard a noise, I looked out and my roof came off," said Carolyn. "It went up and down, up and down and then it just landed."

Carolyn watched the episode about 9:30 p.m. from her grandmother's porch

and knocked over several trailer homes in Morrison, Okla. A tornado watch was out in 11 Oklahoma counties, and winds fanned more than 20 wildfires that have charred hundreds of acres in eastern Oklahoma.

"It was the weirdest thing I (have) ever seen," she said. "It was the scariest thing I (have) ever seen."

After watching the roof lifted off her house, Carolyn said she entered the mobile home to attempt to salvage some of her belongings.

When the walls began shaking, however, she decided to wait until this morning to begin moving the family's belongings from the home.

The home was uninsured, and the family plans on living with relatives until future living arrangements can be made. Repairs on the mobile home appear unlikely because of the extent of the damage.

This story also contains information from The Associated Press wire reports.

TxDOT designs new look for vehicle renewal forms

The Texas Department of Transportation has designed a new look for the registration renewal notice for Texas motorists.

Those whose vehicle registrations expire in May will be among the first to see the state's new and improved registration renewal notice, according to information received from Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector Sammie Morris.

"The form has been changed to make it more customer-friendly, and distribution will begin the first week in April. The form is much more convenient to use, and has many features that weren't available before," she said.

According to TxDOT's designers, gone is the multi-part card Texans have been getting since 1970.

The new notice is a standardized 8 1/2 inch by 11 inch document, similar to a tax, utility or credit card statement.

Simplifying the registration procedures, key pieces of information are highlighted in red, including special instructions,

fees and proof of insurance requirements.

The name, address and phone number of the recipient's tax assessor-collector is printed on the form, providing a local contact for registration questions. Each mailing address on the renewal notice is printed with bar-code technology to assure accuracy and to speed delivery through the postal system. And, for the first time, a return envelope is enclosed for customers who wish to renew by mail.

"We believe the public will appreciate the new form," Morris said.

The revised renewal notice form was exhibited by TxDOT to officials and certain focus groups in a meeting last summer, and all county tax assessor-collectors were invited to give their input at that time, Morris said.

An insert with a graphical explanation of the new form will be included with each renewal notice. Anyone with questions about the new form should contact the Gray County Tax Office at 669-8018.

McAllen OKs water restrictions

McALLEN (AP) — With the Rio Grande Valley still suffering a water shortage, city officials have approved new restrictions on lawn watering.

"We are still in a drought, a very serious concern to all of us," said McAllen Public Utilities Manager Bart Hines. "Now is the time to plan."

The McAllen City Commission on Monday voted to limit

residential and commercial lawn watering to two times a week, beginning April 1.

Currently, residents with odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered calendar days. Those with even-numbered addresses may water on even-numbered days.

Under the new restrictions, the city will be divided into four quadrants.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

From left, Enrique Morales, Jamie Murrah received honorable mention while Jasamin Cordova place third, Valerie Vigil second and Laura DelaTorre first in the TNRCs poster contest from Baker Elementary School.

TNRCS teaches students about conservation

Students at Baker Elementary School were the first group of conservation-wise students to receive an Eastern Red Cedar tree from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The trees were delivered to the students Friday for their contributions to the coloring, poster and essay contest early this fall.

"Conservation is an on-going process and it's never too early to get kids involved with conservation efforts," said Shonda Meadows of the TNRCs.

The students were given information concerning conservation

methods and the importance of planting trees and grasses, as well as how vegetation keeps soil from blowing away or settling in our water ways and lakes.

The younger students were presented with a coloring sheet, while the older students were allowed to design their own posters using the information they had been given.

Posters have been displayed at the TNRCs office and the top three will go to regional competition.

All the students who turned in a colored sheet or a poster

received a one-year old Eastern Red Cedar sapling and instructions on how to plant and care for it.

The posters of the older students were reviewed and judged with the top five winners from each school receiving ribbons as well as the saplings.

Earning the honors at Baker were Laura DelaTorre, first; Valerie Vigil, second; Jasamin Cordova, third; and Enrique Morales and Jamie Murrah, honorable.

Students from other area schools will be presented with their trees throughout the week.

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Daily Record

Services

Services today

LADD, C. Dale — Vigil services, 7 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Services tomorrow

LADD, C. Dale — Funeral Mass, 3 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

MILLER, Imogene Jamison — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, Pampa; graveside, 2 p.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.

Obituaries

ZULA ANN HILL

WHITE DEER — Zula Ann Hill, 99, of White Deer, died Monday, March 24, 1997, at Canadian. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Charles Tatyrek, minister of the Spring Creek Baptist Church of Willow, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hill was born Aug. 23, 1897, at Hamblin, Texas. She married Walter C. Hill on Nov. 27, 1915, at Willow, Okla.; he died Jan. 21, 1975. She moved to White Deer in February of 1943 from Willow. She was a homemaker and a Methodist. She also was preceded in death by a son, Richard Hill, in 1977.

Survivors include a daughter, Norma Combs of White Deer; two sons, Clifford Hill of Canadian and R.E. Hill of Lamesa; a sister, Willie Paine of La Mesa, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch Street, Canadian, TX 79014.

BILLIE LOUISE DIFFEE JORDAN

Billie Louise Diffee Jordan, 64, of Pampa, died Monday, March 24, 1997. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Jordan was born May 13, 1932, at Amarillo. She moved to Pampa from Houston in 1965. She had attended Dumas High School. She was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church. She had worked as a home health aide for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wadie and Dorene Diffee; and a brother, Robert Diffee Jr., in 1934.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmy Jordan and Jerry Jordan, both of Houston; a brother, Dr. Bob Diffee of Dallas; a granddaughter, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

The family requests memorials be to Fellowship Baptist Church or Columbia Medical Center.

C. DALE LADD

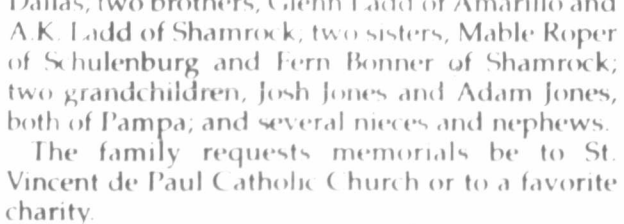
C. Dale Ladd, 74, of Pampa, died Monday, March 24, 1997, at Amarillo. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with deacon Dan Rose officiating. Funeral Mass will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Joe Bixenman, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ladd was born March 10, 1923, in Gray, Okla. He moved to Pampa in 1947 from Cleburne. He married Jean Wieneskie on Feb. 24, 1947, in Cleburne. He was a transportation technician of the U.S. Army Air Corps, 1551st Base Unit Southwest Pacific Wing, serving during World War II. He graduated from West Texas Barber College in Amarillo. He had been a barber in Pampa for the past 41 years. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 and the El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory. He was a life member of the Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, of the home; two daughters and one son-in-law, Regina and Michael Jones of Pampa and Linda Ladd of Dallas; two brothers, Glenn Ladd of Amarillo and A.K. Ladd of Shamrock; two sisters, Mable Roper of Schulenburg and Fern Bonner of Shamrock; two grandchildren, Josh Jones and Adam Jones, both of Pampa; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church or to a favorite charity.



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

Wheat	4.12	
Milo	4.44	
Corn	8.12	

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

Occidental	24.78	dn	1/8
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The following 250 S&P Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa:

Ammo	89.5/8	dn	1/8
Arco	132.3/4	up	1/2
Calmar	24.7/8	up	1/8
Cash & OGE	15.7/8	sc	
Chevron	70.3/4	up	1/8
Coca-Cola	60.1/8	up	1/8

Emergency numbers

Energas	665-5777
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Police report

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

MONDAY, March 24

Criminal mischief was reported at Starkweather and Francis. The oil pan, frame and joints of a 1992 Pontiac were damaged.

A 25-year-old female reported domestic violence in the 1000 block of Varmon Drive.

A runaway was reported in the 100 block of South Houston.

Domestic violence was reported in the 1800 block of Dogwood.

A minor in possession of alcohol was reported at the intersection of Harvester and Coffee.

Theft over \$20,000 was reported from Hoagie's Deli. Taken were two \$10,000 CDs, \$3,000 cash, various credit cards and ID.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of Doyle. Taken were three boxes of women's clothing valued at \$200.

Arrests

Villalon Navor Jr., 17, 517 Barnes, was arrested on a charge of minor in possession. He was released on bond.

Jose Silva Jr., 18, 910 E. Browning, was arrested on a charge of minor in possession. He was released on bond.

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.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be having an immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases, including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and Hib (haemophilus influenzae Type B) in Pampa at Columbia Family Health Care Center, 600 W. Kentucky, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 27. The TDH is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

The Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, in the Lovett Memorial Library auditorium. Visitors are welcome.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES

The Pampa Area Singles are sponsoring a potluck supper and dance on Saturday, March 29, at the M.K. Brown Civic Center, with Gary Orr, The One Man Band performing. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish. Cost is \$5. Meal starts at 7 p.m. and the dance starts at 8 p.m.

TOP O' TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

The Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will meet from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at Furr's Cafeteria. Susan Triplehorn will be the guest speaker. Guests are welcome to attend. For more information, call Sammie Morris at 669-8018.

NAACP MEETING

The NAACP Pampa Branch will have a members only meeting promptly at 7 p.m. today at the Southside Senior Citizens Center, 438 W. Crawford.

Ambulance

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

MONDAY, March 24

8 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Reid on a medical assist. No one was transported.

10:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing center for a patient transfer to Columbia Medical Center.

1:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Ward and Francis on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

3:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical to transport a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

9:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Varmon Drive on a trauma. No one was transported.

Accidents

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

MONDAY, March 24

A 1979 Plymouth Volare driven by Herman Russell Jeter, 90, 420 Magnolia, and a 1994 Chevy Z71 pickup driven by Preston Wayne Lamb, 52, 321 N. Nelson, collided at the intersection of Ward and Francis. Jeter was cited for disregarding a stop sign.

A 1985 Ford F150 Club Wagon driven by Gary Lowell Noreen, 44, Nebraska, and a 1985 Chevy Celebrity driven by C.L. Winborne, 61, 1121 S. Sumner, collided at intersection of Wilks and South Hobart. No citations were issued.

Sheriff's Office

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

MONDAY, March 24

Gray County deputies responded to Price Road and Hwy. 152 on a report of criminal mischief and an assault.

Bush takes the plunge ... with parachute

YUMA, Ariz. (AP) — Half a century after he bailed out of a World War II torpedo bomber, former President Bush fulfilled a promise to himself by strapping on a parachute and leaping out of a plane today — for the fun of it.

With the blessing of his wife, Barbara, the 72-year-old Bush made the jump from a civilian plane 12,500 feet over the Army Yuma Proving Ground.

Bush, the only American president ever to parachute from an airplane, sailed through the cloudless sky over the Arizona desert, deploying his orange, yellow and blue parachute at 4,500 feet. Two jump masters held a harness attached to Bush until he opened his chute.

Bush touched down about 11 a.m. on the desert floor, where about a half-dozen people rushed to assist him. He landed with no apparent sign of injury.

Medical emergency personnel were standing by on the ground.

The landing site was at the base where the Golden Knights, the Army precision parachuting team, train eight weeks a year. The base, where Army equipment and weapon systems are tested, covers 12,000 square miles, an area larger than Rhode Island.

Bush jumped with eight other parachutists.

Bush made the promise that he would someday skydive just for fun in 1944 as he bailed out of a bullet-torn torpedo bomber over the Pacific Ocean during World War II.

Bush's bomber was struck by weapons fire from the Japanese navy on Sept. 2, 1944. His two crewmates were killed. At the Parachute Industry Association convention in Houston last month, Bush said his chute was damaged and he landed in the Pacific and began swimming toward the nearest land, then held by the Japanese. But he was

picked up by a U.S. submarine and eventually awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

"According to President Bush's people, he made a promise when he bailed out of his plane in World War II that someday he would make a parachute jump that wasn't an emergency jump," said Army spokesman Doug Smith.

The U.S. Parachute Association provided one of the parachutists who jumped alongside the former president.

"He did express an interest in wanting to jump again if it was OK with Barbara," said Madolyn Murdock, the group's Gulf region director.

Bush began his eight-hour training with the USPA after arriving with Mrs. Bush in Yuma on Monday afternoon.

The USPA also provided Bush his gear, which included a parachute and a red, white and blue jumpsuit, Murdock said.

Clarendon College announces testing dates

CLARENDON — Clarendon College has scheduled a number of events students and residents alike may need add to their personal calendars.

Students needing to take the ACT, CLEP, TASP or GED exams should take note of the following dates and times.

ACT Tests will be administered on April 12 at the Clarendon College Administration Building. Cost is \$19 and results will be available in about four weeks.

The Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) will be given on Saturday, April 19, in the CC Administration Building.

Students must register with the state for this test. Reservation booklets are available at the college or the local high school counselor. The TASP costs \$29 and will be available in about two and one half weeks.

GED tests will be given Monday, April 7, at noon. Cost is

\$40. GED testing will be the first Monday of the month at the Bairfield Activity Center with results available in two and one half weeks. Individuals must call the Counseling Center in advance to schedule for the GED test.

Students wishing to take CLEP tests will need to register by calling the CC Counseling Center at (806) 874-3571.

CLEP examinations are limited to Accounting, American Government, U.S. History, College Algebra, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish and Trigonometry.

Results should be available in two and one half weeks.

CLEP exams begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 11, in the Bairfield Activity Center.

For more information about any tests, call the Clarendon College Counseling Center at (806) 874-3541.

Along with the college exams, Clarendon is taking applications for the LVN program at the main campus and in Shamrock. Applications are available at Shamrock General Hospital or Clarendon College. Deadline for application is May 10. All applicants are required to take a pre-entrance examination. Dates for the exam will be given to applicants.

Drivers needing to take a driver safety course can sign up for the course in Pampa on Saturday, April 12, at the CC Pampa Center or the course on Saturday, April 19, in the CC Administration Building. Cost for either course is \$25.

Completion of this course qualifies participants for a 10 percent discount on their liability for three years and dismissal of traffic violation with prior approval from an appropriate justice of the peace.

St. Jude preparing for annual Bike-A-Thon event

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital of Memphis, Tenn., has announced plans for the Pampa "Wheels for Life" Bike-A-Thon to be held May 3.

Coordinator for this year's event in Pampa is Becky Hilton, who encourages all residents and businesses to support this important community effort.

More details on the event will be released later.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, is the largest non-profit childhood cancer research center in America in terms of the number of patients treated and treatment success.

Treatment is provided at no cost to the family, and all findings are shared freely with doctors and hospitals all over the world.

Thanks to St. Jude Hospital, children who have leukemia, pediatric AIDS, sickle-cell anemia and other life-threatening diseases now have a better chance to live, Hilton noted.

Ten-year-old Amy Lyon of Chicago, Ill., for example, represents all the patients who have received the benefits of St. Jude's research.

Amy was diagnosed with ependymoma — a form of brain cancer — in August 1994. After surgery, she had a series of radiation and chemotherapy treatments which ended in December 1994.

Amy loves to swim and is an avid reader. She also enjoys rollerblading.

Thanks to everyone who supports events like the "Wheels for Life," St. Jude Hospital will always be available to children like Amy, Hilton noted.

Fires

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

MONDAY, March 24

3:11 p.m. — Three units and five personnel responded to a grass fire five miles west of 152.

4:13 p.m. — Three units and five personnel responded to a grass fire between Gray 3 and Gray 4.

6:06 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 633 Reid for a structure fire. Damage was limited to a chair.

8:43 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 730 Perry for a service call.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, clear with a low in the mid 30s and light and variable winds. Wednesday, mostly sunny with a high in the low 70s and westerly winds 5-15 mph.

Monday's high was 80; the overnight low was 37.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, generally clear with lows from around 30 into mid 30s. Wednesday, mostly sunny with highs from low 70s to near 80. South Plains: Tonight, fair. Lows upper 20s to mid 30s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs upper 60s to mid 70s.

North Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain

south and east, more likely southeast. Lows 36 northwest to 50 southeast. Wednesday, partly cloudy west and central, decreasing cloudiness east. Highs 64 to 72.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows in upper 40s, near 40 Hill Country. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in mid 60s. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with rain likely. Lows in low 50s inland to mid 50s coast. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in mid 60s inland to low 60s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers or

thunderstorms. Lows near 60 coast to mid 50s inland. Wednesday, cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in mid 60s coast to near 70 inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, colder. Clearing north. A chance for showers south. Lows teens and 20s mountains and northwest, mid 20s to low 30s east and south. Wednesday, fair skies north. Partly cloudy south with a slight chance for showers Wednesday morning. Highs mid 50s to around 70 mountains and northwest, upper 60s and 70s east and south.

Oklahoma — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows mid 20s northwest to upper 30s southeast. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in mid 60s to low 70s.

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Bullock says he's ready to support appointed State Board of Education

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock says it may be time to return to an appointed State Board of Education, now that meetings of the elected board have turned into battles between religious conservatives and more liberal factions.

"I'm about ready to go back to the appointed board, kick this bunch out and start over again," Bullock, a Democrat, told the Texas Daily Newspaper Association annual meeting.

"I think it's gone a little far to the right. We need to balance this thing up a little bit," Bullock said Monday. "They need to behave. Texas government needs to get on with educating our children."

Some board members backed by religious conservatives have objected to a state law curtailing their authority in such areas as textbook content and have contended that a state curriculum rewrite has been intruded on by a national group and the federal government.

More liberal board members have warned that

the Legislature may disband the panel. Bills have been filed to abolish the board or drastically curtail its powers.

Board member Donna Ballard of The Woodlands, one of the half-dozen board members backed by religious conservatives, reacted strongly to Bullock's comments.

"For the lieutenant governor to order the Board of Education to 'behave' or face a return to an appointed board is a slap in the face of every parent in Texas," she said.

"To say that we are too conservative because we don't kneel at his liberal doorstep is exactly why voters all over Texas elected us to the board," Ms. Ballard said.

"It's funny that come election time, Mr. Bullock wraps himself in the cloak of conservatism to win election but returns to his liberal, big-daddy ways once he's in office."

"I will vote according to my conscience," she

said. "I expect other board members will do the same."

Board Chairman Jack Christie of Houston, a Republican board member who is not aligned with those backed by religious conservatives, said he understands frustration from Bullock and legislators.

"I get frustrated also. I think it was Dwight Eisenhower who said when going down the road of life, the extreme right and the extreme left are gutters," Christie said.

Christie and others noted, however, that Texas voters in 1987 endorsed a return to an elected State Board of Education. The board temporarily became an appointed body in 1984 as part of an education overhaul.

The board chairman had an alternative suggestion: "Board members ought to have requirements that their children have been, will go or are going to public schools, and they should be able to pass the

TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) test.

"You ought to have some type of vested interest in the public schools," said Christie, who has three children. Two go to public school and one is 3 years old, he said. Ms. Ballard said her children also have been educated in public schools.

Board member Richard Watson of Gorman, who is backed by religious conservatives, said he would concur with voters who wanted to return to the elected board. He said philosophical differences improve the process.

"I would say that when we have some board members that express differing opinions, it brings healthy debate," he said. "It brings different ideas and philosophies to the table."

As for Christie's suggestion, Watson asked, "Does he want to put those same restrictions on members of the Legislature? ... They're the ones that actually make the laws. We just more or less implement them."

State briefs

City manager, girlfriend charged in car theft

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Big Lake's city manager and his girlfriend have been indicted with the theft of an elderly woman's car.

David Chavez, 50, was arrested last week in Big Lake, and girlfriend Consuelo R. Nunez, 47, was apprehended in Marfa. Both were released on \$5,000 bond.

They're accused of deceiving former Marfa resident R. Jean Johnson into turning over the title of her 1994 Chevrolet sedan to them last September, according to the indictment.

Chavez proclaimed his innocence.

"Everything that has come out has come out with (Mrs. Johnson) making allegations," Chavez told the San Angelo Standard-Times. "I can't talk about the specifics right now, so my side hasn't been heard. When it is heard, I'm sure that this will all be resolved."

Chavez was Marfa's city administrator for less than a year when he was fired in March 1995. He became Big Lake's city manager last spring.

The identities of the two women were withheld pending notification of relatives.

State unemployment rate falls slightly

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's unemployment rate fell slightly to 5.8 percent in February, one-tenth of a percent lower than the rate in January, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

The Commission on Tuesday said nonagricultural employment grew by 43,100 jobs, boosted by increases in the service sector.

The 5.8 percent rate in February was below the 6.1 percent rate in February 1996.

Bryan-College Station had the lowest unemployment rate of 2.4 percent. That was down from the 2.5 percent rate in January. McAllen-Edinburg-Mission recorded the highest rate of 20.8 percent, nearly 1 percent lower than the 2.7 percent rate in January.

Family wants traffic stop death investigated

COMANCHE (AP) — The sister of a man who was found dead after running from officers after a traffic stop has asked for a special investigation into her brother's death.

Fredda Jones, sister of Stephen F. Davis, Monday asked District Attorney B.J. Shepherd to appoint a special prosecutor.

Davis, a poet and one-time lawyer who run afoul of the law at times, was found dead in rural Comanche County last month. He was last seen running from his car after a traffic stop last May.

Ms. Jones and some volunteers managed to gather 3,107 names on a petition calling for the special prosecutor.

"When you live in a rural area like this, you have to make a lot of noise before Austin or anyone else will listen to you," Ms. Jones told *The Dallas Morning News*. "I think that's a lot of noise in a town of 4,000 people."

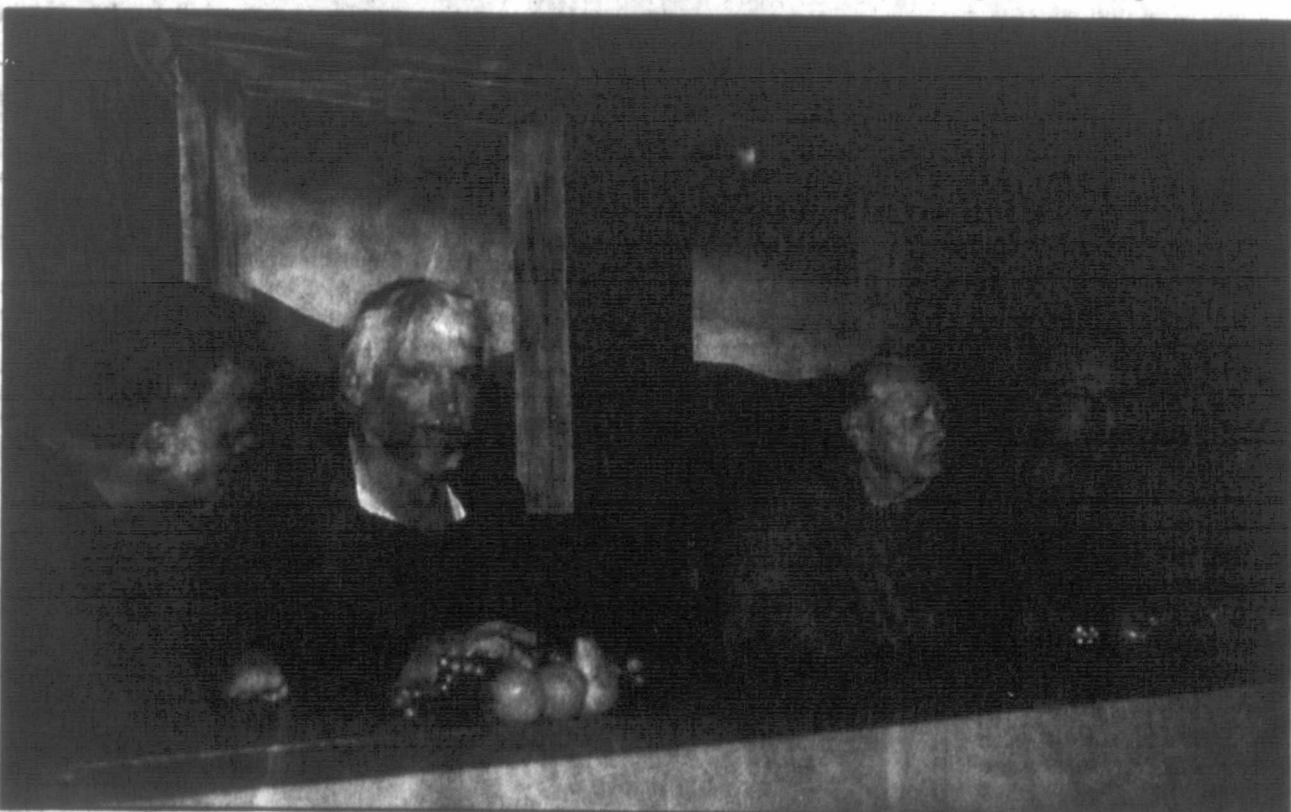
Two killed in collision with DPS patrol car

BELTON (AP) — Two women have been killed in a collision with a state trooper on a Central Texas highway during a high-speed chase.

Officials said Department of Public Safety trooper Marlon Simonton lost control of his vehicle about 9:40 p.m. Monday as he pursued another vehicle.

Officials say he slid sideways into the path of a pickup truck driven by a woman from Rogers, Texas, 16 miles southeast of Belton. The accident occurred on Highway 93, about two miles east of Belton.

The women were pronounced dead at the scene. The 35-year-old Simonton was airlifted to Scott and White Hospital in Temple. Officials say an unidentified female was a passenger in the patrol car.



Playing Apostles waiting for The Last Supper with Jesus are, from left, Ron Hayes (James the Less), Jim Osborne (Peter), E.E. 'Pinky' Shultz (Andrew) and Duane Cash (Bartholomew) in the First Christian Church's production of 'Master, Is It I?' scheduled for Friday night.

'Master, Is It I?' scheduled for Friday

A new format is planned for First Christian Church of Pampa's annual Easter presentation, *Master, Is It I?*

A potluck dinner will be included as part of the evening's activities set for 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1633 N. Nelson. The presentation and the dinner is free and open to the public.

Master, Is It I? depicts artist Leonardo Da Vinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper," with individual accounts of how Jesus affected the lives of each of his disciples. By telling their stories, the men offer insight into day-to-day life with Jesus as a man and as the Son of God.

The cast of *Master, Is It I?* includes Miles Cook as Luke and E.E. "Pinky" Shultz as Andrew. Peter is portrayed by Jim Osborne, Bartholomew by Duane Cash and James the Less by Ron Hayes.

Jack Gindorf brings power to the part of the tormented Judas, and Dave Bridges takes on the

Eight plead guilty to faking auto accidents

DALLAS (AP) — Eight people have pleaded guilty to charges they staged more than 700 automobile accidents to bilk money from insurance companies.

Federal prosecutors allege that the eight people and 10 other defendants stole more than \$6 million from insurance companies over a three-year period by staging accidents and filing bogus medical claims.

Seven of the 10 other defendants are still at large.

The Filipino-dominated group involved innocent people in some of their accidents, according to court records.

Federal officials said that injuries in Dallas and Tarrant counties are not believed to have been serious. But they acknowledged that some people may have been badly injured in staged incidents that officials haven't become aware of yet.

Some people who were not injured lost money after accidents with members of the conspiracy, U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins said. Not only did they have to pay for repairs, their insurance rates increased, Coggins said.

"Innocent people were targeted. Innocent people were victimized," Coggins said.

"False schemes to generate insurance settlements are not victimless crimes," said Doug Gastorf, chief of criminal investigations for the Dallas office of the Internal Revenue Service. "We're all affected when the costs of insurance premiums go up due to someone else's greed."

Benjamin Bilbao Ros, 44, of Long Beach, Calif., planned much of the conspiracy and agreed to cooperate with government investigators, according to an affidavit by Special Agent Timothy W. Clarke of the U.S. Secret Service.

Ros has signed court documents admitting that he organized law offices in Dallas, Arlington and Houston to fleece insurers from 1994 until January of this year.

Ros, a native of the Philippines, is accused of organizing doctors, physical therapists and lawyers to prepare bogus paperwork needed to claim money from insurance companies, Clarke said in the affidavit.

State Senate approves helmet law repeal

AUSTIN (AP) — A repeal of the state's mandatory helmet law for motorcyclists who are at least 21 and carry insurance has been approved by the Texas Senate.

Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, the sponsor of the bill, praised the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association for working diligently to help pass the measure, which now goes to the House for consideration.

"I want to recognize one of the best grassroots lobbying efforts in our state," Patterson said. "The Texas Motorcycle Rights Association has shown that if you are organized, work hard and you are consistent, it really does work."

Several members of the association, wearing black leather vests, chaps and bandanas stood and were applauded in the Senate chamber.

The bill was approved on a voice vote Monday after receiving vocal opposition from Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

"Members I just want to remind you what this is about," Ratliff said. "I want to urge you to be responsible to the state of Texas for what this means all across our state."

role of John. Sandy Clark, Cindy Gindorf and Sally Stringer serve the disciples' last meal with their teacher and friend as the "hand-maidens."

Kris Gamblin plays the part of James. Steve Hawkins is Phillip; Mike Clark, Thomas, and Jim Crossman, Matthew. Scott White portrays Simon and Joe Stringer, Thaddeus.

The Rev. Darrell Evans, pastor of First Christian Church, is to serve as narrator of the presentation.

is going to trample on your God-given right, and God gave us the right to make our own choices in our personal life," Strain said.

Last week, the Senate raised the proposed age limit for going without a helmet from 18 to 21.

Senators also voted to require motorcyclists who don't wear helmets to be covered with at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for injuries incurred as a result of a motorcycle accident.

The helmet law repeal bill is SB99.

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Opinion

DNC would love to change the subject

Notice how quickly the Democratic Party wants to change the subject when it turns to the latest fundraising scandal. As more allegations rise to the surface about the party's sordid fundraising efforts, leading Democrats want to shift the debate to campaign-finance reform.

It is disingenuous on the part of those who may have violated current campaign laws to argue that more laws will clean up the political process.

Don't be misled. The spotlight should stay focused on any potential wrongdoing regarding current political fundraising laws. After we learn those gritty details, then Congress can see what laws may need to be adjusted.

Last week's revelations concern possible attempts by the communist Chinese government to funnel contributions to Democrats. *The Washington Post*, which broke the story, reported that these allegations include "a foreign counterintelligence component."

"If the White House, or anybody connected with the White House was selling or giving information to the Chinese in exchange for political contributions then we have to look into it because that's a felony and you're selling this country's security, economic security ... to a communist power," said Rep. Dan Burton, the chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

Given the seriousness of the issue, Burton's committee has issued scores of subpoenas and is preparing a full fledged investigation into Democratic fundraising abuses. Democrats are complaining, but they only have themselves to blame.

If Attorney General Janet Reno put her duty above partisanship, she would appoint a special prosecutor, which would minimize the role Congress would play. There is certainly reason enough to appoint one: The shady dealings could touch the highest levels of government.

Congress is also investigating whether the administration altered American policy in response to pressures from high-dollar foreign donors. Bill Clinton argues otherwise, but his credibility is lacking on this particular issue.

John Huang, the democratic operative at the heart of Asian fundraising efforts, "relentlessly pressed for a lifting of trade restrictions — not only with China, but also with Indonesia and Vietnam," reporter Kenneth R. Timmerman wrote in *The American Spectator*. "As it happens, Huang's former boss at Lippo, Mochtar Riady, has multibillion-dollar investments in all three nations."

Also at the heart of the Asian fundraising scandal is Arkansas restaurateur Charles Yah Lin Trie, who drummed up \$640,000 in questionable contributions to the president's legal defense fund. One of the contributors, a notorious Chinese gun runner named Wang Jun, earned a conversation with the president during one of the infamous White House "coffees."

The issues have gone "beyond allegations," said one GOP congressman. But no matter how sordid the deeds or strong the evidence, White House Counsel Lanny Davis and other Clintonites don't seem to understand what all the fuss is about.

How about influence peddling, espionage, the flouting of federal law and the sale of U.S. foreign policy?

Rather than defending the indefensible, Democrats should join Republicans in calling for an independent investigation into foreign fundraising. A party now urging new campaign laws should be eager to see that existing ones are enforced.

Thought for today

"The only liberty I mean, is a liberty connected with order; that not only exists along with order and virtue, but which cannot exist at all without them."
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Americans yawn at latest scandal

In December, a poll asked Americans about various problems facing the country. Given the parade of White House mini-scandals following the presidential election, you might expect the public to be demanding campaign finance reform. Not so. Out of 14 issues, Americans rated it the 14th priority.

That's just about where it ought to rank. For all the forests felled and ink spilled to report the alleged misdeeds of John Huang, Bill Clinton, Maggie Williams and Al Gore, the stories continue to underwhelm.

Does anyone except partisan Republicans really get outraged at the idea of the vice president making fundraising calls from his government office? Is it truly criminal for an aide to the first lady, handed a \$50,000 check for the Democratic Party during a White House function, to pass it on? Should the public rise up in fury that someone who makes a big political donation gets invited to sip coffee with the president or maybe even spend the night in the Lincoln Bedroom?

Sorry, but none of this stuff registers on my blood pressure monitor. Maybe the letter of the law was violated, and maybe this administration was a little more inclined than its predecessors to march right up to the line between legal and illegal conduct or to do things that look crass, but if these are sins, they're venial rather than mortal.

The fact is this is both a free country and one that relies on private contributions to finance political campaigns. If we had no constitutional guarantee of free speech, we could ban people from spending money to influence elections. If we had generous public financing of campaigns, politicians could afford to spurn help from donors with a stake in government policy. But neither is the case. So politicians have to raise money to get



Stephen Chapman

elected, and some of the people who give are bound to hope for something in return.

Does the process foster corruption? It's always possible that when a politician gets a campaign contribution, he will helpfully change his position on an issue that affects the donor. But this is the exception.

The rule is that people with money give to politicians whose positions they like. A contribution the size of Texas couldn't persuade Phil Gramm to vote for national health insurance or Ted Kennedy to vote against it. If doctors give money to Gramm, it's not because they hope to entice him to vote right. It's because, in their view, he already votes right.

Good government types act as though the interests of Big Money are monolithic. If that's true, then how do so many politicians across the political spectrum somehow manage to raise enough cash to get elected? In fact, there are enough people and political action committees with money that almost any viewpoint can get represented.

Most politicians, contrary to myth, don't seek out donors and then vote however the donors demand. They act largely on their own general convictions — why else go into politics? — and then

raise money from those who agree with them.

The process of fundraising, like sausage making, often looks unappetizing, which breeds cynicism in voters. But that sort of cynicism is not the fault of John Huang. A Gallup poll found that by a 48% plurality, Americans said it is almost impossible to go into politics and stay honest. That poll was taken in 1943 — supposedly the apogee of public trust in our leaders.

Unseemliness, though, is not the same thing as genuine corruption. What no one has shown is that the administration did anything really wicked in raising money. If the president had offered to change his position on China's trade status to get political contributions, that would be criminal, morally as well as legally. But if he offered fat-cat donors an invitation to a White House coffee — well, that revelation didn't cause many people to faint from shock.

The fantasies of reformers notwithstanding, it's impossible to banish the influence of private money from politics. If people were barred from contributing to campaigns, they'd find other ways to try to wield influence — by buying political ads, giving money to Washington lobby groups, financing "educational" ventures, buying newspapers and TV stations, and so on.

Public financing might free candidates from the burden of asking for private contributions, but most people retch at the idea of their tax dollars funding attack ads by politicians they abhor. If they are fed up with the status quo, they're not willing to pay a price on April 15 to clean it up.

But most Americans are not all that disgusted by the headlines from Washington, and I can't blame them. We're ready to pay attention whenever someone uncovers a real scandal. Until then, don't bother waking us.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, March 25, the 84th day of 1997. There are 281 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 25, 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 marchers to the state capitol in Montgomery, Ala., to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks.

On this date:
In 1634, Maryland was founded by English colonists sent by the second Lord Baltimore.

In 1894, Jacob S. Coxey began leading an "army" of unemployed from Massillon, Ohio, to Washington, D.C., to demand help from the federal government.

In 1911, 146 immigrant workers were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company in New York.

In 1957, the Treaty of Rome established the European Economic Community.

In 1990, 87 people, most of them Honduran and Dominican immigrants, were killed when fire raged through an illegal social club in New York City.



Self-government is a mere facade

Charley Reese

Poor Richard John Neuhaus of the Institute on Religion and Public Life has discovered what he should have known a long time ago: The neo-conservatives are not conservatives; they are just liberals with no compassion for the poor.

Neuhaus, who some years ago broke with the true conservatives to embrace the neo-conservatives, recently held a symposium which argued that the U.S. government no longer governs with the consent of the governed.

The neo-cons turned on his group like a snake on a rat. Midge Decter, the high priestess of the neo-cons, accused them of questioning the legitimacy of the U.S. government and of encouraging bomb throwers. Gertrude Himmelfarb, another neocon guru, resigned from the board of Neuhaus' magazine, pronouncing the symposium's theme "absurd and irresponsible."

I expect the neo-cons will get the foundations to cut him off the money train unless he crawls, repents and does penance for his political heresy.

The symposium, by the way, was simply a discussion of the problem of federal judges usurping their powers, but neo-conservatives love big government, not constitutional government. Their only complaint with liberals is that they (the neo-cons) want to run the big government and don't want it to waste any money on the poor or the working class. Hence, they don't want anybody

knocking government power.

Measured against the Constitution, the U.S. government is illegitimate at the present time, for no government that exceeds the authority granted it by the Constitution can be termed legitimate. In America, the Constitution — not the federal government that it creates — is the supreme law of the land.

In the early days of the American republic it was often said by American leaders that any law or judicial ruling which exceeded the authority granted by the Constitution was to be viewed as null and void.

Today, in the latter days of the American empire, it is the Constitution that has been effectively rendered null and void. Judges and federal politicians render it null and void by declaring that the Constitution means whatever they want it to mean at any particular time.

John Marshall, the fourth chief justice and the man who set the precedent of ruling a law unconstitutional, said the Constitution must be interpreted literally, that it was written by reasonable men in plain language who knew what they wanted to say and said it.

Many federal judges today, however, act as if they were dictators with unlimited powers within

the boundaries of any case that has the misfortune to end up on their docket.

In fact, however, the judiciary has no power except to issue rulings consistent with the Constitution. It has no enforcement power — that belongs to the executive branch. The executive branch can, if it wishes to do so, decline to enforce a court ruling — even a Supreme Court ruling. U.S. marshals, for example, are assigned to federal courts, but they do not really work for federal judges. They work for the attorney general, who works for the president.

President Andrew Jackson refused to enforce a Supreme Court ruling, and it wasn't enforced. Congress, moreover, if it had the brains and the nerve, has the constitutional authority to rein in the judiciary. It can limit its appellate jurisdiction. Congress, when Lincoln was president, did that. Congress could reduce the number of Supreme Court justices. The Senate, of course, can veto a president's nominee.

The theme of Neuhaus' symposium is correct: Americans effectively no longer have self-government. They have only the facade of self-government. If they want the real thing, they're going to have to fight for it in the political arena. A good start would be to reread the Declaration of Independence.

But don't expect any help from neo-conservatives in returning to a constitutional government. Beyond cutting welfare and destroying unions, they like big government just fine the way it is.

Finance reform should be nonpartisan

It was truly an audacious moment.

With Washington aswirl in campaign-finance scandals and the media in a frenzy about presidential coffees and White House overnights, a passel of politicians in dark suits flew to Palm Beach and huddled behind closed doors with fat-cat contributors.

The gathering of Republican congressional leaders with members of their party's Team 100 at the posh Breakers Hotel in late February was one of those "face time" things that the Republicans had been ragging Bill Clinton about for weeks. The basic requirement for Team 100 privileges is the contribution of at least \$175,000 over four years. Those who cough up at least \$250,000 a year get what is commonly known as a "season ticket."

And what do the big bucks buy? The Republican National Committee promises benevolent backers "the greatest opportunity possible to meet and talk informally with party leaders, foreign dignitaries and special guests." As Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott put it in Palm Beach, it's "the American way."

Hypocrisy, thy mascot is a pachyderm. The brazen Breakers confab is a superb illustration of a basic truth about campaign-finance fuss: It is a festering, odoriferous dung heap of a scandal in which all parties are players — Democrats, Republicans, presidents and aspirants. Clinton has gone them one better in terms of degree, and one worse in terms of taste, but they are all guilty, guilty, guilty.

You've heard the general charge before. Let's



Joseph Spear

consider some specifics that smell ripe enough for official inquiry.

—Last year, Congress passed a telecommunications bill that showered broadcasters with goodies, including free use of spectrum space for digital transmissions. The gift could have been worth \$70 billion to the taxpayers if sold at auction. The industry is represented by the National Association of Broadcasters, which recently gave \$861,714 to congressional candidates, mostly Republicans. The head of the NAB is Edward O. Fritts, a pal and Ole Miss classmate of Trent Lott. Last summer, Lott and other Republicans ordered the Federal Communications Commission to expedite the allotment of free channels.

—Bob Dole's campaign was heavily subsidized by Jose Fanjul, a sugar baron who is not a U.S. citizen; by the Gallo wine family; by archer Daniels Midland chairman Dwayne Andreas, and by assorted Kansas business magnates — all of whom he helped with legislative favors. Dole frequently

flew corporate jets; one of his favorites was owned by U.S. Tobacco, whose products he touted as nonaddictive. Dole vacations in a Bal Harbour, Fla., condo which he got at a cut rate from Andreas.

—For months after the Republicans took over Congress in 1994, they regularly met with lobbyists who had financed their campaigns, in offices that were almost directly beneath the Capitol dome, and solicited the special interests' help in passing legislation. In one of the most brazen displays of clout-for-dollars in the annals of American history, the lawmakers and the lobbyists plotted tort reform, tax breaks, regulatory relief, and then sipped and supped together.

The list goes on. George Bush was accused by Common Cause of putting his "White House on the auction block." Dan Quayle opened up the vice presidential mansion for a reception for the Republican Senatorial Inner Circle. Newt Gingrich took donations from Sikhs, many of whom apparently were not registered voters.

Small wonder that Senate Republicans, led by Lott and Al D'Amato of New York and Phil Gramm of Texas and Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, are striving mightily to focus strictly on Bill Clinton and to derail a broad investigation of campaign-finance practices. Small wonder that the Democrats are trying, in different ways, to do much the same thing.

If they succeed, we would lose the chance to clean up this toxic dump once and for all, and that would be a tragedy.

'English Patient' takes best picture Oscar

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When *The English Patient*, bearing a serious literary pedigree and lacking stars, came knocking on Hollywood's door, the studios smelled pastris grosses and turned up their noses.

Next time such an opportunity comes their way, executives may focus on a different numbers game—the nine Oscars, including best picture honors, won Monday night by the wartime drama of love and betrayal.

When studios make only blockbusters like *Independence Day*, they earn a box-office windfall but lose when it comes to Academy Awards prestige. Could the outcome of the 69th Academy Awards change their outlook?

Even emcee Billy Crystal tweaked the industry. He reminisced about the last time he hosted the ceremony, three years ago: "Back then, the major studios were nominated for Oscars," he said.

Independent films dominated the awards ceremony, with a single major honor going to a big studio production: Cuba Gooding Jr.'s best supporting actor trophy for *Jerry Maguire*.

Independence Day, last year's top-grossing film with \$300 million-plus, earned a single award, for visual effects. By comparison, *The English Patient* has earned \$63 million.

Because smaller films tend to make stars, not hire them, Monday's ceremony gave viewers an opportunity to discover new faces.

Geoffrey Rush, the Australian stage actor who played emotionally disturbed pianist David Helfgott in *Shine*, picked up the best-actor trophy. Earlier, Rush beamed when Helfgott made a surprise appearance, doing a turn at the piano for the Shrine Auditorium audience.

Frances McDormand, named best actress for her role as a homespun Midwestern cop in *Fargo*, had watched husband Joel Coen and brother-in-law Ethan Coen accept the Oscar for best original screenplay.

In her speech, McDormand offered congratulations to production companies that allow



Geoffrey Rush
... Best Actor

filmmakers to "make decisions based on qualifications and not just market value."

Gooding made the most of his victory: "Everybody involved with this, I love you, I love you," said the exuberant actor, delightedly refusing to exit the stage after his allotted 45 seconds.

Although *English Patient* was made outside the studio system, it represents the kind of old-fashioned epic filmmaking that academy voters traditionally honor.

The last film to win as many Oscars was *The Last Emperor* in 1988. *The English Patient*, which had the most nominations with 12, also won for cinematography, dramatic score, film editing, sound, costume and art direction.

"The movement of passion is the most gratifying satisfaction in any filmmaker's life," said the film's producer, Saul Zaentz. "This happens when you see and hear people all over the world share their laughter, their crying and their sudden gasps at identical screen moments."

Zaentz's film was rescued by Miramax after 20th Century Fox, an earlier supporter, reportedly wanted to replace the film's lead actors with box-office names such as Demi Moore.

The film's director, Anthony Minghella, was honored, as was co-star Juliette Binoche. Her best supporting actress victory upset predictions that veteran actress



Frances McDormand
... Best Actress

Lauren Bacall would claim her first Oscar for *The Mirror Has Two Faces*.

"I'm so surprised," said Binoche, who, like many, thought the statuette would go to Bacall. "I didn't prepare anything. I thought Lauren was going to get it. And I think she deserves it."

"It's not my fault!" the actress exclaimed backstage after repeated questions about Bacall's loss.

Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, celebrating his best song win with Tim Rice for "You Must Love Me" from *Evita*, acknowledged the dominance of *The English Patient*.

"Thank heavens there wasn't a song in *The English Patient* is all I can say," Webber joked backstage.

The ceremony boasted a rare winner with a distinctly down-home Southern name: Billy Bob Thornton, the director-star of *Sling Blade*, who captured the Oscar for best adapted screenplay.

Thornton, quickly donning his trademark baseball cap after leaving the stage, was asked if he planned to call a fellow Arkansas native, President Clinton.

"I think he's going to get in contact with me. I don't have the bat phone number," Thornton joked.

The evening's most touching moment came when Muhammad Ali and George Foreman, subjects of the honored documentary *When We Were Kings*, drew a standing ovation.

"After all, it's a history piece

about a middle-aged black man. That's one hell of a middle-aged black man," producer David Sonnenberg said backstage.

Winners at the 69th annual Academy Awards on Monday night:

BEST PICTURE: *The English Patient*.

ACTOR: Geoffrey Rush, *Shine*.

ACTRESS: Frances McDormand, *Fargo*.

SUPPORTING ACTOR: Cuba Gooding Jr., *Jerry Maguire*.

SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Juliette Binoche, *The English Patient*.

DIRECTOR: Anthony Minghella, *The English Patient*.

FOREIGN FILM: *Kolya*, Czech Republic.

SCREENPLAY (based on material previously produced or published): Billy Bob Thornton, *Sling Blade*.

SCREENPLAY (written directly for the screen): Ethan Coen & Joel Coen, *Fargo*.

ART DIRECTION: *The English Patient*.

CINEMATOGRAPHY: *The English Patient*.

SOUND: *The English Patient*.

SOUND EFFECTS EDITING: *The Ghost and the Darkness*.

ORIGINAL MUSICAL OR COMEDY SCORE: *Emma*, Rachel Portman.

ORIGINAL DRAMATIC SCORE: *The English Patient*, Gabriel Yared.

ORIGINAL SONG: "You Must Love Me" from *Evita*, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice.

COSTUME: *The English Patient*.

DOCUMENTARY FEATURE: *When We Were Kings*.

DOCUMENTARY (short subject): *Breathing Lessons: The Life and Work of Mark O'Brien*.

FILM EDITING: *The English Patient*.

MAKEUP: *The Nutty Professor*.

ANIMATED SHORT FILMS: *Quest*.

LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM: *Dear Diary*.

VISUAL EFFECTS: *Independence Day*.

IRVING G. THALBERG MEMORIAL AWARD: Producer Saul Zaentz.

HONORARY AWARD: Choreographer Michael Kidd.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL OSCAR: Imax Corp. for its large-format movies.

Researchers launch rockets to study Hale-Bopp comet

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. (AP) — Hale-Bopp co-discoverer Alan Hale watched while other scientists launched a rocket to unlock the secrets of the comet bearing his name.

The first in a series of arrow-like rockets was launched at 8:15 p.m. MST Monday. It carried a telescope that would try to detect whether the comet contains the gases neon and argon.

"When we're studying the comets like this, we're getting some real clues about what conditions were like at the formation of the universe. It's like a time machine going back 4 1/2 billion years," Hale said.

The gases only form under certain conditions, so if they are found they could help determine when

and where the comet originated, said James Green, the University of Colorado, astronomer conducting the experiment.

Hale-Bopp, roughly three to four times bigger than Halley's comet, is one of the largest comets ever cataloged, with a tail estimated at 10 million to 20 million miles in length.

Green indicated it could take several months to analyze data from the experiment, which he said would provide only a small piece of the total universe puzzle.

"It is not going to happen in our lifetime that we are going to get the final answer," said Green. "But we are making progress."

The NASA-funded launches continue today with an experiment by the University of

Wisconsin to examine dust particles. The San Antonio-based Southwest Research Institute will launch an experiment Saturday, and Johns Hopkins University will follow April 5.

Each experiment is loaded on a two-stage Black Brant sounding rocket, a slender craft with guidance fins that resemble the tail of a dart. The launches cost about \$1 million each.

Since the rockets do not reach orbit — the highest experiment will only go 240 miles high — scientists only have about five minutes to actually study the comet.

But they said the experiments are necessary because they provide a chance to measure light wavelengths otherwise filtered out by Earth's atmosphere.

University of Wisconsin astronomer Walt Harris said the sounding rockets help fill gaps between observations made on the ground and those made in space by equipment like the Hubble telescope.

Researchers said the project will also add to the store of knowledge about comets, which is lagging somewhat because they cannot be studied with the regularity of stationary objects like stars.

Carrying different instrumentation, the four suborbital rockets scheduled for launch over the next two weeks will collect data on the comet's composition.

Perhaps more significantly, scientists said, the information could reveal something about the birth of the universe.

National briefs

Token booth clerk shot dead in subway station

NEW YORK (AP) — A token booth clerk who never missed a day of work in 27 years was fatally shot as he emptied the turnstiles at a subway station.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Transport Workers Union each offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Robert LeBright's killer.

"He was a very gentle, soft-spoken person," said the union local's vice president, James Mihalics. "He wouldn't hurt a fly. Passengers loved him, clerks loved him."

LeBright, 60, was working his 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift in Queens, emptying the turnstiles shortly before 5 a.m. Monday when the gunman fired once into his right side and fled. Police said it was unclear whether he got any money.

Georgia lawmakers ban partial-birth abortion

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia lawmakers have voted to ban a controversial procedure labeled "partial-

birth abortion" by opponents.

Georgia's House voted 132-43 on Monday for the ban, which has cleared the Senate. Gov. Zell Miller had remained silent during the session-long debate, but immediately said he will sign the bill.

"I am pro-choice, but I believe this bill strikes a delicate, proper balance on this sensitive issue," Miller said.

The American Civil Liberties Union and other women's groups threatened legal action. They said the bill is unconstitutional, and that its vague definition of "partial-birth abortion" may also affect other abortion procedures.

The vote followed weeks of protests and news conferences sponsored by both sides.

Health officials warn against using Cholestin

WASHINGTON (AP) —

"Lower your cholesterol without drugs," trumpet large ads for a new dietary supplement. But federal health officials say it may actually be a drug in disguise and they advise people to consult a doctor

before trying it.

Cholestin, culled from China, is made from rice fermented with red yeast. But its promoters claim it also contains, among other things, the same ingredient as the powerful prescription anti-cholesterol drug Mevacor.

Full-page ads in magazines, medical journals and newspapers claim Cholestin "has been clinically proven to lower cholesterol levels an average of 25 to 40 points in just eight weeks."

Those studies were in China, and the Food and Drug Administration cannot say if they proved Cholestin was safe or that it works as advertised.

Congress to probe charges of political IRS audits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress will investigate whether the Internal Revenue Service targeted conservative nonprofit groups for politically inspired audits.

The decision disclosed Monday marks the first time since the Watergate scandal that the Joint Committee on Taxation has been ordered to

investigate charges that politics entered into IRS enforcement efforts, according to staff members of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance committees.

The Joint Committee on Taxation conducts research for the House and Senate tax-writing panels.

"We are troubled by recent reports alleging politically motivated treatment of certain tax-exempt organizations and individuals by the Internal Revenue Service," Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, the Ways and Means chairman, and Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., chairman of the Finance Committee, said in a letter.

The letter, dated Monday, also was signed by the senior Democrats on the committees, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Rep. Charles Rangel, both of New York.

In recent months, several published reports have accused the IRS of targeting conservative groups to see if they were unlawfully engaging in political activities, which is forbidden of nonprofits with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

Community Calendar

Note: Civic clubs, organizations, church groups and others wanting their special meetings and activities listed on the community calendar should contact the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-3241, at least two weeks before the scheduled event.

March

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

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

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-0407 or 669-3988.

VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of the Texas Panhandle Inc. has an office open in Pampa. For information as a volunteer, or if you have a child who would qualify for the program, call 665-1211.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

MEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-75-0769811-0.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at 2125 N. Hobart. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

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

TOP O' TEXAS RODEO PAGEANT COMMITTEE is now accepting entries for Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo and Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Teen. For more information, contact Sonja Long at 665-1413, Jamie Greene at 665-8850 or the rodeo office at 669-3241.

27 - PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, Pampa. For more information, call 665-4268 or 665-0940.

30-31 - HEAVEN'S GATES AND HELL'S FLAMES will be presented at 7 p.m. daily by Trinity Fellowship Church at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Free admission. Contact 665-3255 for group seating or more information.

31 - CREATIVE ARTISANS NETWORK will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library annex. For more information, call Grant Johnson at 669-9887 or Kelly Ebel at 665-2825.

April

1-2 - HEAVEN'S GATES AND HELL'S FLAMES will be presented at 7 p.m. daily by Trinity Fellowship Church at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Free admission. Contact 665-3255 for group seating or more information.

4-5 - FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE will be held at the Pampa Mall from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. New books added daily.

5 - ST. MATTHEW'S DAY SCHOOL sponsoring Amarillo Little Theatre's Tour '97, *Always ... Patsy Cline*, at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets, \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. For ticket information, call the school at 665-0703 or come by the school at 727 W. Browning. Proceeds benefit the day school programs.

6 - PAMPA SHRINE CLUB 4th annual Spring Bar-B-Que, all you-can eat, at the Sportsman Club on South Barnes. Adults, \$6; children, \$3; children under 6 eat free. Proceeds go to the Crippled Children's Transportation Fund. For more information, call 665-6037.

6 - PANHELLENIC COKE PARTY at 2 p.m. in the home of Michelle Mould, 2629 Chestnut. High school senior girls wanting information on rush procedures for college sororities are invited to attend. Seniors who cannot attend can contact Michelle Mould at 665-5186.

6 - FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE will be held at the Pampa Mall from 1-5 p.m.

12 - PAMPA RADIO OPERATED PLANE SOCIETY (PROPS) will hold a Big Bird Radio Control Airplane Fly In at 9 a.m. at the club field east of Pampa Country Club.

12 - LIVE YOUR LIFE WELL community health fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., sponsored by Columbia Medical Center and Hoechst Celanese. For booth rental information, contact Denise Story at 663-4839 or Terry Barnes at 669-0924.

12-13 - NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE TRIAL RUN. Runs will be held at Lake McClellan. For more information, contact Sid Mauldin, 665-8747.

13 - FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, 1700 Alcock, will be "singing" from 2-4 p.m., with the public invited. For more information, contact Mina Towery at 665-3361 or 665-8529.

15 - CHAMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. For reservations, call on or before 9 a.m. on April 15, 669-3241.

17 - PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP will hold its regular meeting from 7-8 p.m. at the Columbia Medical Center cafeteria. For more information, contact Kathy Gist at 665-4742.

21 - PAMPA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION will meet at 2 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library for a regular meeting. For more information, call Nancy Coker at 669-2144.

24 - PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, Pampa. For more information, call 665-4268 or 665-0940.



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Man On Threshold Of Marriage Wonders If This Love Is Real

DEAR ABBY: I am a 23-year-old man and I have been dating a wonderful woman my age for three years. We have a great relationship and rarely disagree. I love her for the time we have spent, the experiences we've had and the bond we share.

The problem is that we're at the age when a great many of our friends are married or getting married. I have a feeling that she could see herself married to me, but I have always had a difficult time picturing myself with her for the rest of my life.

I come from a family that has experienced two divorces, which makes me feel very strongly that I do not want to enter into marriage unless I'm absolutely committed and sure it will be 'til death do us part. Also, I have always subscribed to the belief that when you're in love and want to get married, there should be very little doubt that this is something you want to do. I have doubts.

I guess I'm wondering if there isn't someone out there I'm missing, and I don't want to rush into anything that I could regret forever. At the same time, there is nothing better than having someone who cares for you and for whom you care — it's just not how I imagined things would be.

Am I living in a fairy-tale world, or is there a real love out there, one where there are no doubts? Every-one I know would probably say we

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

have a good relationship and should stay together. I'm interested in what you and your readers might have to say. How do you define love?

CONFUSED HEART IN MANHATTAN, KAN.

DEAR CONFUSED HEART: When in doubt, don't. Your girlfriend may be hurt at first, but you would be doing her a favor. She will not be happy with a man who doesn't truly love her, and the sooner you set her free, the sooner she can begin healing so she can look for someone who will love her.

To answer your question about the definition of love, I will summarize what I tell my teen readers in the booklet I wrote for them:

"To ask if it is love indicates doubt. Love is sure, and is built on inner realities. Love means liking a person as well as loving. Love is giving, not taking. It

is wanting the best for the one you love. Love is on the go. It makes you want to charge out into the world and do, as well as think, big. It doesn't keep you 'inert, daydreaming and cooped up with only one person.

"Love wants to share. To the one you love, you give your thoughts and your dreams. A new happiness comes with sharing them.

"Mature love is honest and open. As time goes by and you learn more about the object of your affections, your love seems to grow stronger."

When love meets these criteria, then you can be pretty sure it is "real," and then you will want to make plans for the future.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "STRUGGLING STUDENT IN NEW HAVEN": "What matters today is not the difference between those who believe and those who do not believe, but the difference between those who care and those who don't." — Abbe Pire

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

Wednesday, March 26, 1997

In the year ahead you may be able to discover profitable outlets for the knowledge and skills you've acquired. What you know can be of substantial worth to others, so find a market for your wares.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Strive to be more prudent in your financial affairs today. Above all, don't let good money chase bad money in a situation that has a poor history for profit. Aries, 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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Two ambitious aspirations you hope to achieve

today could slip through your hands if you aren't prepared to pay the price for the success of each.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be very careful today not to do anything against your better judgment. If your common sense fails to govern your behavior, you may be disappointed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not take anything for granted in commercial matters today, especially in unfamiliar situations. Your lack of knowledge could penalize you rather severely.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not put yourself in a position today where you are unduly dependent on others; you might sadly discover that the focus will be on their interests first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you aren't dedicated to your work the quality of your efforts will reflect this; what you do today might have to be done over at a later date.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not take financial risks today or you may end up like the guy who made a small fortune in gambling because he started out with a

big one.

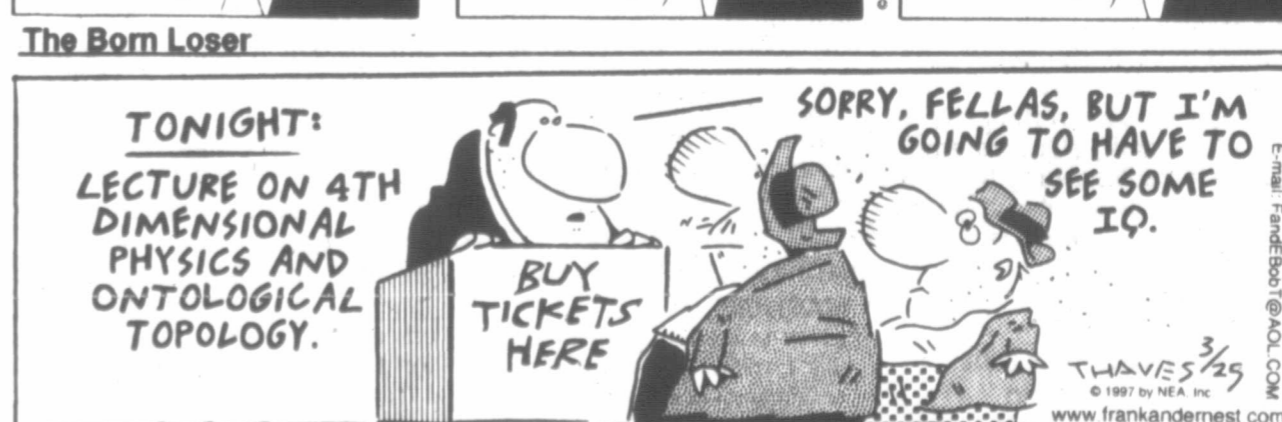
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually you're rather fortunate in areas you personally manage or direct. Today, however, you might end up behind the eight-ball if you fail to use assistance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Think about your comments carefully before criticizing others today. Someone who is peeved at you might be looking for an opening like this to give you a piece of his or her mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Getting involved commercially with a friend you know socially might not a good idea today. Give the matter more thought before making any commitments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Someone you know in the business world isn't as good a friend to you as he or she would like you to believe. Try not to divulge any information.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take time to think things through today to avoid complicating your life. Try to consider first the penalties for impulsive behavior.



"I like crowds 'cause Mommy's afraid I'll get lost and she carries me."



"I want to plant a tree here if I ever get through this bone stratum."

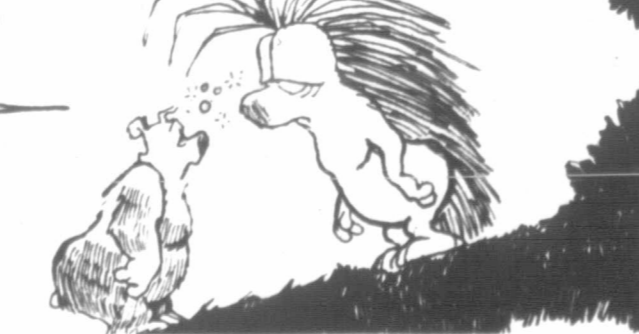
The Family Circus

PIERPONT, DID YOU GET HOLD OF A BAD MUSHROOM?



Marmaduke

OR DID I?



Grizzwells

WELCOME, MY YOUNG FRIENDS. PLEASE RELAX AND MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE.



AS SOON AS THE REST OF YOUR GROUP GETS HERE.



Alley Oop

WHEN YOU LOSE THE FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON, IT'S A LONG WALK HOME.



IF ANYTHING GETS IN YOUR WAY, YOU JUST WANT TO KICK IT!



Peanuts

THEN YOU DISCOVER YOU CAN'T EVEN KICK GOOD.

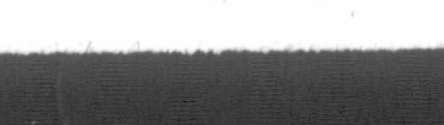


SO, MIKE, HOW DO WE KNOW WHEN YOU'RE SPEAKING FOR THE PRESIDENT, AND WHEN IT'S JUST OFF THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD?

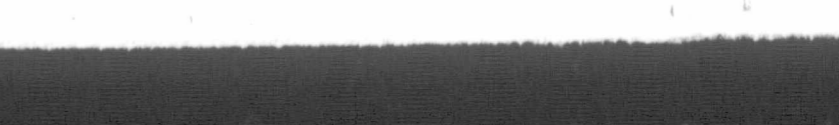


Mallard Filmore

I WAS THINKING MAYBE I'D DO THESE LITTLE AIR QUOTES, LIKE THIS...



WHY DIDN'T I LEAVE WITH STEPHANOPULOS AND PANETTA?...



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SPORTS

Texas Rangers ponder final roster makeup

Notebook

FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, who aren't certain Charles Haley will return, re-signed pass rush specialist Broderick Thomas on Monday.

"We had to have this guy," said coach Barry Switzer. "He was a priority for our staff. He can run people down from behind. He has natural pass rushing instincts."

Thomas moved from line-backer to defensive end in the last six games of the 1996 season and finished second on the team with 4.5 sacks. He also had 20 quarterback pressures.

Owner Jerry Jones, who said terms wouldn't be announced, said the Cowboys needed Thomas no matter whether Haley returns.

"We have to be respectful that Haley's decision is not made but we have to realize his limitations," Jones said.

BOWLING

Harvester Lanes — Pampa Lone Star League

Team	Won	Lost
Hamburger Station	68 1/2	31 1/2
Clemens Home Repair	57 1/2	42 1/2
Dorman Tire	53 1/2	46 1/2
Sandy's	53	47
Mary's Ceramics	52 1/2	47 1/2
Chris Pro Shop	52	48
Joanne's	48	52
King's Row	45	55
Harvester Cafe	37 1/2	62 1/2
Regional Eye Center	30 1/2	69 1/2
Week's High Scores		
High game: Kim Davis 287; High series: Kim Davis 647; High handicap game: Kim Davis 289; High handicap series: Kim Davis 713.		

VOLLEYBALL

AUSTIN (AP) — Jim Moore, who helped take Kansas State from a 36-match conference losing streak to the Top 25, has replaced Mick Haley as women's volleyball coach at Texas.

Moore, 38, was hired Monday to take over the Longhorns' program from Haley, who led Texas to two national championships in 17 years.

Haley is leaving Texas to coach the United States women's national team that will attempt to qualify for the 2000 Olympics.

Kansas State was 24-68 overall and 0-36 in the Big Eight Conference in the three years prior to Moore's arrival. The Wildcats were 61-34 in Moore's three years at Kansas State, including a 26-9 record this year and its first ever NCAA tournament appearance.

Moore helped lead Northern Michigan to the NCAA Division II national championship in 1993. He coached Northern Michigan from 1989-93, compiling a 123-55 record.

HORSE RACING

LONDON (AP) — Now that a \$25 million insurance claim over Cigar's infertility has been settled, Allen Paulson will try to buy back the two-time Horse of the Year.

"I want to provide a good home for the horse for the rest of his life," said Paulson, who does not plan to put the 7-year-old horse back on the race track. "He gave a lot to me and my family and the world."

The insurance policy, arranged through Nelson Stevenson, required the horse be bred to 20 mares twice and get at least 60 percent of them in foal to be considered fertile. None of the 34 mares bred to Cigar is with foal.

Cigar, the Horse of the Year in 1995 and 1996, was retired at the end of 1996 following a career in which he tied Citation's modern-day North American record of 16 straight wins and earned just less than \$10 million.

Cigar ended his career at age 6 as the richest horse ever. He was retired to stud after he finished third in the Breeders' Cup Classic on Oct. 26 at Woodbine in Toronto.

He was syndicated for breeding and sent to Ashford Stud at Versailles, Ky.

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — With Opening Day just more than a week away, the Texas Rangers continue to raise their performance level on the field even as the intrigue increases about the final roster makeup.

The Rangers scored six runs in the second inning Sunday en route to a 9-4 victory against the Philadelphia Phillies at Charlotte County, improving their record to 16-10.

Meanwhile, the Rangers have personnel decisions to make before the April 1 season opener against the Milwaukee Brewers. An update:

— Shortstop Benji Gil had a run-scoring double in three at-bats Sunday and has five hits in his past 14 at-bats. Gil's improve-

ment comes at a time when general manager Doug Melvin has been talking with other clubs to see what shortstops might be available in case management loses confidence in Gil.

The Rangers asked about Boston's John Valentin but were told he's not available. They tried to get Manny Alexander before the Orioles traded him to the Mets on Saturday. They also have talked to the Cubs about Rey Sanchez and the Rockies about Walt Weiss.

"I'm not frantically looking," Melvin said. "All those guys carry a pretty big price tag, not only with salary but in the players you have to give up."

— The Chicago Cubs had a scout watching Roger Pavlik

Sunday. Pavlik allowed four runs in six innings. Catcher Mike Lieberthal hit two home runs, and Kevin Jordan also went deep off Pavlik. The Cubs have scouted Pavlik all spring, but Melvin remains reluctant to break up his five-man starting rotation.

"That was the strength of our team last year; that's what got us over the hump," Melvin said. "One thing about pitching, if you break up your rotation and someone gets hurt, now you're down to three. That's what has happened to a lot of teams."

— The Rangers narrowed their bullpen competition by sending left-handers Scott Bailes and Tom Urbani to the minor leagues Sunday. Julio Santana, John Wetteland, Danny Patterson, Ed

Vosberg and Xavier Hernandez are already in the bullpen, leaving four pitchers competing for the final spot: Eric Gunderson, Jose Albarro, Matt Whiteside and Cory Bailey.

The Rangers are trying to trade Whiteside. Vosberg and Gunderson are the only left-handed relievers remaining, and manager Johnny Oates prefers two left-handers in his bullpen. But Albarro pitched two scoreless innings yesterday, lowering his spring earned-run average to 2.63.

"My preference is to have two left-handers, but that may not be the case," Oates said.

Melvin said he has all but ruled out the possibility of adding pitching through a trade. "There's just not quality people

available," Melvin said. "Pitching is not something I've been focusing on. Our pitching has been pretty good overall."

— Tom O'Malley was released Sunday, leaving Mike Simms and Lee Stevens to battle for the last spot on the bench.

"It will be a photo finish," Oates said.

The team's strong play, meanwhile, has the players confident about a strong start.

"I think we're in good shape," third baseman Dean Palmer said. "The last two weeks we've been playing pretty well. Pitching and defense have been our biggest strengths. We haven't been scoring like we're capable of, but we've been getting some wins anyway."

Clarendon has dream season

SALINA, Kan. — Clarendon College's Lady Bulldogs went into the National Small College Athletic Association national tourney in Salina as the No. 1 seed and left with the runner-up title instead.

The squad of six sophomores and seven freshmen are the first in the school's 99 years of existence to win a reserve national championship in basketball.

The Lady Bulldogs ended their fairy tale season with a 25-5 record.

In the championship game, the Lady Bulldogs lost 80-57 to the four-year university powerhouse.

Wellington native Brandy Thomas finished with a game-high 21 points.

Led by coach Joel Zehr, the thirteen members of the Lady Bulldog squad started the tourney off well with a 52-44 victory over Mount Scenario.

This win pushed the team into the tournament's semifinals.

In the semifinal match, the Lady Bulldogs earned a victory by defeating Michigan Christian University, 70-52.

Other highlights of the national tournament was the naming of Thomas as a first-team All-American.

Teammate and fellow sophomore Charmaine Alfred of Lafayette, La. was named as an honorable mention All-American.

Mustangs claim runnerup honors at Childress meet

CHILDRESS — Wheeler's Jason Porton won both the high jump and 110 hurdles at the Childress Invitational Saturday.

Porton was a Class 1A state qualifier a year ago. He placed third in the 110 hurdles.

Also taking first for Wheeler were Travis Stevens in the pole vault and Aaron Dunnam in the 300 hurdles.

Wheeler finished second to Childress in the team standings.

Wheeler boys placed second in the junior varsity division.

In the girls' division, Kristan Marion won the 400 for Wheeler.

Childress also won the girls' team championship while Hollis, Okla. was second. Wheeler was third.

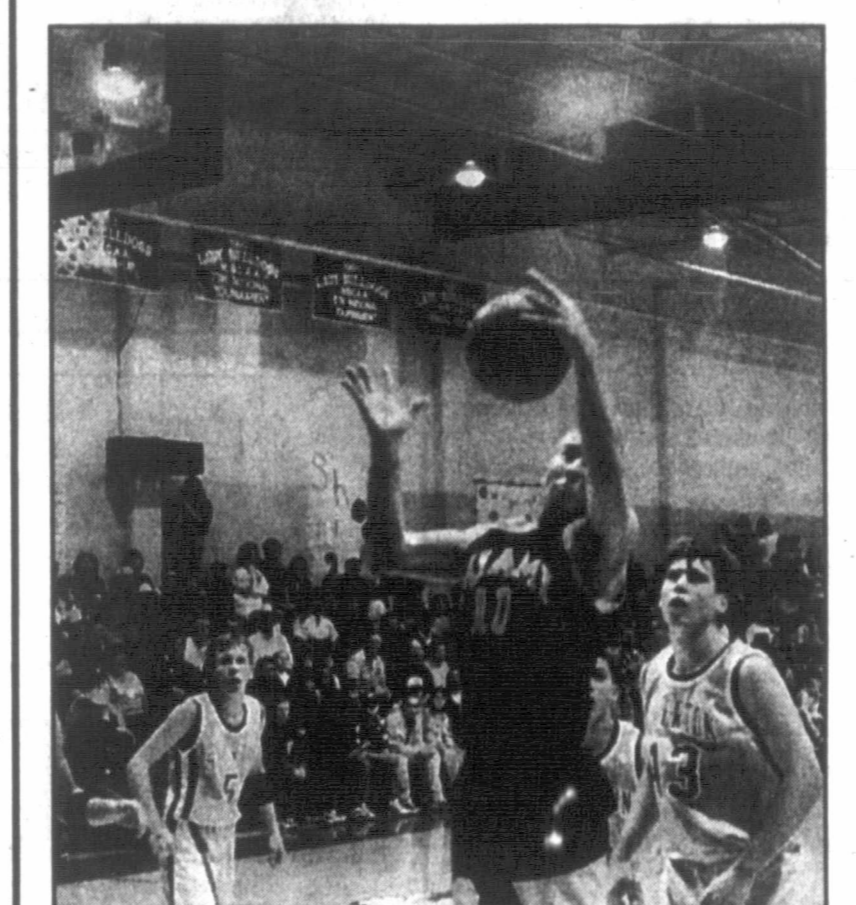
Pampa junior varsity girls place second at Hereford track invite

HEREFORD — Pampa finished second in the girls junior varsity division at the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce track meet last weekend.

Junior varsity division
Team totals: 1. Hereford 93; 2. Pampa 90; 3. Dumas 88; 4. Clovis, N.M. 77; 5. Caprock 74; 6. Canyon 62; 7. Randall 29; 8. Muleshoe 26; 9. Friona 20.

Pampa results
Marci Hansen: third place, 1600; sixth place, 800.
Christie Bourne: fifth place,

All-Region



(Pampa News photo)

Miami senior Jared Neighbors has been named to the Class A All-Region I second team by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Neighbors averaged 22 points per game to lead the Warriors in scoring this season.

FSU hoping for different UConn game this time around

NEW YORK (AP) — Pat Kennedy couldn't review the game films of the last time his Florida State team played Connecticut. And that's just the way he planned it.

"I think we burned every copy of that we could get our hands on," Kennedy said.

The Seminoles will play the Huskies tonight in the NIT's first semifinal game (7 p.m. EST) at Madison Square Garden. Last season, Connecticut took a 20-point lead in the opening minutes and embarrassed Florida State 79-61 on

national television.

Kennedy was so embarrassed with his team's performance that night, he wrote a letter of apology to FSU fans and sent it to a local newspaper.

"I thought it was as bad a game as we've ever played," he said.

Now, three straight wins have given Florida State an opportunity to reverse the loss and earn a first-ever trip into the NIT championship game.

"Our guys were plenty excited when they found out who we were going to play," Kennedy said.

Crippled defending champs defy odds for Final 4 return

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

Things were bad enough by the middle of last week that it looked like Kentucky's team picture for this season was going to be an X-ray.

"I never in a million years would have envisioned what's happened," Rick Pitino said after his Wildcats, with only eight players dressed, beat Utah in Saturday's regional final to earn a return trip to the Final Four.

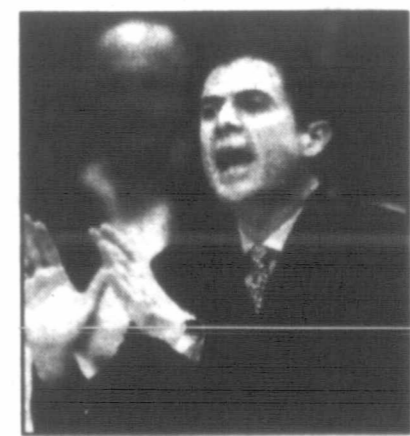
"To be at this point is just a remarkable performance by our players," he added. "They deserve an extraordinary amount of credit."

The coach stops short of saying whether there is any credit left to go around. His players, well-coached, do the math for the rest of us.

"Look at the talent we lost to the NBA," guard Cameron Mills said. "Look at the talent we lost in Allen. Look at the talent we lost in Derek."

In order, Mills was referring to Antoine Walker, Tony Delk and Walter McCarty, each of whom played on last season's national championship squad before being picked in the first round of the NBA draft.

The "Allen" lost would be Allen Edwards, the talented guard who went down with a bad knee in midweek. The "Derek" lost is Derek Anderson,



Rick Pitino

who was simply the team's best player and its leading scorer; he was lost to knee surgery in January.

Add all those losses up and what you have, finally, is one remarkable coaching job, worthy of notice in an NCAA tournament wallpapered with plenty of memorable ones.

There were the usual number of teams timed to peak at just the right moment — Tennessee-Chattanooga, Providence and St. Joe's — but the good work wasn't limited to just the surprises. There was North Carolina's Dean Smith surviving an unsteady start, catching and then passing Adolph Rupp on the list of most victories in a career.

There was UCLA's Steve Lavin taking over from Jim Harrick, mending not just his team but the whole program on the fly. And then there was Minnesota's

Clem Haskins, who beat the Bruins and everybody else by convincing a top-seeded team that fewer people respected them this season than last, when the NCAA didn't bother to invite the Gophers at all.

Even Haskins finishes a distant second in the smoke-and-mirror division. After Pitino lost the talented trio off last season's national championship team, he set a target of 19 wins. Nobody who thought he was blowing smoke back then was in for a surprise. Kentucky opened the season by losing to Clemson and Pitino dropped his estimate to 15. Then he lost Anderson in January and quit giving estimates altogether.

"He always says out of every negative comes a positive. It was the same when Derek got hurt," Mills recalled. "We said, 'O.K., that's a negative, but we've got to somehow turn it into a positive.'"

That was much easier said than done. Pitino's Kentucky teams, like the teams he put together in Boston and Providence, and even in New York in the NBA, are full-time running and pressing units. When first Anderson and then Edwards went down, it wasn't simply the loss of points and skills that hurt the Wildcats. Two fewer bodies meant less rest all around.

The people who should have noticed — and benefited — did not.

BASKETBALL
NCAA Basketball Tournament
At A Glance
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EAST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
At The Carrier Dome
Byron, N.Y.
Sunday, March 23
North Carolina 97, Louisville 74

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center
Birmingham, Ala.
Sunday, March 23
Arizona 96, Providence 92, OT

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Saturday, March 22
Minnesota 80, UCLA 72

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
At San Jose Arena
San Jose, Calif.
Saturday, March 22
Kentucky 72, Utah 59

THE FINAL FOUR
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 29
North Carolina (28-6) vs. Arizona (23-9),
5:42 p.m.
Minnesota (31-3) vs. Kentucky (34-4), 35
minutes after first game

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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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Miami	51	17	.750	—
x-New York	49	20	.710	2 1/2
Orlando	39	29	.574	12
Washington	33	35	.485	18
New Jersey	21	47	.309	30
Philadelphia	18	49	.269	32 1/2
Boston	13	57	.186	39

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Chicago	59	9	.868	—
x-Detroit	48	20	.706	11
x-Atlanta	47	22	.681	12 1/2
Charlotte	45	24	.652	14 1/2
Cleveland	36	31	.537	22 1/2
Indiana	31	36	.463	27 1/2
Milwaukee	28	39	.418	30 1/2
Toronto	25	44	.362	34 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Utah	52	17	.754	—
x-Houston	45	23	.662	6 1/2
Minnesota	33	35	.485	18 1/2
Dallas	22	45	.328	29
Denver	19	49	.279	32 1/2
San Antonio	16	52	.235	35 1/2
Vancouver	12	59	.169	41

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Seattle	48	20	.706	—
x-L.A. Lakers	46	23	.667	2 1/2
Portland	41	29	.586	8
L.A. Clippers	30	37	.448	17 1/2
Phoenix	29	39	.426	19
Sacramento	29	40	.420	19 1/2
Golden State	25	43	.368	23

Monday's Game
L.A. Lakers 106, New Jersey 84
Tuesday's Games
Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
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Eastern Conference

W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	0	0	0	0	0
D.C.	0	0	0	0	0
New England	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	0
NY-NJ	0	1	0	0	0

Western Conference

W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	1	0	1	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss.

Saturday's Game
San Jose 1, New York/New Jersey 0, SO (4-3)
Sunday, March 29
San Jose at Kansas City, 3 p.m.
New England at Dallas, 3 p.m.
New York/New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Columbus, 8 p.m.
Washington, D.C. at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

W	L	Pts	GF	GA		
x-Philadelphia	41	21	11	65	247	190
x-New Jersey	39	20	13	91	203	165
Florida	33	24	17	83	201	179
N.Y. Rangers	35	30	9	79	236	206
Washington	29	36	8	88	185	204
Tampa Bay	28	37	7	63	194	228
N.Y. Islanders	25	36	11	61	202	215

Western Conference
Central Division

W	L	Pts	GF	GA		
x-Buffalo	38	23	11	67	218	182
Pittsburgh	34	32	7	78	231	245
Montreal	27	33	14	68	224	253
Hartford	27	35	10	64	194	225
Ottawa	24	33	15	83	200	212
Boston	24	41	9	57	212	266

National League

W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	16	9	.640	—
Baltimore	15	9	.625	1:05 p.m.
Texas	16	11	.593	1:05 p.m.
Oakland	14	12	.538	1:05 p.m.
Seattle	14	13	.519	3:05 p.m.
Toronto	12	13	.480	3:05 p.m.
Kansas City	10	13	.435	3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee	10	16	.385	3:05 p.m.
Chicago	9	15	.375	3:05 p.m.
Cleveland	10	17	.370	3:05 p.m.
Minnesota	10	18	.357	7:05 p.m.
Boston	8	15	.348	7:05 p.m.
Anaheim	7	18	.280	7:05 p.m.

Florida

W	L	Pct	GB	
Florida	22	4	.846	—
St. Louis	17	9	.654	1:05 p.m.
San Francisco	16	11	.593	1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia	14	10	.583	1:05 p.m.
San Diego	15	11	.577	1:05 p.m.
Houston	13	10	.565	1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles	12	10	.545	1:05 p.m.
Colorado	14	12	.538	1:05 p.m.
Chicago	13	13	.500	1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati	13	13	.500	1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh	10	13	.476	1:05 p.m.
New York	8	11	.421	1:05 p.m.
Montreal	8	12	.400	1:05 p.m.
Atlanta	6	16	.273	1:05 p.m.

BASEBALL
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

W	L	Pct	
New York	16	9	.640
Baltimore	15	9	.625
Texas	16	11	.593
Oakland	14	12	.538
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Colorado at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Toronto at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
New York Mets vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Montreal at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Cincinnati at Plant City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Florida vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Cleveland at Writter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. New York Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Chicago Cubs, Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Anaheim at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Kansas City at Haines City, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. St. Louis at St. Petersburg, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Chicago White Sox at Sarasota, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Florida vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 12:35 p.m.
Montreal vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Kansas City at Haines City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
New York Yankees vs. Texas at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. New York Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:00 p.m.
San Diego vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Anaheim vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

(NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.)

Monday's Games
Los Angeles 5, Houston 6
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 3
Los Angeles 5, Baltimore 4
Montreal 6, Boston 4
St. Louis 5, Kansas City 1
New York Yankees 6, Cleveland 4
Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 1
Minnesota 6, Texas 5
Colorado 7, San Francisco 3
Chicago Cubs 5, Anaheim 1
Seattle 14, San Diego 12, 10 innings

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Tuesday's Games
Colorado at Hartford, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Chicago 5, Detroit 3
Dallas 4, St. Louis 1
Philadelphia 2, Colorado 0
Montreal 3, Boston 1
N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 0
Los Angeles 2, Vancouver 2, tie
Edmonton 5, San Jose 1

Friday's Games
Colorado at Hartford, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

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Los Angeles 5, Houston 6
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Seattle 14, San Diego 12, 10 innings

Saturday's Games
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New England at Dallas, 3 p.m.
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Colorado at Columbus, 8 p.m.
Washington, D.C. at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Orlando 110, L.A. Lakers 84
New Jersey 100, Boston 91
Atlanta 90, Toronto 79
Miami 113, Minnesota 108
Portland 94, New York 88
Utah 120, Denver 103
L.A. Clippers 106, San Antonio 91
Seattle 106, Vancouver 92

Monday's Games
L.A. Lakers 106, New Jersey 84
Tuesday's Games
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Sacramento at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
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Seattle at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Detroit at New York, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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Columbus	0	0	0	0	0
D.C.	0	0	0	0	0
New England	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	0
NY-NJ	0	1	0	0	0

Western Conference

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San Jose	1	0	1	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0

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Canadian girls take second at Pantex Relays

SANFORD-FRITCH - Canadian seniors Denise Lee and Amber Rupprecht grabbed a pair of gold medals each to lead the Lady Wildcats to a second-place finish in the Pantex Relays last weekend. Lee won both the 3200 and 1600 while Rupprecht claimed the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles. Borger scored 125 points to win the meet, followed by Canadian with 120. Borger also won the boys title with 159 points. Canadian was fourth with 88 points.

Canadian results are as follows:
Girls
High jump: Reed, first place, 5-6.
3200: Lee, first place, 12:37.96.
400 relay: Canadian, first place, 5:22.3.
100 hurdles: Rupprecht, first place, 15.48.
100: Farrar, third place, 13.10.
300 hurdles: Rupprecht, first

place, 46.83.
200: Francis, third place, 28.07.
1600: Lee, Canadian, first place, 5:33.56.
1600 relay: Canadian, first place, 4:07.04.
Boys
Shot: Pate, second place, 45-7 1/2.
High jump: third place (tie) Arrington, Canadian and Greene, West Texas, 6-2.
Pole vault: McCasland, second place, 12-0.
3200: Kirkman, third place, 11:22.59.
300 hurdles: Ashley, second place, 42.90.
1600 relay: Canadian, third place, 3:34.48.

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Mutinuous soldiers protest in Papua New Guinea

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP) — Hundreds of mutinous soldiers in combat fatigues briefly surrounded Papua New Guinea's parliament building today, hours after lawmakers rejected a call for the ouster of the premier.

The unrest outside the parliament building eased when Maj. Walter Enuma, a top ranking soldier allied to fired army leader Brig. Gen. Jerry Singirok, arrived and took control.

The army troops had ordered civilians out of Parliament after the defeat of a motion calling on Prime Minister Julius Chan to resign during an inquiry into a \$36 million contract with foreign mercenaries.

"The Parliament has made its decision. We respect the law of the land and the military will respect it," Enuma said. "There will be no confrontation."

Gingrich vows security for South Korea

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — Visiting the world's last Cold War frontier, Newt Gingrich today reaffirmed Washington's continued security commitment to South Korea and thanked American soldiers for helping keep the country safe.

"We are committed to defend (South) Korea. ... We believe that partnership is very, very important to us," the House speaker said as he looked across the world's most heavily armed border.

Gingrich is the first U.S. House speaker to visit South Korea since 1971. His two-day visit is part of a five-nation Asian tour.

"I think there is something sober about seeing the demilitarized zone, but it's also a great success story. For 44 years it's worked and I hope it works until unification," he said.

Zaire's embattled prime minister resigns post

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — The resignation of Zaire's prime minister underscores the power struggle that is under way as the government faces an insurgency which has left much of eastern Zaire in rebel hands.

State TV said Monday night that President Mobutu Sese Seko had accepted the resignation of his hand-picked prime minister, Leon Kengo wa Dondo, and Kengo's government.

Lawmakers planned to meet today to lay the groundwork for a transitional government. Parliament voted to oust Kengo a week ago, accusing him of not being tough enough on the Tutsi-backed rebels who have captured nearly a third of the mineral-rich central African nation. Kengo's mother is a Rwandan Tutsi.

Fergie to write syndicated column

LONDON (AP) — She's written books, signed on as a spokeswoman for Weight Watchers and made a TV commercial for cranberry juice.

Now, say news reports, the Duchess of York has boosted her earnings even further by clinching a deal to write a syndicated newspaper column for the New York Times Syndicate.

The deal is reported to be worth \$160,000 a year.

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