

270 12/18/97 4227

SOUTHWEST MICROPUBLISHING
2627 E YANDELL ST
EL PASO TX 79903

PAMPA NEWS

VOL: 90 NO: 314

Pampa, Texas

50¢ DAILY/SUNDAY \$1

City approves catastrophic leave program

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

A city ordinance establishing a catastrophic leave bank for city employees was approved by commissioners in their regular meeting Tuesday night.

The catastrophic leave bank is a voluntary program that allows city employees suffering from long-term illnesses to receive paid vacation days, even after their personal vacation and sick days have been expended.

"The main thing about this is it's revenue neutral to the city and voluntary to the employee," said City Manager Bob Eskridge.

In order to qualify for the program, however, full-time regular city employees must donate one full day of vacation to the leave bank during the enrollment periods. The first enrollment period is scheduled for May 1-15 and the next will be held Nov. 1-15.

Employees can only donate vacation days that have already been earned, but the donations are not limited to just one day. For example, if an employee has three earned vacation days that he cannot take during the course of the year, he may donate all three days to the leave bank. Donations, however, cannot be returned if an employee decides he wants to use those days later in the year.

Employees can request days from the leave bank if they have been working with the city for a year and are a member of the catastrophic leave bank. The requests must be submitted in writing with a doctor's statement and the chairperson of the catastrophic leave bank board.

Members of the board will consist of elected employees representing the administration, finance, community services, public works, police services and fire services departments. The city's personnel director will serve as an advisor to the board.

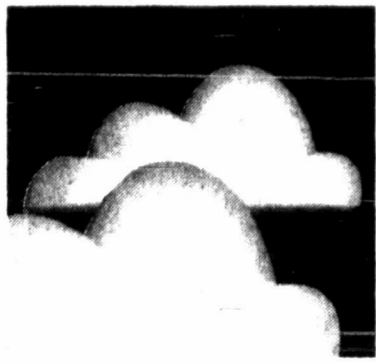
Board members will serve staggered three-year terms and will be responsible for determining which applications for catastrophic leave will be accepted and the amount of days. Their recommendation will be made to the city manager for final approval.

Other actions taken in the regular meeting include:

- A public hearing was held concerning the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program.

- An ordinance was approved to amend the 1996-97 city's operating budget.

- The consent agenda was approved, which included the minutes of the March 25 work session and meeting and a change to the minutes of the March 18 city commission meeting.



Low tonight near 30.
High tomorrow in mid 40s. See Page 2 for weather details.

BORGER — The Frank Phillips College music majors will star in the annual student recital at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the FPC Fine Arts Auditorium.

The recital is free, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

"The talent in the music department is abundant and varied," said Dr. Judy E. Strecker, head of the program. "This will be a wonderful opportunity for the students to share their gifts with the area community."

Performing will be Starlet Bright, voice and piano; Veronica Adams, clarinet; Melissa Beekmann, voice; Jeremiah Adams, guitar; Carolyn Roberts, piano; Jessica Davis, voice; Kelly Hagler, saxophone; Ben Harris, piano and voice; and Janette Mayo, voice.

BORGER — The Multiple Sclerosis Society will be having its third annual Borger MS Walk on Saturday morning.

Late registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. at the Faith Covenant Church, 1501 S. Florida. Those attending the walk are asked to park in the Borger Middle School parking lot. Photographs also will be taken of teams participating in the walk.

Registration will continue at 9:40 a.m., with an aerobics warm-up conducted to help loosen up the walkers for the event.

The walk will start at 10 a.m. The course will be marked with bright orange arrows. The Borger Emergency Operations Center will be on hand to block intersections for walkers' safety.

Rest areas and treats will be provided along the walk course, and hamburgers will be served at the completion of the walk.

QUINTANA (AP) — A nine-hour standoff on a Texas beach ended with officers using a flash-bang bomb to distract a suicidal teenager long enough to take him into custody.

Officers seized the boy from Kansas and freed a 13-year-old runaway girl who was with him.

The standoff on an island facing the Gulf of Mexico ended late Tuesday. Officers grabbed the teen-ager, who was armed with a shotgun, without anyone being injured, Brazoria County officers said.

The teenagers were not immediately identified.

The boy held officers at bay on Bryan Beach from inside a stolen pickup truck for more than nine hours after he threatened to shoot himself.

Classified 8
Comics 6
Editorial 4
Medical 10
Sports 7



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The Panhandle Chapter of the Texas Society of CPA, through the CPA's Helping Schools Committee, donated \$668.38 for the purchase of math supplies for the HOSTS program at Wilson Elementary School. Overlooking the delivered goods are Wanda Call, CPA; Teresa Dyson, HOSTS teacher; Lynda Dyer, HOSTS teacher; Nancy Northcutt and Ken Cargill, CPA.

CPAs donate to HOSTS math program

It may not be Christmas, but the students and teachers who participate in the HOSTS (Helping One Student To Succeed) program might have thought so, when a package of math helps was delivered to the classroom.

The math helps were funded by the Panhandle Chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs, which donated more than \$680 for the purchase of calculators, games and teaching

aids to benefit the HOSTS program at Wilson Elementary School.

Wanda Call, a contributing CPA, said, "This is just our way of getting students involved in mathematics in such a way that they learn the necessities of math and have fun doing it."

"These items are a tremendous boon to our program. It gives the kids some new ways of exploring math and

learning at the same time," said HOSTS director Teresa Dyson.

The HOSTS program puts community members in touch with one student to help that student succeed in math. The adults spend 30 minutes a week helping students understand the basics of math.

For more information on the HOSTS program, contact Teresa Dyson at 669-4976.

Hung jury results in mistrial in sexual assault case

District Court Judge Lee Waters declared a mistrial Tuesday when a six-man, six-woman jury failed to render a unanimous verdict in the sexual assault case against Clemente Valdez, 32.

The jury began deliberations just before 10 a.m. Tuesday and ended deliberations seven hours later. The jury returned to the court room twice to have the judge clarify questions regarding the testimony. Twice the jury returned to tell the judge they could not reach a decision.

The judge first sent the jury back to try again, and after more than three hours of further deliberations, the jury members returned with the same decision. The judge then declared a mistrial and released the jury.

According to Bob McPherson, who assisted District Attorney John Mann during the trial, Valdez will continue to be held in Gray County jail until he either makes bond (\$10,000), until he pleads out and accepts a judgment, or until a new trial is scheduled.

Suzanne Alexander, the former

Pampa social worker who testified at the trial and now lives in Lubbock, said regardless how long it takes she will be back to see justice served for these two women.

Valdez was returned to Gray County on Feb. 8, 1996, from Denver, Colo., where he had signed extradition papers.

Valdez is charged with sexually assaulting his niece, identified only as Jo Doe, in April 1987.

Taking the stand in his own defense Monday afternoon, Valdez denied having sex with the girl.

He said he now lives in

Denver, Colo., with his wife and two sons, working as a welder.

Valdez maintained that the idea of the sexual assault charges was planted in the mind of then 11-year-old Jo Doe.

Jo Doe, however, now 21 years old, testified that she had intercourse with Valdez on April 1, 1987, in her bedroom at her grandfather's house. She said she did not want to have sex with him.

Jo Doe said that her other uncle, Humberto Valdez, also forced her to have sex with him.

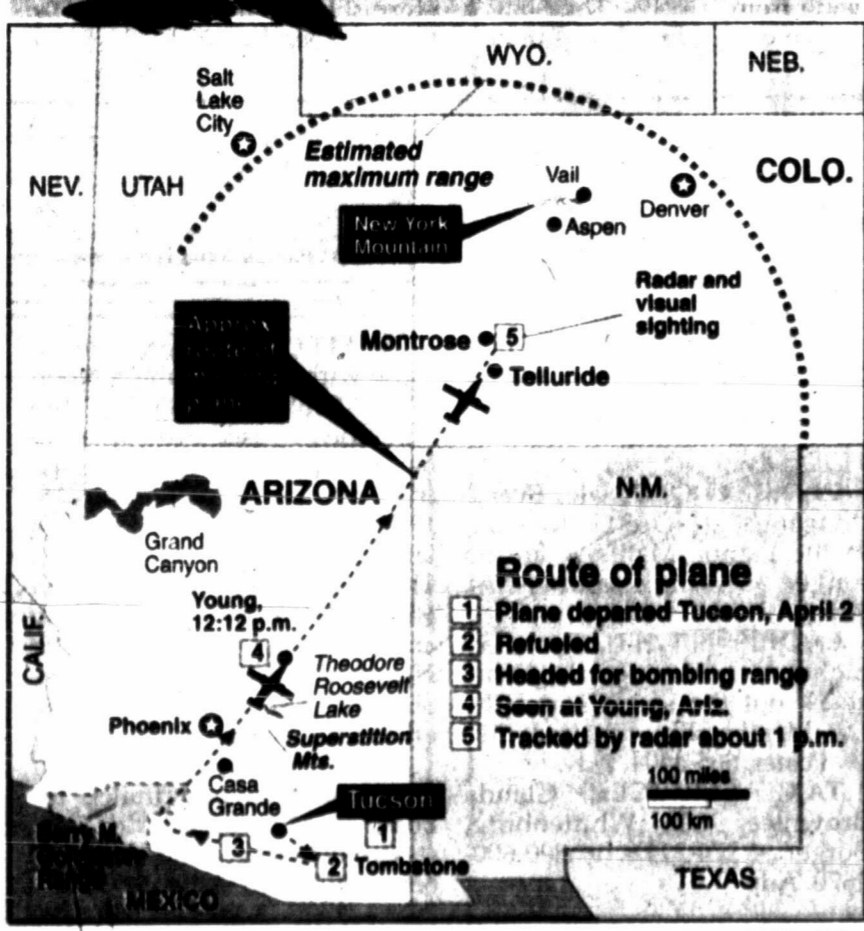
Her grandfather, Ramon Valdez, touched her but never had sex with her.

Doe's original testimony stated that her grandfather, Ramon Valdez, and her two uncles, Humberto Valdez and Clemente Valdez, had sexually assaulted her while living in her grandparents' home.

Ramon Valdez was convicted of sexual assault in connection with the victim's sister, identified only as Jane Doe, in 1995. Humberto Valdez pleaded guilty to sexual assault in 1993.

Air Force has no answers for missing bomb-laden jet

Wing span	57 ft. 6 in.
Length overall	59 ft. 4 in.
Height overall	14 ft. 8 in.
Weight (basic design)	30,044 lbs.
Max. combat speed	449 mph
*This model included four 500 lb. bombs	



PHOENIX (AP) — Capt. Craig Button took off in a \$9 million Air Force attack jet last week for a practice run. Within minutes, the plane and its arsenal of four 500-pound bombs were gone.

All that's known for sure is that the A-10 Thunderbolt was last spotted on radar over the Colorado Rockies — nearly 800 miles off course. That was last Wednesday.

Did it crash?
Was it sabotaged?
Or did the pilot steal it, like something out of the movie "Broken Arrow"?

"Anything you can think of has probably been looked at," said Staff Sgt. Rian Clawson at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson. "But the evidence so far doesn't indicate any of these wild hypotheses, like he was trying to steal it, or he went off to Telluride to go skiing."

The Air Force rebuffs the idea that Button purposely veered the plane off course. But officials acknowledged Tuesday that investigators are looking into Button's background.

"The investigation ... includes all aspects of the plane and pilot, anything to do with the situation," said Staff Sgt. Bret Ziemann at Davis-Monthan.

People who live near the base consider anti-government or even cult activity possible. "It sounds fishy," said Bob

Jones, a customer at Famous Sam's Restaurant and Bar. "He could be part of a militia, for all anyone knows."

Officials had theorized the pilot could have become incapacitated and may have put the single-seat plane on autopilot. But radar and witness accounts suggest the plane was being maneuvered and wasn't simply gliding.

The mystery began last Wednesday morning about 90 minutes after Button's plane took off in formation with two other A-10s bound for the Barry M. Goldwater bombing range in southwestern Arizona. The plane was carrying conventional, not nuclear, weapons.

One of the jets reported seeing Button's plane flying in the rear, but a minute later the lead pilot radioed Button and got no response. When the other pilots realized the plane was missing, they broke formation and began the search.

Initially, the search focused in Arizona, but it shifted to Colorado three days later after authorities checked radar records and witnesses there reported seeing a low-flying plane.

Pentagon officials were looking into the time Button spent at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, where he was a flight instructor until he arrived in Tucson in February to train on the A-10, an ungainly anti-tank

plane commonly known as the Warthog. CBS reported Monday that Button had asked that his training flights at Laughlin be routed through Colorado.

An Air Force official at the Pentagon, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Button had made many cross-country flying trips during his training, and they may have involved stops in Colorado. Button has a brother in Denver.

Button's relatives said they knew of nothing suspicious involving the 32-year-old Massapequa, N.Y., native.

"He was A-OK, stable, didn't seem to be under any stress. But he was having to study hard," said the captain's father, Richard Button, who had trained pilots during World War II.

The elder Button said his son had a passion for flying and dreamed of living a life like the pilots in the movie "Top Gun."

"We're hoping he bailed out. There's no evidence that he bailed out, but there's no evidence that he didn't," he said.

The Air Force doubts Button bailed out; his ejection seat would have automatically sent out a homing beacon. The jet itself didn't have its tracking device turned on because it was flying in formation, said Maj. Joe LaMarca, spokesman for Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Va., the headquarters for all combat bases.

Texas top recipient of funds from Democratic campaign committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texan at its helm, the national campaign committee for House Democratic candidates funneled more campaign cash to Texas than any other state during the 1996 election cycle.

The \$2.7 million pumped into Texas by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee dwarfs other states' allocations. California, which has the largest House delegation with 52 members, received \$1.1 million in DCCC funds — less than half the amount sent to Texas, which has 30 House seats.

"Clearly a disproportionate amount of money went to Texas races," said political analyst Stuart Rothenberg. "Yes, Texas had a lot of good races. But there were lots of competitive races across the country."

A chunk of the \$2.7 million benefited local party operations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area — home to DCCC Chairman Martin Frost.

Some \$170,000 was conveyed by the DCCC to local parties, including the Tarrant County Democratic Party, which helped set up phone banks, stuff envelopes and buy radio ads for Frost, Roll Call reported this week.

"The dollars that were spent in Texas, particularly in Frost's area, probably should have been spent in other parts of the country where there were razor-thin races," Rothenberg said.

DCCC spokeswoman Stephanie Cohen defended the committee's focus on Texas, noting an unusual confluence of circumstances that made the state ripe territory for both parties. Among them:

—Texas had more open-seat races than any other state. Of the seven House seats vacated by Texas incumbents, six

were held by Democrats. —A redistricting order forced special elections in 13 Texas races, resulting in the need to educate voters about the unusual balloting.

—Neither the Clinton campaign nor Senate Democrats poured resources into Texas, leaving the DCCC the only national committee to make a play for the state.

"There was so much to gain and so much to lose with those congressional seats," said Texas Democratic Party political director Michael Moore. "And because of what the DCCC did, I think they've got a really good shot at taking the Congress back next time around."

Frost, who was a target of national GOP leaders, raised and spent \$1.9 million in his hard-fought contest against Republican Ed Harrison.

Harrison decries the use of DCCC funds to supplement Frost's high-dollar effort. "I feel like it's a misuse of his office to go around the country raising money under the pretense that it's for other candidates," he said.

The DCCC under Frost's stewardship raised more money than ever before, taking in \$39 million. The Republicans raked in \$93 million.

"There is no question Frost was looking out for Texas more than anywhere else," said Charles Cook, publisher of the Cook Political Report. "But given that the committee ran through significantly more money than they ever had before, I don't think you'll find a lot of his colleagues throwing rocks at him."

A spot check of some of the Democrats who lost narrowly to Republicans didn't turn up anyone directly critical of the DCCC priorities.

Oil producers, pols cautiously optimistic at annual meeting

AUSTIN (AP) — The optimism of a recently bustling oilpatch is tinged with lingering fears of growing U.S. dependence on foreign crude and the continued decline of Texan production, a state-of-the-industry meeting showed.

The Texas Railroad Commission's daylong conference Tuesday was rife with cautious optimism from a procession of lawmakers, association presidents and industry representatives at the annual event.

"If this truly is a mini-boom, we don't think the industry is at risk of getting ourselves back into the situation we saw in the mid-1980s," said Pamela S. Price, vice president of Houston-based Vastar Resources Inc., referring to the bust.

Speaker after speaker offered glowing reports about the state of oil and gas in Texas and thanked the three-member commission for its deregulatory posture.

Some figures back them up. Since Sept. 1, new drilling permits are up 31 percent compared with the same period a year ago, and total drilling permits are up 23 percent.

However, overall Texas oil production remains on the skids, although the 3.2 percent dip to 511 million barrels in 1996 was better than the 5.6 percent decline in each of the prior two years.

"While rig counts are up ... annual Texas production is still declining at an alarming rate," said Rex H. White Jr., president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association. "More over, our industry is at risk, being hit with massive class-action suits alleging groundwater pollution, and a host of other causes."

The presentations to the all-Republican commission contained continuing themes, including improved education of Texas schoolchildren about the oil industry, increased use of technology and tax relief.

Commissioner Barry Williamson said the severance tax rate on oil production revenues, which has stood at 4.6 percent since 1951, deserves reconsideration. "It would be wise to at least look at the severance tax system to see if a change could encourage production, particularly on marginal wells," Williamson said. "Forty-six years is a long time to let a tax go without at least looking at whether it makes sense anymore."

'Buried City' tour



(PPHM photo)

Rolla Shaller, assistant archeologist and tour coordinator for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, examines an artifact similar to those excavated at the "Buried City" near Perryton. The museum will sponsor a day-long bus trip to "The Buried City of the Texas Panhandle," located near Perryton on Saturday, April 19, in observation of Texas Archeology Awareness Month. The unique complex of sites reflects an occupation from approximately 1100 A.D. to 1450 A.D. and represents some of the oldest history ruins in the Texas Panhandle. Cost of the tour is \$45 and will include transportation, lunch and snacks. Panhandle-Plains Historical Society members will receive a \$5 discount. Reservations are required and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The reservation deadline is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16.

Senate votes to expand education program, providing for up to 80 more charter schools

AUSTIN (AP) — An 18-year-old who dropped out of public school after having a baby became Texas' first graduate of an independent charter school six months ago, soon after the experimental education program began.

With such students in mind, state senators on Tuesday voted to expand the charter program, which gives public funds to campuses that are independent of school districts, may be run by private entities and are free of many state regulations.

Under the bill by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, the total number of charter schools allowed in Texas would increase from 20 to 80.

The move, made after applications for charter schools have poured into the Texas Education Agency, came despite concerns from another lawmaker that expansion is occurring too fast.

"They've been in existence seven months. Can we take a seven-month experiment and say, 'It's wonderful?'" asked Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin. "I think we are proceeding too quickly."

Bivins said his measure isn't a declaration that the existing schools are successful. But he said

it does reflect widespread interest in the program.

The State Board of Education would continue to have authority over who gets the charters under his bill. The state has received more than 280 requests for charter applications, even though all 20 charters authorized already have been granted.

"Clearly the jury is still out," Bivins said. "What we're doing is acknowledging there is enormous interest in pursuing these schools."

Bivins said he was particularly pleased that a large number of the schools are organized to serve disadvantaged students, "those students who have gotten the short stick in life and arrive at our public schools hungry and not prepared to learn."

"There are far too many of those children who are not making it in the system," Bivins said. "I think we owe it to those kids to try something new."

Barrientos said he found it curious that "all of a sudden people are concerned about disadvantaged students," noting that in other areas, there have been moves against affirmative-action programs.

Sen. Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio, said he had opposed

charter schools in the past. But he said he is co-sponsoring Bivins' bill because of the program's potential for at-risk students.

"I think it's one of the best educational measures for those children who have not been able to succeed with the current system," Luna said.

The first charter school alumna, Meleka Blacklock of Dallas, got her high school diploma from the Dallas Can! Academy after working eight hours a day to finish the credit she needed, said TEA spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe.

Seventeen of the 20 charter schools authorized have opened their doors, with about \$10 million expected to be spent on the schools this year in state funding, Mrs. Ratcliffe said. Of 2,495 students enrolled, about three of every four are minority and 72 percent would be considered at-risk of dropping out of the regular school program, she said.

The charter school expansion bill now goes to the House for consideration. Senate passage of the measure comes as Bivins works on another bill to allow private money to be spent on private tuition for students from low-performing public schools.

Bills would speed up, streamline adoption process

AUSTIN (AP) — Adoptions would be streamlined under legislation approved by the Texas Senate.

The bill approved Tuesday would allow children to become eligible for adoption more quickly if the state removed them from their parents because of abuse or neglect.

A paternity registry also would be created under the bill by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, making it easier to revoke the parental rights of fathers who don't claim their babies.

Ms. Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said her concern is for the children, particularly those who may

spend years in foster care under current law.

"What's happening is that these children are growing up without a family," she said. "They move from foster home to foster home, and they age out (turn 18) and they're out on the street."

Gov. George W. Bush, a Republican who has pushed for faster adoptions, said the bill would "put children into loving homes more quickly." The bill goes to the House.

A study by a gubernatorial task force said that in April 1996, the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services — the

state's child protection agency — reported that nearly 12,000 children were in foster care. Of those, slightly fewer than 1,400 were eligible legally for adoption.

Figures for the 1991-1995 fiscal years showed that adopted children had spent an average of 40.8 months in the system before adoptions were completed. Those children averaged four temporary placements before adoption.

Under Ms. Zaffirini's bill, a court generally would have one year to act on the case of a child taken into state protective custody because of parental abuse or neglect.

Legislation would allow race to factor into college admissions

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas colleges and universities could once again consider race in admissions under a bill considered by a House committee.

The bill adopts language from a court decision in a case known as Hopwood, which resulted in Texas universities being prohibited from using race as a factor in admissions and financial aid policies.

The court's ruling said race could be considered as a factor in admissions only if lasting effects of past discrimination could be shown at a school.

The measure, by Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, tracks that language and sets varying degrees for race to be considered.

The bill, which was left pending Tuesday night in the House Higher Education Committee, had received the endorsement of Attorney General Dan Morales.

Gisela Gonzales, a spokeswoman for Ms. Rangel, said she did not know when the measure would again be considered.

Morales' contested interpretation of the Hopwood ruling has prohibited Texas institutions of higher learning from using race as a factor in admissions and financial aid policies and has drawn fire from the U.S. Department of Education as being too restrictive.

"I think this bill meets the constitutional requirements laid out in the Hopwood ruling," Morales said.

The bill was also praised by Al Kauffman, regional director of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund who has represented minority interests in lawsuits against the state.

"I think this bill sends the message that the Legislature is doing everything it can to maintain diversity," Kauffman said.

Ms. Rangel, chairwoman of the Higher Education Committee, said her bill satisfies the concerns of Morales, the U.S. Department of Education and the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which handed down the Hopwood ruling.

"We want to make sure that we are not being defiant with this bill," Ms. Rangel said. "We want to make sure we are going with the language of the court opinion in the legislation so that race is used as a factor, not a sole factor, but as a factor."

Under the bill, the Legislature would have to find that there are lasting effects of past discrimination in the admission of minorities at Texas public colleges and universities.

With that finding, schools "may" use race as one factor among many in the admission of a student, according to the bill.

CINEMA 4
Coronado Shopping Center
 Tuesday & Power Rangers Adventure (PG)
 Visions Vacation (PG-13)
 Return Of The Jedi (PG)
 Double Team (PG)
 \$3.00 Per Person
 Showtimes - Call 665-7141

THE PAMPA NEWS
 YOUR FREEDOM NEWSPAPER • SERVING THE TOP 'O TEXAS FOR 83 YEARS

403 W. ATCHISON
 PAMPA, TEXAS
 TELEPHONES: (806) 669-2525
 1-800-687-3348
 FAX: 669-2520

This newspaper (UPS 781-540) is published daily except Saturdays and holidays by The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, Pampa, Tx. 79065. Periodicals postage paid at Pampa, Texas. Postmaster: Send address changes to the Pampa News, P.O. Drawer 2198, Pampa, Texas 79066-2198.

Publisher: Wayland Thomas
 Managing Editor: Larry Hollis
 Advertising Director: Rick Clark
 Business Manager: Jayne Craig
 Circulation Manager: Dean Lynch

MISS YOUR PAPER?
 Circulation department hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sundays.

COPYRIGHT NOTICE
 The entire contents of The Pampa News, including its logotype, are fully protected by copyright and registry and cannot be reproduced in any form for any purpose without written permission from The Pampa News.

SINGLE COPIES
 Daily 50¢/Sunday 1.00
 Member: Audit Bureau of Circulation
 Associated Press

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
 CARRIER HOME DELIVERY
 1 yr. \$84.00 6 mos. \$42.00
 3 mos. \$21.00 1 mo. \$7.00

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS
 Mail In Roberts, Gray, Carson, Wheeler And Hemphill Counties In Texas
 1 yr. \$102.00 6 mos. \$51.00
 3 mos. \$25.50
 Mail All Other Areas In U.S.
 1 yr. \$114.00 6 mos. \$57.00
 3 mos. \$28.50
 Single Copy Mail
 Daily \$1.50 Sunday \$2.50
 No mail subscriptions are available within the city limits of Pampa. Mail subscriptions must be paid 3 months in advance.

HOME DELIVERY
 All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carrier. Please pay directly to the News Office any payment that exceeds the current collection period.

EXPERIENCE
 a word that you find comfort in when you need a prescription

B & B PHARMACY
 300 N. Ballard • 669-1071 or 665-5788


 Dennis Roark
 Pharmacist

CALL THE CULLIGAN MAN

Culligan
 THE WATER EXPERTS

Call Today 665-5729
 or 1-800-456-1698


 James Holley

Biggest Little Shows
 THIS WEEKEND

The Biggest Little Arts & Crafts Show!
 Producers of top quality Arts & Crafts shows since 1973 is coming to the
AMARILLO CIVIC CENTER
 401 South Buchanan
APRIL 12 & 13

... trend setting fashions and jewelry, toys, woodcrafts, ceramics, unique gift items and decorator items ranging from Southwestern to Country to Victorian to Contemporary... a mix of new exhibitors and old favorites at every show...

Admission: Good Both Days
 Adults \$4.00 • 12 and under FREE
 Sat. 10 - 6 • Sun. 11 - 5
214-741-SHOW

\$1.00 OFF
 One adult admission with this ad
 Not valid with any other offer

VIEWPOINTS

THE PAMPA NEWS

EVER STRIVING FOR THE TOP O' TEXAS
TO BE AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE

Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the covering commandment.

Wayland Thomas
Publisher

Larry D. Hollis
Managing Editor

Opinion

Greenspan hasn't done any harm ...

It would be nice – heck, it might be close to utopia – if all government officials preceded their oath of office by taking a variant of the medical Hippocratic preamble to “first, do no harm.”

Within the confines of his role as head of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve, Chairman Alan Greenspan might qualify as an official who tries with some degree of conscientiousness to do as little harm as possible to the economy. The Fed's decision to raise the federal funds rate, changed on overnight loans between banks, a modest quarter-percent, from 5.25 percent to 5.5 percent, was foreshadowed by a series of public remarks by Greenspan that allowed financial markets to adjust in advance to the likelihood of slightly higher rates.

We won't know for months if this was an apt decision that forestalled another round of inflation in the United States. As many have noted, inflation has actually been lower in 1997 – 2.3 percent annualized in January and February – compared with 3.3 percent during 1996. But many economists claim to see inflationary pressure building and believe that a preemptive strike is just the right medicine.

If we're lucky, the rate hike will do no harm. And if we're luckier still, there won't be a variable, such as an oil-price shock, to trigger inflation independent of the Fed's actions.

These periodic moments of breathless anticipation about mysterious Fed decisions – for all the world like a prehistoric tribe waiting for a Shaman to commune with the spirits and return with a decision about where to hunt this summer – should raise questions about whether or not the United States needs a central bank.

One could argue the Fed hasn't brought price stability – the economic peaks and valleys have been more pronounced and more frequent since the Fed was formed in 1913 than in the 80 years or so prior. While some Fed chairman are less inept than others, all inevitably bring a singular, tunnel focus to a diverse and constantly changing economy.

Greenspan seeks low inflation and price stability. His policies – and other factors – seem to be successful, but perhaps at the price of settling for lower economic growth rate, in the two percent to 2.5% range, than it might otherwise be. An over-managed economy makes all Americans a little poorer than they might have been, every vision for the future slightly constrained, every innovation that much more difficult to bring to market.

But, one point of view, you could make a case that the Fed under Greenspan has done little harm.

Your representatives

State Rep. Warren Chisum

Pampa Address: 100 N. Price Road, Pampa TX 79065
Pampa Phone: 665-3552
Austin Address: P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910
Austin Phone: (512) 463-0736

State Sen. Teel Bivins

Amarillo Address: P.O. Box 9155, Amarillo, TX 79105
Amarillo Phone: (806) 374-8994
Austin Address: P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711
Austin Phone: (512) 463-0131

U.S. Rep. William M. "Mac" Thornberry

Amarillo Address: 724 S. Polk, Suite 400, Amarillo, TX 79101
Amarillo Phone: (806) 371-8844
Washington Address: 412 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
Washington Phone: (202) 225-3706

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Washington Address: 283 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510
Washington Phone: (202) 224-5922

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm

Washington Address: 370 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510
Washington Phone: (202) 224-2934

Texas Gov. George W. Bush

P.O. Box 12428, Austin, TX 78711
Constituent Hotline: 1-800-843-5789

Berry's World



© 1997 by NEA, Inc.

God is ignored by TV news

Earlier this year in the *National Journal*, two Washington bureau chiefs called for a less narrow minded approach from the media to the subject of religion. *Time's* Dan Goodgame claimed, "I don't want someone who thinks going to church twice a week is aberrant behavior. While it may be in Cleveland Park or pick-your-own Washington suburb, it's not in the rest of the country." Doyle McManus of the *Los Angeles Times* said his main concern has been a "cultural gulf" between the public and "disproportionately liberal-Democratic-secular-humanist reporters." McManus felt that gulf left news organizations "out of touch" with "a whole sphere of American society."

Both these men run print media operations that have religion beat reporters, and both can be satisfied that the print media generally do a commendable job covering religion. But where the TV networks are concerned, it's a wholly different story. No network employs a full-time religion reporter (ABC does use the very talented part-timer Peggy Dehmeyer); as such, they have no one monitoring the subject and are ignoring the vital role religion plays in the lives of most Americans.

In the last four years, the Media Research Center has conducted an annual survey of the quantity and quality of TV religion coverage. Year after year, the landscape remains tragically unchanged. The networks have failed to crack the one percent barrier of its total news content. The pattern of neglect in unchanging – religion is not worthy of network news.

Once again, in 1996, the number of network news treatments of religion barely increased: 269 out of 18,000 evening stories (or 1.3%) and 258 of 26,000 morning stories (0.8%). There were only 19 magazine segments, and not a single Sunday morning news interview show did a segment on religion. If



L. Brent Bozell

you look at numbers for the last four years, it's truly depressing. From 1993 through 1996, the networks have aired an estimated 176,000 morning and evening segments. But only 1,785 of these were devoted to religion, about one percent.

Why is this? We know that newsies don't hang around churches unless there's a kidnapping, a fire or a suspected pro-lifer inside. But does that mean that there's nothing in the world of religion and theology that's worth covering? Look at some of the stories that received coverage in the print media last year, but went untouched by the networks:

— First awarded in 1972, the annual Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion is the world's largest monetary award, with the winner receiving \$1.2 million. Every year, reporters cover the less generous Nobel Prizes but ignore the Templeton Prize.

— Any scientific advance proving Darwinism gets automatic coverage. What if the opposite happened? In 1996, two academics challenged the orthodoxy of Darwinian theories of evolution in 1996. Lehigh University biology professor Michael Behe wrote the book *Darwin's Black Box*, which argues that the human body is a machine of "irreducible complexity" that would have had difficulty evolving into a cohesive whole. David Berlinski

wrote a cover story in the June *Commentary* that facts in favor of Darwinian theory "have been rather less forthcoming than evolutionary biologists might have hoped." Network coverage? Zero.

— Have a secular group complain about human rights abuses and you can count on automatic coverage. But in 1996, in response to pressure (primarily from church leaders), the State Department appointed a panel of 20 religious figures and scholars to monitor religious liberty abroad. TV coverage? None.

— The networks missed the angle of military chaplains and their role in ministering to soldiers in trying times – whether it's serving in Bosnia or dealing with the military's social disputes. The networks also ignored controversy over a lawsuit opposing an Air Force ban on chaplains organizing a postcard campaign against partial-birth abortions.

At a press conference to release these findings, an NBC News producer asked a question that may illuminate the media mind-set. After mentioning that the largely faith-based movement behind crisis pregnancy centers saving babies from abortion is avoided by TV, he asked: "If you, I mean, if you get a pregnancy center or a point of view that is the religious point of view ... there's a question of God being there. But if it's Planned Parenthood, it sort of like fixes it in a secular area so people can make decisions about it. But if the pope makes a statement about it, that's sort of God's word coming to the people. Now, isn't that something of a problem when you attach religion to it (the abortion debate)?"

What a strange news formula: If it's secular, you can report it. But if it's religious it's radioactive, third-rail, controversial stuff. How sad. Especially when you consider that religion, according to national surveys, is quintessentially important to only 91 percent of the public.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, April 9, the 99th day of 1997. There are 266 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

On this date:

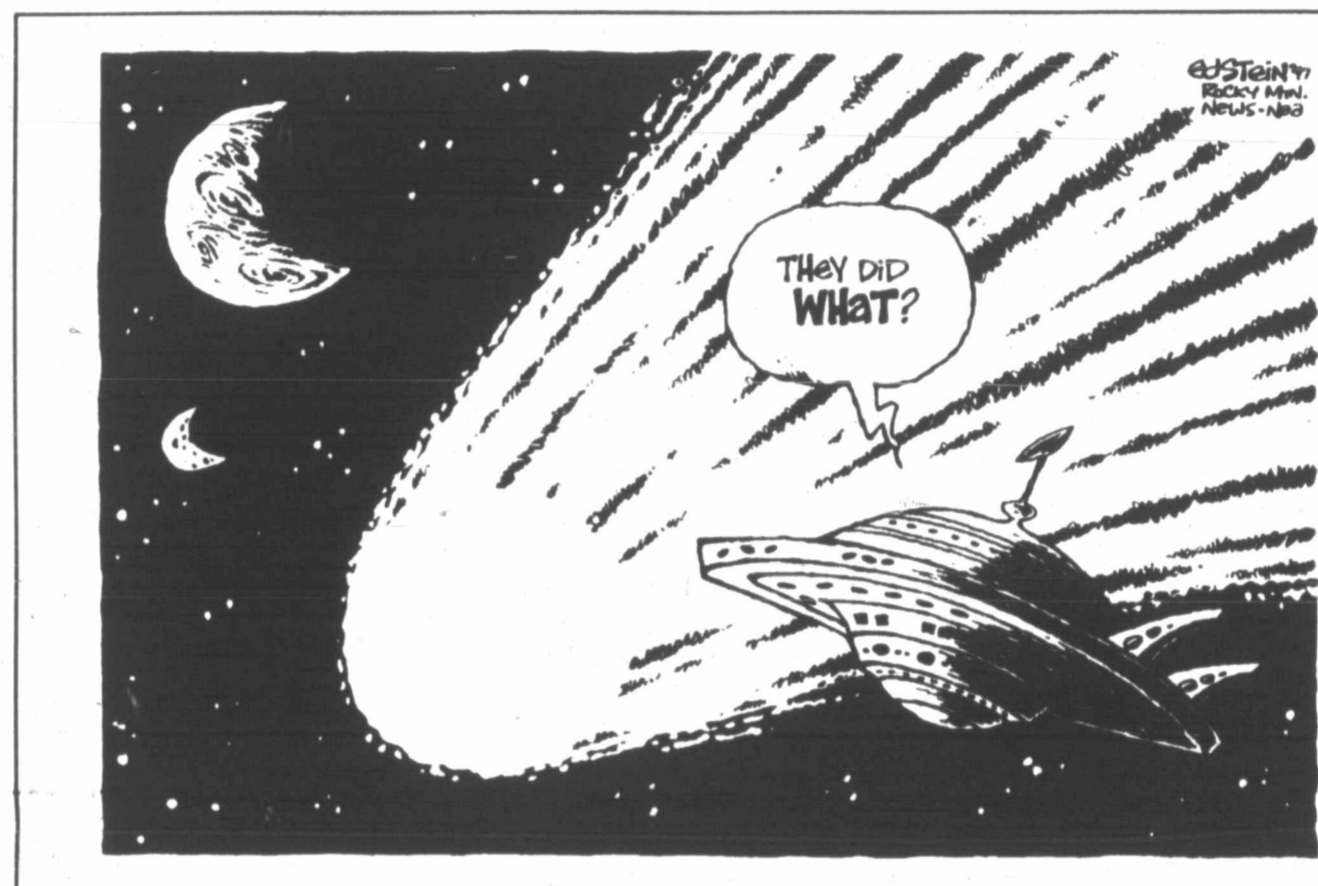
In 1682, the French explorer Robert La Salle reached the Mississippi River.

In 1833, the nation's first tax-supported public library was founded in Peterborough, N.H.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after she was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1942, during World War II, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious "Bataan Death March" which claimed nearly 10,000 lives.



Chemical weapons convention

Just because the Cold War is over does not mean that the great divide in foreign policy thinking has vanished – the one between wishful thinkers and realists.

Oh, that's not the way the wishful thinkers would put it. They'd say that they are the party against (pick one or more) 1. war, 2. nuclear holocaust and 3. chemical and biological weapons. The hopes of the wishful thinkers have a history of being codified in lovely sounding international treaties. The current incarnation is the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Chemical and biological weapons are horrifying and vile. But the question the United States Senate must ask as it considers whether to ratify the treaty is this: Will a piece of paper and one more United Nations bureaucracy really make the United States or the world any safer from the threat of these weapons?

The answer, regrettably, is no. The real world answer to fear is reason, not a feel good treaty that could make things worse. Reason told us that only deterrence, not treaties (and there were many), kept us safe from nuclear attack during the Cold War. Deterrence keeps us safe still, which is why we are not dismantling our nuclear arsenal.

Deterrence is the only answer to the chemical and biological threat, as well (along with any defensive technology we can devise, but that's part of deterrence.)

It was deterrence, not the 1925 Geneva Convention outlawing chemical weapons, that prevented Adolf Hitler from using poison gas in World War II. Remember the pictures of Londoners in the Underground during the early days of the war? They were all equipped with gas masks. Treaty or



Mona Charen

no, both sides were fully armed with poison and the defensive technologies of masks and uniforms. The treaty was ignored, but the balance of terror ruled.

How would we verify compliance with the CWC? Impossible. Chemical weapons are called the "poor country's nuclear weapons" because they are so cheap and easy to manufacture. The sarin gas that killed so many on the Tokyo subway was made in a small room. Two of the worst chemical agents, phosgene and hydrogen cyanide – both of which were used to devastating effect in World War I – are not banned by the treaty. Why? Because they are simply too commonly used for commercial purposes.

And speaking of common use, the Clinton administration has already announced that its understanding of the treaty precludes the use of tear gas and other riot-control agents in wartime, and during search-and-rescue operations, and when combatants and noncombatants are intermingled.

Under the terms of the treaty, once a violation is spotted, the offending country is given five days notice to prepare for inspection by an international team. Under a far more onerous regime than that,

imposed by the United Nations after the Gulf War, Iraq has continued its chemical weapons program.

While international inspections would do nothing to impede treaty violators, they would impose huge costs on lawful countries like ours. The Arms Control and Disarmament Agency estimates that 3,000 American companies, ranging from Pfizer to Quaker Oats, would have to file detailed reports with the Commerce Department about their activities. They would also be subject to warrantless searches by international teams that might contravene the U.S. Constitution and would certainly provide a golden opportunity for industrial espionage.

Further, under Article X, all signatories to the treaty are required to share chemical defensive technology and equipment to other signatories. We would then be obliged, at the risk of being seen as lawless, to provide Iran (which has already signed the treaty) with our defensive technology. In effect, we will be aiding Iran's chemical war fighting capability. This is not a speculative risk. Iran used chemical weapons as recently as the 1980s in its war with Iraq.

This is worse than naive; this is dangerous. Some of the world's worst offenders in the chemical warfare business – Iraq, Libya, North Korea and Syria – will not even sign the treaty. Those who do will find their treasuries (it will cost U.S. taxpayers about \$66 million a year for the N.E. bureaucracy alone) and their companies raided. And they will find their security compromised by requirements to share vital technology.

Surely, if the history of the 20th century teaches anything, it is to expect evil and meet it with force – not flimsy paper.

Partial-birth loophole is a mile wide

The pressure for a law banning partial-birth abortions is building up again. The Republicans in both Houses of Congress are determined to pass such a bill, and President Clinton has let it be known that he will veto it again, as he has once done already, unless it is modified to provide that the procedure can be used when "the health of the mother" is at stake. At first glance that sounds reasonable, but it is actually designed to render the ban almost completely ineffective.

Partial-birth abortion, as everyone knows, is the grisly procedure whereby scissors are inserted in the neck of a fetus after it has been moved halfway down the birth canal, the brains are sucked out (causing the skull to collapse), and the lifeless corpse is then removed the rest of the way from the mother's body. The merit of the procedure, from the standpoint of the abortionist, is that, since the fetus is still partially inside the mother's body when the operation is performed, what would otherwise be a clear case of infanticide remains merely "an abortion," and hence legal.

Many people who ordinarily favor giving mothers the option of abortion draw the line at this particular procedure. But the "pro-choice" strategists fear that agreeing to outlaw it would be only the first step down a slippery slope to prohibiting abortion altogether, and they are fighting hard against a ban.

In vetoing the first such bill last year, Clinton



William Rusher

surrounded himself, for photo purposes, with an array of women whose lives had allegedly depended on the use of this procedure, and endeared himself to his ultrafeminist supporters by posing as the defender of America's women. He also argued that the procedure was "rare."

Since then, one of the principal lobbyists for partial-birth abortions has confessed that he "lied through his teeth" when he declared on national television that only a few hundred such cases occur each year. He now admits the number is more like 5,000, including many where there was no threat to the mother's life or health.

The bill's supporters agree that such an abortion ought to be allowed when the mother's life is at stake. But Clinton, as noted above, wants to go further: He insists he will veto it again unless it authorizes such an abortion when the mother's

doctor declares that it is necessary to her "health."

And that, of course, as Clinton well knows (and is counting on), is an exception you could drive a truck through. There will always be plenty of pro-abortion doctors ready to certify that, in their opinion, failure to perform a partial-birth abortion will endanger the mother's "health." But what aspect of her health, and how much? Must it threaten her well being gravely, or is it enough that it may lead to a mild depression or a temporary loss of weight?

It's the same old dodge that people who want to legalize marijuana used in California and Arizona last November to obtain passage of referendums authorizing the medical use of that drug. The user need only brandish a certificate from his or her "caregiver" asserting that marijuana is therapeutically necessary in this case, and the sale is legal under state law. There are doctors in California who are on everything but roller skates themselves, and who would consider it a privilege to prescribe pot for their patients.

Opponents of partial-birth abortions have offered to compromise on a bill that would permit the procedure's use where the health of the mother would otherwise be seriously threatened. But that wouldn't give the medical co-conspirators enough wiggle-room. Like Clinton, they want an exception big enough to render the law essentially worthless.

C
The
crash
Decem
ing, p
the ca

Not
their s
should
N. Ba
event.

Al
Wed
call 6
CL
and 1
669-0
CL
at 7 p
669-3
VF
1:30 p
75-60
BIC
office
have
WC
7 p.m
Publi
ME
p.m.
Publi
CE
meet
ing t
TR
selin
Facil
Ann
TC
accep
Texa
665-
HI
days
abili
665-
12
will
club
12
to 3
Cela
663-
12
held
Mat
13
"sin
mat
14
ing,
be C
Pub
15
Roo
rese
17
regi
cafe
11
Fric
nee
11
and
2
2 p.
inf
2
me
Ho
2
2
a.r
2
Cly
mo

Pc
BC
Nea
a d
Ran
year
repr
repx
C
the
that
Lin
hon
Jc
Rar
a.m
not
ret
Uni

Community Calendar

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce recently had a computer crash and lost all the Community Calendar information through December 1997. If you had previously submitted an event listing, please contact the Chamber and provide the information so the calendar can be updated.

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

April

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HIDDEN HILLS LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION has its playdays every Monday, with tee off at 6 p.m. Ladies of all ages and abilities are welcome. For more information, call Christine Babb at 665-7640.

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

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

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

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

14 - AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS meeting at 1 p.m. at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Guest speaker will be Cinda Jennings, who will be discussing the Meredith House. Public is invited.

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

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

18-20 - ACT I presents "God's Favorite" at the Pampa Mall. Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

18-20 - PFAA PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW at the Pampa Mall. Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 1-3 p.m.

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

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

25-26 - ACT I presents "God's Favorite" at the Pampa Mall, 7:30 p.m.

25-26 - PFAA PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW at the Pampa Mall, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

26 - FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS at 6 p.m. at Clyde Carruth Pavilion at Recreation Park. Pot luck supper. For more information, call 665-8067, 665-0190 or 665-7896.

Police tardy in responding to Ramsey call

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Nearly 2 1/2 hours passed before a detective arrived at JonBenet Ramsey's house the day the 6-year-old beauty queen was reported missing, a newspaper reported today.

Court documents obtained by the Rocky Mountain News say that Boulder Police Detective Linda Arndt reached the Ramsey home at 8:10 a.m. on Dec. 26.

JonBenet's mother, Patricia Ramsey, had called 911 at 5:52 a.m., reporting that she found a note demanding money for the return of her daughter. Uniformed patrol officers arrived

shortly after the call for help. The documents said John Ramsey found his daughter's body in the basement about 1:05 p.m. — several hours after police conducted a search of the 15-room house.

Police spokeswoman Leslie Aaholm would not comment on why no detectives were sent to the house earlier.

24 Hour Prescription Service
DEAN'S PHARMACY
2217 Perryton Parkway
669-6896

Royse
Animal Hospital
• Prescription Diets
• Science Diets
1939 N. Ballard • 665-2223
IPAP

FISH Now is the time for Pond & Lake Stocking of Hybrid Bluegill, Florida Hybrid Bass, Channel Catfish, Fathead Minnow, Triptoid Grass Carp and Black Crappie. Permit Required For Triptoid Grass Carp.
The Hybrid Bluegill can reach the weight of 2 1/2 to 3 lbs. We furnish your Hauling Containers. We guarantee live delivery. Supplies, Spawning Mats, Turtle Traps, Fish Traps, Liquid Fertilizer, Pond and Lake Surveys and Gift Certificates. Delivery will be Wednesday, April 16, at the times listed for the following towns and locations.
• Vega - Oldham County SWCD 267-2429 8:00-9:00 a.m.
• Amarillo - Canadian River S.W.C.D. 371-7489 10:00-11:00 a.m.
• Borger - TNT 273-9773 12:00-1:00 p.m.
• Pampa - Watson's Feed & Garden 665-4189 2:00-3:00 p.m.
• Panhandle - Robinson Grain Co., Inc 537-5287 4:00-5:00 p.m.
To Place Your Order Call: 405-777-2202 • Toll Free 1-800-433-2950 • FAX 405-777-2899 Or Contact Your Local Feed Dealer. Fishery Consultants Available. Discounts And Free Delivery Are Available On Larger Orders.
DUNN'S FISH FARM, INC.
P.O. Box 85, Fittstown, OK, 74842

Jim Carrey flick, 'Liar, Liar,' wins for third week, grosses \$100 million at box office

By LYNN ELBER
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *Liar Liar* is making a habit of leading the weekend box office charts, beating *The Saint* and three other debuts to become the first new movie this year to break \$100 million.

The Jim Carrey comedy, about a too-smooth lawyer who is cursed to tell the truth, took in \$18.3 million and needed just three weeks to hit \$100.7 million, according to figures released Monday.

Star Wars, a 20-year-old space adventure, has grossed \$136.2 million in re-release, but *Liar Liar* is the first new film to top \$100 million.

Although *The Saint* drew mixed reviews, a heavy promotional campaign along with careful timing helped it to the No. 2 spot, an impressive \$16.3 million opening and a solid \$7,056 per-screen average.

The movie, starring Val Kilmer, was held from its original release date of March 14 to avoid direct battle with the *Star Wars* trilogy.

Three other debut films made it into the top ten.

That Old Feeling, starring Bette Midler as a divorcee reunited with her ex-husband at their daughter's wedding, was fourth with \$5.1 million.

Double Team, an action film pairing Jean-Claude Van Damme and basketball star Dennis Rodman, followed with \$5 million.

Top weekend movies		
Weekend of April 4-6, 1997		
All dollar figures in millions		
	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	<i>Liar, Liar</i> \$100.7, three weeks, 2,878 screens	\$18.3
2	<i>The Saint</i> \$16.3, one week, 2,307 screens	\$16.3
3	<i>The Devil's Own</i> \$29.6, two weeks, 2,504 screens	\$7
4	<i>That Old Feeling</i> \$5.1, one week, 1,575 screens	\$5.1
5	<i>Double Team</i> \$5, one week, 2,203 screens	\$5
6	<i>Selena</i> \$27.7, three weeks, 1,583 screens	\$3.5
7	<i>Jungle 2 Jungle</i> \$46, five weeks, 1,349 screens	\$3.2
8	<i>The Sixth Man</i> \$8.9, two weeks, 1,231 screens	\$2.9
9	<i>Return of the Jedi</i> \$38.7, four weeks, 1,349 screens	\$2.8
10	<i>Inventing the Abbotts</i> \$2.3, one week, 688 screens	\$2.3

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. AP

an action film pairing Jean-Claude Van Damme and basketball star Dennis Rodman, followed with \$5 million.

Inventing the Abbotts, a coming-of-age tale set in the 1950s starring Liv Tyler and Joaquin Phoenix, grossed \$2.3 million for the No. 10 spot.

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 Co. Inc. and Entertainment Data Inc.:

1. *Liar Liar*, Universal, \$18.3 million, 2,878 locations, \$6,350 average, \$100.7 million, three weeks.
2. *The Saint*, Paramount, \$16.3 million, 2,307 locations, \$7,056 average, \$16.3 million, one week.
3. *The Devil's Own*, Sony, \$7 million, 2,504 locations, \$2,801 average, \$29.6 million, two weeks.
4. *That Old Feeling*, Universal, \$5.1 million, 1,575 locations, \$3,240 average, \$5.1 million, one week.
5. *Double Team*, Columbia, \$5 million, 2,203 locations, \$2,285 average, \$5 million, one week.
6. *Selena*, Warner Bros., \$3.5 million, 1,583 locations, \$2,183 average, \$27.7 million, three weeks.
7. *Jungle 2 Jungle*, Disney, \$3.2 million, 2,050 locations, \$1,559 average, \$46 million, five weeks.
8. *The Sixth Man*, Disney, \$2.9 million, 1,231 locations, \$2,320 average, \$8.9 million, two weeks.
9. *Return of the Jedi*, Fox, \$2.8 million, 1,349 locations, \$2,066 average, \$39.7 million, four weeks.
10. *Inventing the Abbotts*, Fox, \$2.3 million, 688 locations, \$2,3 million, one week.
11. *The English Patient*, Miramax, \$2 million, 1,300 locations, \$1,561 average, \$71.1 million, 21 weeks.
12. *Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie*, Fox, \$1.6 million, 2,107 locations, \$774 average, \$6.2 million, two weeks.
13. *BAPS*, New Line, \$1.6 million, 1,204 locations, \$1,332 average, \$5.5 million, two weeks.
14. *Sling Blade*, Miramax, \$1.5 million, 905 locations, \$1,682 average, \$18.2 million, 19 weeks.
15. *Jerry Maguire*, Sony, \$1.2 million, 810 locations, \$1,536 average, \$147.3 million, 17 weeks.
16. *Private Parts*, Paramount, \$889,200, 1,216 locations, \$731 average, \$39.7 million, five weeks.
17. *Dante's Peak*, Universal, \$856,700, 816 locations, \$1,050 average, \$63.1 million, nine weeks.
18. *Donnie Brasco*, Sony, \$784,700, 775 locations, \$1,012 average, \$40.6 million, six weeks.
19. *Beverly Hills Ninja*, Sony, \$701,800, 500 locations, \$1,404 average, \$30 million, 12 weeks.
20. *Love Jones*, New Line, \$665,100, 420 locations, \$1,584 average, \$10.5 million, four weeks.

Amarillo Symphony to salute Liszt, Schubert in concert

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Symphony salutes two great composers in the Saturday, April 12, concert, scheduled for the Amarillo Civic center at 8 p.m.

In the first half of the concert, the orchestra will present two virtuoso showpieces by Franz Liszt, and in the second half will play Franz Schubert's *Symphony in C-Major*, subtitled "The Great."

"Liszt was a Hungarian-born pianist and composer from the last century who originated the solo piano recital," James Setapen, music director and conductor of the Symphony, said. "Many critics consider Liszt the greatest pianist of all time as well as an important composer."

The orchestra will play the *Dance of Death* and the *Piano Concerto*, opus posthumous.

"The *Piano Concerto* was rediscovered and first performed in this century in 1990 by the Chicago Symphony and our guest soloist, pianist Janina Fialkowska," Setapen said, adding that she is well known to Amarillo audiences because she has played both Brahms piano concertos with the orchestra a few years ago.

Ms. Fialkowska has been hailed as one of the leading pianists of her generation, celebrated for her interpretations of the classical and romantic repertoire, he said. The Canadian-born pianist has appeared both with major U.S. symphony orchestras and European orchestras. She studied in Montreal, Paris, and Juilliard in New York. Last year she was the subject of an award-winning

Canadian television documentary.

The second half of the concert will be devoted to Franz Schubert's symphony.

"We are marking the 200th anniversary of Schubert's birth," Setapen said. "This was his last and greatest symphony."

Setapen explained that Schubert, who is Austrian by birth, wrote romantic masterpieces, many of them in his teens and early twenties.

"He died from typhoid fever at the age of 31, so we have no idea what his genius might have given us had he lived a normal life span," he said. "His music has tremendous power with an epic quality."

The concert is being sponsored in memory of Mrs. Dolores Holcomb by James C. Holcomb and his family. Tickets are available by calling the Amarillo Symphony office at (806) 376-8782.

The friendship of all who have been there for us is priceless. The prayers, food, cards, and visits were deeply appreciated. We love you.
Thank you,
The Family of E. B. Bockmon

OUT WITH THE OLD... COMPLETE LIQUIDATION
Malcolm Hinkle, Inc.
1925 N. Hobart
Pampa, Tx. 79065
CASH And CARRY
APRIL 12 th, 1997
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Plumbing Equipment and Supplies. Heating And Air Equipment And Supplies.
Restaurant Equipment And Supplies.
1983 Chevy Service Truck.
BELOW WHOLESALE NO REFUNDS
See Our Ice-O-Matic Ad in Today's Paper.
TCLC02/898C
<http://www.centx.com/mh>
In With The New

CABLE TV
ON TIME. GUARANTEED.
King Kong (1933)
Turner Classic Movies features what The New York Times calls "the world's best classic film library." So tune in to TCM, and whip up a batch of popcorn as large as, say, the Hollywood Bowl.
Turner Classic Movies is proud to announce their arrival to The Family Showcase. Pay only \$4.95 per month for ALL 10 channels.

- The Golf Channel
- Court TV
- Fit TV
- Classic Sports Network
- Outdoor Life
- Speedvision Network
- Cartoon Network
- Turner Classic Movies
- Encore Plex
- CNN
- CNN

These Ten Channels Only \$4.95
Marcus Cable
We're your TV star.
Call 665-2381 Today!
*some restrictions may apply - rates apply to Pampa only.
*home terminal needed.

Friend's Gift From The Heart Becomes Poet's Inspiration

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column daily for many years and greatly enjoy your letters on random acts of kindness. Yesterday I read the letter about Darlene Godsey's husband, who came home a quadriplegic after an overdose of anesthesia during open-heart surgery, and how her friends rallied together to repair the things she had formerly relied on her husband to do.

It reminded me of something my quadriplegic friend Bernie did for me several years ago during a very lonely and difficult time in my life. I wrote occasional verse and had been sharing my poems with him over a bulletin board service via our personal computers. Through time we became good friends.

Unbeknownst to me, he took the following verse of mine, had it printed in "Queen's English" and beautifully framed, and presented it to me as a gift, for no particular reason. That was a turning point in my life and inspired me to continue my writing and share it with others.

I have just recently completed my first poetry and verse manuscript and am hopeful it may be published someday. Bernie's gift, titled "Lessons You Learned," now has its own special place on my wall and is a daily reminder of the "random acts of kindness" that inspired me originally to write it.

I am sharing it with you in the hope that it will help people along life's journey either to recognize



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

their own gifts or help someone else along their way. If you print it, I thank you. If you cannot, I understand you cannot print every letter you receive. I will continue to faithfully read your column because you so often touch so many hearts, and have often touched mine.

MARLENE GERBA, MILWAUKIE, ORE.

DEAR MARLENE AND DEAR READERS: Unfortunately, I am unable to publish all of the letters or the lovely poems I receive. However, this one moved me so deeply that I am compelled to share it. Read on:

LESSONS YOU LEARNED
by Marlene Gerba

For every petal you pluck from a daisy,
You're granted one measure of love.
For every rainbow you find with two ends,
I wish you two stars from

above.

For every tear you brush from a cheek,
I promise you kindness will follow.

Wherever you walk, under rainbows or stars,
Over daisies, or down lonely hollow.

For every child you play with and talk to,
I grant you one heart full of laughter.
For every smile you place on a face,
I promise you peace ever after.

If you think "I" am giving you priceless gifts,
Look close at yourself and your deeds.
The gifts you earned were the lessons you learned
While answering other folks' needs.

CONFIDENTIAL TO 'STILL TRYING TO CATCH THE BRASS RING IN HAWAII': In the words of Arnold Palmer, world champion golfer, "The road to success is always under construction."

For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Thursday, April 10, 1997

In the year ahead, strive to build upon relationships with friends in the business world. These contacts could help you open vistas of which you're not even aware.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Winning an argument today could cost you the loss of a friend if you handle it poorly. In a disagreement with a pal, be wise and let this person think he or she is the victor. Know

where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It is imperative when shopping today to be conscious of both quality and cost. Avoid any impulsive purchases.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might have to deal with someone who can be impossible to please. Knowing this in advance gives you an edge other co-workers won't have.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Without a proper understanding with co-workers today, you might end up with all the unpleasant tasks. Set the ground rules early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Circumstances could force you to socialize with a person today you've been skillfully avoiding. Make the most of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An objective you establish for yourself today isn't as difficult to achieve as you may think.

Take a deep breath and dive in. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You may have to use the soft sell in promoting a personal interest today. Others will resent it if they feel forced to comply.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Modify your personal motives today and you will succeed. Make a point of letting others participate as well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try not to overreact today if a trusted ally displeases you. An outburst of anger will only make matters worse.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If your workload appears to be heavier than usual today, you may discover that most of the tasks are the responsibilities of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A friend who is constantly in conflict with other friends can be converted with compassion today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Competitive career developments may accelerate today if you can't handle the heat. Don't hang around the kitchen.

© 1997 by NEA, Inc.



For Better or For Worse



Arlo & Janis



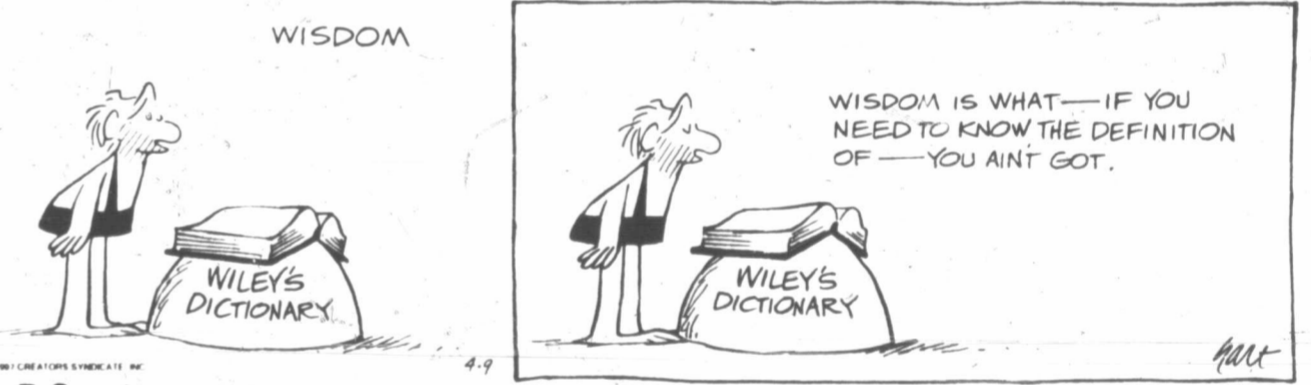
Garfield



Walnut Cove



Marvin



B.C.



Eek & Meek



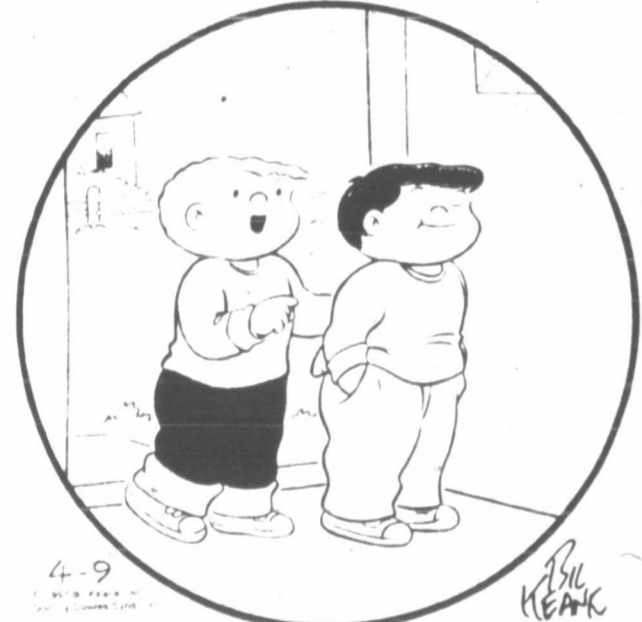
The Born Loser



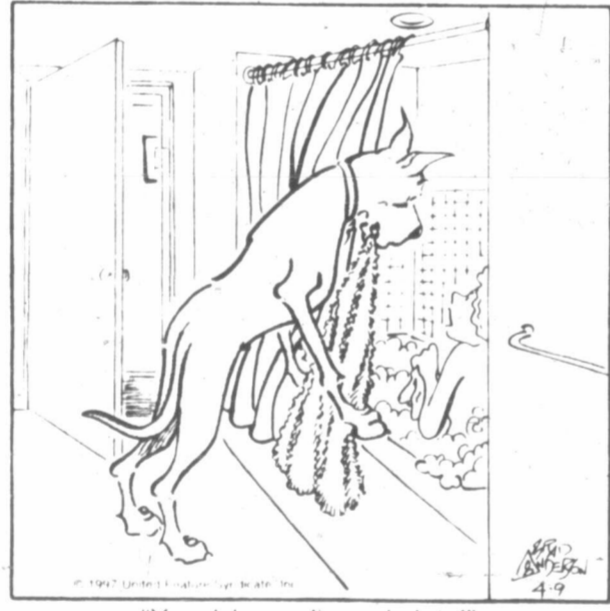
Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



"Know what Bob can do? He can spell his name frontwards and backwards!"

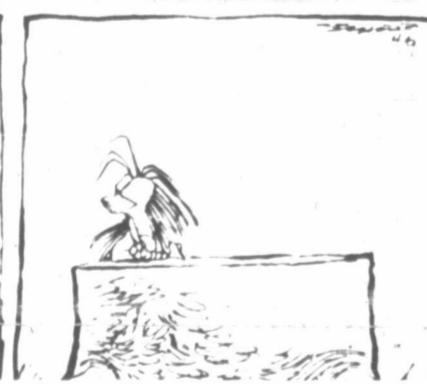


"Yes, I know dinner is late!"

The Family Circus



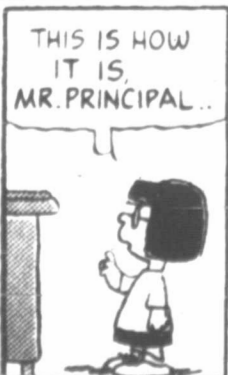
Marmaduke



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts

Peanuts

Peanuts

Peanuts

Peanuts

SPORTS

Notebook

BOWLING

AMARILLO — Warner-Horton of Pampa is the Division 1 leader after the first weekend of bowling at the Texas State Bowling Association Men's Tournament being held at Amarillo Bowl and Western Bowl.

Warner-Horton had a 3,148 team score.

In singles, Pampa bowler Russell Eakin is the Division 1 leader after the first weekend with a 751 series.

GOLF

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — In the mind of Tiger Woods, it makes perfect sense to believe a 21-year-old can actually win the Masters.

Sure, he's never broken par at Augusta National, playing six rounds over the past two years as the U.S. Amateur champion.

"Well, don't forget, I was an amateur," he said, supremely confident in his new status as a professional.

In the mind of Tiger Woods, it's hardly out of line for British bookmakers to establish him as one of the favorites this week, even at a course where most observers feel the balance leans heavily toward the latter.

"Is it realistic? I think so," Woods said Tuesday. "I don't know if anyone else does."

For Woods, winning is the only thing that matters each week, so it's quite natural that he expects to be wearing a green jacket Sunday. He's a pro now, not some schoolboy from Stanford.

"I didn't take finals last week. I didn't write papers," he said. "I was able to practice getting ready for a tournament like I normally do."

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers outfielder Warren Newson has been placed on the 15-day disabled list with a strain in his left calf muscle.

The designation is retroactive to April 5, the team said Tuesday. Newson injured the leg during the Rangers' home opener April 1. In two games, Newson has one hit in three at bats.

To fill Newson's roster spot, the Rangers purchased the contract of infielder Dave Silvestri from AAA Oklahoma City.

The Rangers had acquired Silvestri, 29, on a waiver claim from Seattle on March 27. Assigned outright to Oklahoma City on April 3, he was 1-for-13 with one RBI in four games with the 89ers. He has a career major-league batting average of .215 in 168 games with the New York Yankees and Montreal Expos.

PAMPA — Rainfall and freezing temperatures forced the postponement of the Pampa-Caprock District 1-4A baseball game Monday. The game has been rescheduled for next Monday at 4:30 p.m. at Caprock.

The Harvesters are scheduled to host Borger at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Harvester Field.

CANYON — West Texas A&M University, picked to finish last in the six-team Lone Star Conference baseball race, has made a small dent in proving the prognosticators incorrect through the first week of the league schedule.

The Buffs have received votes in the national poll three of the past four weeks, but have come up short for inclusion on the top 25 poll. The Buffs took the first three games of a four-game series with Texas A&M University-Kingsville on April 5-6 to improve to 24-11 overall and 3-1 in the LSC race. WT outscored the Javelinas, 46-29, for the weekend.

"From the start, I said this is not a last place team," said WT head coach Todd Howey. "This team will contend for the title against all odds. With only two scholarships, no really gives us much credit."

Norman is Masters' sentimental favorite

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Greg Norman has chased Jack Nicklaus, fallen victim to a miracle chip and watched dominance turn into doom during one of the most unforgettable Sundays at Augusta National.

Now, he is in a new role — sentimental favorite.

That much was evident Tuesday during his first practice round for the Masters since he shot a 78 in the final round to go from a six-stroke lead to five strokes behind Nick Faldo.

He practiced 10-foot putts to an imaginary hole on the left side of the second green as a three-deep gallery watched his every move and then offered respectful applause as he walked off the green.

Spectators crossing the third fairway stopped when they saw the

foursome approaching, forming a funnel for them to walk through — first Steve Elkington, then Nick Price and Jeff Maggert.

And then the cheers started again as Norman made his way past the wall of fans, tipping his baseball cap and acknowledging every word of encouragement.

"I think it's going to be nothing but an asset," Norman said of the overwhelming support. "I've already felt it getting out of the car here. You get the support from the people coming here for the practice round, but I think it'll be different."

Who wanted Norman to make par on the 72nd hole in 1986, which would have forced a playoff and could have denied Nicklaus his sixth green jacket? What was so bad about Norman losing a year later in a playoff to hometown favorite Larry Mize, whose 140-

foot chip probably would have found the water on No. 11 if it hadn't settled into the cup?

Another bid for the Masters he so dearly covets ended two years ago when he pulled a sand wedge on No. 17 and took a bogey. No one seemed to mind, since Ben Crenshaw was writing another emotional chapter of Masters history.

But hardly anyone could bear to watch the numbness in Norman's eyes as each swing brought him closer to an inevitable collapse. And not even Faldo would mind putting the green jacket around Norman's shoulders if he can't keep it to himself for another year.

"If he's there and can do it, good luck to him," Faldo said.

Asked if Norman could return to form after such devastation, Colin Montgomerie said, "If anyone can, he can."

Norman thinks he is up to the task.

"I just want to be in that position again, and I think I've got a very good chance to be in that position," he said. "I know I gave you a pretty good story. I hope to give you better stories from here on out."

It won't be easy. Faldo can reach into the memory bank and recall perhaps the greatest round of his life, from the 8-iron he hit to No. 12 to the 2-iron he struck perfectly to the par-5 13th green, two shots that put enormous pressure on Norman.

"He did all the things you have to do to win a major championship," Norman said.

Faldo has spent time watching videotape of last year's final round, mainly to seek out the putting technique that served him beautifully when it mattered the most.

Norman, trying to flush out the memory of last year's final round, believes he has found his resolve from a motivational speaker, Tony Robbins, with whom he spend much of the day on Monday.

"What I got out of it was just reminding myself of who I am and how good I am," Norman said.

He was good enough to beat Faldo in the 1993 British Open. He has been good enough to shoot a 63 at Augusta, to finish in the top three in 12 major championships, the only player to lose all four majors in a playoff.

But is he good enough to win the Masters?

"I'd love to have it," he said. "That's what my drive is. That's what my ambition is. That's what this guy wants to do."

And this time, thousands of spectators at Augusta National want it for him.

Pampa golfers eye District Tournament

PAMPA — The Pampa High School boys and girls golf teams enter the fourth and final round of the District 1-4A Tournament Thursday at Comanche Trail in Amarillo.

Both teams, particularly the Lady Harvesters, are in excellent shape going into the final round. The Pampa girls with a huge 61-stroke lead have virtually clinched the district championship.

Pampa is tied with Randall for second place in the boys division and could challenge Borger for the district title with a strong performance Thursday.

After playing in gusty winds the first two rounds, the district golfers enjoyed some semi-calm weather during last weekend's third round at Dumas. It seemed to have helped the Pampa boys team, which jumped from fifth into the second place deadlock.

"It almost seems like the other teams play better in the wind than we do. There wasn't much wind the first 14 holes (in the third round of district). It picked up the last four holes, but it wasn't bad," said Pampa coach Frank McCullough.

The top two district teams advance into the Class 4A regional tournament April 21-22

in San Angelo.

"We're just hoping to get another non-windy day," McCullough said.

.....

CANADIAN — Canadian, paced by medalist Keri Moore, had a two-round total of 783 Monday to win the District 1-2A Girls Golf Tournament.

Moore, a sophomore and the youngest player on the Lady Wildcats' team, earned medalist honors with a 187 (94-93). Spearman's Macy Shieldknight was second at 190.

Others on the Canadian team are seniors Kylene Mixon and Vanessa Baize and juniors Lexie Bowling and Brooke McQuiddy. Mixon shot 199 in the district round while Bowling had 201, Baize 204, and McQuiddy 206.

Sunray shot 872 to place second while Canadian junior varsity was third (886) in district play.

In other tournaments this spring, the Lady Wildcats won the Booker Invitational, placed second at Quanah and third at Wellington.

Canadian competes in the Class 2A regionals next weekend at Abilene.

Stratford won the District 1-2A Boys Tournament.

Co-Champs



(Sports Shots Photography)

The Raptors finished as co-champions in the Optimist boys 3rd and 4th grade basketball league this season with a 9-1 record. Team members are (front row, l-r) Jared Moler, Matthew Woodruff, Christopher Moody, Shane Goldsmith and Jessie Parsley; (middle row, l-r) Jake Craig, Clayton Hall and Chase McCarthy. Coaches are Larry Craig (left) and Robert Dixon.

McGee, Blauser are unlikely hitting heroes

By **BEN WALKER**
AP Baseball Writer

Willie McGee has won two batting titles, so getting hits has never been a problem.

But in 16 seasons in the majors, he had never won a game with a home run — until Tuesday night.

McGee connected for a pinch-hit, solo homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals ended the worst start in their 106-year history, beating the Montreal Expos 2-1.

McGee's home run, just the 74th of his career, gave St. Louis its first win of the season after six straight losses. It also put a perfect finish on

the home opener for the NL Central champions.

"That was more dramatic than 'The Natural,'" Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "And that was a made-up movie. I don't know how he did it."

McGee, 38, was just as surprised as anyone in the crowd of 47,542 to see him win a game with a home run.

"That's the last thing on my mind," McGee said. "You dream of things like that, but I'm not that kind of a hitter."

Jeff Blauser, meanwhile, hasn't been much of a hitter at all in recent years for Atlanta.

But the Braves shortstop, who

batted .245 last year and .211 in 1995, went 4-for-4 Tuesday night — giving him hits in eight straight at-bats.

"When you haven't been hitting for two years, eight hits in a row feels like 80 in a row," Blauser said after a 4-2 win over Houston. "What can I say, I'm having fun and enjoying the game. It's been a while."

Blauser had two doubles and two singles, making him 13-for-24 (.542) this season. The NL record for consecutive hits is 10, last done by Bip Roberts, and the major league mark is 12.

The Chicago Cubs, however, matched the mark for the worst

start in their 122-year history. They dropped to 0-7 with a 5-3 loss to Florida.

"If we panic in April, it's going to make for a long season," Cubs center fielder Brian McRae said. "If we keep working hard, we can get a roll going the other way. Nothing's going right for us now."

In other NL games, New York beat Los Angeles 5-3, Pittsburgh stopped San Diego 2-0 and Philadelphia defeated San Francisco 2-1.

McGee, who batted .350 as a pinch-hitter last year, homered off Ugueth Urbina (1-1). Urbina escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth by striking out Gary Gaetti

with the bases loaded.

"I don't look at the stats much, but this afternoon I noticed McGee was 3-for-4 against him," Expos manager Felipe Alou said. "Now he's 4-for-5."

Mark Petkovsek (1-1) gave up two hits and struck out three in four scoreless innings.

Marlins 5, Cubs 3

Chicago matched the 0-7 start of the 1962 team, which also lost its first seven in a row. Florida moved to 6-1, going five games over .500 for the first time ever.

Al Leiter (2-0) lasted six innings on a 29-degree day at Wrigley Field, outpitching Steve Trachsel (0-2).

All-District soccer team announced by coaches

PAMPA — Three Pampa Harvesters have been named to the All-District 5 Boys Soccer Team for 1997.

Pampa first-team picks included Lucas Jaramillo, Blane Northcutt and Randall Odom. Harvesters named to the second team were Chris Welch and Justin Molitor.

The PHS boys team was honored during a banquet last week at Pamcel Hall. Senior awards, Harvester soccer awards and district awards were presented.

The 1997 seniors include Matt Brown, Justin Molitor, Blane Northcutt, Randal Odom, Fabian Silva, Jerad Epps, Mike Weatherly and Chris Welch. Other team members include Joel Bolz, John Bolz, Aaron Cochran, Brad Gardner, Jeremy Goode, Jeremy Hall, Kevin Henderson, Adam Hillman, Lucas Jaramillo, Bryan Johnson, Albert Lopez, Kyle

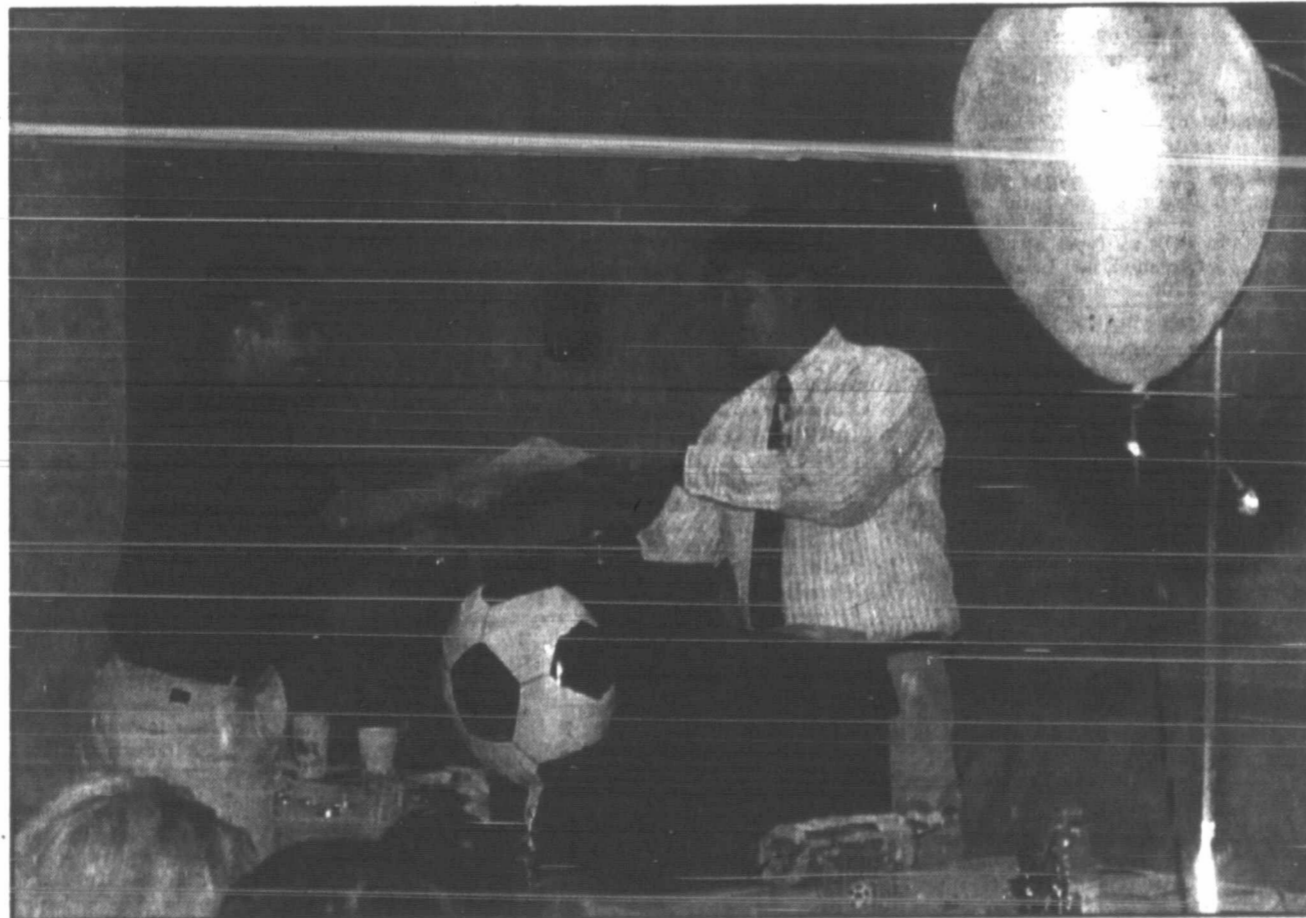
McCullough, David Odom, Jeremy Silva, Julio Silva, Nick Smiles, Brian Sprinkle, Justin Trollinger, Javier Valles, Cesar Valles, Jason Vance, Adam Warren and Kyle Weller.

Pampa coaches are Warren Cottle and Dean Birkes. Managers are Valorie Johnson and Shelly Hopson. Ball chasers are Jimmy and Johnny Story.

Head coach Cottle expressed his appreciation to Jimmy and Jeanette Goode for helping with the soccer program's fund-raising project.

The All-District 5 Girls Soccer Team has also been announced with two Pampa Lady Harvesters, Michelle Guerra and Jessica Maddox, named to the first team.

Candace Cathey and Marisol Resendiz of Pampa were named to the second team.



(Pampa News photo by Matt Hutchison)

Lucas Jaramillo (left) receives his all-district award from coach Warren Cottle during the recent Pampa High School boys soccer banquet.

Scoreboard

Scoreboard table containing baseball, basketball, and soccer results for various teams and leagues.

Tyson fight postponed due to cut

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Evander Holyfield had to wait five years to beat Mike Tyson after their first fight was postponed. So a 56-day delay didn't look so bad this time around.

Rockets, Suns, Lakers keep winning

Orlando beat Milwaukee 97-82, San Antonio defeated Denver 96-90 and Sacramento topped Vancouver 109-93.

WE NOW ACCEPT VISA & MASTERCARD 669-2525 1-800-687-3348 THE PAMPA NEWS

Public Notice, Personal, Bus. Opportunities, Carpet Service, Plowing, Yard Work, Instruction, Help Wanted, etc. Classified ads section.

Wow! You Could Have Advertised In This Space Call Today To Place Your Ad... 669-2525

IPAP logo

21 Help, A Ware available... JACK'S... 49 Poc... 30 Sew... 12 Co... 13 La... 14 Bc... 15 Cc... 16 Cr... 17 M... 18 B... 20 Of... 21 S... 22 S... 23 N... 24 A... 25 C... 26 P... 27 P... 28 S... 29 L... 30 L... 31 M... 32 R... 33 M... 34 F... 35 T... 36 T... 37 L... 38 L... 39 L... 40 P... 41 C... 42 P... 43 F... 44 F... 12... 15... 18... 25... 33... 37... 42... 49... 57... 61... 64...

MEDICAL

Getting started exercising

Taking up running, biking or any sport to improve your physical health sounds great, but it is not always easy to get started. How do you do it? How much should you?

First, get the right equipment. Proper equipment will make participation in your sport more enjoyable and help prevent injuries. Advice can be obtained from reputable salesmen or knowledgeable friends already in the sport.

It is often helpful to talk to your physician to get an exercise prescription. After listening to your heart and lungs and evaluating your physical condition, he can tell you where to start and how fast to progress.

You may start with jogging a half-mile, or just walking briskly. Exercising three to five times a week is enough to improve your fitness and health. It is wise to allow a day of rest for your body to repair and rebuild the muscle cells that have been exercised. After more strenuous exercise, a couple days of rest is important.

Once you establish a base to start at, you can normally increase the amount of training by about 10 percent per week. Increasing faster is apt to cause problems with tendonitis, stress fractures, or other "overuse" injuries.

The zeal of getting started and the desire to improve quickly can often have a negative effect; when a person develops an injury, it is discouraging and decreases the enjoyment of the sport. This causes many people to give up. Slow and steady improvement will make any sport more enjoyable.

The above information is endorsed by Dr. Robert D. Julian of the Family Medicine Center of Pampa.



Dr. Robert D. Julian

Medicare debates resurface in budget talks

By ALICE ANN LOVE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Congress resumes budget talks this week, Republican lawmakers will float the idea of having a separate debate on Medicare. President Clinton will try to sink it.

Pay no attention, senior citizens' advocates say: It makes no difference whether the debate over Medicare happens as part of the bigger balanced-budget talks or outside of them.

"There is no compelling substantive difference. It's all politics," said Tricia Smith, a lobbyist for the American Association of Retired Persons.

That's because any separate debate on the specifics of Medicare would come only after lawmakers reach agreement on how the program's costs fit into an overall balanced budget.

In his budget-balancing plan, Clinton has proposed Medicare savings mainly by paying hospitals and health plans that care for senior citizens about \$121 billion less. The president also would give retirees new preventative care benefits worth about \$15 billion, making his real

savings about \$106 billion.

Republicans — although they haven't made a formal counteroffer — are talking about making close to the same cost cuts, but adding fewer new benefits. That would make their plan's real savings slightly higher — about \$113 billion under one scenario described by Ari Fleischer, a GOP spokesman for the House Ways and Means Committee.

Either way — whether the Medicare debate takes place during behind-closed-doors budget talks or out on the House floor — lawmakers have just two unsavory choices left once the overall budget savings are set: either deepen unpopular cuts in Medicare or offer fewer new benefits.

Smith notes, however, that Republicans may push for a separate debate so that the public doesn't link Medicare cuts with tax breaks proposed for families and businesses by both parties this year.

"The underlying numbers are the same, but part of the gamble is the American public won't understand that," she said.

In 1996, Republicans were stung by accusations they wanted to balance the budget on the backs of the elderly and poor by cutting Medicare, welfare and other entitlements

while granting big tax breaks to others.

This year, both parties want tax cuts but have indicated they are willing to wait enacting them until the public is presented a blueprint showing how the tax cuts would fit into a balanced budget.

White House Office of Management and Budget spokesman Lawrence Haas said the president is less flexible on Medicare, however, and wants to keep discussions about cutting that program clearly in the context of the need for a balanced budget.

"We don't support the idea of picking specific pieces of the federal budget and setting them aside for separate votes. It's best to consider it in its totality," Haas said.

Still, Republicans insist a high-profile Medicare debate could be of value, since the senior citizens' health care program faces problems beyond its role in balancing the budget.

Benefits paid out by Medicare aren't covered by payroll taxes the program takes in, and as baby boomers reach retirement age, the situation will only get worse.

"Even if the budget was balanced, we'd have to fix Medicare. This would allow our nation to debate Medicare on its own merits," said Fleischer.

Study: U.S. girls reach puberty earlier than believed

CHICAGO (AP) — American girls reach puberty earlier than commonly believed, with nearly half of black girls and 15 percent of white ones beginning to develop sexually by age 8, a study indicates.

The study raises troubling questions about whether environmental estrogens, chemicals that mimic the female hormone estrogen, are bringing on puberty at an earlier age.

It also suggests that sex education should begin sooner than it often does, researchers said.

"I don't think parents, teachers or society in general have been really thinking of children that young — second- and third-graders — having to deal with puberty," said the study's lead author, Marcia E. Herman-Giddens of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The research is in the April issue of the journal *Pediatrics*,

published by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Environmental estrogens occur from the breakdown of chemicals in products ranging from pesticides to plastic wrap. Real estrogen is used in some hair products, including pomades primarily marketed to blacks, said Herman-Giddens, an adjunct professor of maternal and child health.

She said research is needed to know whether real estrogen in products and environmental estrogen can affect sexual development.

The study involved 17,000 girls ages 3 through 12. They were seen in 65 pediatric practices around the country. About 1,600 of the girls, or 9.6 percent, were black.

At age 8, 48.3 percent of black girls and 14.7 percent of white girls had begun developing breasts, pubic hair or both. Menstruation occurred at 12.16

years in blacks on average and at 12.88 years in whites.

The average age of menstruation for white girls has been unchanged for 45 years, Herman-Giddens said.

For black girls, the average is about four months younger than it was 30 years ago, when poor nutrition and poverty, which can delay puberty, afflicted more blacks, she said. "I think we may be seeing a catch-up," Herman-Giddens said.

She acknowledged that her findings may have been skewed if a significant number of the girls were brought to their doctors because of concerns that they were developing too early sexually.

The study, and other research, suggest that blacks and whites have some inherent differences in sexual development.

Herman-Giddens said the findings also suggest that some girls

who have been diagnosed with early puberty, and perhaps given drugs to delay it, may be developing normally.

She said medical textbooks typically suggest the age of sexual development is much later, based on decades-old statistics from England taken from a relatively small number of white girls who were mostly in foster care.

An expert not involved in the study called the work very important but said it will probably not change doctors' practices.

"We've always known that there was a range of development," said Dr. Marianne Felice, chief of adolescent medicine at the University of Maryland.

"It may vary by race, it may vary by nutritional status and it may also vary by ... how old the mothers were or how old the older sisters were when they hit the same landmarks in sexual characteristics."

Deaf people can benefit from cochlear implants

HOUSTON — Today, more than 15,000 deaf people benefit from cochlear implants, a device introduced a little more than a decade ago.

"Manufacturers continue to improve upon their design," said Rose Chmiel, an audiologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Newer implants have more channels than earlier single-electrode models. As a result, speech understanding is much improved. Also, a smaller speech processor has been developed and other innovations are planned that will make cochlear implants even more user-friendly."

Cochlear implants provide sound "information" for adults and children who have nerve deafness in both ears. Surviving nerve fibers in the inner ear or cochlea are stimulated through use of a surgically implanted receiver/stimulator which is connected to an external headset that includes a microphone, transmitter and speech processor.

Today's speech processor is about the size of a cassette tape and is worn on a belt or in a pocket.

In the works are cochlear implants with external components small enough to fit behind the ear like a hearing aid, and implants that can be worn while undergoing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Other planned improvements include:

- Models for people who do not have auditory nerves, either genetically or due to illness.
- Continued improvement in reducing noise interference and making speech clearer.
- Models that protect against interference from static electricity.

"Cochlear implants are wonderfully successful," said Chmiel. "And while not everyone qualifies, the criteria for the procedure includes a significant percentage of deaf adults and children."

Adults, 18 years and older, must have profound or severe-to-profound hearing loss which developed after learning oral speech and language, limited benefit from hearing aids, no medical problems that could cause complications, and desire to be part of the hearing and speaking world versus relying on sign language.

Children, ages 2 to 17, must have profound hearing loss, little or no useful benefit from hearing aids, no medical problems that can cause complications, high motivation from both the child and family, and placement in an educational program that emphasizes the development of auditory skills after the implant has been fitted.

"There are about 200 cochlear implant centers around the country," said Chmiel. "This successful procedure is becoming increasingly an option for more and more Americans."

Elevated enzyme level spells out risks for angioplasty

CHICAGO (AP) — Angioplasty patients who develop an elevated level of a certain enzyme are nearly twice as likely to die of a heart ailment as those with normal readings, a study found.

The enzyme, creatine kinase, is released when the heart muscle is damaged and shows up in the blood six to eight hours after an angioplasty, a procedure for opening clogged heart arteries.

In an accompanying editorial, researchers said cardiologists should routinely test for the enzyme for 24 hours after performing an angioplasty.

In the study, published in the February *Journal of the American Medical Association*, researchers looked at 2,812 patients at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago who underwent an elective angioplasty between 1984 and 1993. Most of the patients were then excluded because of various medical complications. Of

the rest, 253 had elevated creatine kinase, 120 did not.

During the succeeding 10 years, 23 percent of the patients with elevated enzymes died of a heart ailment vs. 14 percent of the other group.

Most of the patients had the balloon form of angioplasty, in which a tiny balloon at the end of a catheter is threaded into a blood vessel and inflated. The type of angioplasty appeared to have no effect on the enzyme level.

One of the researchers, Northwestern's Dr. Charles J. Davidson, said that if someone's enzyme levels are high, doctors should follow up closely with the patient, give frequent stress tests and aggressively manage cholesterol levels.

Angioplasties are performed about 750,000 times a year in the United States.

A new medication administered at the time of the angioplasty can hold down the

enzyme level, but it is reserved for obvious high-risk patients because of the cost. Also, the possibility of a severe allergic reaction limits its use to one time only.

In an editorial, Drs. E. Magnus Ohman and Barbara E. Tardiff of

the Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C., said that measuring enzyme levels should probably be mandatory for doctors, and some patients should be kept in the hospital a few extra days after an angioplasty.



Pampa Foot Center

Wouldn't it be nice....

If your specialist came to your town!

High Plains Podiatry Group

Mark Cettie, D.P.M.

Brian Sicher, D.P.M.

* Ingrown Nails

* Bunions

* Heel Pains

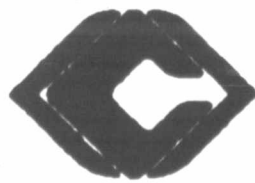
* Corns/Calluses

1-888-292-FOOT

(Toll Free)

104 E. 30th Street

Pampa, Tx.



COLUMBIA Homecare

Amarillo (806) 358-8051

Borger (806) 273-5644

Clarendon (806) 874-5251

Childress (817) 937-6328

Dalhart (806) 249-5611

Dumas (806) 935-6861

Lubbock (806) 799-2927

Pampa (806) 665-7085



COLUMBIA

Medical Center of Pampa