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upper 50s. See Page 2
for weather details.

PAMPA — Raffle tickets for an 8-10 person storm shelter, including free delivery and installation in Gray county, are still on sale.

The raffle, which is sponsored by the Local Emergency Planning Committee, is an attempt to raise funds to purchase a new emergency siren warning system for the city of Pampa. The cost of the new sirens are approximately \$250,000.

Raffle tickets are available at the Pampa Police Department, Pampa Rural/Metro station, the Emergency Management Office in City Hall, Pampa's Central Fire Station, American Red Cross in Pampa and Lefors City Hall. Tickets will also be sold at the Health Fair between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will be held April 14.

The Local Emergency Planning Committee has already received \$12,787 from donations from various companies, cities and individuals. Those that have contributed to the fund include Warren Petroleum, \$1,000; the City of McLean, \$200; Conoco, \$350; Edward Jones Investors, \$1,081; Anissman Oil Corp., \$25; Cabot R&D, \$10,000; and \$120 from local citizens. In addition, the M.K. Brown Foundation has pledged to match any contributions made by September up to \$100,000.

LEFORS — The Lefors School board has posted a notice of a regular scheduled meeting for Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in the library of the Lefors Elementary School.

Agenda items include election results, tax assessment and collection proposals, transfer approvals for the 1997-98 school year and additions to the substitute list.

The board is also expected to approve participation in a grant application.

School board meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

That left a jackpot estimated at \$4 million untouched.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 3, 17, 20, 27, 29 and 40.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$9 million.

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Storms bring rain, heavy hail in area

From Staff and Wire Reports

Pampa residents were greeted with light rain and fog at dawn today as heavy clouds covered the eastern and central Texas Panhandle.

Weather officials reported fog in parts of the eastern Panhandle limiting visibility to one mile this morning.

A slow-moving storm that dumped more than two inches of rain on Pampa turned violent in some parts of the Texas Panhandle, pelting scattered areas with hail.

Heavy hail struck the Borger and Skellytown area Wednesday afternoon, with pea-sized hail accumulating 3 to 4 inches deep in the area. The hail storm then moved into Roberts County, where residents reported hail stones up to 1.75 inches in diameter around Miami. In places, it was reported to be three to five inches deep on the ground north of Pampa Wednesday late afternoon. Canadian officials said they had reports of hail in southern Hemphill County but none in Canadian.

Parts of Carson County also received some hail, with 1 to 2 inches of pea-sized hail accumulating near Conway.

Hail struck traffic along Interstate 40 Wednesday evening as streets and roads around McLean were flooded. In Alanreed, up to 7



Two days ago children were walking across this nearly dry creek at M.K. Brown Park behind the municipal swimming pool. Today, after more than 2 inches of rain overnight, the creek is overflowing and the fast-moving water is near the top of the bridge. More rain is expected today and tomorrow.

inches of rain were reported. Hail reportedly damaged some buildings. Wheeler County officials said they had reports of up to 13 inches of rain between McLean and

Shamrock. Shamrock, however, recorded only 0.07 of an inch of rain.

Heavy rain, sleet and hail struck across the Clarendon area

late Wednesday afternoon moving northeastward into Gray County. Low-lying spots were flooded by the heavy rainfall.

Overnight rains set records and

caused hazards in the Panhandle as well as South Texas.

"We did desperately need rain, and I'm sure it was beneficial," said Wilma Lefew, who works at an equipment dealer in the Panhandle town of Clarendon. "We got a little hail here in town, but it didn't look like it damaged any vehicles. You could certainly tell we had our share of rain, though."

Clarendon received about seven inches of rain in two hours overnight, Donley County sheriff's dispatcher Leta Thompson reported. Other parts of the eastern Panhandle reported more than 10 inches of rain in their first rainstorm this year.

In the western Panhandle, about 3 inches of hail were reported between Dimmitt and Hereford, about 50 miles southwest of Amarillo, Castro County sheriff's deputies said.

Canadian reported 0.22 of an inch Wednesday and 2.60 inches overnight for a total 24 hour rainfall of 2.82 inches. Hemphill County officials said the rain slacked off after dark last night, then began again about 2 a.m. At 6 a.m. today, Hemphill County officers reported a light rain in Canadian.

Wheeler County officials reported an inch to 1.50 inches of rain around Wheeler at 6 a.m. today.

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Heavy rainfall



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

The rains fell in sheets Wednesday night in Clarendon, causing parts of Highway 287 south of downtown to be closed between 11 p.m. Wednesday and 1 a.m. today. The Curiosity Shop and gas stop located at the city limits south of Clarendon was completely flooded around all the buildings, including the home of Louise Riley, owner of the property. According to Donley County Deputy Jay Longan, the rains are still peppering down this morning. At 1 a.m., the Greenbelt Water Authority had measured 9.05 inches, and around the rural area near Jericho almost 12.50 inches had been reported by midnight.

Agencies seek volunteers to help abused children

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

This is the second article in a series concerning how the community of Pampa is dealing with the problems of child abuse and neglect in the area.

Child abuse and neglect affects the victims, the families and the communities where it happens. In addition to the cost of trying to combat child abuse, which is largely funded by our tax dollars, the effects on the children is also one of the largest problems a community faces.

Children who are abused or neglected often grow up in unstable environments, being sent from one home to another until a permanent solution can be reached. This permanent, stable situation can often take years to achieve and leaves a child with a sense of insecurity and low self-esteem, said psychologist Linda Olson.



In addition, children who are abused are more likely as juveniles and adults to commit crimes and further strain the

justice system. As adults, the victims of child abuse tend to repeat the cycle with their own children, and the circle of abuse and neglect begins again.

Although Child Protective Services offers many services to the family and children in these situations, its resources are limited. The community, by banding together, can have a much larger effect on curtailing child abuse and neglect, said Dianna Bartlett, the regional director of Child Protective Services.

"The community will be able to do more with these kids than any state agency," she said.

Members of the community have more power to fight the problem through numerous volunteer organizations.

Volunteers are also able to donate more individual time with families and children caught in the system than Child Protective Services caseworkers.

And, this time can prove invaluable in changing attitudes about child abuse and neglect.

In Gray County, a Community Resource Coordination Group has been established to help families with various types of economic, emotional, health and criminal problems.

Organizations involved in the community resource group include Gray County juvenile probation, Child Protective Services, the Texas Tech Health Clinic, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Region 16 Early Childhood Intervention Program, the Ministerial Alliance, the public school systems, the CASA program, Tralee Crisis Center and Catholic Family Services.

With these community resources at their hands, families have a better opportunity to get the counseling, support, education and supervision they need. Although this group provides

services to families and individuals suffering from various problems, there are organizations belonging to the community resource group that focus solely on child abuse and neglect.

One, of course, is Child Protective Services, which is a state agency. A representative of Child Protective Services can make recommendations to the other organizations involved in the community resources group for services that a particular family needs.

Another program dealing strictly with child abuse and neglect is CASA. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) depends solely on community volunteers for its existence. It is one of 400 CASA programs established throughout the United States.

Janet Watts, the local CASA coordinator, explained the purpose of the program.

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Services tomorrow

BERTEN, Jerry Leroy — 2:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Shamrock.
HENRY, Woodrow W. "Woody" — 2 p.m., Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home, Kingsland.
LONG, Rex Alvin — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.

Obituaries

JERRY LEROY BERTEN

SHAMROCK - Jerry Leroy Berten, 68, died Tuesday, April 1, 1997. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ken Cole, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Shamrock, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Berten was born and raised in Shamrock, graduating from Shamrock High School in 1947. He attended San Marcos Military Academy in San Marcos and Southwestern University of Oklahoma at Weatherford, Okla. He married Mary Charles Nunn on May 1, 1964, at Shamrock. He co-managed Laddie's Store with his mother from 1960-1985. He served with the Wheeler and Shamrock Fire Departments for more than 40 years and had been past president of the Panhandle Fireman and Fire Marshal's Association. In addition, he was a longtime Wheeler County Defense Coordinator and Red Cross Disaster chairman for the Panhandle District.

He was past president of the Shamrock Ex-Student's Association and was elected two terms as Shamrock city councilman. He was past general chairman of the St. Patrick's Association and was a member of the American Legion Deshazo George Post #68 for more than 40 years and served in many offices. He worked many years with the Clay Funeral Home Ambulance Service and Wheeler County Ambulance Service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during the Korean War with the 6174th Tactical Con. Group. He had been a member of First Baptist Church since the early 1960s.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Charles of Shamrock; a son, David Berten of Shamrock; and his mother, Lena Berten of Shamrock.

The family requests memorials be to Shamrock Volunteer Fire Department or to Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department.

CARLA JAN CHO

Carla Jan Cho, 34, a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at El Paso. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Cho was born March 30, 1963, at Groom. She was a 1981 Pampa High School graduate. She had been a lifelong Pampa resident until moving to El Paso six months ago.

Survivors include a daughter, Lindsey Cho of Bakersfield, Calif.; a son, Matthew Cho of Bakersfield; a mother and stepfather, Leona and Robert Ray of Pampa; four sisters, Cheryl Vinson and her twin Kelly Richey, both of Amarillo, and Terry Searl and Julie Vinson, both of Pampa; seven brothers, Jeffrey White, Scott Vinson and Hank Vinson, all of Pampa; Tracy Vinson and Jimmy Vinson, both of Austin; David Vinson of Seabrook and Steve Vinson of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

WOODROW W. "WOODY" HENRY

KINGSLAND - Woodrow W. "Woody" Henry, 84, a former Shamrock resident, died Wednesday, April 2, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home with Dr. Larry Ashlock officiating. Burial will be in Lakeland Hills Memorial Park at Burnet County.

Mr. Henry was born in Hill County, Texas. He married Cecil Charity Hendrick in 1935 at Shamrock. He had been a Kingsland resident since 1972, moving from Shamrock. He was a farmer and rancher and worked for Ashland Oil Company, retiring after 25 years of service. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Kingsland and Oddfellows of Shamrock.

Survivors include his wife, Cecil; a son, Wayne Henry of Austin; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society.

KAY HOWARD VANDIVER

MIDLAND - Kay Howard Vandiver, 44, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, April 3, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Vandiver was born Dec. 14, 1952, at Beaver, Okla. She was a graduate of Darrouzett High School at Darrouzett and received a bachelor of arts degree from Wayland Baptist University. She later earned an RN degree from Midland College. She had been a Midland resident since 1982 and worked for Midland Memorial Hospital for five years as a surgical nurse on the heart team. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Midland and was a former member of First Baptist Church of Pampa.

Survivors include her parents, Bob and Peggie Howard of Darrouzett; a sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Steve Giles of Pampa; a brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Shirley Howard of Darrouzett; a maternal grandmother, Edith Travis of Booker; three nephews, Chadd Giles and Cole Giles, both of Pampa, and Ryan Howard of Darrouzett; and two nieces, Aaron Howard and Cali Howard, both of Darrouzett.

The family requests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association or to First Baptist Church of Darrouzett.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

Obituaries

REX ALVIN LONG

McLEAN - Rex Alvin Long, 67, died Wednesday, April 2, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Drennon and the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of First United Methodist Church of McLean, officiating. Burial will be in Alanreed Cemetery at Alanreed under the direction of Lamb Ferguson Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Long was born at Lelia Lake. He married Gaylia Bomar in 1950 at Clovis, N.M. The couple had been McLean residents since 1956. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean War. He was a cowboy and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Gaylia; two sons, Mike Long of Wheeler and Kit Long of Odessa; and four grandchildren.

LOYD SMITH

AMARILLO - Loyd Smith, 76, died Tuesday, April 1, 1997. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel with the Rev. Dana Moore, of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was born at Mobeetie. He had been an Amarillo resident since 1952. He married Esther Defries in 1967 at Canyon. He was a self-employed businessman prior to working as a truck driver for Central Motor Freight in 1960, retiring in 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Esther; two daughters, Shirley Hubbard and Donna Ziegler, both of Amarillo; two sisters, Lynn Whisenhunt of Amarillo and Jonell Barton of Midland; a brother, Johnny Smith of Lakeview, Ore.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 4032 Rose Drive in Amarillo.

Accidents

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

WEDNESDAY, April 2

A 1994 Dodge Caravan Van driven by Anita Marie Patterson, 35, 1801 N. Christy, collided with a legally parked 1969 Chevy pickup owned by Frank Rabel, 1132 Mary Ellen, in the 100 block of East Pennsylvania. Patterson was cited for failure to maintain single lane.

A 1986 Nissan Sentry driven by Nancy Luck Bell, 36, 2101 N. Banks, collided with a 1988 Mercury Sable, driven by Jacqueline Osborn Heddock, 37, 949 Terry, in the 2300 block of Primrose. Bell was cited for unsafe backing and no proof of liability.

A 1987 Ford Thunderbird driven by Monica Anne Harland, 16, 1004 Terry, and a 1989 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme driven by Michelle Lea Bilyeu, 18, 1008 N. Somerville, collided in the 100 block of east Randy Matson Avenue. No citations were issued.

A 1973 Chevy Silverado driven by Thomas Daniel Short, 34, 1238 S. Dwight, and a 1995 Chevy C-1500 pickup driven by Jessie Quintana Hernandez, 23, 1004 S. Wells, collided at the intersection of Crawford and Faulkner. Short was cited for failure to yield right of way at stop sign and no liability insurance. Hernandez was cited for no valid driver's license.

Ambulance

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

WEDNESDAY, April 2

8:54 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Prairie Drive on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Baptist St. Anthony's West Health System in Amarillo to transport a patient to the 700 block of North Gray.

6:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of North West on a fire assist. No injuries were reported.

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, April 2

6 p.m. - Two units and seven personnel responded to 602 N. West for a structure fire. Damage was slight.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa			
Wheat	4.19		
Milo	4.70		
Corn	5.38		
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation			
Occidental	23 7/8	dn 1/8	
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation			
Magellan	79.45		
Puffin	17.28		
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa			
Amco	84 3/8	dn 1 5/8	NC
Arco	130 1/8	dn 2 3/8	
Cabot	23 3/4	dn 1/8	
Cabot O&G	16 3/4	NC	
Chevron	65 1/8	dn 1 7/8	
Coca Cola	55 5/8	dn 1/8	
Columbia/HCA	32 3/8	up 1/4	
Emco	37 7/8	dn 1/8	
Halliburton	65 1/4	dn 1 3/4	
Ingersoll Rand	42	dn 1/2	
KNE	38 3/8	dn 3/8	
Kerr McGee	59 7/8	dn 7/8	
Limited	17 7/8	dn 1/8	
Mapco	30 11/16	up 3/16	
M.Donald's	47 7/8	up 3/8	
Mobil	126 1/8	dn 2 3/4	
New Atmos	24 1/4	NC	
Parker & Parsley	30 1/8	dn 1/8	
Penney's	46 3/4	dn 7/8	
Phillips	39 3/4	dn 7/8	
SLB	105 1/4	dn 1 3/8	
SPS	36 1/4	dn 1/8	
Tenneco	38 7/8	dn 1/8	
Texasco	104 1/8	dn 1 3/4	
Ultramar	31 5/8	dn 1/8	
Wal-Mart	27 3/4	NC	
New York Gold	349.05		
Silver	4.87		
West Texas Crude	19.95		

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Emergas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

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Rain

The National Weather Service in Amarillo reported 0.24 of an inch up until midnight Wednesday and another 0.43 of an inch since midnight for a total of 0.67 of an inch of moisture. Amarillo reported light rain and 41 degrees at 6 a.m. today.

Weather officials reported rain extending from Amarillo to Perryton across the central and eastern Texas Panhandle at 6 a.m. this morning.

The forecast for today is for more rain. There is a 60 percent chance of rain tonight and 50 percent chance Friday. Weathermen are predicting cloudy skies with showers and thunderstorms. The rain today could be heavy around Pampa with a high of 65 degrees and north winds, switching to southeast later today. At 6 a.m. today, there was a light rain in Pampa with a temperature of 45 degrees. The high Wednesday was 69.

It should be cloudy tonight

around Pampa with showers and thunderstorms continuing. The low is expected to be near 50 degrees with southeast winds to 15 miles an hour.

Friday, the outlook is for cloudy skies with more showers and thunderstorms. The high will be 65 and the low will be 52 degrees. There is a 50 percent chance of rain on Friday with gusty winds in the afternoon.

Skies should begin to clear on Saturday with temperatures reaching 65 degrees. The low should be 45. Sunshine is expected Sunday and Monday with highs near 70 and lows near 50.

Rain continued to loom today in the driest parts of the state as West and South Texas remained wary of potential flash flooding.

Most of the southern half of the state was threatened by heavy rain today, from the Laredo area to the Beaumont area. Counties covered by flood warnings were Aransas, Duval, Nueces, Jim Wells, Kleberg, and San Patricio. South Texas has been further

behind in rainfall this year than any other region, according to Texas Agricultural Statistics Service reports.

Moist air flowing northward from the Gulf of Mexico was mixing with an upper level disturbance to trigger widespread rain. The rainfall was expected to continue through Saturday across most of the state.

More than 6 inches of rain fell during a 6-hour period at Corpus Christi, including 1.14 inches that fell early today, making this the rainiest April 3 on record in the coastal city.

The showers already had let up this morning in West Texas, though the region was expected to receive more rain through Friday, dampening dry fields that have filled windy skies with dust recently.

North Texas will have cloudy skies and a chance of rain and thunderstorms tonight. It will be mostly cloudy, windy and warmer on Friday with a chance of thunderstorms.

Pantex guards accept revised contract plan

AMARILLO (AP) - Security officers at the nation's primary nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly plant may return to work Monday after narrowly accepting a revised five-year contract proposal.

Members voted 155-134 Wednesday night to accept the deal from Mason & Hanger Corp., the Pantex Plant's primary contractor.

"We did get some contract language that will give us job security, which is what we needed," said Mike Stumbo, president of the International Guards Union of America local.

Modifications to sick-leave benefits and health insurance costs also satisfied a majority of the strikers, Stumbo said.

The guards began picketing March 17 and were replaced immediately by a replacement staff comprised of supervisors from Pantex and other Department of Energy sites.

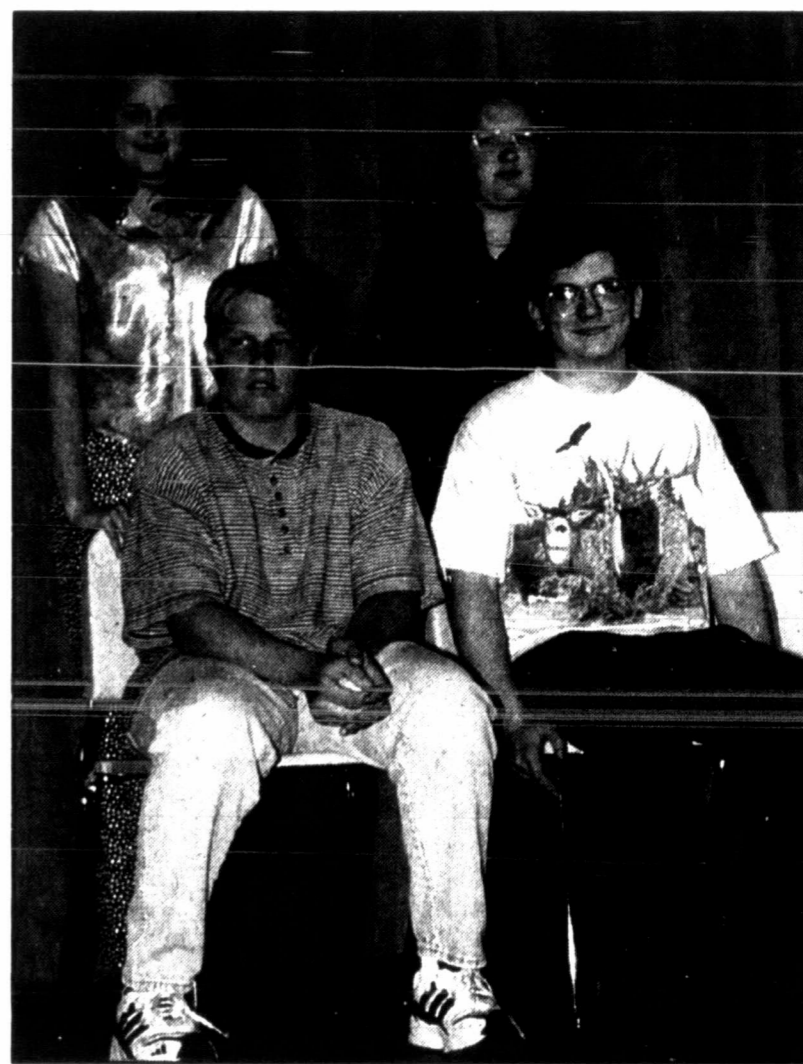
The workers won't return until the contract language is finalized, Mason & Hanger spokesman Bob Barton said.

Other aspects of the new deal include a 16 percent raise over the next five years and increased contributions to the guards' retirement funds.

A 1981 guard walkout lasted 89 days before an agreement was reached. A similar strike in 1979 lasted 20 days.

About 330 Pantex guards are members of the IGUA.

New Thespians



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Drama students Christy Lee, Breann Betzold, Adam Warren and Shawn Dawes have been recognized as members of the International Thespians Society. Also participating in the UIL Drama events, but not available for pictures, were the two players recognized at the district UIL meet: Vanessa Fischer, All Star Cast, and Jonathon Jackson, honorable mention All Star Cast.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, cloudy with good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Low near 40, with southeasterly winds 10-20 mph. Friday, cloudy with continued chance for showers and thunderstorms. High in upper 50s with northwesterly winds 15-25 mph. Wednesday's high was 69; the overnight low was 44. Pampa received 2.25 inches of rain through the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, showers and thunderstorms likely, some locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in mid to upper 40s. Friday, partly cloudy and windy with chance of thunderstorms. Highs from low 60s to near 70. South Plains: Tonight, showers/thunderstorms likely. Lows 45-55. Friday, becoming windy. Chance of thunderstorms, mainly low rolling plains. Highs 68-75.

North Texas - Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain and thun-

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, increasing cloudiness west, variable clouds east. Scattered showers and thunderstorms, most numerous east and in the north-

ern and western mountains. Snow level lowering to around 6500 feet western border late tonight. Some mountain snow accumulation likely especially in the northern and western mountains. Lows mostly 20s and 30s northern mountains and north-west with 30s to near 50 elsewhere. Friday, colder west and south with rain and snow showers likely along with a few afternoon thunderstorms. Partly cloudy northeast with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs upper 30s to low 50s mountains and west with 60s and 70s lower elevations south-east.

Oklahoma - Tonight, showers and thunderstorms likely. Locally heavy rainfall west. Lows in mid 50s to low 60s. Friday, showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs in mid 60s to low 70s.

City briefs

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

MUST SELL business, located in Pampa Mall, The Coffee Cafe, a great business for a family. Very reasonable priced. Negotiable. Call 665-7026 for showing. Adv.

LADIES NIGHT! Thursday night at the Landmark. Come check out the specials and the DJ. Membership required. 618 W. Foster, 665-4404. Adv.

OPENING SOON Julian's Bar, 323 W. Foster. Adv.

PAMPA SHRINE Club Spring Barbeque, Sunday April 6th, 11-2 p.m. Sportsman Club on S. Barnes, take-outs available. Adv.

BEGINNER MACHINE Embroidery Class, April 4th. Sand's, 669-7909. Adv.

ASICS, UMBRO, and Lanzera T-Shirts, Tanks, and Shorts. New Spring Styles arriving daily. Our largest selection ever! Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

"ALWAYS PATSY Cline," Alt's Tour '97, will be presented Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Adults \$10, students \$5. Tickets available at St. Matthew's Day School, First Bank Southwest, Malcolm Hinkle, Inc., also at the door. Adv.

ADULT EXERCISE and Dancersize Classes, Madeline Graves Dance & Gymnastics Center, 1345 S. Hobart. Enroll at first class session Tuesday, April 8th (morning class) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Thursday 10th (evening class) 7:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Thursday 5-8 p.m. Chicken and dumpings, pork chops, barbeque Polish, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

GREEN THUMB Weed-N-Feed, 3-16 lb. bags \$10. Check our bargain of the month. Frank's True Value, 638 S. Cuyler. Adv.

Pampa Senior Development class donation



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Students of the Pampa High School Senior Development class received a check for \$750 from Parsley Sheet Metal and Roofing. Sam and Ronnie Parsley are celebrating their 50th business anniversary and donated \$50 per student plus an additional \$100 for the Senior Development banquet later this year. The banquet honors school volunteers and employers who let the students work through the year.

Abused

"We're the only ones in the system that are concerned with the children and the children only," said Watts. "What we've got to do is find the absolute best for the child."

Volunteers in the non-profit organization are appointed by a judge to monitor and make recommendations regarding child abuse and neglect cases that has been presented to a judge by Child Protective Services.

Many times CASA volunteers and Child Protective Services attempt to work together to resolve abusive situations. But, because CASA is an independent agency, it does not have to follow the same guidelines and recommendations of the state agency.

As a state agency, Child Protective Services must exhaust all means available to the family before recommending a child can be permanently removed from the home. Because CASA is not state-affiliated, the volunteers can make any recommendation to the court they deem necessary and in the best interest of the child.

A CASA volunteer conducts an investigation similar to that of a Child Protective Service caseworker by gathering information about the family. In addition to gathering information, the volunteer also monitors abusive situations. Because CASA volunteers are only allowed to carry one case at a time, they often are much more knowledgeable about the family situation than caseworkers, who often do not have the time to monitor individual situations.

After gathering initial family information, CASA volunteers make independent recommendations to the court, which can either match or refute a case worker's findings. CASA volunteers can also recommend whether the child should continue to live with their parents or be placed in another home — both temporarily or permanently.

Providing an independent recommendation to the court is just one benefit to the CASA program. Another positive side effect of the CASA program is the reduction of tax dollars spent on abused and neglected children.

CASA programs in the state have cut the amount of time children spend in a foster home

in half from 26 months (the average) to approximately 12 months. In addition, these programs have saved the state about \$88.6 million in foster care because of the reduced amount of time the children have spent in foster homes.

Probably more beneficial than the money saved, however, is the ability of the program to offer permanent solutions to abusive situations. The quicker a permanent home is reached, the more settled the child will be, Watts said. Last year, the CASA program in Pampa helped 22 children, of which four were placed in permanent homes, either with their parents or adopted parents.

However, because it is strictly a volunteer program, CASA could always use more help from community members.

As with any volunteer organizations, though, it is difficult to get people involved. Most people either do not recognize the signs of child abuse and neglect or simply feel they do not have the time to donate, Watts said. Most volunteers with the program donate 2-3 hours a week on the program. Of course, more time can be donated if volunteers wish to do so.

Another problem, added Watts, is many community members do not want to acknowledge child abuse and neglect is a problem in their city.

"We would really like to think it's not happening in our community ... in our neighborhood ... but it is," said Watts. "We can't just be silent about it."

Watts, like Bartlett, also feels strongly that child abuse and neglect are community problems.

"We are dealing with the effects of child abuse every day," she said.

Abused and neglected children often do not become productive adults and are more likely to become criminal offenders, involved in abusive relationships and abuse their own children, said Watts.

All of these things have the ability to place a strain on the taxpayer's dollar. So, instead of complaining about the tax money being spent on programs to help these individuals, Watts recommends people volunteer their time to attempt to stop the problems of abuse and neglect.

Currently, the CASA program has 13 volunteers and a waiting list for children needing a court appointed special advocate. Each CASA volunteer is trained in family law, social services available and court procedures.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the CASA program or how to become a volunteer can contact the office at 669-7638 or write to CASA, P.O. Box 604, Pampa, Texas 79066. Volunteers must go through a criminal history check, a check with the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to verify they have not been reported as an abuser, provide three personal references and go through a personal interview and a 24-hour training program. After this is complete, the volunteer is then sworn in by the court.

CASA serves Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler counties.

Recognizing and dealing with child abuse and neglect will be the target of the next article in the series which will appear.

Ergot disease threatens sorghum crops

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Leaders in the Texas sorghum industry are trying to decide how to protect their crop from a disease that has never been reported in the United States before.

Researchers at Texas A&M said the sorghum ergot (ERR-got) was an Eastern Hemisphere disease until 1995, when it was discovered in Brazil. It spread quickly throughout South America, up through Central America and into Texas — all within two years.

Officials say it made its way to Brazil possibly on the shoes of travelers or in shipments of planting seed.

The discovery of ergot in a Texas field was announced late last week. It was found in a field where sorghum had sprouted from last year's crop in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

Ergot causes the flowers of sorghum heads to secrete a sweet, sticky fluid, rather than grain — causing significant losses in yield and quality.

"Ultimately, we probably will have ergot throughout the entire sorghum growing area of the United States," said Dr. Richard Frederiksen, a pathologist for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

"We had long argued that the one thing we (sorghum industry) did not want in the Western Hemisphere is ergot. So now it shows up. We have it," Frederiksen said.

Texas producers have begun planting sorghum at the southernmost reaches of the state, and planting will proceed northward on up to 3 million acres through early summer.

To confront the problem, at least four efforts are racing through the decision-making process:

— Dr. Gary Odvody, Experiment Station plant pathologist at Corpus Christi, is assisting with paperwork that will ask the Texas Department of Agriculture to allow for an emergency authorization to use the fungicide propiconazole. It is available in the United States but not currently labeled for use on grain sorghum for control of ergot.

— State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, has introduced legislation to allocate \$500,000 in ergot research — half of which would go to specific scientific research and the rest to public education through the Extension Service. That measure will be considered in conference committee this week, but may not be voted on until May.

— Experiment Station scientists are joining with researchers in New Mexico, Kansas and Nebraska to propose collaborative

research funding efforts to state and federal agencies.

— Farmers, through the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Association headquartered in Abilene, are fronting approximately \$20,000 to initiate an education program to provide information on how to deal with the problem this year, according to Travis Taylor, TGSPA executive director.

"The allocation of \$20,000 is the first step in the stairs to controlling this disease until we find out more about it," Taylor said. Indeed, little is known.

One drop of the honeydew contains several million spores which can go with a whiff of the wind, or land on clothing or animals to contaminate crops when conditions are right. The fungus only affects unfertilized female flowers.

Typically several hundred such flowers will develop on a sorghum head over a period of up to seven days. Over a large field, the crop can play host to the spread of ergot for extended periods.

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Wayland Thomas
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Opinion

TV rating system is a violation of the law

Under pressure from Congress, the TV networks implemented a voluntary TV ratings system, based on what is considered appropriate for particular age groups. It has been in effect only since January.

Not satisfied with that system, some congressmen are threatening to legislate ratings for TV broadcasts. "Television appeals to the lowest common denominator," huffed Republican Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri.

"Well, people have been making that criticism, with merit, ever since TV became a mass medium 50 years ago. But who should control the content? Private persons? Or government?"

The First Amendment to the Constitution is clear. "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press ... No law means just that. No law."

Despite that clear prohibition, Republican Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana is introducing into Congress a bill that would set up a mandatory ratings system, grading all shows for such things as violence, sexual content and foul language.

Democratic Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut is trying to browbeat Hollywood into action by urging a revision of its ratings system to emphasize content. "Don't force us to legislate a ratings system," he threatened. "Television today has become a destructive force in our culture - I wish I could wave a magic wand and get rid of some of the junk on TV today."

Actually, no "magic wand" is needed by Sen. Lieberman or by parents concerned about the trash on TV. One only need push the OFF button. Or get rid of the TV altogether.

Moreover, in a short time new technologies will make things much easier for parents.

Within just a few years, digital TV broadcasts will allow parents - or anyone - the flexibility of choosing various versions of the same program, with offending scenes cut out.

The free market, not government, is the best mechanism for meeting the needs of parents to protect children. That's the reason the founders so sensibly mandated, "Congress shall make no law ..."

Thought for today

"Wisdom denotes the pursuing of the best ends by the best means."

Francis Hutcheson

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The partial-birth abortion debate

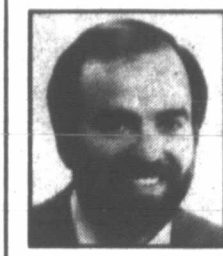
The campaign to forbid partial-birth abortion has uncovered a lot of gruesome facts about this procedure, which involves puncturing the skull of a well developed fetus with surgical scissors and then suctioning its brain out. Abortionists and abortion rights advocates think that publicizing this information is terribly misleading and unfair, and they want to set the record straight. Their message is that this form of abortion is really no more grisly than other types.

"Surgery is not pretty," one New York City abortionist told *USA Today*, in a tone of hard-headed practicality. "A radical operation for cancer is very displeasing. It ain't meant to be pleasant. It's meant to be helpful. This is not a form of Saturday afternoon entertainment. It's medicine." This physician is impatient with people who are revolted by one type of abortion and not another: "The outcome to the fetus is the same, is it not?"

Dr. Suzanne Poppema, author of the book *Why I Am an Abortion Doctor*, agrees. In an interview with the on-line publication *Salon*, she expressed intense frustration over the public's susceptibility to sentimental appeals. "Abortion procedures are not aesthetically pleasant," she declared. "There's no question about that. You think these pictures the anti-abortion forces show in Congress are bad? I think if you started showing pictures of 'normal' (abortion) procedures, with forceps, those would be equally effective."

Poppema went on, "They're saying, 'Oh, we think it's a horrible idea to kill little babies about to be born.' Well, I'm not going to say I think it's a good idea either." She merely believes it should have the blessing of the law.

The advocates of abortion rights have a point. From the perspective of the fetus, after all, every abortion has an unhappy ending. We allow a variety



Stephen Chapman

of abortion techniques, none of which is the least bit enjoyable to contemplate and all of which undeniably kill the fetus. But usually we manage to avoid thinking about them. Partial-birth abortion is the exception. In fairness to its defenders, we ought to consider whether it is really uniquely horrible.

Is it so much worse than such supposedly civilized methods as "vacuum curettage," which is used in early-term abortions? Here, the abortionist uses a suction tube with a sharp edge to cut the fetus to pieces and then suction it out of the womb. In dilatation and curettage, a different instrument is employed, but it too shreds the fetus.

Sometimes, chemicals called prostaglandins are injected, which induce delivery of a fetus to young to survive. Then there is the saline abortion, which involves injecting concentrated salt water into the amniotic sac. The fetus is poisoned when it swallows, and its skin is scalded by the caustic solution. Death takes about an hour. "Aesthetically pleasant"? Well, no.

And let's not forget the ordinary dilatation and evacuation, a late-term technique similar to partial-birth abortion, in which the physician uses forceps to rip the fetus apart in the womb, including crushing

its skull. (This apparently is the "normal" procedure Dr. Poppema was talking about.) Dr. Warren Hern, a Colorado abortion doctor, has written that with this method, "there is no possibility of denial of an act of destruction by the operator. ... The sensations of dismemberment flow through the forceps like an electric current."

Critics of partial-birth abortion say it is terribly painful for the fetus. But the other types, keep in mind, are not "Saturday afternoon entertainment," either. Fetuses respond to touch by the ninth week of pregnancy, and their sensitivity increases with time. So we can assume that when a fetus is dismembered, poisoned or scalded, it does not enjoy the experience.

But surgery, as we have been informed, is not supposed to be pleasant.

It's meant to be helpful. As our New York City abortion doctor said, cancer surgery is also unappealing. The only difference is that in cancer surgery, the pain inflicted on the patient is for her own benefit. In the case of abortion, the fetus is subjected to these "displeasing" procedures not to save its life but to end its life. But we wouldn't want to make too much of that difference, would we?

If nothing else, the partial-birth abortion debate has shed a lot of helpful new light on a subject that had previously gotten little attention. And it has provoked a new honesty in abortion rights supporters. Before the House of Representatives voted to ban partial-birth abortion for the second time, Rep. Barbara Kennelly (D-Conn.) urged that it remain legal - even though, she said, "it is brutal. It is inhuman. And it should never be used."

Abortion rights defenders used to hide behind delicate euphemisms about "choice" and "reproductive rights." Now they candidly attest that abortions are ugly and repellent. We're making progress.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 3, the 93rd day of 1997. There are 272 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 3, 1860, the legendary Pony Express began service between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif. (It lasted only 1 1/2 years before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph.)

On this date:

In 1776, George Washington received an honorary doctor of law degree from Harvard College.

In 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Mo., by Robert Ford, a member of his own gang.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, N.J., for the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh infant.

In 1946, Lt. General Masaharu Homma, the Japanese commander responsible for the Bataan Death March, was executed outside Manila in the Philippines.



Development makes us vulnerable

Charley Reese

The spring floods along the Ohio River are not the result of climate change. They are the result of damage to the watersheds.

When watersheds - the area where water drains into a river - get paved over, roofed over, strip-mined or cleared, then a bigger portion of every rainfall flows rapidly to the river without being absorbed.

There is a certain irony. The more "advanced" and "developed" we become, the more the normal expectation is that we can control nature. The result of development, however, is the opposite. We become more vulnerable to flooding, not less.

The lesson, and it's an old one that many people have just forgotten or never learned, is that we cannot really control nature. We have to coexist with it.

If there is a conflict, nature will be the ultimate winner, not humans. We can destroy the environment, but in doing so we will destroy ourselves. The environment, after we are gone, will heal itself and come back. We won't. Our bones will just lie with those of the dinosaurs as another example of an unsuccessful species.

It is unfortunate that the poisonous, litigious political culture has contaminated environmentalism so that it is now an ideological battleground. People and factions pursuing nonenvironmental aims fight viciously, but they all wear green camouflage.

To be good stewards of our environment will

require us to change the whole philosophical and theoretical framework that we have used from the end of the War Between the States to the present.

That paradigm is the industrial model of civilization and includes these beliefs: More and bigger are better; endless economic growth is the proper goal of society; and personal affluence is the proper goal of the individual.

Under that paradigm, industrialized farming, principally for cash crops and exports, has replaced the family farmers feeding themselves and their neighbors. Vast acreages under corporate cultivation mean heavy use of herbicides and pesticides.

The rural areas of our country are being emptied, and the communities destroyed, as the population shifts to megacities where the proletariat is cut off from the land. They exist at the mercy of corporate middlemen, who control food as well as transportation and energy systems, for their daily bread.

The same model dictates high immigration levels and the export of manufacturing jobs to drive down the price of labor domestically for the jobs that are left. That in turn drives women into the workforce and, with no time for home or family,

drives the fast food and convenience-package industry. That creates mountain ranges of unnecessary trash.

Children are being brainwashed to accept a phony environmental solution, which is: Give government more power and end property rights so it can save the environment. That is a formula for disaster as the bleeding, wounded environment of the former Soviet Union testifies.

We must recognize that more and bigger are worse now, not better. Ours is no longer an empty land. We have to recognize that endless economic growth, as measured by corporate profits, can only come at the price of the land, the air, the water and the blighted lives of human beings.

To accept the proposition that personal affluence is the proper goal of a human being is to make yourself a slave. The system intends only to wring its profits out of your sweat by continuously redefining affluence so that, like the rabbit a greyhound chases, it remains just barely out of reach.

Health and happiness are better goals. Neither one necessarily depends on ever higher levels of income. Smaller communities surrounded by farms that feed them fresh food without the middleman's markup would make farmers more prosperous and townfolk healthier. That would be a good beginning toward saving ourselves and the environment.

Going ga-ga about dawning of the GA

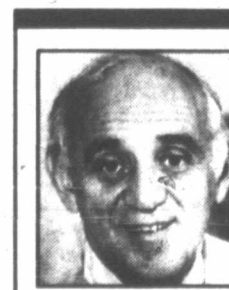
Perhaps we should all stop worrying about whether the stock market can stay at 7,000 - and start wondering about when it will hit 14,000. I kid you not. A good case for this tendency appeared recently in *The Wall Street Journal*, headlined "Global Growth Attains A New Higher Level That Could Be Lasting." Actually, the *Journal* article left out a few things. It all may work out even better.

The core datum for such a view comes from the International Monetary Fund: Global economic growth, as measured by the Gross Domestic Product, has been growing at almost four percent per year for the last four years, including a forecast for the rest of 1997. That's about double the two percent rate of the previous 20 years. Moreover, the IMF projects annual growth at somewhat higher than four percent on into the new millennium. Question: Is this just a normal fluctuation, or is something big going on?

As reported by the *Journal's* G. Pascal Zachary, the answer is not only "big," but approaching what some experts call the dawning of a "Golden Age" (GA) that could last for decades.

The case for the GA blends a number of on-going trends. Technology and innovation are booming. Free trade and free markets are more extensive than ever. Foreign investment is soaring. Property rights are more respected than ever. Governmental regulations are decreasing. Privatization is increasing. Inflation is low and falling. Budget deficits are diminishing. The word "leapfrog" is hot. Listen to United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan: "a new golden age ... (is coming, in which poorer nations will) leapfrog what others had to go through to develop."

Unstressed in the *Journal* story is a root cause for much of the above: The American and Western victory in the Cold War. When the Soviet Union collapsed,



Ben Wattenberg

the ideology of state control of the economy went down with it, allowing for more rapid economic growth. The Cold War's demise also accelerated a tidal wave of political democracy, as detailed in Michael A. Ledeen's new book, *Freedom Betrayed* (American Enterprise, \$24.95) - although it is Ledeen's view that the older democratic nations are tragically "walking away" from that democratic revolution. Among other things, political democracy provides greater flexibility to change course if something isn't working well in the economy.

Also unmentioned in the *Journal* piece is the remarkable demographic change going on in the Less Developed Countries. In the last quarter of a century, while doomsayers kept screeching about a "population explosion," fertility rates in the LDCs have dropped from about six children per woman to about 3.3 children per woman. The trend is still down and apparently accelerating. In the long term, such a change may have some negative effects. But for the short and intermediate term, its effects are highly positive. Families with two or three children have much more per-capita income than those with six children. This translates into a quest for consumer goods,

which triggers massive economic demand.

This surge in economic development in the LDCs can be difficult for some workers in modern countries. Some jobs in some industries move overseas. But there are also massive benefits. Prices in the malls come down. And other industries fly - like airplane manufacturing, led by America's Boeing company. The world's fleet of airliners should double in the next 20 years, at a price tag of \$1.1 trillion. About 75% of the new spending will come from overseas.

In the developed world, no nation is better positioned to gain from this process than the United States, which has more technology, more flexible labor markets, and more domestic deregulation than the still-sluggish European nations or Japan.

If economic growth is translated one-to-one to growth in the stock market, it would take about 35 years for an economy growing at two percent to push a market at 7,000 to 14,000. In an economy growing at four percent per year that 7-14 growth takes place in 17.5 years, putting a big bounce in your retirement savings. But from 1950 to 1973 the global economy grew at about five percent. At that rate the market would double in only 14 years. Moreover, if it becomes clear that the growth rate is not only ascendant, but stable, corporate profits and share prices could easily rise faster than economic growth.

The proprietor of this column space does not offer stock market tips. Vicissitudes remain, as always. Economic history is littered with the skeletons of "new eras" that never quite materialized (along with some that did.) Perhaps an "irrational exuberance" is at work, as Alan Greenspan had suggested. I would prefer to see it as "rational expectation." I'm not saying buy, I'm not saying sell, but I'm bullish on the planet.

Berry's World



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Death row inmate tries to cheat executioner

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Convicted murderer David Lee Herman, condemned for killing a 21-year-old woman during a 1989 robbery, was put to death a day and a half after he tried to cheat the executioner by taking his own life.

Herman, 39, a self-inflicted razor wound to his neck covered with flesh-colored bandage at his request, asked for forgiveness in a brief statement before receiving lethal injection Wednesday evening.

Among witnesses to his execution were the parents and sister of murdered 21-year-old Jennifer Burns and a man who was shot but survived the December 1989 robbery at an Arlington topless club.

"It was horrible and inexcusable for me to take the life of your loved one and to hurt so many mentally and physically," he said while strapped to the death chamber gurney and the witnesses just a few feet away looking through a window.

"I am here because I took a life, and killing is wrong, by an individual and by the state. And I am sorry we are here, but if my death will give you some closure and allow you some peace, then I welcome my death."

Seven minutes later, after a couple of gasps, he was pronounced dead.

Wednesday's execution, set for 6 p.m., was delayed about an hour as attorneys made an unsuccessful 11th-hour appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court for a reprieve.

Early Tuesday, Herman, who once worked as a stockbroker, broke a plastic disposable razor and used the blade to slash his neck and wrist in a suicide attempt. He was hospitalized and received stitches, then returned to death row to await his punishment.

Herman once managed the Arlington topless club where the robbery and slaying occurred. Ms. Burns was a bookkeeper at the club.

"There's always part of you that would have liked him to hurt just a little, to feel some of the terror and trauma he put Jennifer through," Ms. Burns' mother, Paula Foster, said, comparing the injection to her daughter's shooting.

"I think it was very humane, almost too humane," said Clay Griffin, who was shot by Herman during the robbery but survived to testify against him and watched the inmate die. "Not that I would want to see blood and guts, but he had it much easier than Jennifer. He got off a lot easier than what I think he should have."

Records show Herman confronted club manager Griffin at gunpoint and ordered him to an upstairs office where Ms. Burns was working with another woman and were preparing to open for the day. Herman ordered Ms. Burns to put \$11,200 in a canvas bag, then tried to rape her. When he couldn't, he became enraged and shot all three with a .357-caliber handgun.

'Always ... Patsy Cline'



(ALT photo)

The Amarillo Little Theatre will present its '97 Tour production of *Always ... Patsy Cline*, featuring Tammy Hysmith, left, as Patsy Cline and Cindi Bullard, right, as Louise Seger, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Sponsored by St. Matthew's Day School, the play is based on the life of the famed country singer and features two dozen Cline songs through a monologue covering her musical and professional career. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and may be purchased at the school, 727 W. Browning; at FirstBank Southwest and Malcolm Hinkle Inc. in Pampa; at First State Bank of Miami, Sun Bank of Panhandle and First Bank and Trust of White Deer; or at the door.

Scholarship proposal gets new twist

AUSTIN (AP) — Lottery players could scratch for more than cash under a state senator's proposal. They could help fund college scholarships through a new scratch-off ticket.

"Although I have never bought a lottery ticket in my life, people like me would certainly buy many lottery tickets if we knew that that money — in the unlikely event we lose — would go to funding the HOPE scholarship program," Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said Wednesday.

His proposed HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) scholarship program would provide financial aid for Texas students who had a 'B' average in high school, maintain it in college and agree to perform community service.

A similar scholarship program was created by Texas lawmakers in 1990 for lower- and middle-income families, but it isn't linked to the lottery and wasn't funded until 1995. It gets \$150,000 a year.

Ellis' bill would expand the current program but still restrict

it to lower- and middle-income families.

Under his proposal, the Texas Lottery Commission would establish an instant-ticket game in which net proceeds would be placed in a tuition fund.

Ellis originally proposed funding the HOPE program, which would pay tuition and fees for four years, with five percent of Texas' share of lottery proceeds. The two-year cost estimate is \$134.7 million.

The alternative funding proposal was developed as many programs fight for limited existing funding in the upcoming two-year budget period.

Lottery spokesman Steve Levine said the new scratch-off ticket is considered a more viable option. He said other states have dedicated income from a specific lottery ticket to a project, such as a stadium.

"We think this is a doable idea," Levine said. "The nice thing about this is it focuses attention specifically on this project."

Guards under fire for allowing prisoner to scale fence

BEEVILLE, Texas (AP) — Two prison guards who failed to shoot an inmate as he scaled a fence and escaped March 22 should be fired, prison officials say.

Jose Salaz, 21, was serving a 35-year sentence on two charges of aggravated assault against a public servant and one charge of aggravated kidnapping when he escaped from the Garza East Unit near this South Texas city. He remains at large.

Texas Department of Criminal

Justice officials say an intensive six-day search has cost between \$1.3 and \$2 million.

Charles Williamson, assistant regional director for TDCJ, said Salaz is believed to be out of the Coastal Bend but within Texas. He declined to be more specific, saying news reports could help Salaz further elude police.

Two female correctional officers have been suspended with pay pending a final decision on their status.

TDCJ spokesman David Nunnelee said that because the internal affairs division investigation into the incident is not completed, the officers' names and further information on why the officers did not shoot, Salaz aren't being released.

"Our administrators are asking that question, and we're going to find out why," he said. "That's all I can tell you."

No changes have been made at the prison following the escape, Nunnelee said.

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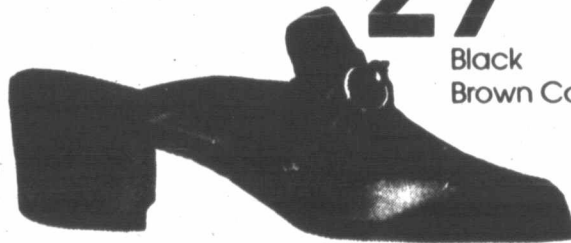
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Adopted Daughter Resents Being Labeled As Not 'Real'

DEAR ABBY: Recently in a department store, I overheard a conversation between two women that made my blood boil. One woman identified a neighbor by saying, "The one with the adopted son."

Abby, I am 42 years old and was adopted at birth. My adoptive mother was the nurse assisting in the delivery, and my adoptive father was also present at birth. In fact, while anxiously waiting to see his new daughter, Dad slipped and fell, so we joke, "Dad sure fell for his daughter."

My loving parents told me early on that I was adopted and did it in such a way that I felt adopted meant "special" and "handpicked." Perhaps the comment hit a nerve because my aunts, uncles and cousins from both sides of the family often referred to my brother and me as "Marvin and Ethel's adopted kids." My parents and grand parents were never guilty of using that unnecessary adjective.

Does "adopted" mean "less than"? Am I less of a daughter because someone else gave birth to me? Even at my grandmother's funeral, I was mentioned as her "adopted granddaughter." Sadly, my extended family still, after all these years, treats me as though I am not part of the "real" family.

Abby, the purpose of my letter is to let people know they do damage by distinguishing between "the adopted kids" and "the kids." The



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

mother and father who adopted me, fed me, clothed me and disciplined me were my parents, and our family is as "real" as the families into which other children are "born." I would be proud to have you use my name.

MARVA BOEHM MASON, HOUSTON

DEAR MARVA: Your point is well taken. Once children are adopted, they "belong" to the parents as much as children who are born into the family. Not everyone who describes family members as "adopted" means to be cruel, and they probably do not realize how upsetting it can be to a child. I hope your letter will cause those who have adopted relatives to think twice before making a verbal distinction.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 9-year-old girl who's in the third grade, and I

have a problem. My dad has not visited me in 4 1/2 years, and he has not called me since July of 1996.

I tried to call him a while back, but his phone was disconnected. I don't understand why he doesn't try to contact me.

I wish he knew how I feel so maybe he would change his mind and try to get in touch with me. I love my dad very much. I hope he reads this letter.

MISSING MY DAD IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MISSING: Sadly, there are many children who, like you, are longing to hear from their absent father or mother. Some adults forget that children are capable of understanding almost anything if they are given the opportunity. One phone call or letter that explains why the parent cannot stay in close contact at the moment will do wonders toward putting a child's mind at ease.

I, too, hope your father (and all the other parents to whom this applies) sees your letter and realizes how important it is that he call or write to you.

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



Your Birthday

Friday, April 4, 1997

Projects that have your stamp of creativity and originality in them will be easy to market in the year ahead. Do not let others overshadow your efforts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The best thing that will happen to you today might not be of your own design. You might find that others will be inclined to treat you better than you would yourself. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead.

Send for your Astro Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to: Astro Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1158, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10114. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Lady Luck is still helping you with important developments. You will do even better if you consistently express your position.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Information presented to you today will have a powerful impact on your beliefs. It will help you understand something you were doubtful about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, know that all conditions are working toward your ultimate benefit. If you expect good to occur, that will be your harvest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, you might experience two unusual events that are not directly related. Your best benefits will come from partnerships, personal and commercial.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Instead of being annoyed at persons who make demands on your time today, be grateful. You will eventually benefit in the very areas where you were helpful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is a good day for a recreational break. You need some time to yourself to do the things

you enjoy the most, without supervision.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In order to feel at your best today, you need involvement that are worthwhile and productive. You will get more fun out of doing something than being passive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You are best suited today for activities that are group oriented, especially if the other participants are as interested in having fun as you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might find a bargain today on something you've been wanting but felt was more expensive than you could comfortably afford. Be on the lookout.

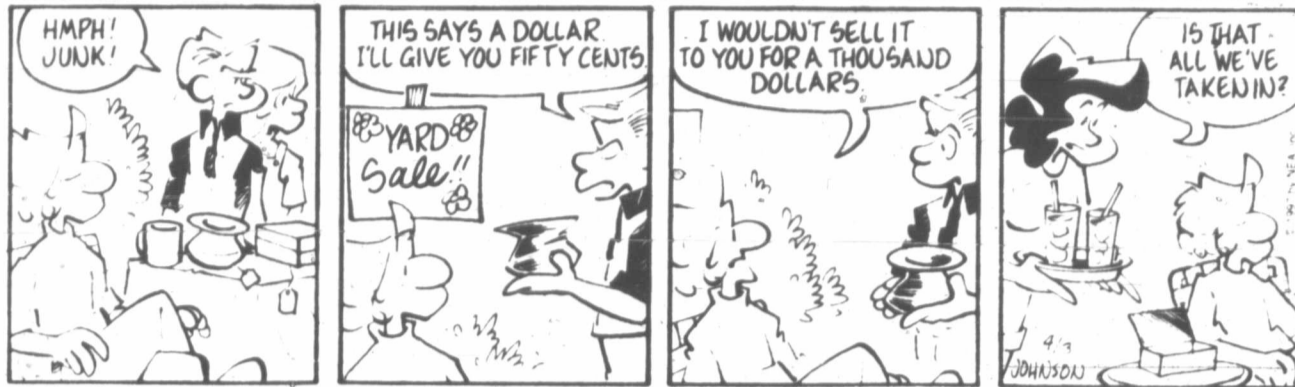
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not commit yourself socially too far in advance today. Something unexpected might develop that you'll find much more exciting.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This could be a unique day for you. There is a chance you'll be given something of value that will come to you through the least expected route.

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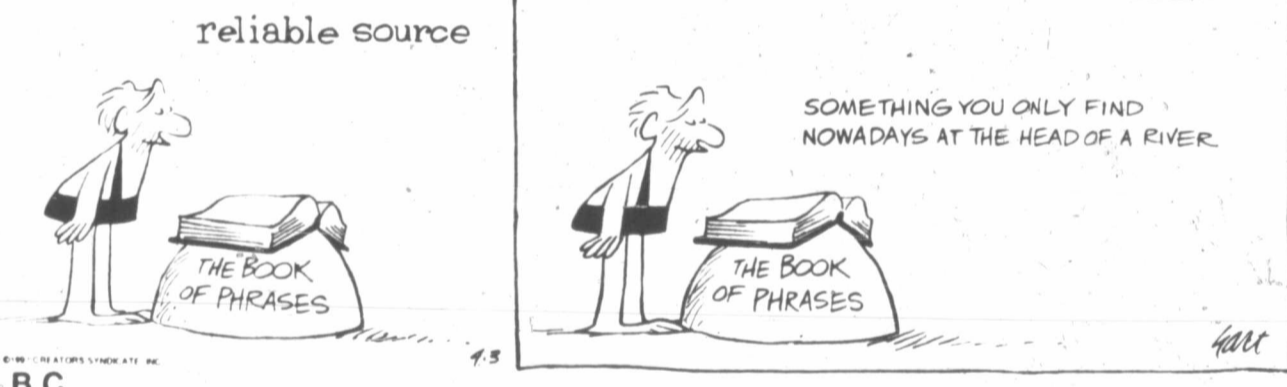
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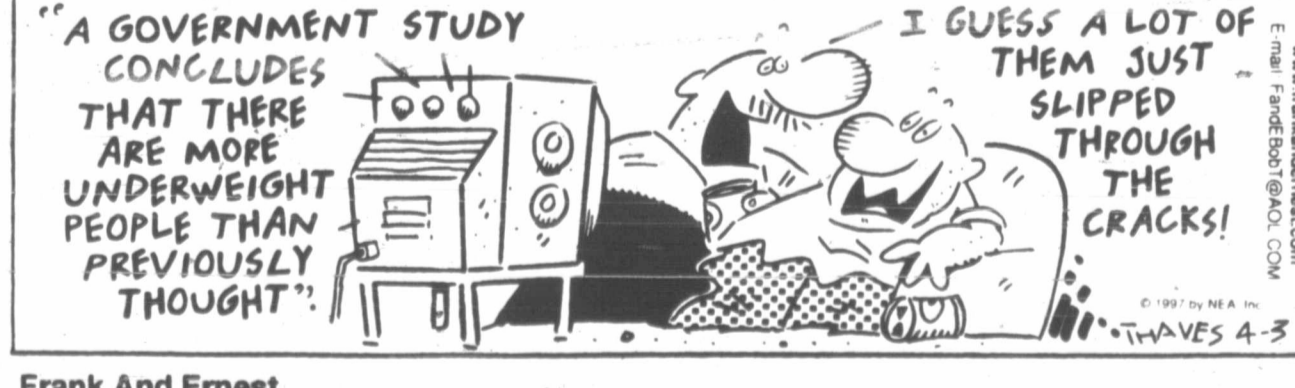
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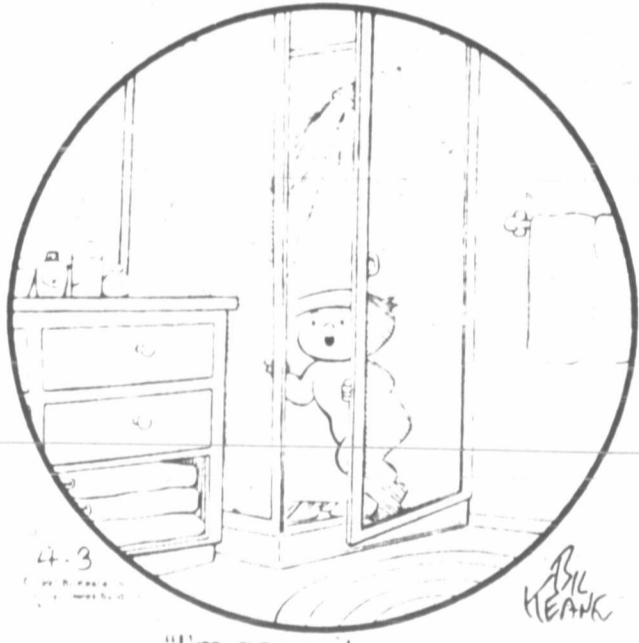
The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Fillmore



"I'm gonna have an April shower."



Phil, wake up! It's your 2 a.m. weather advisory.

The Family Circus



Marmaduke



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts



SPORTS

Rangers sign Burkett, Greer through 2001

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GOLF

CLARENDON — There are still open spots available for a "Skins" Game 6-Woman Scramble Saturday at the Clarendon golf course.

Interested persons can contact Noble Watson at 806-874-2166 to enter.

Entry fee is \$120 plus carts.

BASEBALL

BRISCOE — Fort Elliott opens the District 1-1A season Saturday against Texline in a doubleheader, starting at 1 p.m. at Borger.

Texline has a 1-0 record in district play.

FOOTBALL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Metro Council has approved a resolution asking the Houston Oilers to change their nickname once they arrive in Tennessee.

The team is named after the oil industry in Texas — a business that does not proliferate in Tennessee.

The resolution, sponsored by councilman Ronnie Steine, was adopted Tuesday night. It does not suggest a new name.

The Oilers are trying to get out of their lease with the Astrodome in order to play in Memphis this fall. A new stadium is to be ready in Nashville in 1999.

BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In just three seasons, the Detroit Pistons have gone from being a lottery team to one that appears to have hit the jackpot.

The Pistons, 28-54 two years ago, improved their record to 51-22 Wednesday night as Grant Hill scored 31 points and got his ninth triple-double of the season in a 99-92 victory over the lottery-bound San Antonio Spurs.

Hill was the Pistons' reward for getting the third selection in the 1994 draft after the NBA lottery draw for teams who failed to make the playoffs.

Already a three-time All-Star, he took over in the final period with 13 points to break open a close game. He also had 11 rebounds and 10 assists.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Houston Comets on Wednesday won the top pick in the WNBA draft lottery on April 28.

The Comets will be followed in the lottery by the Sacramento Monarchs, Los Angeles Sparks, Cleveland Rockers, Utah Starzz, New York Liberty, Charlotte Sting and Phoenix Mercury.

The draft is four rounds, with the second and fourth rounds conducted in inverse order from the first and third rounds. The draft will follow an invitation-only tryout camp scheduled for mid-April.

Each WNBA team has been assigned four players and the draft will increase the rosters to eight. The final two players and two developmental players will be added through local tryouts in mid-May.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — Though the Dallas Stars believed they would be an improved team this season, not even the most optimistic member of the organization would have predicted this season's turnaround.

Dallas, last in the Central Division in 1995-96, wrapped up the division title Wednesday night with a 5-4 victory over the New York Islanders, eliminating Detroit from contention.

The Stars finished 65 points behind the Red Wings last season.

"If you were a betting man, I don't think there's a horse riding that you'd want to bet on with those odds," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said of his team's worst-to-first comeback. "This is a team that has believed in itself, a team in every sense of the word. We've earned it."

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers signed pitcher John Burkett and outfielder Rusty Greer on Wednesday to contract extensions that could keep them with the club through 2001.

Burkett, who would've been eligible for free agency after this season, got an \$8.45 million, two-year deal with two option years that could make the contract worth \$16.5 million.

Greer, already signed through 1998, got a \$7.2 million, two-year extension with an option for 2001 that could make the deal worth \$11.5 million.

Texas is sixth on the payroll level for luxury taxes — one team below where it would have to pay — but that could change as the season progresses. The Rangers have seven players under contract for 1998, including Juan Gonzalez,

Will Clark and John Wetteland.

However, the team will have to open its wallet even wider after this season if it wants to retain Ivan Rodriguez, Dean Palmer and starting pitchers Darren Oliver, Roger Pavlik and Bobby Witt.

"We know we'll have a lot of work to do this offseason, but this is a major step to show our fans the Rangers are committed to winning and keeping this team together," general manager Doug Melvin said.

"Both of these guys are the type of players we want in our organization — not only for their physical abilities but also for the way they carry themselves as individuals."

Burkett, who will make \$3.55 million this year, is guaranteed \$4 million in both 1998 and 1999. If the club picks up his option in 2000, he'll get \$4.2 million. If not,

there's a \$450,000 buyout. Another \$4.3 million will be coming his way if he's still around in 2001. If that option is declined, Burkett gets \$200,000.

Although the team's policy is not to work on contracts during the season, Melvin said an exception was made because negotiations had almost been finished during spring training. Had the deals not been completed Wednesday, they would've been shelved until the offseason, Melvin said.

That's bad news for Rangers fans still hoping for the team to resign its other free agents-to-be, especially Rodriguez. Texas rejected a \$38.75 million, five-year proposal by the five-time All-Star catcher's agent.

"I've exchanged a lot of letters with the representatives of all our free-agent players. These just

seemed to work out. I can't say tell you why the others didn't, I can only tell you why these two did," Melvin said.

Burkett, 32, will make his 1997 debut Thursday night against Milwaukee.

He made Rangers' history last season with a complete-game victory over New York in the team's first-ever playoff game. The right-hander had gone 5-2 with a 4.06 ERA in 10 starts last summer after being acquired from Florida.

"I've talked about how much I liked it here last year," said Burkett, 92-68 with a 3.96 ERA over eight years. "I wanted to play this season with no interruptions. It's a load off my shoulders."

Greer, 28, whose salary this season is \$358,333, has rapidly made himself known around the league in three seasons for his clutch hitting, aggressive defensive play and

just-glad-to-be-here personality. Greer's .332 average last year was fifth in the AL. He also had 41 doubles, 18 homers and 100 RBIs in 139 games. He's a .308 career hitter with 41 homers and 207 RBIs in 351 games.

The new contract for Greer is unique because he wouldn't be eligible for free agency until after the 2000 season. This deal could keep him off the market for at least one winter.

"It's good to know I've done something to make the Texas Rangers appreciate me," Greer said. "It's a good feeling to know that if you look out in left field, there's the possibility I'll be there the rest of my career."

Greer gets a \$300,000 signing bonus, \$3.2 million in 1999 and \$3.5 million in 2000. Texas' option is for \$4.5 million with a \$200,000 buyout.

Middle school girls win track meet at Dumas

DUMAS — Pampa 7th and 8th grade teams were the winners of the Dumas Quadrangular Girls' Track Meet last weekend.

Pampa 8th grade scored 201 points and the Pampa 7th grade had 213 1/2 points.

The Pampa girls teams compete in a meet at Canyon on Friday.

- 8th Grade Division**
 Daisy Leal: Second place, 2400, 10:36.41.
 April Mobbs: Second place, shot put, 30-7.
 Holly Myers: third place, 1600, 6:42.72.
 Lorena Baker: Fourth place, 800, 2:57.97.
 Mandy West: Fourth place, 100 hurdles, 18:03.
 Amy Newhouse: Fourth place, discus, 73-9.
 Kim Porter: Fifth place, shot put, 25-11.
 Jessica Morrison: Fifth place, 300 hurdles, 56:90.
 Annie Sims: Sixth place, 200, 32:19.
 Lindsay Hampton: Sixth place, shot put, 25-0 1/4.
 Stephanie Cameron: Second place, 1600 relay, 4:41.46.
 Cassie Meadows: Fourth place, 100, 14:40.
 Sixth place, 100 hurdles, 18:34.
 Brandy Odum: First place, 100 hurdles, 17:47.
 Second place, 300 hurdles, 55:43.
 Mandy Rains: Second place, 1600 relay, 4:41.46.
 Third place, 800, 2:52.87.
 Charity Nachtigall: First place, 400 relay, 54:75.
 Second place, 800 relay, second place, 2:00.04.
 Second place, triple jump, 28-9.
 Chastity Nachtigall: First place, 400 relay, 54:75.
 Second place, 800 relay, 2:00.04.
 Second place, 1600 relay, 4:41.46.
 Third place, long jump, 13-1 1/4.
 Chelsea McCullough: First place, 400 relay, 54:75.
 First place, high jump, 4-6.
 First place, triple jump, 28-10.
 Second place, 800 relay, second place, 2:00.04.
 Ashleigh Patton: First place, 400 relay, 54:75.
 First place, long jump, 14-2 3/4.
 Second place, 800 relay, 2:00.04.
 Second place, high jump, 4-6.
 Kandy Odum: First place, 800, 2:49.35.
 First place, 100, 13:03.
 Second place, 1600 relay, 4:41.46.
 Third place, triple jump, 28-8 1/2.
 Fifth place, high jump, 4-6.
- 7th Grade Division**
 Rebecca Fatheree: First place, 2400, 10:29.15.
 First place, 1600, 6:43.07.
 Charis Snider: First place, 300 hurdles, 56:46.
 Second place, 100 hurdles, 18:81.
 April Green: Second place, 300 hurdles, 57:40.
 Third place, 100 hurdles, 18:90.
 Ashley Derrington: Second place, triple jump, 27-1.
 Third place, 800, 2:56.04.
 Third place, 400, 1:11.35.
 Second place, 1600 relay, 4:45.68.
 Kristen Stowers: Second place, 200, 28:88.
 Fourth place, 100, 13:40.
 Second place, 400 relay, 56:2.
 Jessica Burns: Second place, 1600, 6:44.82.
 Samantha Ford: Second place, shot put, 24-7.
 Third place, discus, 65-4.
 Stacie Carter: Second place, 2400, 10:41.36.
 Third place, 1600, 6:45.72.
 Kirby Brown: Third place, 100, 13:39.
 Sixth place, 200, 13:39.
 Misti Northcutt: Third place, 300 hurdles, 57:55.
 Fourth, 800, 2:58.60.
 Fifth place, long jump, 12-4 1/4.
 Second place, 800 relay, 2:03.29.
 Call Covatt: Second place, 400 relay, 56:21.
 Second place, 800 relay, 2:03.29.
 Third place, 200, 28:60.
 Fourth place, high jump, 3-10.
 Fourth place, triple jump, 26-11.
 Ashlee Jordan: Third place, 2400, 11:20.45.
 Shelly Sims: Fourth place, 100 hurdles, 19:37.
 Lindsey Naron: Second place, 400 relay, 56:21.
 Second place, 800 relay, 2:03.29.
 Second place, 1600 relay, 4:45.68.
 Fourth place, high jump, 3-10.
 Sabrina Johnson: Fifth place, shot put, 22-1.
 Morgan White: Fifth place, 800, 2:59.15.
 Jennifer Lindsey: Second place, 1600 relay, 4:45.68.
 Randa Morris: Second place, 400 relay, 56:21.
 Second place, 800 relay, 2:03.29.
 Second place, 1600 relay, 4:45.68.

400 relay team



(Pampa News photo)

The Pampa High girls track team, including the 400-meter relay team above, is entered in the Amarillo Relays Friday and Saturday in Dick Bivins Stadium. Relay team members are (l-r) Katy Cavalier, Kisha Evans, Audrey Wilbon and Lavonne Evahs.

Win against Hereford was crucial to keep Harvesters in District 1-4A contention

PAMPA — After two setbacks to open the District 1-4A baseball season, the Pampa Harvesters were in danger of being out of playoff contention early.

Facing Hereford at home Tuesday afternoon, the Harvesters got the win, but it didn't come without a struggle.

With the score knotted at 6-all, Pampa scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh for a 7-6 victory.

"We really needed this one," said PHS coach Dennis Doughty. "I felt like we had to win at home against Hereford to have a chance at making the playoffs."

Going against Hereford

righthander Eric Ambold, Doughty felt the Harvesters might be in for a long afternoon.

"Hereford has a tendency to be a good team when he's pitching. Ambold has a good little curve and it was working for him," Doughty said.

The Harvesters were trailing 6-3 when a pinch-hit double by Keith Jacoby and a home run by Duane King in the sixth tied the score.

"Jacoby had a huge hit for us," Doughty said. "I felt it was something he would be able to do for us. I can't say enough about King. He had that home run against Hereford and he's pitched exceptionally well the

last three games."

First baseman Josh Blackmon played some outstanding defense against the Whitefaces.

"He made a couple of great plays for us that got us out of jams," Doughty said. "He's the type of athlete who can play any position."

Pampa junior varsity notched a 17-16 win over San Jacinto Tuesday.

Jeremy Miller hit two home runs for Pampa. Brandon Hill, Courtney Lowrance and Brent Phelps had one home run each.

The winning pitcher was Greg Lindsey. Pampa JV's have a 6-4 record.

Barkley returns to lineup, but Rockets lose to Suns

PHOENIX (AP) — Houston Rockets star Charles Barkley is only concerned about getting ready for the playoffs.

"I don't care about missing shots right now. I'm just glad to be back out there after such a long time," said Barkley, who made just two of 14 shots in the Rockets' 109-96 loss to Phoenix on Wednesday night.

Barkley missed the previous 14 games because of a pelvis injury.

"Our goal is to win an NBA championship and we have to get our players healthy for the run," said Barkley, who has missed 29 games this season because of injuries and suspensions.

"I've got three weeks to get back in shape and work on my shot. If I can get 16 rebounds a night and make a few shots here and there, we'll be fine."

Kevin Johnson had 30 points and 11 assists for the Suns, who won their seventh straight game. Phoenix, which started the season 0-13, is 13-2 in its last 15 games to move within five games of .500.

"That was an unbelievable effort by all our guys," Phoenix coach Danny Ainge said. "These guys are starting to believe in themselves. You can see they trust each other. Everybody is having fun, and that's half the battle."

Wesley Person scored 21 points, Hot Rod Williams had 16 points and a season-high 16 rebounds, Rex Chapman added 13 points, and Jason Kidd had 12 points and 10 assists.

Hakeem Olajuwon had 33 points and Clyde Drexler 20 for the Rockets. Mario Elie was the only other Houston player in

double figures with 17 points. The loss ended a four-game winning streak and was the Rockets' first since a 104-99 loss to the Suns on March 22 in Houston.

"You have to give them credit because they beat us at home and here," Olajuwon said. "I'm not saying they can beat us in a series, but they are doing it now so you have to respect them."

Not Barkley.

"They have played terrific, but they are what they are — the No. 7 seed in the West," he said. "If you ask me if I'm concerned about them beating us in a playoff ... you know the answer to that question."

Johnson was more diplomatic. "We're not making a big deal out of this win, because they're not at full strength," Johnson said. "Charles goes 2-for-14, that happens maybe once a year for a

guy like him. They're without Kevin Willis.

"But every win is vital right now, and we were able to keep our streak going, which is important."

Suns rookie Horacio Llamas, the league's first Mexican-born player, made his first NBA start and drew the early defensive assignment on Olajuwon.

Llamas and Williams combined for 13 points in the first quarter as the Suns took a 30-25 lead. Phoenix was up 54-44 at the half.

Phoenix trailed 67-63 with 3:20 left in the third before taking control. Person had a dunk, a layup and a 3-pointer during a 12-0 run over the final 3:01, and his layup gave Phoenix a 75-67 lead heading into the final quarter.

A wild night on west coast

By The Associated Press

What's going on out West? Lots of runners circling the bases.

Three American League games in the Pacific time zone produced 45 runs Wednesday night.

Boston got four of them with two outs in the ninth inning to stun Anaheim 6-5. New York, sparked by three home runs by Tino Martinez, routed Seattle 16-2. And Cleveland, helped by David Justice's superb AL debut, edged Oakland 9-7.

In other AL games, it was Minnesota 7, Detroit 6; Baltimore 4, Kansas City 2; and Toronto 6, Chicago 1.

The Angels led 5-2 and had Troy Percival, their ace reliever, on the mound. He struck out the first two batters, but then John Valentin doubled, Mo Vaughn walked and Reggie Jefferson got an infield single to load the bases.

Percival then walked Tim Lincecum and Wil Cordero to make it 5-4, and hit Rudy Pemberton on the upper left arm, tying the game.

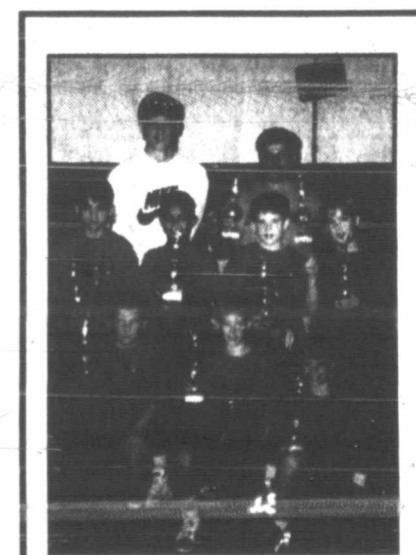
Pep Harris relieved, and pinch-hitter Troy O'Leary had an infield single to third base, knocking home the winning run in the season opener for both teams.

Percival had just three blown saves in 39 chances last season.

"He struck out the first two in the ninth, then we hit the jackpot," Jimmy Williams said after his winning debut as the Red Sox manager. "The kid was wild. It worked out great for us. We didn't even hit the ball out of the infield. Sometimes a win like that gets you going in the right direction."

Percival couldn't believe he blew the lead.

"I was very focused for the first two batters, then I just had a mental breakdown. I screwed it up," he said. "If I'm going to get beat, I'm going to get beat physically, not mentally."



Bulls capture Optimist title

The Pampa Optimist basketball season ended with the Bulls tying for first place with a 7-0-1 record. The Bulls were also the Pampa Optimist

Tournament champions, winning all three of their games. Team members are (front, l-r) Dusty Lenderman, Logan Baker and Chase Brewer; (middle row, l-r) Mitchell Carroll, Cam Seger, Tyler Daughy and Ryan McDaniel. Not pictured is Cooper Brasile. Pictured in the back row are coaches Richardo Leger and Larry Lenderman.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

National League

At A Glance				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	2	0	1.000	—
Florida	2	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	1	1	.500	1
Atlanta	0	2	.000	2
New York	0	2	.000	2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cincinnati	2	0	1.000	—
Houston	2	0	1.000	—
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000	1/2
Chicago	0	2	.000	2
St. Louis	0	2	.000	2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
San Diego	2	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	1
San Francisco	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Colorado	0	2	.000	2

American League

At A Glance				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	—
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
New York	1	1	.500	1/2
Toronto	1	1	.500	1/2
Detroit	0	2	.000	1 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Minnesota	2	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	1/2
Chicago	1	1	.500	1
Kansas City	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Texas	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	1	1	.500	1/2
Anaheim	0	1	.000	1
Oakland	0	1	.000	1

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association				
At A Glance				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-Miami	54	18	.750	—
x-New York	52	21	.712	2 1/2
Orlando	40	32	.556	14
Washington	37	35	.514	17
New Jersey	23	49	.319	31
Philadelphia	21	51	.292	33
Boston	13	61	.176	42

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-Utah	55	17	.764	—
x-Houston	49	24	.671	6 1/2
Minnesota	36	37	.493	19 1/2
Dallas	22	50	.306	33
Denver	20	53	.274	36 1/2
San Antonio	18	54	.250	37
Vancouver	12	63	.160	44 1/2

Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-Seattle	50	23	.685	—
x-L.A. Lakers	50	23	.685	—
x-Portland	43	31	.581	7 1/2
Phoenix	34	39	.466	16
L.A. Clippers	31	41	.431	18 1/2
Sacramento	29	44	.397	21
Golden State	26	46	.361	23 1/2

BOWLING				
WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE				
Team	Won	Lost		
Warner-Horton	28	16		
Graham Furniture	27	17		
Cox Enterprises	25	12	18	1/2
Dorman Tire	25	12	18	1/2
McCarthy Hull Inc.	23	21		
All State	21	23		
Harbison Fischer	14	30		
Harvester Lanes	12	32		

FISHING REPORT				
BASTROP: Water fairly clear, 63 degrees; black bass up to 9 pounds are fair to good on white and chautauque spinners, crank baits, and spinners; crappie are fair on spinners and small tube jigs fished over brush and in the shallows; catfish are fair to good on stink bait.				
BELTON: Water clear, 12 feet high; 61 degrees; black bass up to 7 pounds are good on spinners, crank baits and worms; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around manas; catfish are good on cheese bait.				
BROWNSWOOD: Water stained to clear; normal level; 62 degrees; black bass to 8 pounds are fair on Long A's, spinners, Sluggo's and Carolina-rigged worms, hybrid strippers are fair on live bait and spoons; catfish are good on nightcrawlers and shrimp.				
BUCHANAN: Water fairly clear; normal level; 61 degrees; black bass up to 10 pounds are fair to good on spinners, crank baits and Texas-rigged worms fished in the shallows and on secondary points; striped bass to 10 pounds are very good on live bait fished in deep water with some topwater action in the mornings; white bass are very good on live bait and Roadrunners fished in the river and on the main lake; crappie are good on minnows fished in shallow water and at the crappie barges; catfish are very good on fresh shad and worms.				

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CANYON: Water off-colored; 63 degrees; black bass up to 8 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged worms and lizards and on soft plastic jerk baits; white bass are good on live bait and spinners; striped bass are good on live bait; catfish are good on nightcrawlers and shad.

FAYETTE: Water fairly clear; normal level; black bass up to 9 pounds are good on live water dogs, spinners and Rat-L-Traps; catfish are fair to good on shrimp and cut bait.

STILLHOUSE: Water fairly clear; 62 degrees; black bass and smallmouth are good on small spinners and worms; crappie are fair to good on minnows fished over baited holes; catfish are good on Bob's Cheese Bait and nightcrawlers.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; normal level; 63 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are good on worms and spinners; crappie are good on minnows; catfish are fair to good on cut bait and chicken liver.

TRAVIS: Water clear; lake high; 63 degrees; black bass up to 8 pounds are good on small spinners, worms and jerk baits; striped and white bass are fair to good on live bait; crappie are good on minnows and fished around boat houses; catfish are fair to good on spinners prepared bait.

WACO: Water murky; 5 1/2 feet high; 62 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are good on justabug lizards, worms and spinners; crappie are good on minnows fished over baited holes; catfish are fair to good on worms and stink bait.

WHITNEY: Water off-colored; normal level; black bass to 10 pounds are good on crank baits, worms and spinners; striped bass are good on live bait; white bass are fair to good on live bait and crank baits; crappie are good on minnows; channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and cut bait; yellow catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with live perch.

ATHENS: no report.
BOB SANDLIN: Water fairly clear; normal level; 62 degrees; black bass up to 9 pounds are good on spinners and craw worms; catfish are fair to good on cheese bait and cut shad.
COOPER: Water stained; 2 1/2 feet high; black bass up to 10 pounds are good on spinners, crank baits and lizards; catfish are fair to good on minnows.
FORK: Water fairly clear to off-colored; 64 degrees; black bass up to 10 pounds are fair to good on spinners, crank baits and worms fished in the shallows and on the points of the creeks; crappie are good on minnows and jigs; catfish are good on cut bait.
LAKE O THE PINES: Water murky; high; 62 degrees; black bass are fair on crank baits and worms; catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.
LEWISVILLE: Water murky; 3 1/2 feet high; black bass are good on crank baits, spinners and worms; striped bass are fair to good on crank baits; catfish are fair to good on cut bait and shrimp.
PALESTINE: Water murky; high; 62 degrees; black bass are good on crank baits and worms; crappie are good on minnows and jigs; catfish are fair to good on minnows and shrimp.
RAY ROBERTS: Water fairly clear; 3 feet high; black bass up to 11 pounds are good on spinners, worms and Rat-L-Traps; crappie are fair to good on minnows; catfish are good on rod and reels baited with cut bait.
RICHLAND CHAMBERS: Water fairly clear; normal level; 63 degrees; black bass to 8 pounds are good on worms and spinners; white bass are good on live bait and spinners; crappie are fair to good on minnows fished in the backs of creeks; catfish are fair on shrimp, blood bait and shad.
TAWAKONI: Water off-colored; low; black bass up to 9 pounds are good on worms fished in 2 to 5 feet of water; striped bass are good on live bait; white bass are fair to good on spoons; catfish are good on chicken liver and shrimp.

Astros hand Braves another loss

HOUSTON (AP) — "Almost" was a big word for the Atlanta Braves after opening their season 0-2 for the first time since 1991.

Kenny Lofton almost caught a fly ball that would have prevented Houston's four-run third inning, and Ryan Klesko almost caught Derek Bell's two-run double moments later that sparked the Houston Astros to a 4-3 victory Wednesday night.

"I thought we played pretty well," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "It was one of those games where a few inches the other way and it's a different ball game."

Instead, the Astros beat Cy Young Award winners John Smoltz and Greg Maddux on successive nights as the Braves played well enough to win, but still found themselves winless this season.

With two outs in the third, Pat Listach singled. Lofton made a valiant effort to catch the liner that flicked off his glove, allowing the first of four runs to score.

Jeff Bagwell singled and then Bell hit a two-run double that glanced off Klesko's glove after he made a dash to his right and crashed into a retaining fence.

"It seemed like everything went in for them," shortstop Jeff Blauser said. "There were so many close plays, and most of them went their way. But with the veterans on this team, we're not worried about losing two games. We know it's a long season, and losing games like this is a part of it."



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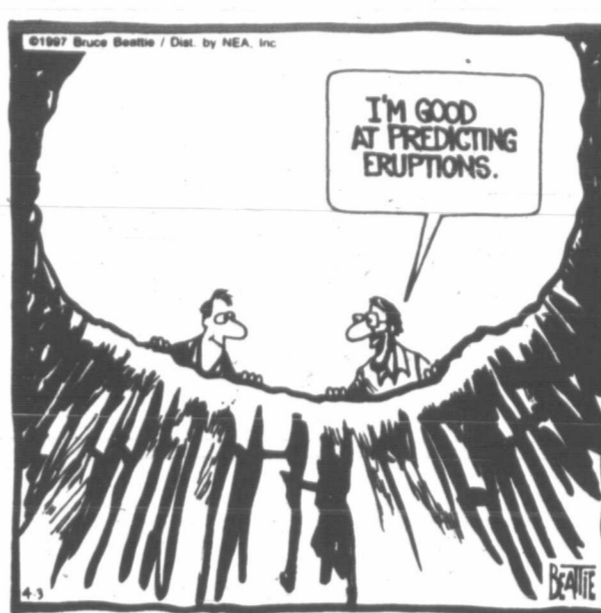
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Jim Carrey's 'Liar, Liar' holds own against Harrison Ford's 'Devil's Own' at box office

By LYNN ELBER
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Harrison Ford and intrigue lost to Jim Carrey and comedy in a box office duel, with Carrey's *Liar Liar* keeping Ford's *The Devil's Own* from a No. 1 debut.

That was the reverse of 1994, when Ford's *Clear and Present Danger* opened in first with \$20.3 million, bumping Carrey's *The Mask* to second in its sophomore week with \$15.2 million.

Liar Liar, about a lawyer who can't lie, set an Easter weekend record as the comedy grossed \$25.4 million in its second week out.

The Devil's Own, featuring Ford and Brad Pitt in a drama about Northern Ireland's conflict transported to the United States, opened No. 2 with a weekend take of \$14.3 million.

The English Patient, in its first weekend since taking the best-picture Oscar and eight other Academy Awards, enjoyed a winner's bounce as it added 40 percent more locations.

The film grossed \$3 million, a 50 percent increase over last weekend, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks box-office receipts.

Kolya, which won the best foreign language film Oscar, nearly

BOX OFFICE		
Top weekend movies		
Weekend of March 28-30, 1997		
All dollar figures in millions		
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross	
1. <i>Liar, Liar</i> \$71.1, two weeks, 2,853 screens	\$25.4	
2. <i>The Devil's Own</i> \$18.1, one week, 2,504 screens	\$14.3	
3. <i>Selena</i> \$21.7, two weeks, 1,873 screens	\$6.1	
4. <i>Return of the Jedi</i> \$34.8, three weeks, 1,832 screens	\$4.5	
5. <i>Jungle 2 Jungle</i> \$42.1, four weeks, 2,283 screens	\$4.13	
6. <i>The Sixth Man</i> \$4.1, one week, 1,227 screens	\$4.1	
7. <i>Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie</i> \$3.3, one week, 2,113 screens	\$3.3	
8. <i>The English Patient</i> \$6.7, two weeks, 1,409 screens	\$3	
9. <i>BAPS</i> \$2.7, one week, 1,204 screens	\$2.7	
10. <i>Private Parts</i> \$38.2, four weeks, 1,948 screens	\$2.4	

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. AP

The Empire Strikes Back was No. 16. *Star Wars* finally fell out of the top 20 after nine weeks.

The three films' cumulative domestic gross now exceeds \$1 billion.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations:

1. *Liar Liar*, Universal, \$25.4 million, 2,853 locations, \$8,895 average, \$71 million, two weeks.
2. *The Devil's Own*, Sony, \$14.3 million, 2,504 locations, \$5,701 average, \$18.1 million, one week.
3. *Selena*, Warner Bros., \$6.1 million, 1,873 locations, \$3,278 average, \$21.7 million, two weeks.
4. *Return of the Jedi*, Fox, \$4.5 million, 1,832 locations, \$2,430 average, \$34.8 million, three weeks.
5. *Jungle 2 Jungle*, Disney, \$4.13 million, 2,283 locations, \$1,810 average, \$42.1 million, four weeks.
6. *The Sixth Man*, Disney, \$4.1 million, 1,227 locations, \$3,364 average, \$4.1 million, one week.
7. *Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie*, Fox, \$3.3 million, 2,113 locations, \$1,562 average, \$3.3 million, one week.
8. *The English Patient*, Miramax,

\$3 million, 1,409 locations, \$2,143 average, \$67.6 million, 20 weeks.

9. *BAPS*, New Line, \$2.7 million, 1,204 locations, \$2,278 average, \$2.7 million, one week.

10. *Private Parts*, Paramount, \$2.4 million, 1,848 locations, \$1,305 average, \$38.2 million, four weeks.

11. *Sling Blade*, Miramax, \$2.2 million, 992 locations, \$2,190 average, \$15.9 million, 18 weeks.

12. *Donnie Brasco*, Sony, \$1.8 million, 1,413 locations, \$1,246 average, \$39.1 million, five weeks.

13. *Jerry Maguire*, Sony, \$1.6 million, 830 locations, \$1,985 average, \$145.4 million, 16 weeks.

14. *Love Jones*, New Line, \$1.1 million, 645 locations, \$1,705 average, \$9.3 million, three weeks.

15. *Cats Don't Dance*, Warner, \$939,800, 1,252 locations, \$751 average, \$1.2 million, one week.

16. *The Empire Strikes Back*, Fox, \$927,600, 591 locations, \$1,570 average, \$65.2 million, six weeks.

17. *Shine*, Fine Line, \$797,300, 911 locations, \$875 average, \$33.7 million, 19 weeks.

18. *Michael*, New Line, \$783,300, 896 locations, \$874 average, \$92.2 million, 14 weeks.

19. *Kolya*, Miramax, \$445,600, 128 locations, \$3,481 average, \$2.2 million, 10 weeks.

20. *101 Dalmatians*, Disney, \$411,500, 667 locations, \$617 average, \$134.9 million, 18 weeks.

FCC requiring broadcasters adopt digital TV in two years

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Cinema-quality digital television should start appearing in homes in two years — assuming people lay out a hefty \$2,000 for new TV sets — under a plan federal regulators are adopting.

More importantly, the current analog broadcast TV system will die in nine years, meaning that viewers will either have to buy new digital TV sets or purchase set-top converters, enabling existing analog TV sets to receive the new signals.

While the new digital sets will have a significantly better picture, a "converted" digital signal fed to an analog set will produce no better picture quality than the analog set already provides.

And get ready for sticker shock: The wide-screen digital TV sets are expected to cost at least \$2,000 initially. If the new sets sell as briskly as VCRs did when they debuted, those prices should come down fairly quickly. The set-top converters will range in price from \$150 to \$300.

Even with the new sets, most of the nation's nearly 68 million cable TV subscribers will have to use their TV's rabbit ears or a

rooftop antenna to receive the digital signals.

Tele-Communications Inc.'s system in Hartford, Conn., is now the only cable operator in the country that has gone digital. More cable systems are preparing to go digital, but until they do, viewers will have to rely on antennas.

The Federal Communications Commission's plan, which was expected to be formally adopted today, capped ten years of work to clear the way for the biggest television advance since color in the 1950s.

Stations owned or affiliated with the ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox networks in the nation's ten largest TV markets will be required to begin providing some digital broadcasts within two years.

Those markets are: New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Boston, Washington, Dallas-Fort Worth, Detroit and Atlanta.

Network-owned and affiliated stations in the next 20 largest markets will have 30 months, and the remainder of U.S. stations will have five years, according to FCC sources who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Reese AFB formally completes its mission, many gather to say goodbye

LUBBOCK (AP) — After 55 years of training some of the Air Force's best and brightest, Reese Air Force Base has completed its mission.

Scores of current and former base personnel were present Wednesday as the military said farewell to the South Plains, declaring the 64th Flying Training Wing officially inactive.

"It feels just like a funeral," said Perry Bell, one of three graduates of Reese's first class to return for a reunion this week.

The inactivation of the 64th wing came a day after the 52nd and 54th Flying Training Squadrons and the 64th Operations Group also cased their flags.

In total, Reese instructors trained more than 25,000 pilots.

The skies just west of Lubbock

doubled its locations (still a modest 128 screens) and saw its per-screen average jump a whopping 143 percent.

Return of the Jedi, the last of the *Star Wars* trio to be re-released, was fourth in its third week, while

have been quiet since January, when the last class moved onward. Only about 700 personnel remain, a far cry from the 3,200 who lived and worked here when the closure announcement came on June 22, 1995.

Much of Reese's current brass arrived after the base knew its fate.

"Back on May 3, 1996, when I assumed command, the 52nd was the first squadron I had the honor to command," said Lt. Col. LeeRoy A. Martin to a weepy packed house at the Reese Club. "Now it will have the distinction of the first squadron I inactivated."

The Lubbock community has

first shot at the base property. Officials are leaning toward a plan to convert the base into a business and industrial park but haven't decided whether to acquire the land.

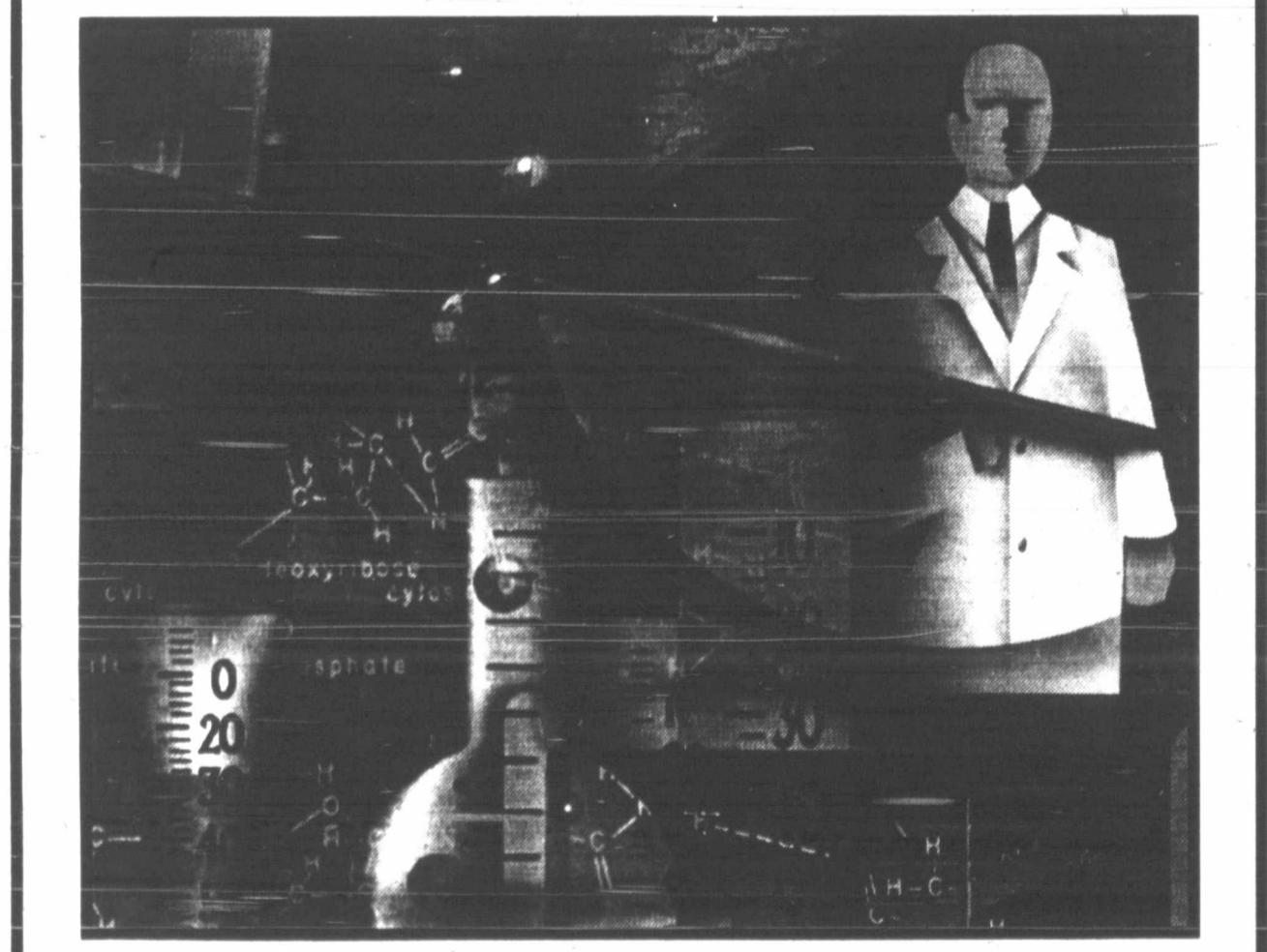
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